

District 28 Meeting Minutes

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Date: March 16, 2022 Attendance:

Total attendance: 14

Groups participating: 10

Officers present (4): DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Secretary

Groups represented by GSR or Alt GSR (9): Gates of Insanity (GSR), Good News Group (Alt GSR), Morning Group (GSR), Never Too Early (GSR), Twelve Step Group- Bel Air (GSR), Sunday Reflections (GSR), Rule 62 (GSR), Bel Air Big Book (GSR), Wednesday Nite 12 Step (GSR)

Groups other (1): Emmorton Group (visitor)

The meeting began at 7:01 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

Secretary's report / previous month's minutes:

- Motion to accept minutes. Second. None opposed. Motion carries.

GSR reports:

- Twelve Step Group: Meet 7:00 p.m. Tuesday; Mann House, Bel Air; step meeting and read out of the 12&12; attendance is 10 or less; serving coffee and cookies. The group is still going strong.
- Bel Air Big Book: Meet on Monday nights at Centre United Methodist Church at 7:30; no new news.
- Never Too Early: Meet 6:00 a.m. Thursday; attendance is improving Typically read from the Big Book or the 12 & 12 right now are on the Traditions.
- Rule 62: Focus on the first 4 steps and use the 12 & 12. It is a beginner meeting and attendance is growing; around 40 people at the meeting. Will be starting the Back to Basics workshop in lieu of the regular meeting starting in May. The meeting time will be extended and extra half hour for the workshop. Details should be in the bulletin soon. Made contributions to Maryland General Service, General Service Office in NY and to District.
- Forest Hill Friday: Meet on Friday night at 7 Christ Episcopal Church in Forest Hill; average 15 attendees; had a 1st anniversary for someone in the previous week and had about 60 in attendance. Church requires contact tracing and masks. Coffee is provided.
- Thirsty Thursday: Meet Thursday night a 7:30 at Centre UMC. Attendance is good; will be having group conscience in 2 weeks. Coffee and snacks are served
- Morning Group: Meets Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to whenever everyone has shared at the 7th Day Adventist Church on Old Joppa Road in Joppa. Have usually 25 people. Good coffee.
- Sunday Reflections: Meet 9:30 a.m. Sunday; McFaul Center, Bel Air; read from Daily Reflections; getting around 50 people at the meeting;
- Good News Group: Meet 7:00 p.m. Sunday; Centre United Methodist Church, Forest Hill. 10 home group members; attendance is between 15 and 20. Will be doing the beginners format again in April, doing step one to four, one step per week. Archivist visited group conscience so will be working with him on the group history
- Gates of Insanity: Meet Friday night 7:30 at Harford Community Church; around 15 in attendance; no coffee.
- Wednesday Nite 12 & 12: Meet at Emory Church at 7; 11 home group members; 15-20 in attendance; coffee & cookies provided; will have 1st anniversary of the group in the summer
- Emmorton Group: Meet at 8:30 pm St Mary's Church; discussion group; attendance is the same as prior to covid; sort of gone maskless but had some exposure issues for 2 prior meetings so are back to wearing masks; all meetings at the church can follow mask rules in accordance with the group rules.

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DCM report

DCM attended NERAASA in February in Pittsburgh. Learned a lot about what's going on in AA from panel and round table discussions. Accessibilities panels showed there was more involved than handicapped access. It includes translations and sign language.

- DCM has monthly meeting with the Delegate on the first Saturday of the month. DCM and Alt DCM will be presenting on agenda Item D: the impact of the preamble change has on the fellowship at CARC 3 on March 26. The meeting is hybrid.
- Talked about the upcoming workshops and intergroup breakfast Maryland State Convention.

Treasurer's report

- Motion to accept the financial highlights. Seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Committee reports

Intergroup Liaison:

- Intergroup Liaison was on vacation so a report was given by the intergroup secretary. January the intergroup updated the by laws to include website and answering service as standing committees. Institutions are still on hold because of covid. Ways & Means is working on the breakfast. Archivist is working on putting together group histories. A suggestion was made by DCM to invite archivist to present at future district meeting.

Outreach:

- No report

Workshops:

- No chairperson No report.

Old business:

- No update on venue for November committee meeting.

New business

- Talked about possible interest in grapevine committee rep or people to join committees for accessibilities, bridging the gap, cpc, hospitals and institutions, literature, public information, treatment, remote communities. DCM will put anyone interested in touch with the area registrar.
- New GSR's should go to MarylandAA.org to register so that you will receive information on AA activities.
- Discussion on workshops or alcathon done in the district

Meeting ended at 8:10 p.m. and closed with the Responsibility Statement.

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