

District 33 Business Meeting

February 2013 Minutes

Date: Sunday, February 10, 2013

Attendees: Rick S., Ed M., Tomi H., Joe M., Sam H., Connie J., Jennie P., Genevieve B., Billy C., Jose S., Hollie R., Linda L., Paul S., Travis M., Charles T., Vickie M., John R., Robert J., Terry S., Jim H., Shannon S., Carl G., Leighton L., Debbie S., Debra H.

ADMINISTRATIVE

January Minutes

Highlights from the January minutes were read to the group. The minutes were adopted with one correction: Sam H. will continue to bring a few agendas to the district meeting for anyone who is new or does not have email.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCM

Sam passed out a questionnaire from the area's ad-hoc committee on special needs to every GSR. Each group should respond and return the questionnaire to Sam at the next district meeting or via email. (A copy of the questionnaire is attached to this email). Sam mentioned that the names of committee chairs on the district website need to be changed to reflect recent rotations. Also, the mailing address for the area has changed and needs to be updated on the website. The Central Region Pre-conference is being held Sunday, March 10th at the Calvary United Methodist Church, 304 East Trinity Drive, Durham, NC from 1:30-5:30pm. Lunch will be served at 1:45pm. All AA members are welcome to participate.

Alt DCM

Leighton L. proposed a solution for the problem with the district meeting list PDF file. The issue is as follows: We currently have a PDF version of the district meeting list available for download from the district website. This allows groups to print out small quantities of the meeting list for their own distribution in a trifold format. However, we do not have the ability to make changes to the file and thus it contains flaws. If we decide to keep it on the website, we would need to outsource the task of making changes to the file. After some discussion about the purpose of the trifold, its usefulness, and the two vendor proposals, a motion was made and approved to accept the proposal from the 2nd vendor, keep the PDF on the website, and perform updates regularly.

Website

Jim H. reported that the OIAA link update will be handled at no charge by our website designer. (Secretary's Note: The link is now available!) Please email Jim your group events. There was some question about whether or not AI-Anon events should be added to the district calendar. Jim will look up GSO guidelines and follow that.

CPC/PI

Rick S. picked up the Big Books from Jennie P. for distribution to the area schools. The area CPP/PI coordinator has a booth at two upcoming events in Gilford County. Sam H. and Rick S. will be speaking at one of those conferences.

Corrections

Jennie P. is waiting on visitors' cards so she can go to different prisons. Anyone who is interested in doing corrections work needs to fill out some paperwork and do a brief training. Email Jennie P. if interested. You can also contact Jennie P. to volunteer to speak at a prison speaker meeting. You do not need any training or paperwork to do that.

Telephone Answering Service

Ed M. reported that volunteers are still needed, particularly women. Anyone can volunteer for the TAS on the website.

Grapevine

Co-chairs positions are still open. Rick S. still has the inventory and is happy to bring it to group events.

Financial Report

Joe M. presented the February budget report:

The bank account balance is \$3497.94. The report balance is the same. The operating fund decreased by \$39.97 from the last report. Contributions for January were \$457.92.

Joe M. also presented the 2013 Approved Budget:

Total budgeted expenses for 2013: \$7,822

2013 prudent reserve: \$1,956

See the attached 2013 budget, 2012 year-end report, and February monthly report for more information. Please ensure that all checks sent in are represented there. Our district treasurer, Joe M., can be contacted at treasurer@aanc33.org.

Please Note: The address for Area 51 contributions has changed. Checks should be sent to NCGSC Treasurer, PO Box 657, Wilmington, NC 28402.

OLD BUSINESS

12 Concepts for World Service

Debbie S. presented the 4th concept, which reads: "Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge." Debbie explained that the right of participation means that everyone in AA is on the same level; everyone has a right to contribute his thoughts and ideas. Furthermore, at the GSO level our trustees invite anyone whose advice is used to make decisions (such as office staff and accountants) to participate in the debate, though they cannot actually vote. Linda will present concept 5 in April.

NEW BUSINESS

2013 Budget Discussion

A motion was made and approved to add a \$120 line item to the new budget to cover updating the PDF trifold meeting list. A motion was made to approve the 2013 budget as proposed (with update). The motion passed.

Excess Distribution Discussion

Discussion continued about the best way to distribute the district's \$1380 in surplus funds. A motion was made to send 50% to area and 50% to GSO. Some discussion ensued concerning other possible distributions. The 50/50 motion passed.

Pre-Conference Contribution

The district hosting our region's pre-conference asked for contributions to help cover their expenses. A motion was made and approved to contribute \$75.

March District Meeting Cancelled

The March District meeting will not be held because it conflicts with the Central region pre-conference event. Our next meeting is on Sunday, April 14th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eno Group Anniversary

April 28th
Big Barn
Hillsborough, NC

CONTRIBUTIONS

District Contributions

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Note: If you provide your email address, a confirmation will be sent to you.

Area Contributions

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