

# District 23 Meeting Minutes

## for April 13, 2023

*Why Do We Need a Conference?* Was read

Roll Call + call for special group needs + new GSR/Alt GSR. Kimberly asked all to sign the sign-in sheet.

| Committee Chair   | Member      | Present |
|---|-------------|---------|
| DCM   | Kimberly M  |         |
| Alt DCM   | Kyle R      |         |
| LCM 1   | Jennifer W  | X       |
| LCM 2   | Jimmy       | X       |
| Treasurer   | Mitch       | X       |
| Secretary   | Jami U      | X       |
| Web & Technology  | Mariah/Josh | X       |
| Special Events  | Robin R.    |         |
| Treatment Facilities (TFC)  | Della       |         |
| Correctional Facilities (CFC)   | Viki/Tom    | X       |
| Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information (CPC/PI) | Zach M      |         |
| Accessibilities   | Iris        |         |
| Grapevine   | Tommy S     | X       |

**16 Groups Present:** The Way Out, Courage to Change, Cornerstone, Safe Shelter, Lunch Bunch, Early Bird, Big Book No Smoke, Down & Dirty, Mustard Seed, Greens Street, Safe Haven, Mid Day Reprieve, Free Spirit, Shivering Denizens, GSO Intergroup, Saturday Morning Men’s Touchstone

**Group special needs:** No

**New GSRs/Alt GSRs present:**  
Tony S, Safe Haven, GSR

**Last month’s meeting minutes:** No suggested changes. Motion made to accept the March district meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

**Open (Vacant) Committee Chair positions:** None

### In-Meeting Committee Chair comments

Grapevine: Tommy S

- See full report below in the “Submitted Committee Reports” section.

- With contributions, we've been busy distributing magazines to AA meetings and IOPs. We are aiming to provide the grapevine magazines to the jails. **GSRs**, please remind members of this publication and that there is also a website and Grapevine podcast at [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

Accessibilities: Iris

- Nothing to report.

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

- Nothing to report.

Special Events: Robin

- Founders Day is approaching, June 10<sup>th</sup>. **GSRs**, we're looking for suggestions and volunteers. Submit suggestions (food, site, etc.) to Jennifer ([lcm1@nc23.org](mailto:lcm1@nc23.org)) or Robin ([robinringer@aol.com](mailto:robinringer@aol.com)). Most feedback for last year's Founders Day was positive, except not having a playground for children. Volunteers are requested also – to help setup, cook, cleanup. Contact Robin via email to sign up as a volunteer.

Correctional Facilities (CFC):

- See full report below in the "Submitted Committee Reports" section.
- Regarding entry into the jails, we've done an orientation for both Greensboro and Highpoint (D23 and D24). The jails only let us submit 10 applications and that covers 4 days a week. **GSRs**, we need more volunteers. We are now determining the days and times and we need people to fill the daytime slots (evenings and weekends are short-staffed at the facilities).
- Applicants [volunteers to bring a meeting to the jail] must do an orientation, and Viki has the hard copy applications. Please do not use the application on the Guilford county website, use the one that Viki has. Contact either Viki Matthews (336-340-3817) or Tom P. (336-337-0776).
- The jails only allow "soft cover" Big Books. **GSRs**, consider announcing to your homegroups the need for donations of soft cover big books and/or grapevine magazines to your homegroups. This will be an ongoing need. Cash donations to the GSR are also welcome, so that we can purchase more soft cover big books.

Treatment Facilities (TFC): Della

- See full report below in the "Submitted Committee Reports" section.

Web & Technology: Mariah

- Nothing to report.

Intergroup: Dave

- First quarter results were very strong, having a positive net income compared to a negative value last year. Significant contributions came from not just from D23 but also Graham and Burlington. Contact Dave if you want to see how your homegroup has contributed. Dave expressed his gratitude to the homegroups and those that brought this message to the homegroups.
- Grapevine and World Services have/will increase some literature prices by about 20%, so the Big Book price may increase soon.

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Treasurer: Mitch

- See full report below in the “Submitted Committee Reports” section.
- District 23 is officially incorporated as a nonprofit.
- **GSRs**, consider communicating to your homegroups that when sending contributions using a personal check or using the CashApp, to include the group name on the check or in the CashApp application transaction. Without it there is only an individual’s name which cannot likely be associated with a homegroup.

Alt DCM: Kyle

- Nothing to report.

LCM: Jimmy/Jennifer

- The virtual preconference is [was] Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> from 2-4. Find the agenda on <https://www.aanorthcarolina.org/members/delegates-corner> (user “23”, pass “iamsobor”)
- **GSRs**, please communicate to your homegroups that District 23 will be offering “Information sessions” every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6 PM at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church at 2105 W Market Street. Any AA member can attend. This immediately precedes the District meeting which is at 6:30. Offering the Information Sessions resulted from the positive response in the past group survey. Today’s [April 14<sup>th</sup>] session was on the safety card, and next month [May 11<sup>th</sup>] will be on the group inventory. A reminder text for this event can be subscribed to by texting to 474747 then typing eznc23.

