

District 28 Meeting Minutes

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Date: May 20, 2020

Attendance–Virtual Meeting:

- Officers (3): DCM, Secretary, Treasurer
- GSRs (5): Any Lengths, Bel Air Big Book, Bel Air Women's, Good News Group, Never Too Early, Rule 62 Group (counted as treasurer), Sunday Reflections
 - Lunch Bunch (report provided by Sunday Reflections GSR)
- Other (0): Emmorton Group (non-GSR counted as secretary)

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Secretary's report: May minutes previously distributed and **Motion** to accept as presented. Seconded. Accepted.

GSR reports

- **Lunch Bunch (via Sunday Reflections GSR):** Meeting with pastor of the church to see about reopening. They are on zoom. Get about 20 people per meeting. Meet daily through the week with different topics each day.
- **Sunday Reflections:** Second year group has been bumped out of their meeting space due to disease. Will be looking into getting an alternative meeting location. On zoom with 20–25 people per week.
- **Good News:** Upstairs **Beginners** group is now doing Steps 1–4 (previously 1–3). Downstairs is regular discussion meeting. Both are meeting on zoom. Had group conscience Sunday **to discuss** whether the group would be interested in going back to live meetings yet at the facility assuming the facility is opening. Group member will be checking with the church and will report back on any stipulations. General consensus, although not unanimous, is that it might be too soon given restrictions that might be proposed for cleaning the facility.
- **Any Lengths:** Meeting virtually and averaging about 20 participants. Haven't talked about opening. Still doing answering service.
- **Bel Air Big Book:** Haven't thought about starting live again or not. Doing virtual meeting averaging 15–20 people per week. GSR attended the Maryland General Service GSR virtual training meeting on Saturday and found it very useful and informative.
- **Emmorton Group:** Had answering service and averaged 2 calls a day every day. Group consensus that we aren't ready to open back up yet until learning what the church will require.
- **Never Too Early:** Currently a hybrid meeting combining zoom as well as in-person at one of the member's business. Attendance has been 4–5 in person and 3–4 via zoom. Two of the group members have been helping lead a virtual meeting at HCDC on Friday afternoons. Group has also done a virtual meeting for one of the recovery houses in Aberdeen. Unsure if it will be a regular thing. Group hasn't heard what their facility will do for opening procedures.
- **Bel Air Women's Group:** Having virtual meetings. Around 20–25 attendance. Experimenting with ways to do chips virtually.
- **Rule 62 Group:** Pastor advised group they are allowed to meet there outside of the church and use the inside space if weather is bad. Home group members meeting at the facility tonight to look at the arrangements. Church asks to maintain a 6-foot distance;

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group needs to see how they can do that inside. Will have more information about this after the District meeting when GSR hears from the group.

DCM report:

- General Service Conference is happening this week, virtually, with a modified agenda.
- The delegate report back will be at the June 6th assembly—happening virtually.
- District 28 will not be doing the “Meet the Delegate” like we planned.
- Maryland State 50th Convention postponed until 6-25-21, **Throught through** 6/27/21!
- GSR training happened this past weekend. MGS will continue to do that, but no time or specifics as yet. They were very happy with the number of people who showed up and it will continue.
- *Language of the Heart* audio has been translated into Spanish. It's available in CD or mp3 format.
- *Grapevine* has a special on the *Best of Grapevine* three-volume set of stories from the beginning of *Grapevine* to now. Priced around \$23.
- MGS weekly Saturday service meeting cancelled for the time being and until it may be needed again.

Treasurer's report

- Treasurer presented report. Balance has not changed since last month. Difficulties with trying to deposit two checks (from Emmorton Beginners and Any Lengths) due to the District account name.
- Motion to accept the treasurer's report with amendment of the two deposits. Accepted unanimously.
- District does have a PayPal account: use Mgsdistrict28@gmail.com

Committee reports

- *Intergroup Liaison*: Elections are to be in June. Open positions are chair, secretary, and treasurer. Requires 3 years sobriety and “technically” experience as an IGR. As of the Intergroup meeting, the July bingo is set to go on as planned.
- *Outreach*: Did talk to two groups before Covid lockdown. Since then have done nothing with the outreach program. At a standstill until meetings start again. If anyone has any ideas, pass them on and outreach will consider them.
- *Workshops*:
 - Big Book Study: Rob R is contacting Dan M to see about having the Big Book study virtually.
 - District 30 is looking for speakers to participate in a virtual workshop on emotional sobriety.

Old Business

- District 28 will not be hosting an assembly this year.

New Business

- Discussed whether any local groups are attempting virtual 7th tradition; the Over 55 group just opened and now beginning does have a virtual basket option.
- Upcoming Founder's Day event: zoom meeting set up for 10,000 people and 5,000 are already registered. Get details on foundersday.org. The event is free and running June 13–14.

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- Bel Air Big Book GSR motioned that District 28 contribute \$1,000 to GSO in light of their current financial needs (dipping into prudent reserve as donations down dramatically). Discussion whether it is appropriate to do so given contributions are for District 28 services. Suggestion to take this back to the groups represented at this District meeting, and also to share message to the full District 28 distribution list requesting feedback. The message will include the GSO letter explaining the financial situation.

Traditions /Concepts Study:

- Read and discussed Tradition 5 and Concept 5.

Motion to adjourn. Unanimous agreement. Meeting closed with the responsibility statement and adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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