

## District 33 Business Meeting Minutes, July 10, 2016

Attendees: Tom A, Lauren C, Anne A, Pam C, Stanley H, Pam C, Chip A, Will F, Newton P, Katrina M, Amy H, Rick H, Leighton L, James W, Mark G, Jeff P, Jim H, Scott P, Kevin M, Phil C, Nick C, Paul M

### Committee Reports:

May meeting minutes are accepted as circulated.

#### **DCM - Tom Anderson**

- Many of us attended the Spring Assembly.
- If you want to know more about what happened, look at the summary on the area website under "information for members": Username: 33 Password: howitworks
- On Sunday, during the second session, there were not enough voting members present for a quorum.
- We should try to stay for both days of the assemblies, if possible.

#### **Alt. DCM - Lauren Cioe**

- Lauren attended the Spring Area Committee meeting and the assembly.
- Tom and Lauren continued to work with the redistricting subcommittee.
- Lauren is chairing our ad-hoc Telephone answering service subcommittee to explore joining the Raleigh Intergroup's Helpline service: Lauren, Tom, Leighton, Anne, and Ed. They created a proposal.
- Lauren spoke at the Tarheel Group, the HOW group, The Young and the Restless group, and the Freedom House detox meeting.

#### **Telephone Answering Service—Anne A**

- Anne has not heard of any problems since we last met. There have been takers for all calls.
- Anne fielded a call Memorial Day weekend when no one else was available. She talked to an active drunk with whom she kept in touch and who ended up going to treatment.

#### **CPCPI Coordinator - Geneviève Beaudry**

Not present

- Jennie gave a short report in her absence.
- Geneviève took cards to the Carrboro Police Department and will take them more literature.
- She intends to take literature to other organizations, as well.
- Geneviève will probably not be able to make the district meeting frequently. There is a discussion about the precedent for members serving in absence.

#### **Corrections - Rick Holopainen**

- Anne and Rick went on Wednesday to Orange County Jail. They have not had a meeting room. Anne and Rick finally got to talk to the captain. It was previously communicated that a meeting would occur only after a new facility is built in 2019 or 2020, but now it seems a meeting could occur sooner.
- Rick and Anne took books to Orange County Jail.
- They had a meeting scheduled for Friday with Chatham Co. that was cancelled.
- Monday, July 18 at 5p.m. there will be a training for Butner (more information on District 32 website).
- Donations directly to our corrections committee since May 9 (not counting today) are: \$337.32 in cash and \$324.10 worth of books, totaling \$661.22. Rick purchased 120 mini edition big books at \$1 apiece. Ytd. donations: \$1365.68—cash, \$1902.57—books, \$3268.25—total. Expenses—\$525.79
- Books donated to jails have to be softcover; for prisons they can be hardcover.

-The women's group has two people who are serving long sentences due to vehicular homicides. Anne is taking in *Daily Reflections* for them.

**Grapevine** - Doug Clark  
Not present

**Website** - Jim Horne

- Jim has nothing new to report.
- He would like to make a request that the district begin working to find someone new to take over.
- There is no requirement for the position other than willingness to serve.
- Jim says that someone very familiar with WordPress would be best.
- Jim and Anne may know someone who can take over.
- The position probably requires two or three hours per month.
- Jim is concerned about posting things on the website that have phone numbers.

**Treatment** - Stanly Hurlston

- Stanley has been going to meetings at treatment centers with a lot of groups.
- He has noticed that there has been a lack of literature available in Spanish. In one case, he translated.
- He has an order in for meeting kits, which will take up half his annual budget.
- Stanley met a few people who are in school for counseling who would be interested in going to a treatment meeting.
- There is a UNC orientation scheduled.
- Stanley needs to do some work in Alamance Co. Orange and Chatham have been pretty well covered.
- Fellowship Hall is going to have a conference Aug 5-7 starting 6p.m. Friday. The agenda is on their website.

**Treasurer's Report** - Pam Clarke

- Contributions were \$1,039.07 in June and \$500 in May, so we are doing well.
- In June we paid for Tom and Lauren to attend the assembly, along with normal bills.
- Our contributions have been good, but committees have not spent much of their budgets yet.
- We are back over our prudent reserve, but we shouldn't send our excess up yet (expected spending).
- It is suggested we include corrections' special contributions in the district budget both for accountability and so we know how much we're actually spending.
- Rick notes that he would like some accountability and consideration for an increased budget. He notes that some in the district feel these donations should be transparent.
- There are concerns that the inflated budget might cause problems moving forward.
- Jennie notes that there are other districts whose corrections committee chairs collect money independently and suggests we ask them how they account for it.
- It is suggested Rick ask others he has met at the corrections conference.
- Rick is going to talk to other corrections volunteers in our area.

**Old Business**

- We have been talking about what will get posted to the website.
- Jim says it hasn't been much of an issue. He says the Midwinter Conference has been rejected as it is not part of the AA Service structure.
- He says that anyone who has any problem should clear it with the district.
- He has been posting anything that he gets from a group.
- It is noted, if it's an AA-sponsored event, it's OK. If it's not from a group or higher, we shouldn't post.
- No one has any major problems, so we're tabling the issue until anyone raises it.

-We are going to make a bid to host the 2017 Central Preconference at the Summer Committee Meeting in late August, and we need committee members. Jennie P volunteers and Lauren C and Chip will help.

-It is suggested Chip speak with someone at St. Mark's.

### **New Business**

-Anne and Lauren put together a proposal with Tom's help. Tom was approached by the Raleigh Intergroup to see if District 33 wants to join their helpline. Their system was having problems (like dropped calls etc.) They devised a system that seems to be working. Leighton began with skepticism because he put a lot of time and energy into our current system, but he sees that this new system may be very beneficial. It would free up a good amount of money.

-We haven't yet figured out all the details, such as how we would be listed in the phonebook.

-Someone from intergroup is willing to come talk to the group about it.

-We need to decide what we're going to do with the existing answering service telephone numbers.

-Lauren notes that everyone who calls the intergroup helpline gets to talk to an alcoholic.

-Leighton says that even if we still pay to have the phone lines listed, we still save half the cost.

-Each homegroup that wants to participate would receive calls one day of every month for a year.

-The helpline would cover a large geographical area. This could end up being a bit of a burden for the respondent.

-There are some guidebooks for people who want them. These also contain lists of volunteers in different areas to potentially field.

Rick presents Concept VI.

Stanley presents Concept VII.

Anne will present Concept VIII next month

### **Announcements**

-Our next business meeting will be August 14.

-Lauren is in charge of keeping the District 33 contact list up to date. New GSRs, please send your contact information to her.

-Since we're going to focus on the telephone answering service next month, Tom suggests committee members submit their reports to Tom in writing.

The meeting was closed with the AA Responsibility Statement.

### **Contributions:**

#### **District Contributions**

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

#### **Area 51 Contributions**

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