

## District 33 Business Meeting Notes

September 9, 2019

Open: Serenity Prayer

Introductions: Paul M., pinch-hitter chair, Dave F., Stanley H., Chip A., Barbara, Cindy, Phillip, Merritt S., Emily, Michael S. Dan C. George S., John S., Mary Ann, Rick H.

Committee Reports

DCM: no

Alt DCM: no

Jesy: no; but intergroup phone service is going to talk to us.

Call captains need sign-up sheets.

We have call forwarders, too.

Al from Intergroup phone service is speaking about what to tell people when they call the phone service. Pave the way for people to more comfortably attend their first AA meeting.

Some people need a longer conversation. Forward these folks to twelve step volunteers. Get the individual's number. Give number to Al to give to a twelve-step volunteers. Manage expectations of the caller. The popularly circulated twelfth step list for Triangle Intergroup phone service is being updated; versions "out there" may date from 2012. This list is online on District 33 website, according to Rick H. Someone may even volunteer for answering service outside of any one group.

CPC/PI, Stanley: District 32 CPC/PI meets monthly. Stanley plans to attend the next month's meeting.

Corrections, George: Not here.

Grapevine, Barbara: GV jokes told at Unity Rally earn the teller a sticker.

Information Technology, Rick: He went to Q-noon. Hopes that someone will step forward and take over his position as District IT specialist or webmaster. District website has an AA for . . . section, that's LGBTQ, 55 and over, 25 and younger, any special demographic group.

Treatment Facilities, John: Talked to 5 different treatment centers about getting AA lit into those institutions. Wants to talk to the District 32 Gap Bridger.

Treasurer, Paul. \$120 August contributions. Include group number and name on the donation check, please, says Paul. \$301.03 August expenses. We have \$3,851.13 in excess funds, once we take out our prudent reserve.

Old Business: Unity Rally at St Mark's Church, 1 o'clock to 3 o'clock, Saturday, September 14. Earliest volunteers come at 10 am. Same place where pre-conference was two years ago. Park on the grass. We may have parking shepherds or signage. We hope people will bring sides and desserts. T-shirts will be available, for those who sign up. Event is on our website.

New Business: Service position nominations beginning next month, October; vote in November. Paul says "outgoing service position holder often helps the incoming service position holder learn the ropes".

Merritt: Preconference partnering between Elaina Ennis and District 33, or rather between District 32 and District 33.

Concept 9: Chip A. "Read Bill Wilson's 1959 essay on Concept 9 from the Grapevine." Concept 9 touches on the responsibilities of the GSR. GSRs are the linchpins of service. Concept 9 challenges AA to find the best leaders at all levels of AA. GSRs elect the entire Area Committee officers. GSRs vote in the Delegate election as well. GSRs also vote in Trustee elections. We have a principal of rotation. Leaders can only serve for two years, typically. Board of Trustees is also defined in Concept 9. Board of Trustees replaced Bill Wilson and Bob Smith for decision-making for AA at the World Service level. Twelve Concepts is for AA as a whole, Traditions is for AA groups, Steps is for AA individuals.

Barbara takes Concept 10.

Pamphlet "Twelve Concepts Illustrated" is worth reading, according to Chip A. Reading the long form in the Service Manual has been shown to cure insomnia.

Next meeting, Sunday, October 13.

Announcements: SAASA from Barbara. Baxic Test is having 27 September anniversary. Also Burlington group anniversary, October 13, 6:30