

District 33 Business Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2016

Attendees: Tom A, Lauren C, Susan B, Anne A, Pam C, Stanley H, David G, Pam C, Rick H, Chip A, Phil C, David C, Will F, Newton P, Katrina M, Amy H

Committee Reports:

DCM – Tom Anderson

- Tom has been visiting groups.
- Lauren and Tom attended the Winter Committee Meeting.
- Financial data for GSO are disturbing; It is running at a \$500,000 loss.
- GSRs should talk with groups about topics for the Area Assembly. Please refer to attached Winter Committee Meeting Summary.
- Tom and Lauren were placed on a committee to consider redistricting the state. Some districts don't have representation at the area level. A reconfiguration might allow these districts representation.
- Regarding the Southern States Area Assembly, our area did not get a bid but will continue to try again for 2019.
- There are three pre-conferences to be held in the state. GSRs are strongly encouraged to attend to give input to our delegate before she goes to New York.
- Flyers go out for the Central Pre-Conference in Kannapolis, NC (Attached).
- It is this district's tradition to support the Central Preconference with a \$75 check.
- Everyone else in the Central Area has hosted this pre-conference twice, and we have not done so. We should consider hosting it. We need a venue (church etc.) with rooms for up to 5 breakout sessions.

Alt. DCM – Lauren Cioe

- Lauren needs accurate contact information to update the area registrar's list.
- Lauren explains the mock conference at the Winter Committee Meeting to get ready for the conference. Tom and Lauren were put on the literature committee.
- They reviewed a progress report on the revision of several pamphlets including "AA for Women," "Gay and Lesbian Alcoholic," and "Young People in AA." They want to add information about the YPAAs. There is a new pamphlet: "AA for the Alcoholic with Mental Health Issues and Those that Sponsor Them." Most controversially, there was a request to create a plain-language version of the Basic Text. There is special concern for people who work with those for whom English is a second language. Many think we might let an outside organization like Hazelden do that if they think it's a viable option.
- As a brainstorming exercise, Lauren and Tom were also asked to think about the following: improving GSO's internal/external communication, increasing revenue, reducing expenses, and altering structure.

Telephone Answering Service—Anne A

- Anne is getting emails notifying her that our telephone answering service has not been receiving any messages.
- Those leaving correctional facilities may want to leave messages asking to receive contact from an AA member.
- Pam indicates that contact activity reports come with the bill.
- Anne called to test the service and felt the operator was very professional.

CPCPI Coordinator – Geneviève Beaudry

Not present

Corrections – Rick Holopainen

- Rick just got back from the 28th annual Freedom from Bondage Corrections Conference in Aberdeen.
- Rick spent (\$235) on pocket-sized copies of the Basic Text for Alamance County because they were out.
- Rick and Angel S. asked everybody for literature, and many people contributed. A Charlotte group collected over \$500 for a correctional facility that closed down and gave it to us.
- Rick is going to put out collections cans at AA meetings in our district.
- Rick is in contact with Lieutenant Lindley in Chatham County.
- Angel was on a panel on how to approach correctional officials.
- Based on a newly enforced Justice Reinvestment Act, people are being sent to jail instead of prison for DWIs. Someone is serving a four-year sentence at a Jail. We need to help create programs for jails.
- May 31 there may be a correctional orientation for Orange County.
- Rick feels he needs to try to keep a supply of donated material, because he often becomes aware of facilities that need literature.
- A new video is being produced to display in correctional facilities.
- Rick urges attendees to ask their groups for literature donations for corrections.

Grapevine – Doug

Not Present

Website – Jim Horne

Not Present

Treatment – Stanly Hurlston

- Stanly went to the Freedom House institutional meeting.
- He would like to purchase 10 kits that contain materials and information for groups that take meetings into institutions he visits. These kits give guidelines
- He got a call for a request for a new institutional meeting in Alamance County.
- Stanley attended a crisis team intervention workshop for EMS and LEOs. He helped educate first responders about AA and gave them contact information.
- Stanley is going into the Butner facility as an observer one Wednesday this month.
- Stanley's group plans on donating two grapevine subscriptions.
- Stanley is working to establish contact with UNC.
- Rick has been going to Alamance Regional Medical Center on Tuesday nights. He notes that there is no formal structure at this meeting either.
- It is noted that groups can conduct their institutional meetings however they want.

Treasurer's Report – Pam Clarke

- We collected \$1281.54 last month.
- There appears to be a break in the AT&T bill, but we are up to date.
- Please see the attached Treasurer's report, as well as the Group Contributions list.

Old Business

- We talked about the Central Preconference.

New Business

- Tom hands out a flyer for the Area Assembly June 10-12. (Flyer attached)
- There are a couple of vacant district service positions, e.g., there should be an alternate treasurer, and we have previously had an alternate grapevine representative.

- The area now has a special needs coordinator. Tom asks the group if we need a special needs coordinator? He will bring this up again, and would be interested in volunteers.
- A member asks about the assembly and pre-Conference. The pre-conference is for us to advise the delegate to attend the General Conference Meeting. The assembly involves a meeting to discuss up-and-coming issues and needs.
- There are Spanish linguistic districts that overlap our regular districts.
- Lauren presents Concept Three.

Announcements

- Our next business meeting will be held Sunday, April 10.
- Area 51 is looking for a new webmaster.
- The TRCYPAA 3rd annual Memorial Day picnic will be at Eno River Park. Newton will bring flyers.
- Thursday, May 31 at 6:30 at the Hawfields group, Rick is bringing James W. from the Orange County Correctional facility to speak.

Contributions:

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

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