

District 28 Meeting Minutes

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Date: May 18, 2022 Attendance:

Total attendance: 13

Groups participating: 10

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

Groups represented by GSR or Alt GSR (10): Gates of Insanity (GSR), Good News Group (GSR), Morning Group (GSR), Never Too Early (GSR), Twelve Step Group- Bel Air (GSR), Forest Hill Friday (GSR), Bel Air Big Book (Alt GSR), Saturday Meditation Meeting (GSR); Bel Air Women's Big Book (GSR); Thirsty Thursday (GSR)

Groups other (0):

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

Secretary's report / previous month's minutes:

- Minutes were amended to include group left off the attendance list. Motion to accept minutes as amended. Second. None opposed. Motion carries.

GSR reports:

- Good News Group: Meet 7:00 p.m. Sunday; Centre UMC, Forest Hill. Attendance is 15+. Still haven't restarted the beginners meeting. Are doing answering service this week from May 16 to 22.
- Bel Air Big Book: Meet 7:30 p.m. Monday; Centre UMC, Forest Hill. Attendance has been low since live meeting restarted. It has picked up a little over the past couple of weeks due to an anniversary and a treatment center attending the meeting.
- Forest Hill Friday: Meet on Friday night at 7 at Christ Episcopal Church in Forest Hill; attendance over the past few weeks has been around 25-30; halfway house attendance; Coffee and snacks are provided.
- Bel Air Women's Big Book: meet Thursday at 12; steady flow of 15-20 in attendance; have coffee and treats (sometimes)
- 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 20-30 people. Coffee and sometimes snacks.
- Saturday Meditation Meeting: meet Saturday at 10:30. meeting has over 45 attendees; home group members have grown, may have 12. Bring your own snacks and chair.
- Thirsty Thursday: Meet Thursday night a 7:30 at Centre UMC; is a speaker discussion meeting. Attendance is good, usually 60-80; 8 or 9 home group members. Coffee and snacks are served
- Gates of Insanity: Meet Friday night at 7:30 at Harford Community Church; speaker discussion meeting; around 15-20 in attendance; no coffee.
- Twelve Step Group: Meet 7:00 p.m. Tuesday; Mann House, Bel Air; attendance is usually 10-15 people; step meeting and read out of the 12&12; serving coffee and cookies.
- Never Too Early: Meet 6:00 a.m. Thursday at the Church of the Good Shepherd; recently added a new home group member; attendance is around 15 people. Read out of the Big Book; have coffee and snacks.

DCM report

DCM talked about the following:

- Upcoming report back by the Delegate of what happened at the General Service Conference April 24-30. The Assembly is May 21 beginning at 8:30; meeting is hybrid. You can attend live at Severna Park UMC.
- Monthly DCM meeting with Delegate; exchange of information; delegate asks someone to share their recovery story followed by discussion.
- Back to Basics workshop hosted by the Rule 62 group; Wednesday 7:00-8:30; the last workshop is May 25.

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- Newcomers to AA workshop, sponsored by District 30 on May 21 from 11-3 at Grace Reformed Episcopal Church in Havre de Grace.
- Maryland State Convention June 24-26 in Frederick; 400 registered so far; rooms at the Clarion as well at the Saturday banquet are sold out. Nearby Hotels are Sleep Inn, Days Inn or Country Inn.

Treasurer's report

- Treasurer pointed out a \$1 discrepancy in the contributions on the report. Motion to accept the financial highlights as corrected. Seconded. None opposed. Motion carried. Question was asked about why we have a PO box. Treasurer told of different ways to contribute using PayPal, mailing a check to the PO Box. Because we have no physical office it is useful to have.

Committee reports

Intergroup Liaison:

- Spring breakfast 240 people attended; 325 tickets sold. Prudent Reserve was discussed at the intergroup meeting; should it be 6 or 9 months; Institutions are looking for sponsors for Cecil County Detention Center; elections for officers will be in June for Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer; October 16 will be Bingo; November 17 is possible date for Fall breakfast; no Perry Point Picnic. Question about the amount of prudent reserve, why is it so high? Answer: they have an office to maintain as well as salaries.

Grapevine:

- Suggested idea: that District 28 have a Grapevine rep to share information at meetings about the grapevine so that GSR's can give information to their groups. Idea was accepted and rep was approved.

Old business:

- Hosting November 12 Committee meeting; St Mary's was recommended as a possible venue, food and beverages are permitted; non smoking facility so it may be a problem with using the space. Other venues were looked into and were either unavailable or not adequate for our needs. Other properties were suggested as possible venues and will be looked into.
- Invited delegate and alternate delegate to give a report back at our June 15th district meeting and talked about inviting intergroup and districts 11 and 30 to join us for pizza and beverages. Have volunteers for coffee, pizza, paper products, drinks, cooler and ice. Will have pizza at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:00.

New business

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Read and discussed Tradition 5

Meeting ended at 8:00 p.m. and closed with the Responsibility Statement.

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