

**DISTRICT 23**  
**MONTHLY MINUTES**  
**July 12, 2012**

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

**Open:**           **Reid** opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.  
**New GSRs/Alt.GSRs:**           None

**Present:**       Manny B., Southwest Group; Dan C., Green Street & Pleasant Garden; Tommy J., Live & Let Live; Charles K., Rule 62; Gordon R., Big Book No Smoke; Teddy B., Serendipity;; Drew H., Beginners and Winners; Lyn B., Back To Reality; Chris H., Daytime; Cheryl L., Bethel.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion and second to approve minutes of June 14, 2012. Passed

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion and second to approve Treasurer's Report. Passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**CFC:** Absent

**TFC:** Absent Reid advised that Daymark would like better communication regarding meetings being taken to their facility. Apparently a meeting night was missed.

**CPC:** Absent

**PI:**    Open Position

**Special Events:**       Absent

**Grapevine:**            Open Position

**Website Report:**     Doug reported by email that hits are down, approximately 100 per month, although hits are higher than last year, and three times the hits in the previous three years. He also reported that printing of the Hot Sheet is down.

**LCM:**                   Jean had no report.

**Alt. DCM:**             Open Position

**DCM Report:** Without naming names, but as his duty as DCM to report what is going on in the District, Reid said that there was a controversy within the District into which our Delegate, Jennifer D., and GSO legal department have been brought. An individual and/or individuals, under the guise of a new District of AA, sold water on two occasions at public functions and collected donations from the public, collecting \$1,380 the first time and \$2,074, the second time.

Reid said he had advised the coordinators of the fun Fourth Festival of Traditions 7 and 10, that AA was not involved, and that there “may or may not” be a possible donation scam. They thanked him for this information. It appears that the AA name is no longer being used toward these fund raisers. However, statements from the individual and/or individuals state that they are working to be approved as a new District 44 in the fall. According to our delegate and GSO, this is not true. She is preparing a written response to our DCM and the groups of District 23 to confirm for everyone that these statements are false. Report of the incidents to the GSO legal department resulted in a response that they are looking forward to seeing the actions taken by the District and our Delegate. The legal department’s only request is that they be informed.. There is no pending legal action.

Reid stated that incidents like this make it difficult to practice spiritual principles. Tradition 7 (We are self-supporting through our own contributions) and Tradition 10 (AA has no opinion on outside issues) must be adhered to in situations like this. Reid has advised Jennifer D., Delegate, via email of all the facts and she will prepare a letter to be distributed to all groups in Greensboro. This should take place within the next week or two.

Reid informed the group that as a result of the above, he had removed the name of a member from the website without first discussing and getting permission from the District. The group felt he had done nothing wrong.

There was a Motion and second, passed unanimously, allowing Reid to make any future decisions regarding anything that might be harmful to District 23 or AA as a whole.

There was an additional Motion and second, passed unanimously, that the name removed from the website be permanently removed.

The question arose whether GSRs should inform their groups about the controversy. GSRs were advised they may disclose the activities to their home groups; however it was suggested they tell not what’s happening, but what’s not happening, i.e. no plans to form a new District; no selling water, no outside contributions, etc.

**Intergroup Report:** Manny had no report, as the Intergroup Meeting is next week. He will have a report at next month’s meeting.

**Special Needs:** Absent

**Dist. 23 Archives:** Open Position

**OLD BUSINESS:** GSRs encouraged to report to their groups the following open positions: Alt. DCM, Secretary, PI, Grapevine, Archivist. Sobriety and service requirements can be found on NC23.org.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion and second was passed unanimously to have the position of

Special Needs changed to an open position as the result of certain undisputed activities which are detrimental to the District and AA as a whole.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:15 with the Responsibility Pledge.