

District 33 Business Meeting

July 2012 Minutes

Date: Sunday, July 8, 2012

Attendees: Sam H., Travis M., Jennie P., Leighton L., Debbie S., Linda L., Jose S., Paul S., Rick S., Rick S., Jim H., Charles T., Thomas B., Lauren T.

ADMINISTRATIVE

June Minutes

The June minutes were adopted without correction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCM

Sam H. has been visiting meetings all over the district, has 9 groups left to visit. Sam is a member of the ad hoc Area 51 inventory committee, which will assist with the Area 51 inventory at the Spring Assembly. Our delegate (Jennifer D.) has solicited feedback from other delegates on how they have conducted area inventories in the past. Based on the feedback from 10 delegates so far, recurring questions/comments are as follows: (1) Do we emphasize service sponsorship? (2) Are area groups well represented at assemblies? (3) Financial support and reimbursement from homegroups may increase GSR and general attendance at assemblies.

Alt DCM

Now that the revamped district website has been released, the website committee is disbanded. Leighton L. expressed appreciation for all the work of the committee.

Website

Jim H. is the new chair. Recent updates include adding 4 new meetings to the website. Jim is still working on the email functionality. As of July 8, the new site had 4900 hits (~100 per day). The website seems to have a lot of potential to expand service opportunities and provide information about A.A. on a large scale. Group discussion on \$700 annual maintenance fee, which would cover daily updates, as well as backup and repair for any website crashes. Motion was introduced to pay this fee and the motion passed unanimously. The schedule for the district meeting is posted on the website. Sam encouraged everyone to check his or her homegroup information to make sure it is accurate.

CPC/P!

Jennie P. did not have any action items to report, but is interested in hearing suggestions on activities from other groups/district service members.

Grapevine

Belmont and Elon groups have anniversaries at the end of July. Lance has been busy with family matters, so Linda L. has been working on Grapevine projects.

Telephone Answering Service (TAS)

Ed M. still investigating minor overcharges. Ed is going through the process of calling AA members who volunteered to confirm that their phone numbers are correct and that they are interested in being on the phone list. The phone list will be entered into a database that will be stored on the new district website. The group discussed whether this was screening or trying to weed out volunteers who didn't meet the suggested requirements. There were questions about why some people who have signed up have never received phone calls. Based on other volunteer experiences shared, months or years may pass before a volunteer gets a call, because the majority of calls are for information that can be relayed by the answering service. The idea of

updating the volunteer contact list on a regular basis (such as every 6 months) was suggested. If AA members want to volunteer, they can email Ed M. at edwardjmcgrath@msn.com. Also confirmed: the answering service **will not** give out volunteer phone numbers to callers. The calls will be patched through.

Financial Report

Joe M. presented budget. The yahoo website account should be cancelled so this charge should not come up again. The district bank account has been charged a \$2.00 convenience fee that Joe is investigating. Balance as of July 8 is \$4030.00 less than balance in July 2011. However, we currently have \$1668.00 in prudent reserve and our expenses at this time are lower than they were in July 2011. The \$2546.00 spent on the website upgrade is part of that \$4030.00, so overall, district in comfortable financial position. Sam H. mentioned that Moriah L. had asked for the district treasurer's address. Jennie P. will share that with Moriah. Joe M. email is no longer listed on the treasurer's report; you can get his email from him directly or use the link on the new website, once the emails are operational.

OLD BUSINESS

Service Opportunity

Service opportunity at Alamance Regional Medical Center: Rule 62 has been taking a meeting on Thursday nights for ~ 9 years, for the detox patients there. There is interest and need for a facilitator to bring a Tuesday 6pm meeting to this location. Travis M. mentioned that Wild Bunch was interested in participating and he will get in touch with Sam. Leighton L. agreed to oversee organizing weekly meeting for this hospital and will work on having 3-4 (no more than 6) AA members attend the meeting each week. This kind of commitment would probably work best if members committed to one week a month, rather than every Tuesday.

NEW BUSINESS

New Feature

There was a discussion on covering one concept per month at our district meetings. Sam H. will bring a small description of what this might look like to our next district meeting on August 12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next District Meeting

August 12, 2012 at 3pm
100 N. Maple St.
Graham, NC

CONTRIBUTIONS

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