

MONTHLY DISTRICT MINUTES

April 10, 2014

Meeting called to order: 6:30 p.m.

Open: Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer, followed by welcoming of new GSR, Debbie of Open Channel (a new group).

There were 19 Groups Present: Bethel, Cone Hospital Group, Courage to Change, Daytime, Desperados, Easy Does It, Free Spirit, Live and Let Live, Nighttime on Greene, No smoke Big Book, Pepsi, Dogwood, Radiance, The Way Out, 12:00 Unity Club Lunch Bunch, Back to Reality, Open channel, Step Lively.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the March meeting were posted on the Website, a motion was made, seconded, and the minutes were approved as posted.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented. Motion made and seconded to approve as presented.

Committee Reports:

CFC: Jill - Absent

TFC: No Chair. Rob indicated he would be interested in chairing this position. Drew met with him after the meeting to relate the responsibilities of the position.

Special Events: Rucker. He reported that the committee

spent \$197 for St. Patrick's Party, the 7th Tradition Basket brought in \$118, and that he took \$100 of the proceeds to put a down payment on the shelter at BurMill Park for Founder's Day, June 8. He proposed a budget of \$4,800 for his committee for the year, explaining that Founder's Day and New Years Eve are the most expensive events, and that during the "off months" the committee hopes to put on workshops with various topics. He predicted that the cost for Cinco de Mayo would be approximately \$300.00

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the budget, food costs, etc. It was suggested that perhaps we need to look at simpler foods to keep the costs within a reasonable budget.

CPC/PI: Sheila. Nothing new. She requested details about the expenses of her committee last year so that she could come up with a reasonable budget for 2014. These figures will be given to her by the treasurer.

Grapevine: Dan. He continues to talk about Grapevine subscriptions at meetings. This is the 75th Anniversary of the Grapevine and there will be birthday celebrations at both the Area Assembly May 31 - June 1 in Raleigh, and also at the NC State Convention, also at the Hilton in Raleigh July 10-13. He suggested perhaps the District consider purchasing Grapevine subscriptions and/or gift cards to be raffled off by Special Events at Cinco de Mayo, Founders Day and New Years Eve. The cost for six would be approximately \$180.

Website: Thomas. No report. Drew requested that he get

figures for hits, downloads, etc., from Sam and report to the District each month.

LCM: Earl/Dave. Earl reported that packets for new GSRs are on hold for the moment. It appears from the records that New York has correct information, but Area 51 Registrar does not. Hopefully this matter will be cleared by the time of the next Area Assembly.

Intergroup: Lisa. Absent. Jim reported for Intergroup that only 17 people had preordered the 75th anniversary copy of the Big Book. He also stated that although last month Intergroup did well, this month sales are down 8% and donations are down 8%. Sharon reported that her group passes the hat on the first Monday of each month specifically for Intergroup, and perhaps the GSRs could suggested that for their home groups.

Special Needs: Sharon. Reported that she had a request from a deaf man who was looking for a deaf sponsor, preferably male. She asked if anyone knew of any such person that they let her know.

Dist. 23 Archives: Jim. Absent

Alt. DCM: Drew stated that while Steve is working out of town, he, as Alt. DCM, will conduct our business meetings. Drew gave a synopsis of the Preconference held in Winston on April 6. Some of the topics up for discussion were Anonymity, PI, Corrections, Finance, and the Grapevine. It was noted that our delegate, Homer, goes as an informed member of AA, having participated in Preconferences in the

western part of the state, central part, and eastern part, and having a feeling for the group conscience, he then casts his vote as he sees fit.

DCM Report: Out of Town on Business

Old Business: None

New Business: Budgets were due this month; however, most committee chairs are newly elected and have no reference for their budgets. Following some discussion, Jean P. made a motion that all Committee Budgets be based on last year's expenses, with the exception of Special Events. She moved that Special Events be budgeted quarterly, with this quarter being in the amount of \$1,200.00. It was suggested that our treasurer go back to last year's budget for the committees and provide those figures to the committee chairs.

In additional new business, at the January meeting, GSRs were requested to return to their home groups and come up with ideas for the District. Jo F., Daytime, reported that Daytime wanted to know if the District could sponsor a Big Book Study or some type of workshop. Also, that group indicated that there is a lack of knowledge of what the various positions are, i.e. DCM, LCM, CPC/PI, etc, and could someone perhaps come to one of the Daytime business meetings and explain. Additionally, they were curious if the District could sponsor busses to the International Convention in Atlanta in 2015. Finally, she related that there was a visitor from England who was disappointed that she could not buy copies of the Grapevine.

Rue brought up the question of what can be on the website and what can't. For instance, perhaps the need of the deaf man looking for a deaf sponsor would be one of those things to be posted on the District 23 website. Again, it was suggested that Sam be contacted to find out what the policy of the website is, and if there is a need to revisit this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.