DCM: Kimberly

- The Sprint Assembly is June 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Raleigh Hilton and April 25<sup>th</sup> is the reservation deadline. This is not an election assembly so more/longer workshops can be expected, as well as voting on agenda items. **GSRs** are asked to attend. A unity fund is available for those groups that cannot afford to send a GSR. [A shared room is about \$150 for two nights plus gas etc. if the homegroup includes it in the estimate.] Email [dcm@nc23.org](mailto:dcm@nc23.org) to inquire about financial assistance.

## **Old Business**

- From the Ad Hoc committee, and regarding the nonprofit status of D23, Bylaws ~~have been adopted~~ are being revised. A need was acknowledged for an EIN number and a document called the “notice of determination” from the IRS.

## **New Business**

- **GSRs**, please check your homegroup meeting listing in the meeting guide for accuracy and use this link to make updates/corrections: <https://aanorthcarolina.org/contacts/area-officers/registrar>

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- Mitch will be resigning as Treasurer, and we thank him for his service. Voting for the district Treasurer position will be during the May 11<sup>th</sup> District 23 meeting. The candidate would stand for the remainder of the year, and that person can opt to have a full term when the new two-year term begins in Jan 2024.
  - Responsibilities
    - Attend monthly district meetings
    - Check the district's PO Box and deposit group contributions
    - Disburse funds to cover district expenses
    - Prepare monthly financial reports
    - Prepare annual district budget
    - Track total contributions by group throughout the year
    - Forward any returned mail to the secretary for address corrections
  - Approve Treasurer Requirements
    - Need to have two years of continuous sobriety
    - Current homegroup is in district 23

**Meeting adjourned with Responsibility Statement**

**Submitted Committee Reports**

**DCM:** No report submitted

**Treasurer:**

| Running Balance March 2023 |                    |                        |                         |                              |                     |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance:</b>  | \$7,203.01         | <b>Ending Balance:</b> | \$6,866.90              | <b>Prudent Reserve:</b>      |                     |
| <b>Total Credits:</b>      | \$0.00             | <b>Total Debits:</b>   | -\$336.11               | <b>Inc/(Dec) in Assets</b>   | -\$336.11           |
|                            |                    |                        |                         |                              |                     |
| <b><u>Contributor</u></b>  | <b><u>Date</u></b> | <b><u>Amount</u></b>   | <b><u>Check No.</u></b> | <b><u>Purpose/Budget</u></b> | <b><u>Notes</u></b> |
| Google                     | 3/2/2023           | -\$66.00               |                         | email hosting                |                     |
| Kyle R (alt DCM)           | 3/15/2023          | -\$258.61              |                         | Winter 2022 Assembly         | via CashApp         |
| Webmaster                  | 3/20/2023          | -\$7.50                |                         |                              |                     |
| Truist                     | 3/21/2023          | -\$4.00                |                         |                              |                     |

**LCM:** No report submitted

**Accessibilities:** No report submitted

**Special Events:** No report submitted

**CFC:**

Have not started meetings yet, still in the planning stages – trying to work out times/days. We're so close!

D23 and D24 meeting schedules have been provided for use when jail meetings do start – for both HP and GSO jails, women's and men's sides

Big Books Needed for both HP and GSO jails, women's and men's sides

Softback Big Books will be used in the meetings

Softback Big Books will also be left with the Chaplain at each jail and inmates can request to get a copy to keep

This will be an ongoing need

Have had books donated and also money donated to purchase new books

If comfortable doing so, would everyone please make an announcement at the meetings they go to, or at least to their home group, to see if there is any interest in donating books or \$ toward books

Is there money in our budget to purchase any books?

Grapevines – we can also give them the Grapevine magazine – if anyone has any old copies, please bring to next district meeting

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, Viki Matthews (336-340-3817) or Tom P. (336-337-0776).

**CPC/PI:** No report submitted

**TFC:**

There has not been much change with the Cone Behavioral Health (CBH) facility over the last month. The Monday and Friday night meetings have been going well.

**We have openings for daytime meetings on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at either 2 or 4pm.**

For the new facility, Cone/Guildford Facilities Based Crisis Unit (FBC) we have nightly meetings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

We still have openings for daytime or nighttime meetings on Fridays and Sundays at either 2, 4, or 8 pm.

Just as a reminder, there is a meeting guide at each location which the groups are using to facilitate the meetings. It is intended to simulate an AA beginning meeting with reading of the 12 steps. There is a limit of 2 to 3 people with a preference for mixed gender. If your group is taking meetings into either of these locations and for some reason can't take a meeting on your date/time, please let Della know as soon as possible so other arrangements can be made or let the contact know that we will not be there at the scheduled time. This is critical to their internal scheduling.

If your home group is interested in some great service work, please contact me as soon as possible for available days/times. Our goal is to bring a meeting into both of these facilities every available day of

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the week!! If you would like additional information, don't hesitate to call or email me directly – Della,  
336-708-1216

**Grapevine:** No report submitted

Distributing magazines in various AA meetings, detoxes, and IOPs. Speaking up at all “any announcements for the good of AA”, including saying a little about the current issues and reminding folks of the website and the podcast.

**Web & Tech:** No report submitted

**Intergroup:** No report submitted