

District 33 Business Meeting
January 2014 Minutes

Date: January 12, 2014

Attendees: Megan M, Bruce M, Joe M, Sam H, Tom A, Phil C, Jennie P, Kelsey B, Carl G, Jon R, Russell H, Ed M, Genevieve B, Jim H, Joe G, Doug C, Jennifer, Tim Z, Dave, Jennifer, Virginia, Rob D Steve M, Kim M, Pam C, Angel S, Ann A, David M

ADMINISTRATIVE

December Minutes

The December minutes were approved without revision.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCM

- a) 75th Commemorative Edition of our Big Book being released in April 2014. Area 51 is coordinating a bulk order as a service to its districts to avoid shipping costs and therefore make this edition more widely available. With shipping costs, the book will cost \$20.00. The bulk order will make them available for the approximate cost of \$12.00 per book. The exact cost will depend on the eventual size of the bulk order. If your group is interested in participating in the bulk order, please email our DCM Megan M (megankellymitchell@gmail.com) before February 24th. Book delivery will be either at the Spring Assembly if you GSR is attending, May 30-June1, or at the District 33 business meeting. Megan will have the exact price of the books by that time. You must have a check made out to Area 51 for your books before the Spring Assembly. There may be other Area bulk orders and of course books can always be ordered from GSO with the added shipping cost.
- b) Megan reviewed our guidelines for conducting discussions during our business meeting. Generally based on Robert's Rules of Order, these guidelines regarding points of order, motions, questions, discussion and debate, provide for the orderly and effective flow of business meetings.
- c) Call to Service - In an effort to broaden District unity, discussion and camaraderie, Megan encouraged members to feel free to ask any of you district officers to speak at, or visit your group.

ALT DCM

Jennie P will be contacting Leighton L soon to coordinate ALT DCM duties. Otherwise no report.

TAS

Ed M will remain on to service the telephone answering service and will be visiting Southern Voices this month to review answering service procedure with operators. 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

David M (Treatment Co-Chair) - Freedom House is in need of a group to bring a meeting in months where there is a fifth Tuesday. If your group is willing to take this commitment, please contact David at mrddavidrichardmurphy@gmail.com.

CORRECTIONS

If your group is interested in setting up a CFC (Corrections Facilities Coordinator) service position in your group, you can contact Angel S at gardianangel1818@gmail.com, or (305) 972-7979 for suggestions and assistance. Angel would like to see the District Corrections budget increased.

WEBSITE

Jim H reported that the website is up to date. Averaging 200 plus hits a day. District officers should contact Jim at jimhorne193@gmail.com or (336) 437-8680 to update their contact information.

TREASURER

Joe M presented the 2013 end-of-year report (attached). Strong contributions from groups. The year ended with excess funds of \$3,096.14 above our prudent reserve.

12 CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE

Concept I (Presented by Tom A)

The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Bill W, Dr Bob and AA's Trustees passed the ultimate authority and responsibility to our entire fellowship at the 1955 International AA Convention in St Louis. Our founders were aging and realized that they were not going to be around forever. They also were reminded that, as our Second Tradition states, "...*Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.*"

Ed M. will present Concept 2 at our February business meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

2014 Proposed Budget - Changes from 2013: ATT and Century Link phone expenses have increased, website costs have increased, corrections budget has increased \$50 to provide for more 12 Step work. Total expenses increase from \$7,822 to \$8,374. Prudent reserve increases from \$1956 to \$2094 (Prudent reserve is always of our annual budget.)

Proposed Budget Amendment: To add a \$100.00 line item in budget for Grapevine chairperson travel. Approved

Proposed Budget Amendment: To increase Treatment line from \$100.00 to \$1500.00 to allow for bigger donations of literature. This proposal was voted down by substantial unanimity .

Proposed Budget Amendment: To increase Treatment and Corrections lines to \$500.00 each. Approved.

Budget voted on with above two amendments and approved with substantial unanimity.

Remember that our TAS Chair Ed M needs a back-up for when he is otherwise occupied. Please consider service in this area. If you would like to be of service in this area please contact Ed at (336) 270-5100.

Time expired before discussion could be started on Quad-fold, whether or not to appoint a chairperson for our Unity Rally. These issues will be addressed at our February business meeting.

NEW BUSINESS/WRAP UP

TRICYPAA - Virginia K - Representative District Representative Liaison Young people in AA. Encourage AA service. Virginia presented Mission Statement and if you are interested in "YPAA" (Youth Service Participation in AA) please contact Virginia at (203) 561-4034, or at telephoneator@gmail.com

Groups should consider:

Increasing DCM travel budget, increasing Treatment budget for literature.

A one time disbursement of \$1,000.00 to Treatment for literature distribution.

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.

Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

CONTRIBUTIONS

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