

District 33 Business Meeting

June 2013 Minutes

Date: Sunday, June 9, 2013

Attendees: Sam H., Leighton L., Ed M., Tom A., Charles T., Travis M., Linda L., Megan M., Michael D., Vickie M., Jim H., Terry S., Dave C., Paul S., Jennie P., Joe M., Genevieve B., Debbie S., Carl G., Shannon S., Rick S., Russell H.

ADMINISTRATIVE

May Minutes

Approved with a correction to Debra's last initial.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCM (Sam H.)

- At the last Assembly in May, Area 51 groups voted to have an area inventory with 8 questions.
- The Chapel Hill-Carrboro group will be sponsoring the hospital meeting
- Sam attended a workshop on working with inactive groups. Ideas from this workshop include:
 - Show gratitude through enthusiasm of going to district
 - People are sponsored into service
- Resubmitted new GSR info because there was a problem with the area database
- Next month our delegate Homer will be attending this district meeting- he will be presenting an abbreviated report from assembly and answering any questions we have.
- Invite your alternate GSR and announce this opportunity in your meeting.

Alt DCM (Leighton L.)

- Encouraged us to come see Homer
- Trifold- it's really difficult to make changes to the PDF file, neither vendor was willing to do it for original quoted price.
- Leighton recommends that we take the PDF off the website until will make it current. Handle under new business.
- Found the passwords.

Website (Jim H.)

- There was a crash of the website in early May.
- Need to decide if we want to renew the maintenance contract. Cost is \$700 per year. We already have the money set aside in 2013 budget.
- What does maintenance do? Our site is in wordpress with 15-20 add ons, which are constantly updating. Sometimes when you do the updates it breaks the site because the updates are not compatible with one another. The maintenance makes sure the updates get done, which are important for security.
- Rick S. would like to know how a GSR would know where to send the info for an event. It is not clear from the website how to put an event on the calendar. "Contact us" has mailing address but not email addresses. Jim thinks he can handle making a "contact us" button for calendar.
- Website hits are at about 160 a day and maintaining.
- As always, send any event information to Jim that you would like to have listed on the district calendar.

Corrections (Jennie P.)

- Ran into the District 32 corrections chair and will be exchanging idea about service opportunities in both districts.
- Problems getting a five year card for prisons.
- Institutional meetings are not open to non-AA members.

Telephone Answering Service (Ed M.)

- Ed M. phone calls to the TAS have dropped off drastically. Very few messages.

Grapevine (Rick S.)

- Chair slots need to be filled
- Rick S. went to Belmont, went to Mebane.
- We are looking for co-chairs because the district is divided into two parts in order to make it easier on the grapevine chairs.

Financial Report (Joe M.)

June Report balance- \$3548.49

Bank account balances with Report balance

June Report ending balance is \$260.28 less than the same time last year and \$398.71 than the end of last month.

Contributions for May/June were \$684.12

We will probably make a decision as to whether to distribute excess funds in July.

See the attached May-June monthly report for more information. Please ensure that all checks sent in are represented there. 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

Concept 7

General Service Board (GSB) is legal authority in AA, Conference Charter is not. How do we avoid being taken over by trustees and GSB? This model follows Tradition 2- trusted servant. Power balance is protected by traditions and other bylaws. The Conference theoretically only has an advisory role. One power they have is to reject the nominated trustees. The Conference can deny funds to the GSB. Trustees have no salaries. They have no financial interest. They can veto something that the Conference does.

Jennie P. will present the 8th Concept in May.- **update (from email): Genevieve B. will take Jennie's place presenting Concept 8, as of July 10, 2013**

Trifold

Motion to take PDF trifold off the website (for whole district) until it is updated because it is very out of date. Can still print individual counties. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Area Inventory Questions

Sam printed out copies of area inventory questions. They will be printed on the area website. Look at the questions with your groups. DCM and GSRs at the assembly will participate in the assembly. Everyone who attends assembly has a voice. You can also tell Leighton or Sam what you or your group thinks and they will carry it to the assembly.

Rotation Discussion

Rotation will be happening in Nov/Dec. Nominations and elections. Please think about your service and if you have aspirations or desires or would like to remain in service. Nominations are in September. 5 positions are open- DCM, alt-DCM, co-chair for Treatment Facilities, Treasurer, TAS.

Misc.

Rick attended an assembly in NE Ohio and saw a couple of things he really liked that helped people get to know each other. Ohio has 4 areas. Akron has 8 districts. They did two things at the meeting that helped people get to know each other- recognized as having had an anniversary and they let GSRs/DCMs talk about any new activities in their groups

Leighton wondered if we would have more speakers if it were easier to get speakers. Everyone should be encouraged to draw from the pool of GSRs and service reps.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements for this month.

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.

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