# **District 33 Business Meeting**

# February 2012 Minutes

Date: Sunday, February 12, 2012

**Attendees:** Sam H., Leighton L., Jeremiah H., Hollie R., Dan S., Joe M., Lauren C., Shannon S., Bridget B., Bob D., Joe R., Andrew S., Charles T., Fred C., Jillian K., Bill R., Linda L., Ed M., Megan M., Jose S., Andy, Pam C., Vickie M., Connie J., Ray K., Rick S., Travis M., Moriah L., Cesar C., Thomas B.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **January Minutes**

The January minutes were read to the group. There was one correction to the New Business section where the Group Inventory section should say that we should each evaluate whether or not our own groups could use inventories, not inventory at the District level. The minutes were adopted with this correction.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### DCM

No report.

#### Alt DCM

Leighton L. visited one group without district participation. That group now has a participating GSR!

#### Corrections

Joe R. was contacted by a group outside of the district that was bringing meetings to a prison in our district and wanted to make sure it was not stepping on anyone's toes. Joe clarified that he sees his role as a facilitator and that he is not there to limit anyone's service. He told them to keep it up.

#### TAS

Bob D. made new flyers for Bridge the Gap. GSRs, please bring one back to your group and let them know about it.

## Grapevine

Grapevine reps were not present but Sam H. let us know that he visited the Eli Whitney group and saw that Lance has created a great display and mentioned that Lance would be happy to bring it to groups and talk about the Grapevine.

#### Telephone Answering Service (TAS)

Ed M. informed us that contact information for the Al-Anon hotline was given to our TAS for calls from family members looking for help. More signup sheets are available for those who need them.

### **Financial Report**

Joe M. passed out the February, 2012 financial report which is the first financial report of the year. Last month he presented the year-end review for 2011. As of February 11, 2011:

- 1) Actual amount in checking: \$4,999.44
- 2) \$4,849.59 is the ending balance (2/13/11- \$5,364)

Note: The difference between the actual checking account balance and ending balance is due to uncleared payments and deposits, denoted in bold on the payments page.

3) \$3181 above our \$1,668 Prudent Reserve.

See the attached Treasure's Report for more information. Please check to make sure all checks sent are represented there.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

## **Conflicting Dates**

Easter and Mother's Day both fall on days when we have district meetings. A motion was approved to combine the April and May meetings and hold them both after the Eno group anniversary on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Big Barn in Hillsborough. The anniversary is from 1-4pm and the district meeting will be held directly afterwards.

**Unity Rally** Sam H. noted that there was previous discussion about holding a unity rally and invited further discussion. There was no discussion.

**TAS** Per last month motion to reach a group conscious this month regarding the requirements/recommendations/suggestions for telephone answering service volunteers, discussion on these was entertained. Worries were brought up regarding both the wording (as suggestions/recommendations/requirements) and the suggestions themselves (that the volunteer have 1) a sponsor, 2) homegroup, 3) one year sobriety, 4) familiarity with meetings in the area). Sam H. brought up the GSO guidelines which states only (with respect to volunteers), "It is suggested that volunteer Tweltth Step workers should have at least six months sobriety..." After some discussion a motion was made and seconded to adopt the guidelines from GSO as written. A amendment was discussed to include guidelines for volunteers about how to answer difficult calls, but ultimately the motion was called to question without the amendment. The motion passed with two opposing votes. The opposition spoke to the worry that someone with 6 months of sobriety would not be prepared to handle the calls.

#### Website

Leighton L. presented the work of the Website Committee: Three bids for revamping the distict website were attained and a vendor was chosen. The website committee will move forward with that vendor by meeting with them and walking through the requirements to ensure that they are all fully understood and accounted for. The vendor's price is \$2482. A projected schedule will be presented at the March District Meeting. If, upon further discussion with the chosen vendor, the price rises above the \$2500 earmarked for this project, the website committee will bring the proposal back to the District for reevaluation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Group Inventories** Sam H. reiterated the suggestion that we all ask ourselves whether or not our respective homegroups have recently (or ever) conducted an inventory. If you would like to conduct a group inventory there are suggestions on the GSO website about how to do it. It is suggested that homegroups engage in a group inventory every two years.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Piedmont Regional Pre-Conference** 

Beginning at 1pm, March 3, 2012 Piedmont Regional Pre-Conference Greensboro, NC Visit <u>aanorthcarolina.org</u> to view the flyer

## Freedom from Bondage XXIIII

March 16-18, 2012 Corrections Conference Southern Pines, NC

## **Eno Group Anniversary**

1-4 pm, April 29, 2012 Big Barn, Hillsborough

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

## **District Contributions**

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## **Area Contributions**

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