

District 33 Business Meeting Minutes  
December 8th, 2019 (Amended Jan 12, 2020)

Open: Serenity Prayer

Introductions:

Administrative: November meeting minutes - APPROVE IF NO OBJECTION

- Approved

Committee Reports- Please keep reports brief!

DCM – Doug B.:

- Elections in November for District offices starting January 1
- Area assembly recently, see Area website for agenda items and votes
- Rotating out w/ gratitude

Alt DCM - Jason B.:

- Not present

Telephone Answering Service/Helpline - Jesy Y:

- Willing to stay on as Telephone Answering Service for D33 in 2020.
- Lottery has taken place. D33 groups are all keeping the same day.
- Motion for Jesy to continue on unless asked to rotate out. Seconded, passed.

CPCPI - Stanley H:

- Attended 2 group anniversaries w/ CPCPI display
- PI info given to administrative rep at UNC School of Medicine

Corrections - George D:

- Not present
- Freedom from Bondage registrations form available (2020 Area 51 Correction Conference). Can also register online.
- Barbara to circulate among groups and update the labels on the Coins for Cons containers.

Grapevine – Barbara B.:

- Report on cash balance of \$100 extra expenditure
- October - December \$138 sales, made another Grapevine inventory order including calendars
- Will email all GSRs about giving Grapevine as a gift
- Attended 4 anniversaries (Wild Bunch, The Grand, ....)
- 5 groups to be visited prior to Jan 1 (3 groups she has not seen since she has started)

Website - Rick H:

- Working w/ Sharon who is taking over and writing procedures
- Spring into action flyer on website

- Converted "Webmaster" email address to email Rick and Sharon
- Can forward all service position email addresses (just note the reply will be sent from your personal email address)
- Outgoing servants will continue to receive emails until they tell Rick to remove them

Treatment – Christine / John D:

- Not present

Treasurer - Paul M:

- Contributions for November \$1,716.31. 91.2% of budgeted contributions have been received, and 91.2% of days in 2019 have elapsed.
- District electronic donations have been received in 2019 (over \$800; cost \$79/year). We can individually or as a District donate to the Area.
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro Group treasurer allegedly made a contribution but they do not appear on the contribution list. That group is investigating.
- Tuesday Men's Group - should this be removed? Yes in 2020. Mark inactive groups on contribution list.

John S is our new Secretary

Old Business-

None

New Business- 2020 Budget

- This may be something that has to go into 2020, but we do have a proposed budget.
- DCM Travel / Admin: Last year \$1400 budget. This year proposed \$1500. The area voted this year to have assemblies in other areas of the state. Also, the departing DCM did not have to expense travel because he lived in driving distance from all Committee meetings. Recommend the \$1500 amount is appropriate.
- Alt. DCM: Jason's work schedule limited his ability to go to meetings. In 2019, the Alt. DCM funds were re-allocated to the Unity Rally fund. Stanley will probably be able to make a few more than Jason was able to. Recommend the \$1,100 level is appropriate.
- Telephone Answer Service: The proposed budget line looks like it will be fine. Southern Voices was \$4,000 per year so we are saving a lot.
- CPC/PI: Money shortage in 2018, voted to increase in 2019. 2019 worked out well w/ travel expenses and supplies. \$1,000 should work well.
- Corrections: \$1,000 is for travel and mileage. Coins for Cons is for the literature. Because of the shortfall of the budget, 2019 was tight. The District rep needs to circulate among the groups, talk about the can, and collect the funds. The Wild

Bunch asked if there can be a separate budget line for Coins for Cons. This can be voted on by the District group when it comes time to send funds up.

- Grapevine: Travel required for visiting Area Grapevine rep and workshops with the Area Grapevine rep. A wider range of materials is needed. \$800 would be enough.
- Website: Web hosting and domain names are multi-year. The more years you pay for, the cheaper it is. For a few years there could be a few years with no expenses, but then the bill will hit and we'll need a special expenditure. \$1,200.
- Treatment: \$500 sounds good
- Treasurer: Administrative fund \$250 will be sufficient
- Unanimity Fund: Send GSRs or proxy Alt GSRs. One room night. Submit prior to assembly, prior to end of room block deadline. \$450 remains as is.
- Group assistance fund: one group in 2019. Keep in place.
- Rent remains unchanged \$145.
- Unity Rally: \$600 budgeted, \$856 spent. Rent \$100. A lot of contributions were given. With no contributions, it would cost \$1,000 easily. \$1,000 proposed.
- PO Box fee: \$85 is correct as far as we know
- Pre-Conference Support: District volunteers to sponsor pre-conference so that delegates can be prepared for GSO conference.
- Total budget \$9,040. Increase 3 line items (\$800 total). New proposed budget \$9,840 (operation budget). The prudent reserve will be \$2,460. Total budget would be \$12,300. Approved!

#### Concept 12- Jackie

- Chip is pinch hitting for Jackie. Focused on legacy of unity. Written and published by Bill W. in 1960. Identical to article 12 of the GSC charter written in 1955. General warranties of the conference (6 in total). Bill thought they were very important; asked that they not be changed unless  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all AA local districts in AAWS vote otherwise (next to impossible to change). "GSC shall observe the AA tradition". GSC never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power. The top of the triangle is beholden to the lower triangle. Fiscal policy is to be prudent with an ample reserve. No one in AA can be put in a position of authority over anyone else in the conference. Substantial unanimity ( $\frac{2}{3}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a fellowship) is required for approvals. No conference action will ever be personally punitive (person or group) out of the conference agenda. According to Bill W. this is a sound spiritual principle (maybe sometimes hard to abide by). The GSC is never to enter into public controversy, even in defense of our general principles. This will maintain our unity and goodwill to the general public. The GSC acts in service to AA, but it cannot provide acts of governance. Some members cannot be excluded. Each group can behave as it wishes as long as it does not disparage the name of AA as a whole. GSC cannot step on any group as long as they do not have any outside affiliations.

Concept 1 Volunteer:

- Jesy Y.

Anniversary Recognition:

- Jesy celebrated 4 years on Oct 26
- Jose celebrated 16 years on Dec 2
- Doug will have 28 years on Dec 17

Announcements:

Tar Heel Group Anniversary New Year's Eve Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Doors open at 6:30 PM, Pot Luck at 7:00 and Speaker at 8:00.

Barbara: Register for Freedom from Bondage - room rate reduction ends Jan 1.

Basic Text Group: moving to United Church of Chapel Hill for Beginners Meeting at 7 and regular meeting at 8pm. Rick will post on website. Literature meeting.

Next Regular District 33 business meeting will be held Sunday January 12th, 2020.

Close: Responsibility Statement

Contributions

(Please write your group name and number on your check so that your group gets credit for your contribution!) District 33:

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