

# District 48 Monthly Meeting

July 9, 2025

In-person meeting opened at 7:00pm by DCM Anna A.

**12 Traditions:** Read by Alexis.

## **Roll Call & GSR Meeting Report:**

Present with No Report: Acceptance Is the Key, As Bill Sees It Plus, Friday Night Big Book, Friday Night Group, Friday Night Hughesville, Friends and Veterans in Sobriety, Just Do It, Lunch Hour Group, Monday Night Duboistown, Muncy Noon, New Freedom, Picture Rocks Monday Night, Plain and Simple, Saturday Morning Big Book, Search for Sobriety, Staying Sober Penn College, The Solution, Thursday Night Duboistown, Thursday Night Women's Meeting, Tuesday Night Live DuShore, Up the Creek, Williamsport Group

Present with Report: None

**Secretary's Report:** Lindsay reporting. Minutes from the May D48 meeting were emailed out and future drafts of minutes will be sent at least one week ahead of upcoming district meetings. Motion was made to accept the June minutes. Motion passed. An updated list of Committee Chairs and their contact information was printed (not to be distributed to the groups at large, but helpful for GSRs/AGSRs). Also, a final draft of the directory is available and each GSR should check to make sure the information is correct for their groups. Anyone who did not receive the emailed minutes should correct the final draft of the directory.

**Treasurer's Report:** Abbey reporting. Updated treasurers' report, group contributions, and the district bank statement were provided. She described the two checks paid out last month and thanked the group for the submissions for ideas to spend excess funds, which will be discussed further in the meeting. A motion was made to accept the June treasurer's report. Motion passed.

**DCM:** Anna A. reporting. First, Anna informed the group of the upcoming EPGSA conference, the guest observer, and service opportunities – several flyers were provided that cover the costs, information about the guest observer, and details for volunteers. Second, she reminded the group of the responsibilities of each GSR and reviewed some expectations from the structure manual, with an emphasis on “principles before personalities”. She also requested that when D48 members receive communication from the panel, a response within 24 hours is requested.

**ADCM:** No report.

**Activities:** David reporting. Flyers are out for the District 48 Picnic, so start reminding people now. Ideas for additional group activities include a Solstice Celebration, a Halloween Party, and a potluck around the holidays. Feedback is requested from all the groups about interest in those three possible events.

**Answering Service:** No report.

**Archives:** No report.

## **Correctional Facilities:**

**Men:** Difficulties with communication continue; will work with women's side to move forward.

**Women:** More pamphlets are needed for the PRC. Paperwork for visitors is available; see Megan.

**CPC/PI/Literature:** No report.

**Finance:** Abbey reporting. The ideas submitted for the excess funds generally supported purchasing literature. The plan moving forward is to purchase Big Books, 12 and 12 copies, and pamphlets. Over time, the goal is to reduce the purchase price by ordering in larger bulk numbers.

**Grapevine:** Sue reporting. *The Grapevine* has a sale going on in which 24 cards can be purchased for \$36. The July 2025 edition focuses on the unique cartoons/comics that have been enjoyed by readers in years past.

**Meeting Cards:** Jeff reporting. Meeting cards are being distributed to Geisinger in Williamsport and plenty more meeting cards are available.

**Newsletter:** April reporting. Anniversaries, upcoming events, and group announcements are always welcome.

**Steering Committee:** No report.

**Treatment & Accessibility:**

**Men:** No report.

**Women:** No report.

**Website:** David reporting. Documents are being converted and moving to archive status, will be updating with minutes and newsletter moving forward. A check of the group finder tool is underway.

**Workshop:** Barry reporting. A 4th Step Workshop will be held during the second weekend in October, as requested by the feedback sought from home groups. A precise location, date, and time will be provided at the next district meeting.

**Tutorial:** Read by Jackie, who offered a brief summary and reflection. Dave will read the tutorial in August.

**Old Business:** A simple majority was not in place to vote on the issues of the font size or the audio recordings. Information on the topics was requested and will be sent out with the next month's minutes. These two issues will be voted on next month.

**New Business:** First, Josh suggested that the excess funds from the Finance Committee be distributed to help cover the GSR cost for the upcoming EPGSA conference. That idea was not moved forward, as the feedback from the groups leaned heavily toward literature. Next, April made a motion to allow non-AA produced literature into the D48 newsletter, with a special focus on highlighting AA history and landmarks; some information is not officially approved by AA, but may have merit in the newsletter. The group voted in favor of discussing the issue<sup>1</sup> and covered the following topics:

- maintaining the continuity of AA as a whole by using only AA-approved literature
- questions about who will have discretion over the content
- issues involving the posting the newsletter on the website or in the archives
- value added through historical/cultural references

A motion to allow non-AA literature into the newsletter was made, with the majority opposing the change<sup>2</sup>. Three participants explained the minority opinion, which included a brief summary of how non-AA literature can act as a helpful supplement, particularly in regards to historical/cultural references. A clarification was made that personal photos/stories/reflections can be included in the newsletter, as long as they do not use external material or include citations from sources not approved by AA. In the second round of voting, the motion to allow non-AA literature was rejected<sup>3</sup>. Again, assurance was offered that personal experiences and first-hand accounts are considered acceptable if the writer is a member of AA.

**Guests:** Ernie, Megan

**Coffee:** Cindy will make coffee for the July meeting.

**Anniversaries:** None

**Announcements:** Tuesday Night Live DuShore will be celebrating a 30-Year Anniversary on October 28 and will include a potluck.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lindsay H.

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<sup>1</sup> YES = 18 — NO = 5 — ABSTAIN = 3 — MOTION PASSED

<sup>2</sup> NO = 13 — YES = 10 — ABSTAIN = 1 — MOTION FAILED

<sup>3</sup> NO = 18 — YES = 5 — ABSTAIN = 1 — MOTION FAILED