

MONTHLY DISTRICT MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:35 by Drew

Open: Welcome new GSRs: Kay, GSR, and Chris, Alt. GSR, for Serenity Group; Jason, Alt. GSR for ABC Group.

Present: 20 groups were represented: ABC, Bethel, Courage to Change, Daytime, Desperados, Dogwood, Early Bird, Easy Does It, Free Spirit, Green Street, Issues and Answers, Keeping It Green, Mid Day Reprieve, No Smoke Big Book, Open Channel, Radiance, Summit Fellowship Men's Meeting, The Way Out, 12:00 Unity Club Lunch Bunch, Serenity Group.

Secretary's Report: Jean. Secretary's Report approved.

Treasurer's Report: Skip. In Skip's absence, Kim presented the Treasurer's Report which was approved.

Committee Reports:

CFC: Molly. Absent. Roberta reported that the Monday night meeting at the jail is going well. The women volunteers are showing up on a regular basis. The literature has been discussed. The print is too small for many to read so they are going to purchase some large print Big Books to alleviate this problem. There is some discussion about adding a Wednesday meeting to the schedule.

TFC: Jackie. Reported she has contacted Urban Ministries about taking a meeting to the facility, but she has had no response as of today.

She explained the program Bridging the Gap where volunteers meet with people about to leave rehab, offer to take them to a meeting or two and get them started on their journey. The program does not involve permanent sponsorship. Area 51 is interested in getting names and numbers of people who would be interested in starting this program at Daymark. Paula (absent at this meeting) will be chairing this project. Anyone who wishes additional information can contact Jackie at NC23.org.

An additional subject was taking a meeting to IRC. Jackie said this has been tried in the past. AA members took meetings for several months and no one showed any interest.

CPC/PI: Open Position

Special Events: Temporarily Open. David has resigned. Candy has shown interest in becoming chair of Special Events; however, she was absent at this meeting and therefore could not be voted in. This position will remain open until the next meeting, at which time if Candy is present she will be presented as candidate for chair.

Rucker, past chair, was present and reported the totals for the New Year's Eve Gala. There were 180 people, 47 local groups and 10-15 outside area groups represented. Cost was \$2,203, the basket yielded \$423, which leaves a total cost of \$1,780.

Grapevine: Dan. 2 Grapevine subscriptions were given away at the New Year's Eve Gala: Heather A. And "Redhead" Peggy.

Dre received a copy of Dr. Bob and the Oldtimers.

On a side note Dan said there was a wonderful article in last month's Grapevine by Kenneth from Wilmington about his experience when he was Area 51 CPC chair.

With regard to the National Contest for subscriptions, NC had 45 new subscriptions for the year which is up 25%.

Dan also said that sometime in the coming year he hopes to organize a writing workshop will be held with Lisa P, Area 51 Grapevine Chair.

It was noted that Dan had not been voted to continue his chairmanship. There was a motion and second that he continue. Vote was unanimous.

Website: Open

Special Needs: Sharon. No report. It was noted that Sharon had not been voted on at Election Time. There was a motion and second that she continue her chairmanship. Vote was unanimous.

Intergroup: Open. Drew pointed out that the District and Intergroup are two different entities, and that is why we have a representative to Intergroup to keep up with what is going on.

LCM: Dave/Roberta. All update sheets have been submitted. She is going to contact Dave as he has been absent the past

few meetings and he has some update sheets which need to be sent to GSO.

Alt. DCM: Kim. Said she is excited about being Alt. DCM and learning more.

DCM Report: Drew. Explained about the Committee Meetings which are held 4 times a year. The Spring and Fall Committee meetings are for DCMs and Alt. DCMs. At these meetings members share what is working in their Districts, what is not; agenda items for Area Assemblies are discussed, along with what workshops are to be presented. The other two Committee Meetings take place at the Spring and Fall Assemblies, prior to the general meeting.

Drew explained the Preconferences, of which there are 3: East, Central, and West. Our Preconference is scheduled for April 3 in the Charlotte Area. More information on time and place at the next District Meeting. This is the opportunity every member of AA has to express their opinions on agenda items which our delegate will vote on when she goes to NYC for the annual meeting.

Drew commented on what a good year our District had and that we accomplished a lot. He hopes that we will continue to grow.

Old Business: The topic of when to post new meetings on the NC23.org website was revisited as it had been tabled from December. There was a lengthy discussion pro and con to posting immediately upon the District receiving notice of a new meeting. Both pro and con had their opinions. There

was a motion to post new meetings immediately upon receiving notice of a new meeting. The motion passed.

The subject of a storage facility for Special Events was not discussed.

New Business: Jean reminded the group that she had received a call from the church a few months ago, which she brought to the District Meeting, that a member of the church wished to had an ALS meeting at the same time as our meeting. The District agreed to move to another part of the church as the Parish Hall is the easiest handicap accessible room for the ALS people. That meeting began tonight and it was decided that until further notice our District Meeting will be held in the Chapel which is accessible from the handicap parking lot on Tremont.

Adjourn: 8:10