

District 33 Business Meeting
September 2013 Minutes

Date: Sunday, September 8, 2013

Attendees: Attendees: Sam H., Leighton L., Ed M., Tom A., Linda L., Michael D., Jim H., Paul S., Jennie P., Joe M., Genevieve B., Carl G., Rick S., Russell H., Bob V., Jose S., Bonnie B., Tom W., Pam C., Ann A., John R., Dana S., Lauren C., David H., Tom P., Homer M.

ADMINISTRATIVE

August Minutes

The August minutes were approved with no changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial Report (Joe M.)

The September report balance is \$6642.00. The bank account balances with report balance. The prudent reserve is \$2055.00. We have \$1255.00 above the prudent reserve (subtracting \$500 for the Grapevine from the excess of \$1755.00). Per our standing order, excess funds will be sent up to Area and GSO in January.

See the attached August-September 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 10: Rick S.

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority – the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

Individuals or groups with service positions should have the ability to delegate and make necessary decisions, as fit their responsibilities.

Paul S. will present Concept 11 next month.

Quadfold

Homegroups listed are up to date

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation: Homer M., Area 51 Delegate, Panel 63

AA meeting groups are foundation of upside down service triangle. The group conscience of homegroups directs District, Area and GSO. Groups also dictate through power of the purse; if individual groups don't approve of Area or GSO activity, they withhold contributions. For example, 10 years ago, Area 51 had budget surplus and it wasn't handled properly (according to many Area 51 groups) and contributions to Area 51 went down 25%.

GSRs are the heartbeat of AA. GSRs are elected by homegroups and receive kits and updates from GSO on a regular basis. They have the power of vote at level of the homegroup, District and Area Assembly (which meets twice a year). Area Committees meet 4 times a year and consist of district coordinators, area officers, DCMs and Alt DCMs. **Anyone** can attend an Area Assembly (Note: Fall assembly is Nov 15-17.) The primary responsibility of the assembly is that we elect a delegate that is voice for Area 51 at the General Service Conference. Homer will serve 2-year term, as all Area 51 delegates do. He pointed out that Area 51 has very strict limits on who can stand for area positions; only DCMs from certain time periods may stand for delegate or other area positions. In other areas, once you are qualified to stand for delegate, you are always qualified.

The General Service Conference is a 7-day event in New York where agenda items submitted by areas and committees are discussed. **Anyone** can submit an agenda item to General Service Conference but agenda items typically carry more weight if submitted through district, to area, to GSO. Once agenda items are submitted to district, they are immediately sent to DCMs. Then there is a mock conference at mid- winter conference. Two or 3 weeks later at a pre-conference all the agenda items are reviewed by 12 different breakout groups who decide which are important.

Homer attended panel 63 of General Service Conference where he submitted 2 agenda items; One passed and one failed. A group in Raleigh wanted to publish New Daily Reflections; That item did not pass. A group in Raleigh wanted to change the name of the "44 questions" pamphlet to "Frequently Asked Questions" and that item passed unanimously. The average age of delegates at Panel 63 was 57 years old. The oldest was 75 years old. Sobriety ranged from 7-37 years. Currently, the largest area is in California with 60,000 A.A. members. The smallest area is in Western Ontario with 1000 members. There are 18,000 A.A. members in North Carolina. At the conference there were 93 delegates, 7 non-alcoholic trustees- Class A (Amateur), 14 alcoholic trustees- Class B (Boozers), 4 non-trustee directors, and 13 members of GSO staff. The Grapevine has an equal vote and a voice as a delegate. Only delegates meet in committees at the conference. GSO did an inventory. An elaborate plan for restructuring grapevine board and GSO board was introduced and there was heated debate about it at the pre-conference. It takes 2/3 of vote to deny passage of consideration and 80% said no. Homer was disappointed because the board had done a lot of work. Another item was about changes to Tradition 11. Questions were raised about its applicability to new media and social media. The decision was reached that the long form and short form covers all media so no change was made to the 11th tradition. The Spirituality pamphlet for people who struggle with the God concept was sent back to committee. A motion was made to publish a commemorative Big book and make it available to everyone. The motion was passed and the 75th anniversary first big book will be available April 2014. You can pre-order it. The price is \$12.00.

Grapevine has experienced a decline in recent years. Individuals ordering subscriptions and groups ordering subscriptions can help with Grapevine situation. Rick S. pointed out that constantly stating that the Grapevine is in trouble does not boost morale or help the situation

Michael D. asked questions about how Area 51 inventory would be conducted. GSRs will break into 7 groups. Each group will deal with all the questions then we will go through inventory questions. Saturday night each group will have 10 minutes to give feedback on their questions. Homer estimates it will take 5 hours to do area inventory.

Homer discussed contributions. District 33 contributes a generous amount to the area.

Area 51 does not have a service manual, as some other areas do and that it ought to.

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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