

District 33 Business Meeting

December 2013 Minutes

Date: December 8, 2013

Attendees: Bruce M, Charles T, Russell H, Ricky S, Jon R, Deborah G, Deb S, David H, Pam F, Genevieve B, Jenny P, Leighton L, Ed M, Joe D, Maggie S, Tim Z, Scott T, George, Paul S, Shane B, Joe M, Megan M, Sam H, Jim H, Jose S, Angel S, Tim, Carl G, Paul N, Tom A

ADMINISTRATIVE

November Minutes

The November minutes were approved after a minor revision by the Treasurer Joe M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCM

In his last official task as DCM, Sam H attended the Area 51 Fall Assembly, "Searching and Fearless." The Area Committee discussed the possibility of splitting North Carolina into multiple Areas similar to Ohio (4 Areas) and California (3 Areas).

Sam attended a committee meeting on Area Spanish Translation and participated in the Area 51 Inventory Saturday night. Sam gave his report on the assembly agenda items that were covered: 1) The 2014 Area 51 Corrections Conference, "Freedom From Bondage," will be held at the Hampton Inn in Aberdeen, NC on March 14-16, 2014, 2) The proposal to add a "Get Help" button to the Area 51 website was sent back to committee for clarification and modification, 3) All Assembly and Committee Meetings and both NC State Conventions from August 2015 to August 2017 will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton, 4) Area 51 proposed 2014 budget was approved.

Our Area Delegate, Homer M, gave his report. Contributions to GSO for the first 2 months of 2013 were up 6%, GSO operating expenses are up due to the funding of retirement accounts for full-time employees, and subscriptions to the Grapevine have declined 30% over the last 5 years. There will be a 75th Anniversary Big Book edition released in April, 2014. Area 51 is working on a bulk order to avoid shipping costs. See Megan M before the Spring Committee Meeting to arrange a bulk order for your group, and contact Megan M with your order and check no later than the Winter Committee meeting, March 1, 2014. Homer also discussed reaching out to inactive districts and groups in our Area. Never miss an opportunity to explain our Third Legacy of Service to members in these inactive, or so called "dark" areas. You can get a much more thorough report of the Assembly and Delegate's Report at aanorthcarolina.org. Go to "Information For Member" and use the user name "33", and the password "howitworks." Finally, after many hours of dedicated service to District 33, Sam H passed the duties of DCM over to Megan M who graciously accepted the responsibility.

ALT DCM

Leighton L passed the Alternate DCM duties over to Jenny P. Leighton will remain active as GSR of the Belmont Group.

TAS

Ed M will remain on to service the telephone answering service. Please contact Ed if you are willing to act as a backup TAS coordinator when Ed is unavailable. You can also contact Ed (919) 732-1311 or (732) 599-1987 if you would be willing to receive calls from callers to the answering service (female AA members are in especially short supply). You can also sign up by visiting the district website and clicking on the large "Sign Up For Service" button at the bottom of the homepage. On the other hand, if you are signed up to receive calls and no longer want to do so, please update your TAS status with Ed M.

GRAPEVINE

Linda L not in attendance.

CPC

Rick S not in attendance.

TREATMENT

Shane B is taking a meeting to RTSA (Residential Treatment Services of Alamance) and Burlington Homeless Shelter. Please call Shane for qualifications and times if you are interested in this important service work (336) 214-1575.

CORRECTIONS

Jenny P turned over responsibilities over to Angel S. Please see Angel if you are interested in setting up a CFC (Corrections Facilities Coordinator) service position for your group. Also, Grapevine magazines are always appreciated to go into prisons. Angel suggested that groups order extra Grapevine subscriptions to donate to their local correctional facility. You can contact Angel S at gardianangel1818@gmail.com, or (305) 972-7979.

WEBSITE

Jim H reported that the website is up to date. The generic email addresses for trusted servants will be updated to reflect recent committee chair rotations.

TREASURER

Joe M presented his December financial report (attached). Joe reported strong contributions coming in. As a result we have accumulated \$3584.17 above our prudent reserve. If you have ideas for Twelve Step work that you would like to see funded in 2014, please bring your ideas to the appropriate District service representatives before our excess funds are distributed to GSO and Area 51 in January. Joe also presented a proposed budget for 2014 (attached).

OLD BUSINESS

12 CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE

Concept XII (Presented by Genevieve B)

The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. Tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

Genevieve drew attention to the similarities between the 12th Tradition and the 12th Concept.

NEW BUSINESS/WRAP UP

1. Proposed 2014 Budget - please take to your groups for discussion. It will be voted on at our January District meeting.
2. Should we appoint an Unity Chairperson since we have set aside funds for an annual Unity Rally?
3. Remember that our excess funds will be distributed to Area 51 and GSO. If you have ideas for 12th Step work, please see Megan M our new DCM or discuss it with the relevant committee chair. Committee chairs, please keep in mind that your budgets are for use at your discretion. You do not need district approval to spend the money that you are allocated. As our trusted servants, we rely on you to use that money to perform 12 Step service. Megan M can be contacted by phone at 703-508-4690, or by email at megankellymitchell@gmail.com.
4. Remember that our TAS Chair Ed M needs a back-up for when he is otherwise occupied. Please consider service in this area.

Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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