

**DISTRICT 23
MONTHLY MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Drew.

Open: Drew opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

New GSR, Bill, of Courage to Change was welcomed. Also in attendance was Tyler, chair of NCYPAA.

Present: 12 Groups were represented: Back to Reality, Bethel, Courage to Change, Daytime, Dogwood, Easy Does It, Green Street, Keeping It Green, Muir's Chapel Mens, Open Channel, Piedmont, The Way Out. Drew reported that Beginners & Winners meeting has closed.

Secretary's Report - Jean. Secretary's Report was approved.

Treasurer's Report - Kim. Treasurer's Report was approved

Committee Reports:

CFC - Molly. There appears to be a problem with the sign up sheet for men taking a meeting into the prison - there is no place on the volunteer sheet to sign up for AA/NA meetings. Charlie has spoken to the person who trains volunteers, and a solution is being sought. Molly said she is attending the training session which Jackie (TFC) is holding Saturday, November 14.

TFC - Jackie. Training workshop this Saturday, November 14 at Westover Church, beginning at 1 p.m. Lunch, door prizes and fellowship provided. Enter on the right side and go all the way around the back to the left side where a sign will direct people. The workshop is being facilitated by Robert (Area TFC Chair). The workshop is for people who volunteer to take meetings into treatment centers.

CPC/PI - Dave. Absent. Drew announced the USPS is having a Health and Safety Fair on November 19, and that both Dave and Sam H. (Area

CPC/PI) plan to man a booth.

Special Events - Rucker . Turned in to the Treasurer the money from Founders Day. The New Year's Eve event will be held again at Westminster Church. He asked for suggestions for food, as there were a few complaints last year about the chicken. The event will be the same as last year since it was such a success. Speakers will be at 7 and 9, and no food will be served while speakers are at the podium. Volunteers are needed to set up, clean up, decorate, serve, etc. Committee meetings for volunteers will be at Common Grounds, and times will be posted on the website, NC23.org.

Grapevine - Dan. Absent Drew received an email from Lisa (Area Grapevine Chair) reminding us that the Subscription Contest Challenge for each Area in the country is about to come to a close - 35 days remaining. The Area with the most subscriptions will win the right to have their stories published in the Grapevine in 2016.

Website Report Thomas. Absent. Via a text to Drew, Thomas reported that views were 4,000 hits; downloads of Hot Sheet 92; and downloads of the schedule were 134.

Special Needs - Sharon. Absent

Intergroup - Lisa. Absent. Jim reported for Intergroup stating that all is well, and to send money.

LCM - Dave/Roberta. Reported that all is up to date at this time.

Alt. DCM - Open Position:

DCM Report -Drew.

The following actions were taken at the Area Assembly:

The Assembly elected Elizabeth P. To serve as Treasurer for the remainder of 2015-2016.

The Assembly voted:

To increase the NC State Convention registration fee to \$20 for pre-registrants and \$25 for onsite registrants.

That the 2016 Area 51 Corrections Conference, “Freedom from Bondage” be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Aberdeen, NC on March 11-13, 2016.

That the Cherryville group be redistricted from District 14 to District 15.

That the Area establish the position of Webmaster to begin in 2017. The term is a 2 year term with eligibility to serve a second 2 year term. The impact on the budget will be approximately \$1600 annually with a one-time increase of \$800 in the prudent reserve.

That all Area 51 Spring and Fall Assembly weekends and Conventions from August 15, 2017 to August 14, 2019 be held at the North Raleigh Hilton. The Winter and Summer Area Committee meetings will be held at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at Four Seasons.

The 2016 Budget was approved.

OLD BUSINESS: In conjunction with our proposed updated website, Drew brought up the subject of new meetings and what the waiting time should be before being posted on the website. The “rule” from GSO is that no new meetings are printed in the schedule until they have been in existence for 3 months. Following an extended discussion regarding whether to post new meetings immediately on the website, it was moved, seconded and approved to table the discussion until our next meeting. In the meantime, GSRs were encouraged to return to their home groups and return with an opinion.

Vacant Positions: Grapevine, Website, Special Needs, Intergroup.

NEW BUSINESS: Our Webmaster, Sam, demonstrated how our new, updated website would look and operate. There was some discussion following which there was a motion and second to implement the updated website. The motion was unanimously approved.

Next on the agenda was the matter of elections for the 2016-2018 service year. Several positions were recently filled, or the persons serving had not served a full two years. These persons were asked if they wished to continue in their positions, and they agreed. The following remain the same:

**DCM: Drew
CFC: Molly
TFC: Jackie
CPC/PI: Dave
LCM: Dave/Roberta**

The following positions were open:

**Alt. DCM Kim was unanimously elected
Secretary Jean was unanimously elected for a second term
Treasurer Skip was unanimously elected
Spec. Events David**

There was no one to stand for the following positions:

**Grapevine
Website
Special Needs
Intergroup**

GSRs were told to return to their home groups and inform the group of the open positions.

Kim asked for prayers as she and her family recently lost her mother.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:50 p.m. with the Responsibility Pledge.