

April 14, 2022

District 23 Meeting Minutes

Opened with Serenity Prayer.

'Why Do We Need a Conference?' was read.

Roll Call + Welcome: New GSRs/Alt GSRs: Please e-mail the Web Committee (webcommittee@nc23.org) so we can get you signed up for e-mails and text notifications. For District notices text sign up: text 474747 and then type eznc23.

GSRs can update your group's listing with GSO at this link: <https://aanorthcarolina.org/contacts/area-officers/registrar/gcf>

New GSRs Present: Betty, Shivering Denizens

Committee Members Present

Committee Chair	Member	Present
Correctional Facilities (CFC)	Roberta R	
Special Events	Robin R	
Treatment Facilities (TFC)	Della	
Web & Technology	Mariah	
Treasurer	Mitch	
Secretary	Jami U	X
LCM	Jennifer W	X
Alt DCM	Kyle R	X
DCM	Kimberly M	X

Groups Present:

The Way Out
It's in the Book
Pathway to Freedom
Down and Dirty
Mustard Seed
Happy Hour
Shivering Denizens
Courage to Change
Step Lively
Big Book No Smoke
Miracles Happen

Secretary's Report: Jami U. Secretary's report approved (available on nc23.org)

Groups with special needs:

Big Book No Smoke (Bill) – change to live meeting at 1601 Walker Ave
Down and Dirty – expect a change in meeting details

Reports:

- **Cooperation with the Professional Community & Public Information (CPC/PI)** VACANT
- **Accessibilities** VACANT
- **Grapevine:** No report submitted.
- **Special Events:** Picnic Committee head: Kathleen P. Committee members: Natalie O, Laura F, Tammi, David N., Robin. It will begin at 12 noon at Shelter 7 at country park on Sunday, June 12. Flyer will be available soon. David N will be in charge of food and cooking/ We are considering adding simple "backyard carnival games". There will be music of some sort. Family, kids will be encouraged to attend. Cars with handicap placards will be able to drive in and park at the shelter. All others need to park at the JC park entrance and walk a short distance. We will start publicizing soon
- **Correctional Facilities (CFC):** There is no new information coming out of Guilford County Jail. I am staying in touch with my contact at the facility. I did receive two Grapevine subscriptions from The Shivering Denizens Group. I will continue to keep in touch with the jail.
- **Treatment Facilities (TFC):** No update since last month. The treatment facilities are still under caution of Covid.
- **Web & Technology:** No report submitted. Not present.
- **Treasurer:** No report submitted. Not present.
- **Intergroup:** Dave is the office manager, operating three half days Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 3 PM. Volunteer shifts are no longer needed. Contributions have helped and the balance sheet looks good. Trouble getting literature from World Service (As Bill Sees It, etc) due to stock issues with paper. The intergroup office has a new landlord and rent has been discounted temporarily. Also meeting space is available at the intergroup office location 4125 Walker Ave Suite C; about 300 square feet for 300\$ a month. Room would fit 25 to 30 people. Parking before 5p is a concern. Summit Club + Unity club have space available for cheaper. Asks GSRs to discuss with groups to see if there is a need for additional meeting space.
- **LCM:** Gave groups print outs from area with information on file about their group and asked them to look it over and tell them any changes that need to be made.
- **Alt DCM:** Wants to hold a buzz session soon and asked GSRs for ideas of topics: June or July buzz session or workshop. Accessibility + inclusivity, Safety Material, Sponsoring into Service (service sponsorship), Recharging AA after COVID, Rainer's Delegate's report at Service Nerds, 3 Legacies, GSR Workshop
- **DCM**
 - "Service Nerds," Greensboro's service manual study meets at 6:15p every Wednesday night on Zoom. Details are on nc23.org
 - Spring Assembly: **Hotel room cut-off is May 13.** Unity Fund available for GSRs who's groups cannot afford a hotel room – please let Kimberly know if you would like to use this fund. **Deadline May 9.**
 - Story Submission for 5th Edition of the Big Book: **Deadline October 31, 2022.** *The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3500 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages. Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of the submission. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files. The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not. Stories will be accepted in English, French or Spanish. If you have*

any questions, please write to 5BBStory@aa.org. Instructions for submitting your manuscript:

Online: aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th

Old Business

- Open Positions: CPC/PI, Accessibilities, Grapevine. Reminder that GSRs can also hold a position (Accessibilities, LCM, etc.) or someone attending district meetings can hold a position and not be a GSR.
 - Jimmy elected into second LCM position

New Business

- Area 51 has a surplus of \$11,725 by the August Summary Committee meetings and is seeking suggestions from groups on how to spend this surplus. Don from Shivering Denizens suggested to spend it on camera and equipment for hybrid assemblies.
- Currently the method of communication for district meeting minutes and the agenda is a link on the nC23 site. Kimberly asked whether in addition a monthly email can/should be sent, presumable to GSRs or group representatives that submitted email addresses on the attendance or signup sheet. GSRs present unanimously agreed that they would want emailed minutes in addition to the reminder text they receive each month.

Adjourn with Responsibility Statement

Open Position Descriptions:

Local Committee Member (LCM): LCMs currently attend meetings for groups that are not represented at District Meetings to announce District events and try to encourage participation at the District and Area level. LCMs attend and give reports at all District Committee Meetings. LCMs also attend and participate in all Area Committee Meetings and Area Assemblies (4 Weekends per Year) as well as Area Workshops as appropriate.

Accessibilities Coordinator: Accessibilities goes beyond just physical limitations and disabilities, and the Accessibility Coordinator helps to ensure that District 23's meetings are as accessible as possible to all alcoholics regardless of their situation. In addition to responding to requests and inquiries that are received, the Accessibilities Coordinator works with the Area 51 Accessibilities Coordinator and helps to locate resources for those who may need accommodation. Also, the Coordinator helps to maintain the accessibilities inventory of the District to make certain the District is aware of what meetings are and are not accessible for a variety of needs.

Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information Chairperson (CPC/PI):

CPC/PI responds to requests from professional groups and other organizations for information about AA. CPC/PI includes things such as setting up a booth at a health fair, speaking to a group of medical professionals, or the far more mundane making sure that ABC stores and doctor offices have pamphlets and meeting schedules. Ideally CPC/PI coordinates with the Area 51 CPC and PI coordinators and is supported by a committee.