

District 33 Business Meeting Minutes, January 15, 2016

Attendees: Tom A, David F, Ed M, Tim Z, Rick H, George D, Doug B, Chip A, Pam C, Stanley H, Will F, Phil C, Merritt S, Caroline L, Scott L, Bob E, Jesse Y, Jim H, Gray F

Committee Reports:

The December meeting minutes are accepted with one amendment; District 33 will not become a part of the Raleigh Intergroup or Triangle Intergroup. Rather, we will be incorporated into the Raleigh Intergroup helpline.

DCM - Tom Anderson

Tom has been working with George on the helpline.

Tom has signed the website maintenance agreement for 2017.

Tom is going to the Midwinter Conference next weekend.

He continues to visit other groups.

Alt. DCM - Lauren Cioe

Lauren has been working hard on the quadfold updates. They are for CPC/PI work, but anyone can download them from the website. The quadfold contains a group list for the whole district.

If you haven't already, contact Tom or Lauren to update your GSR information.

Lauren got the materials for Ed from our former CPC/PI coordinator.

Telephone Answering Service—Anne A - Not Present

CPCPI Coordinator - Ed McGrath

Since taking over the position, it has only been recently that he has gotten the materials relevant to his work. He is not sure how to interpret what he has been given or how to proceed. He only has a few meeting lists left and does not want to distribute them till he gets copies of the new quadfold.

Ed is open to suggestions for how to proceed. It is suggested he talk to Sam and Lauren.

He wants to know if the cards he has with the old phone number will still be working. We need to wait to hear from Anne to make sure the number from the old answering service will forward. [It will, until we dissolve the old service. From then on out we may not want to pay for the number anymore.]

Corrections - Rick Holopainen

Please consult the "Coins for Cons" financial report attached (distributed to the entire district along with the minutes) for corrections contributions numbers. The inmates have been giving posters to groups to thank them for their contributions.

Grapevine - Doug Clark

Doug has not been present, and it appears we need to fill this service position. If anyone would like to serve, please see Tom.

Website - Jim Horne

We still have to resolve the meeting app that we discussed in previous meetings. Our web developer said he would be willing to resolve it at a cost. This app will hopefully contain every meeting in the world and can help you find the closest meeting based on your location. We need to do a little work to make our district's meeting database be included in the

application. It's a little more difficult because we have a custom meeting database on our site.

We average 165 hits a day to our website. People are using it to find meetings. Jim is ready to pass the baton on to someone else. Rick may take over when he's done with corrections

Treatment - Stanley Hurlston

Stanley has been going around the district to meet with different treatment facility representatives to give them informational kits. He is giving out materials to these groups. Lots of groups have been taking meetings to facilities. It is his goal to get more of them working with the district so they have more resources.

He is going to the Midwinter Conference.

He has an order coming in soon. Let him know if you need any materials: literature racks, pamphlets, Big Books, etc.

Treasurer's Report - Pam Clarke

Note that the January report still had the wrong date.

Also note that, based on the annual report, we will distribute our surplus to the area and GSO as follows: \$1,980.82 to GSO and \$1,980.82 to the area. We had higher contributions and lower expenses than expected last year.

Last week we had a long discussion about taking some of our surplus and reallocating it for local reasons. A member wants to know if we can change our group conscience to allow some excess funds to be kept within the district. Discussion ensues. Tradition 4 states that we have discretion to run groups however we want except to the extent it affects other groups. What is going to prevent what happened last year from happening?

As is usually the case, it is our intention to discuss and vote on the appropriate distribution in October/November when we discuss formulating the 2018 budget.

Old Business

George S, visited to talk about the implications of our district's participation in the Raleigh Intergroup helpline.

If your group would like to participate in the helpline service responsibilities, please contact our DCM Tom A. He will be glad to give you more information or put you in touch with George S.

*All George needs are three names and three phone numbers.

*We should let him know whenever our group is prepared to participate in the helpline.

*A member of the group would email the list of volunteers every month.

Their budget of \$900 would be split three ways, if Durham were to become involved. That goes toward printing, workshops, and phone bills.

Where can we get the best practices pamphlet? Contact George.

*Compile a list of resources, 4 or 5 men and women who can make a service call. Someone who is close by.

George will send us meeting lists if we volunteer.

If you have any group info that needs to change on the quadfold, let us know.

District 33 is hosting the 2017 Central Pre-Conference Saturday, April 8th, at St Mark's Church in Burlington. We need volunteers to help host this event. Please contact Tom A or Jennie P to help. Help would be greatly appreciated.

Please take fliers and distribute them to your groups. Tom and Jennie will be visiting St Marks. They will ask people to be on a subcommittee to organize a menu, etc. We need someone to help. It is our turn!

New Business

None

Tom reads Concept I

Theresa K will present Concept II next month.

Announcements

-Rick presented a poster to the Basic Text Group of AA for their contributions to coins for cons.

-Bob from Pittsboro group: think about chartering a bus for your group/town for Founder's Day in Akron, Ohio June 9 through June 11. You need to register online, and the website opens up in March. Reservations to stay on campus fill up quickly.

The meeting was closed with the AA Responsibility Statement.

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.

Area 51 Contributions

NCGSC - Treasurer

PO Box 10931

Raleigh, NC 27605