

# District 28 Meeting Minutes

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Date: April 20, 2022 Attendance:

Total attendance: 17

Groups participating: 14

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

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

Groups other (1): Emmorton Group (visitor), Good News (Alt GSR)

The meeting began at 7:02 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

Secretary's report / previous month's minutes:

- Time was taken during the meeting to review the minutes. There were two corrections, a typo of DMC to DCM and Thirsty Thursday meets at 7:30 not 7:00 as shown in the minutes. Motion to accept minutes as amended. Second. None opposed. Motion carries.

GSR reports:

- Wednesday Nite 12 & 12: Meet at Emory Church at 7; 13 home group members; 20-22 in attendance; format is to read the step for the current month. There is a speaker on the third week to discuss the step and the 4<sup>th</sup> week is the tradition for the month. If there is a 5<sup>th</sup> week it is a discussion meeting.
- Morning Group: Meets Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to whenever everyone has shared at the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church on Old Joppa Road in Joppa. Have usually 20-30 people.
- Saturday & Wednesday Meditation Meeting: Saturday meeting has over 45 attendees; home group members have grown. Will have more information for next district meeting
- Never Too Early: Meet 6:00 a.m. Thursday; attendance is 10-12 mostly homegroup members. Occasionally will have some nonmembers join; have coffee and snacks.
- Twelve Step Group: Meet 7:00 p.m. Tuesday; Mann House, Bel Air; have 6 homegroup members; attendance has more than doubled since the last district meeting; we have over 20 attendees; step meeting and read out of the 12&12; will have a group conscience to talk about maybe changing the format to the first 3 steps because of the number of newcomers attending; serving coffee and cookies.
- Rule 62: It is a beginner meeting; Focus on the first 5 steps; read from 12 & 12 and have a discussion followed by a speaker for the last 20 minutes of the meeting. There are 15-20 homegroup members and attendance is 40-50 people; a lot of halfway houses attend. Will be starting the Back to Basics workshop in lieu of the regular meeting starting in May. The meeting time will be from 7-8:30 with a short break during the workshop. They have gourmet coffee and snacks.
- Forest Hill Friday: Meet on Friday night at 7 at Christ Episcopal Church in Forest Hill; have 9 homegroup members; average attendance over the past few weeks has been around 45 due to anniversaries and halfway house attendance; waiting to hear back from the church as to whether or not masks will be optional. Coffee is provided.
- Good News Group: Meet 7:00 p.m. Sunday; Centre United Methodist Church, Forest Hill. Attendance is 20+. People from women's rehab have been visiting for the past few weeks. Are doing the beginner's format again in April, doing step one through 4.
- Thirsty Thursday: Meet Thursday night a 7:30 at Centre UMC; is a speaker discussion meeting. Had a group conscience to discuss distribution of our finances and will make quarterly distributions for rent and

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contributions to GSO, Intergroup and the district; decided to read the old preamble at their meeting.

Attendance is good, usually 40-50. Have received a Group Number from GSO. Coffee and snacks are served

- New Beginnings: Meet Saturday at 9:00 am at Christ Episcopal Church in Forest Hill; attendance is slowly getting better; it's around 25-30 and used to be around 70; have 10 homegroup members. It's a speaker meeting; have coffee and donuts
- Emmorton Group: Meet at 8:30 pm St Mary's Church; discussion group; have 5 homegroup members; maximum attendance is 6
- Gates of Insanity: Meet Friday night at 7:30 at Harford Community Church; around 20 in attendance; 4 homegroup members; no coffee.
- Bel Air Big Book: Meet on Monday nights at Centre United Methodist Church at 7:30; have 10 homegroup members; have women's rehab joining other than that attendance is low; are talking about doing a group inventory to see what direction they want to take as a group. Read from big book; have coffee and snacks. No mask requirements.
- Sunday Reflections: Meet 9:30 a.m. Sunday; McFaul Center, Bel Air; read from Daily Reflections; getting around 35-40 people at the meeting; have 6-7 homegroup members; have coffee and snacks

### DCM report

- DCM attended mini conference; discussed some of the agenda items that were presented at the mini conference; the Delegate will give a report back of the conference on May 21 so you can hear the outcome of the items presented.
- Talked about the upcoming workshops and intergroup breakfast Maryland State Convention.
- Talked about the new safety information that the GSO had recently sent out copies. This information was sent out to everyone on the mailing list prior to the meeting. A question was asked if dealing with disruptive members was addressed in the information. There is information on that topic in the pamphlet.

### Treasurer's report

- Motion to accept the financial highlights. Seconded. None opposed. Motion carried. Question was asked about how you can contribute. Treasurer told of different ways to contribute using PayPal, mailing a check or bringing cash to the meeting. He also mentioned putting your group name and number on your contribution so he knows where it came from.

### Committee reports

#### Intergroup Liaison:

- Bingo event sold 300 tickets and received around \$3300; information on the breakfast will be available at the next intergroup meeting. There was a discussion on getting information from GSO on self-support to give to family members of AA's who have passed away which addresses the issue of sending contributions to AA in lieu of flowers.

#### Workshops:

- Suggested idea: "Dining with the District" cookout to raise awareness of the purpose and importance of the district. Speaker & materials, looking for a place to rent a pavilion

#### Old business:

- Venue at APG was not found feasible for hosting the committee meeting on November 12. Still looking for a site. Discussed other facilities that we can use.

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## New business

- Invite delegate to give a report back at our June 15<sup>th</sup> district meeting and inviting intergroup and districts 11 and 30 to join us for pizza and beverages.

Meeting ended at 8:01 p.m. and closed with the Responsibility Statement.

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