

District 33 Business Meeting

October 2012 Minutes

Date: Sunday, October 14, 2012

Attendees: Sam H., Jennie P., Hollie R., Jose S., Andrew S., Leighton L., Vickie M., Connie J., Jim W., Fred C., Charles T., Joe R., Tom A., Joe M., Debbie S., Paul L., Charles M., Dick F., Paul S., Travis M., Ed M., Megan M.

ADMINISTRATIVE

September Minutes

Highlights from the September minutes were read to the group. The minutes were adopted without correction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCM

Sam attended the area committees meeting at the end of August in Fayetteville.

Alt DCM

Leighton is still working on getting all of the trusted servants' emails to work properly. Please let him know if your email is not working. He also visited the Tarheel group this month.

Website

Jim H. reported that all the update requests he received this month have been posted to the website. The website is receiving between 100-150 hits a day. If you have an update for the website, Jim can be reached at website@aanc33.org. If you have an event to add to the district calendar, email the information to Jim.

CPC/PI

Jennie P is continuing to work on the book donation project to public high schools in the district. She determined that there are approximately 40 high schools in the district (both public and private.) There is more discussion of that initiative in the new business section of these minutes. If you have any suggestions or questions for CPC/PI, you can email Jennie P. at cpcpi@aanc33.org.

Corrections

Caswell prison is currently taking applications for new volunteers. This only happens once a year! People who wish to attend the meeting at that prison must go through a training process. The Thursday night group at Orange Co. Prison is looking for speakers on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. You are allowed to attend this meeting once without going through training however you must speak to Joe R., the Corrections chair. He can be reached via email at cf@aanc33.org. This is a great service opportunity!

Telephone Answering Service

Ed M. mentioned that when a volunteer gets a call from another alcoholic, patched through from the answering service, it would be great if they could take the callers number down and call them back. This is merely a suggestion, and if volunteers wish to maintain their anonymity by not revealing their phone number on the other party's caller ID, they are permitted to do that. Many cell phone companies also offer a blocking or restricted feature so that the volunteer's number can remain anonymous when they return the phone call, and volunteers are encouraged to avail themselves of such tools. The district pays for 200 minutes per month of patched through time, and is charged overage fees when we exceed that limit. However, the safety and comfort of TAS

volunteers is our number one priority, so it is up to each individual to decide what they are comfortable doing.

Financial Report

As of Sunday, October 14, 2012,

The bank account balance is \$3378.45.

The report balance is \$3569.09. The operating fund increased by \$158 from the last report.

Our current operating fund is \$1901 over the prudent reserve.

Contributions for October were \$652. See the attached Treasure's Report for more information.

Please check to make sure all checks sent in are represented there. The district treasurer, Joe M., can be contacted at treasurer@aanc33.org.

OLD BUSINESS

12 Concepts for World Service

Megan M. continued our initiative to review one concept per month at our district meeting by presenting on Concept 2. Concept 2 reads (short form), "The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs." Megan explained the some of the historical background that lead to the creation of the General Service Concept and clarified why the Conference was thought necessary and how it differs from a government structure. David M. will present in November on Concept 3.

Big Books

As mentioned in the CPC/PI section above, it is thought that about 40 Big Books will be needed to distribute one to each high school in the district. Jennie currently has approximately 8. However, rather than ask groups to donate, she has decided to pay for the remaining books out of the district funds for CPC/PI. Each book will be mailed with an anonymous letter to the school's librarian.

Adding a OIAA Help Link to District Website

In September, Leighton L. raised the possibility of adding an OIAA Help link to the district website. Online Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous (OIAA) is an international group that provides responses via email to individuals looking for help staying sober, as well as online meetings. The GSO website provides a link to OIAA just as it does to other intergroup websites. The idea was discussed and, with the understanding that the help link could be removed at a later date if we so desire, and that adding the link would not cost the district any money, a motion to approve adding the help link was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Committee Chair Rotations

The following positions will be up for rotation in December 2012:

Corrections Committee Chair

CPC/PI Committee Chair

If you are interested in learning more about these positions, please contact Joe R. or Jennie P. at cf@aanc33.org and cpcpi@aanc33.org, respectively.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Election Assembly & Committee Meeting

The area website has information about the upcoming assembly (October 26-28) in Fayetteville. The agenda, 3rd legacy procedures, proposed budget, past meeting minutes and sub-committee meeting minutes are available at www.aanorthcarolina.org. A link to the area site is also available on our district site <http://www.aanc33.org> under Links. There are 7 agenda items for GSRs to vote on and the business portion of the assembly will begin on Saturday at 1pm.

It is important that GSRs attend this event because (as the name indicates) elections will be held, including nominations for the Southeast Regional Trustee and the Trustee-At-Large U.S. Other agenda items include approval of the 2013 proposed budget and funding for the Area delegate to attend the SSAASA. For more information, please see the flyer attached to this email or available for download at <http://www.aanorthcarolina.org/2012FallCommitteeandElectionAssembly.pdf>.

Additional information on the area assembly, including committee reports, can be accessed by clicking on “Information for Members” button and logging in. Login: 33/Password: howitworks

Two Agenda Items were discussed in detail at the District meeting:

Agenda Item #7: “Consider allowing GSRs who are serving a subsequent term of office to opt out of receiving a GSR packet.” (See the attached flyer or download from the link above to read the background information on this item.) This item was introduced as a cost saving measure to be brought before the General Service Conference.

Discussion: Dick F. brought up that only new GSRs get packets. In his opinion, this measure will not result in any savings because returning GSRs do not get packets. He argues that this measure, if approved, will make us look dumb to GSO.

Agenda Item #4 “That Area 51 fund on a trial basis the Delegate’s expenses for lodging, meals, transportation and registration to attend the 2013 and 2015 Southern States Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (“SSAASA”) at the same budget levels as the Delegate’s expenses to attend the Southeastern Conference in those years. If no Assembly Advisory Action is passed extending this funding to future SSAASAs no later than the 2016 Spring Assembly, such funding will cease with the 2015 SSAASA.” (Again, background is available via the attached flyer or by clicking on the link above.)

Discussion: Dick F. is concerned that SSAASA, while a nice idea, was never approved via an area election. The delegates decided to have it, and now, without ever voting on it, we (area) are being asked to approve funding our delegate to attend it. He is worried that proper procedure has not been followed and so we should refuse to fund it until the delegate’s attendance has been properly approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next District Meeting

November 11, 2012 at 3pm
100 N. Maple St.
Graham, NC

Fall Election Assembly & Committee Meeting

October 26-28
Holiday Inn Bordeaux
Fayetteville, NC
Hotel Reservations Group Code: NAA
910-323-0111
<http://hibordeaux.com>

CONTRIBUTIONS

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