

# District 33 Business Meeting

## January 2013 Minutes

**Date:** Sunday, January 13, 2013

**Attendees:** Sam H., Jennie P., Jim H., Joe M., Paul S., Megan M., Lance L., Hollie R., Sam H., Travis M., Rick S., Connie J., Carol R., Jim H., Joe G., Billy C., Carl G., Shannon S., Terry S., Scott Z., Debra H.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

#### November Minutes

Highlights from the November minutes were read to the group. The minutes were adopted without correction. (The district did not meet in December.)

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### DCM

Sam H. reported that he is planning to visit the 9 home groups he has yet to attend in the first quarter of this year. He distributed copies of the 2012 General Service Conference minutes to all the GSRs. In an effort to go paperless, he will henceforth email the month's agenda prior to the meeting but will not distribute copies at the meeting.

#### Alt DCM

Leighton L. was unable to attend in January but Sam read a report from him. Leighton is exploring options for outsourcing updates to our district meeting schedule trifold, currently available for download from the district website. He is also pursuing the possibility of having a simple program designed that will make the updates easy to perform by our current website committee chair. He has contacted two sources and will make a full report on his findings next month.

#### Website

Jim H. reported that website hits have risen by about 10%. Other website concerns were addressed under Old and New Business.

#### CPC/PI

Jennie P. will coordinate sending the Big Books to schools with the new CPC/PI committee chair. See New Business for more details on committee chair changes.

#### Grapevine

The Grapevine committee is currently taking inventory.

#### Financial Report

Joe M. presented our 2012 year-end budget report:

The bank account balance is \$3537.91. The report balance is the same. The operating fund decreased by \$644 from the last report. Contributions for December were \$70.19. Our current operating fund is \$1869 over the prudent reserve. Our payment to Southern Voices was double for the month of December because it arrives on a 4-week schedule.

Total expenses for 2012: \$10,605

Budgeted expenses for 2012: \$8835

Unplanned expenses for 2012: \$270 (for a bulk purchase of Grapevine literature. The Grapevine is self-sustaining.)

Surplus distributions to Area 51 and GSO: \$1500

Contributions for 2012 were \$9,889.01.

See the attached Year-End Report for more information. Please check to make sure all checks sent in are represented there. Our district treasurer, Joe M., can be contacted at [treasurer@aanc33.org](mailto: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

This month's presenter was unable to attend, so the presentation of the 4<sup>th</sup> concept was deferred until February.

### Adding a OIAA Help Link to District Website

The OIAA help link has not yet been added to the district site. Jim H. will email our website designer/host to see if they are willing to add it free of charge. If not, he will obtain a quote from them.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Website Display Policies

Some questions arose as to whether or not the Tarheel Midwinter Conference ought to be listed on the District calendar of events because it is not an official AA event. General discussion was solicited as to whether or not the district should follow the GSO guidelines for the calendar and only add official AA events. In the discussion that followed, the worry was raised that adding the Tarheel Midwinter Conference would create a slippery slope. It would be unclear as to where we should draw the line between events that we would add and those that we would not. A motion was made and seconded that we not add the Midwinter conference to the district calendar. The objection was raised that this motion was too narrow and focused. Other members disagreed, arguing that the motion was appropriate and that each questionable event ought to be voted on separately by the district as a whole. In response, a member objected that this process would be too time-consuming and events would be missed as the district only meets once a month. The original motion was amended to state that as a district, we would only allow official AA events to be posted on the district calendar. The motion passed.

Clarification on the current policy: If you would like an official AA event added to the district website (for example, a homegroup anniversary, you must contact the website committee chair, Jim H., directly. His email address is: [website@aanc33.org](mailto:website@aanc33.org).

### Committee Chair Elections

Jennie P. was approved as the new Corrections Committee Chair.

Rick S. was approved as the new CPC/PI Committee Chair.

Thank you both for your service!

### Committee Chair Opening

The positions of Grapevine Committee co-chairs are now open. If you are interested in standing for one of these positions, please contact Rick S. and/or Lance L. at [grapevine@aanc33.org](mailto:grapevine@aanc33.org).

### 2013 Proposed Budget and Disbursement of Excess Funds

Joe M. presented the District's 2013 Proposed Budget. Some changes include a proposed 5% increase to the Southern Voices budget to cover patch time between callers and AA members and an increase in the prudent reserve to reflect the new, larger budget. Also, the question was raised as to whether the district would like to continue to fund a Unity Rally. Please discuss this with your group. Anyone interested in spearheading the organization of a Unity Rally this year should attend the next district meeting in February.

A motion was made to send excess funds (totaling approximately \$1380.91) to Area 51 and GSO. This approximate total reflects that money was held back to buy literature for a meeting in a correctional facility (an action approved by the district in November) and the approximately \$239 needed to meet our new projected prudent reserve for 2013. The motion was approved.

There was some discussion regarding what the split should be between money sent to the area and that sent to GSO. A motion was introduced to send 70% to GSO and 30% to the area. There was additional discussion with some people arguing that they preferred a 50/50 split and others preferring to stick with the GSO suggestion of a 60/40 split. One member stated that he preferred that 60/40 split because he assumes that if the area has extra funds, they will disburse those to GSO. Another member responded that the area does not make regular contributions to GSO but instead, needlessly inflates the area budget to incorporate excess funds. A motion was made to reconsider the issue but it was decided that GSRs ought to bring the issue back to their groups first. We will vote on the disbursement split in February.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Next District Meeting**

February 10, 2013 at 3pm  
100 N. Maple St.  
Graham, NC

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **District Contributions**

District 33 GSC  
PO Box 2803  
Chapel Hill, NC 27515

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

### **Area Contributions**

NCGSC- Treasurer  
PO Box 657  
Wilmington, NC 28402