

District 33 Business Meeting

November 2012 Minutes

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2012

Attendees: Jennie P., Jose S., Vickie M., Jim H., Fred C., Charles T., Joe R., Joe M., Paul S., Megan M., Moriah L., David M., Catina C., Debbie S., Michael D., Woody, Lauren T., Lauren C., Lance L.

ADMINISTRATIVE

October Minutes

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCM

Sam was unable to attend but a letter he wrote was read to the group. We all had the privilege of hearing Joe M.'s lovely reading voice. Joe did an incredible job chairing the November meeting in Sam's stead. Thank you so much for your service, Joe! Below is the content of the letter:

"Unfortunately, I am unable to attend this month's District meeting and trust all are well. This past month I had the opportunity to visit the 7:00 am Group at BPW and hope to make it to several more of the nine (9) remaining Groups I have yet to visit by year's end. If there is anything I can do for a specific Group during the interim please don't hesitate to give me a call or email.

A number of us had the opportunity to attend the Fall Election Assembly and represented the District. There were a total of twenty (20) present for the weekend with fifteen (15) voting members. I hope the experience was an enlightening one for each in attendance and hopefully, some of you might want to share your experience briefly during the meeting today. To date the official minutes have not been distributed;* however, we did make it through all Agenda Items and elect our Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Area Officers. As DCM, I chose to vote as the collective conscience of the GSRs' indicated on each agenda item. Thanks to each of you for voicing your group opinions and your service.

In love and service,
Same H.
DCM 33"

* Secretary's Note: As of Sunday, December 9 the Fall Assembly meeting minutes have not been published to the area website.

Alt DCM

Leighton was unable to attend in November's meeting and there was no report.

Website

Jim H. reported that there are some questions as to whether the website is updating properly. He promised to thoroughly review the situation after the meeting. Please, check to make sure that the information about your homegroup is correct. He reported that the number of hits the website receives each day remains fairly constant but that the make up of the hits does vary. Two issues pertaining to the website were discussed and are outlined in more detail below:

- 1) Corrections page: The group discussed whether or not it would be helpful to add a page that explains what Correctional meetings are and how and when members can attend them. Jim suggested that he might be able to do it himself for no cost. He asked the group to take a look at the meeting schedule and the 5 correctional meetings listed there. Please evaluate whether or not the information given is sufficient or if there is anything

else it would be helpful to add. If you have a suggestion, please contact Jim at website@aanc33.org.

- 2) The PDF trifold meeting list: Currently, a PDF trifold version of our district meeting list is available for download from the website. However, that PDF version does not update when the website meeting list is updated. It must be updated manually. Unfortunately, because it is a trifold, the formatting of this list is somewhat complicated and we need to have someone in charge of managing and updating this list. The first order of business is to locate the electronic master copy of the list, which Megan M. agreed to take on. The next is to discuss options for either outsourcing the updating of the PDF or having a district member take on that task. We agreed to revisit this topic at the next district meeting, after the master copy had been located. *Secretary's Note:* There has been some movement on this issue since the last meeting. The master copy was located and sent to Jim. Leighton L. (as Chair of the Website Committee) agreed to take on the task of outlining various options for updating this PDF. He will present his finding to the district at the next meeting. Thank you, Leighton, for your service!

CPC/PI

Jennie P. ordered the Big Books (slightly less than 40) for donation to area schools. They have arrived and she will be reaching out for help mailing them in the near future. She will include a letter containing her contact information with each book. If you have any suggestions or questions for CPC/PI, you can email Jennie P. at cpdpi@aanc33.org.

Corrections

Joe R. reported that one of the prison meetings is a literature meeting and is in need of literature. (He has secured a drawer at the prison where the literature can be stored). The Correction's Committee has a budget of \$250, which is typically used to fund the Correction Chair's trip to the Freedom from Bondage Conference. However, Joe did not attend the conference this year and wanted to know if he could use some of that money to buy 12 *Big Books* and 12 *Twelve Steps and 12 Traditions* for the prison's literature meeting. There was some discussion as to whether or not that was an appropriate use of the funds, but eventually the district voted and unanimously approved Joe's request.

Treatment Facilities

David M. reported that he is considering changing the process that brings the Tuesday night meeting to the Freedom House Recovery Center. Several miscommunications and no-shows over the past few months have him convinced him that the current processes is not working as well as it could. There was some discussion about possible solutions to the problem and David, as our Trusted Servant, will decide what is best. If you have any suggestions about this matter or others pertaining to Treatment Facilities, you may email David at tf@aanc33.org.

Financial Report

As of Sunday, November 11, 2012,

The bank account balance is \$3920.38.

The report balance is the same. The operating fund increased by \$351 from the last report. Our current operating fund is \$2252 over the prudent reserve.

Contributions for October were \$620.71. 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

David M. continued our initiative to review one concept per month at our district meeting by presenting on Concept 3. Concept 3 reads (short form), "To insure effective leadership, we

should endow each element of A.A. —the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.” David explained that the right of decision involves trusting those we elect to serve the groups to make decisions that are in the best interest of the group. The entire AA program, he stressed, works on the principle of mutual trust. Thank you so much, David, for your service!

Adding a OIAA Help Link to District Website

The OIAA help link has not yet been added to the district site, as Jim H. is hesitant to make changes to the structure of pages that already exist. However, he will look into it and try to have it up by the next meeting.

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.

Fall Election Assembly & Committee Meeting

Megan M. presented a brief report on the Fall Elections Assembly and encouraged other GSR's to attend in the future. When the Minutes are published they can be accessed by visiting www.aanorthcarolina.org, clicking on the “Information for Members” button and logging in. Login: 33/Password: howitworks

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next District Meeting

January 13, 2013 at 3pm

100 N. Maple St.

Graham, NC

CONTRIBUTIONS

District Contributions

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

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