

District 33 Business Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2016

Attendees: Tom A, Jenny P, Nick C, Newton P, Mark G, Jim H, Amy G, Angel S, Theresa C, Sam H, Janice, Lea E, Kathy B, Fred C, Lauren C, John H, James H, Nick C, Stanley H, Pam Clark, Anne Angel, Will F

Committee Reports

DCM—Tom Anderson

- Tom and Lauren attended the Central Preconference.
- Attended Rule 62's Old-Timers Panel

Alt. DCM—Lauren Cioe

- Lauren made some updates to the contact list for the district. She encourages officeholders who have yet to submit contact information to the area registrar to contact her.
- Lauren initiated the process of removing registration with GSO for two meetings from our district which do not exist anymore.
- She went to the Pre-conference with Tom and helped facilitate the literature discussion.
- Homer M., past delegate, talked with Lauren about the online intergroup. Dist 33 got two contact requests recently that were responded to by the committee. There are a lot of online resources Lauren didn't know about previously: chat rooms, online meetings, videos, etc.
- There are buttons for online intergroup on the area and district websites..
- Lauren went to see James W. speak at the Hawfields group.

Telephone Answering Service—Anne A

- Service is "moving on efficiently."
- She is getting "no messages" notes, but they imply there are no special issues.
- Tom was approached by someone from intergroup about potentially combining forces with District 32 to use the intergroup answering service instead.

CPCPI Coordinator—Geneviève Beaudry (not present)

Corrections Coordinator—Rick H (not present) Angel S (filling in)

- For the last several years, the CFC Coordinator has been working with District 32 and has found the relationship to be mutually beneficial from an informational standpoint.
- We just had the annual orientation for corrections work on March 31 [Correction: it had been mistakenly noted as being on May 31 in the previous business meeting notes]. Several people initiated the process of bringing meetings in or taking prisoners out.
- Chatham County offered to touch base in about three months.
- Rick and Angel are starting talks with Caswell Corrections.
- Rick is attending numerous meetings in the district and putting out "coins for cons" cans. -Several groups have committed to making book purchases for corrections.
- Some donations for corrections have come from outside our area. We need help to expand services to jails, which are vastly different from prisons.

- The Graham jail meeting has been going well.
- Anne has been to the women's meeting; We are now in our 6th or 7th week and average around five or six women, most of whom have a background in NA or AA and are really motivated to avoid recidivism.
- One former attendee contacted the answering service.
- James W., who got sober due to work done for inmates, is present. James notes our work means a lot to a lot of people who are incarcerated. A lot of the facilities rarely get materials. James notes that people in correctional facilities really welcome getting new grapevines and that many take their recovery very seriously.

Grapevine Representative—Doug
not present

Website coordinator—Jim Horne

- Jim says everything appears to be going well with the website.
- Our website is getting ready to hit 200,000 hits.
- He is way behind on the minutes.
- He notes that when his phone number is Googled, District 33 business meeting notes come up.
- website@aanc33.org is where events should be sent.
- We made a decision only to post on our district website only things sent from a group within our district. He suggests we revisit that decision.

Treatment Coordinator—Stanley H

- Stanley went to the Freedom House and ran into an issue with women not having any contacts for when they get out. He wants to know if he could or should provide our 800 number and meeting lists.
- He made contact with someone who would like a new institutional meeting started in Alamance County.
- He is still compiling a list of meetings that take meetings to institutions.
- Stanley hasn't had any contact with UNC.

Treasurer's Report—Pam C

- We are now ahead of schedule on contributions, and below projected expenses, so we are making up our prudent reserve. We are still \$239 under our prudent reserve.
- AT&T is continually raising their prices, so we should continue to explore other options.
- She notes that corrections has nearly used up its budget for the year.

Old Business

- Spring assembly** is coming up and anyone can go. GSRs are especially encouraged to attend. The assembly includes workshops on how to be a good GSR. There will be discussion about how Area 51 is planning to spend our money. We will discuss the assembly further next month.

Find more information on www.aanorthcarolina.org.

Special Needs Coordinator

-Last month Tom mentioned the area has a special needs coordinator and asked if we need one. He was/is open to volunteers.

-It is mentioned that we were going to note on meeting lists which meetings are wheelchair accessible. We have yet to make these changes.

New Business

Milage Reimbursement for our Trusted Servants-We discussed mileage reimbursements for trusted servants. Tom and Lauren went down to Kannapolis, and it was a long trip. We are wondering if our mileage reimbursement rate of 25 cents per mile is adequate. The area uses the IRS rate less 18%, which currently comes to 47 cents per mile.

-Tom notes our budget line is insufficient for all travel and accommodations.

-It is noted that travel reimbursements are important to provide an opportunity for anyone who is inclined to be able to do service, regardless of an individual's financial situation.

-A 35 cents-per-mile rate is offered as a compromise.

-It is noted that taking the mileage reimbursement is important for our budget.

-A motion was made to use the area mileage reimbursement rate, and the motion passed.

2017 Central Pre Conference

-Per our pre-conference bid for 2017, Sam offered to ask the pastor at St. Mark's if we can use that space. We have not hosted a pre-conference in a long time. Anne is in contact with a church as well.

-It is noted that the recent Central Pre-conference ran a surplus due to outside support.

-Hosting the pre-conference involves providing lunch and volunteers to help.

-We need enough room for 150 to 200 people.

-It is noted that we should be mindful about the length of business meetings.

Tom reads Concept 4.

Chip agrees to present Concept 5.

Announcements

-Our next District 33 Business meeting will be May 8, Mother's Day. Since the following month will be the assembly, the meeting will occur as scheduled.

-Tom proposes canceling the June meeting because we will be at the assembly (June 10-12).

-The third annual TRCYPAA Memorial Day speaker picnic will occur at Eno River State Park's Few's Ford Shelter. Memorial Day, May 30, 2-6pm. Speakers will be Josh E. and Lauren C.

Contributions:

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