

August 13, 2020 NC23 District Meeting

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July minutes motion to adopt, 2nd and accepted.

Treasurer - Carlos:

- Currently ~\$6,314.84 August some checks to deposit \$149.80, 87.10 cash apps that will hit Monday.
- \$484 worth of checks to cut for web master services Zoom plan.
- Annual PO box updated.
- Next 3 months expect 50% reduction in average contributions and 50% reduce in budgeted expenses end year at ~\$2,300.46

CP/CPI - Joshua:

- Nothing to report

Correctional Facilities- Roberta:

- Got a text from Intergroup last Friday to say that a box of Grapevines have been delivered. They will have to stay bec the virus has spread in the jail so Robeerta can't go to the jail.

Grapevine - Henry:

- Gave out last subscription at an event.
- 2 handed out this summer.

Special Events - Katie:

- Proceeding assuming that NYE's will have to come a Zoom event. Will open sign up for zoomhours to group next month.
- Q: What is updated budget? If Zoom about \$300

Accessibility - Tyler:

- Nothing to report. No emails to accessibility email.

Treatment Facility:

- Chair open

Web & Tech- Kyle:

- Still busy since things largely on Zoom.
- They paid for text issue that was mentioned in treasury report. Service provider has changed their support regarding the monthly text. We were using a free account that allowed us to get out the text monthly. There was an option to pay \$40 but it wouldn't go through. Kyle contacted the company and they had removed the free seervice. For easy texting we could pay ~\$390/annually or \$39+tax/month/

Inter-Group - Chuck:

- Open M, W, F 10-2
- Financially eating into prudent reserve.
- Hotline calls are automatically directed to answering service. Answering service tells callers about zoom meetings. If caller needs assistance the answering service gives them the 12 step calling list.

AA 2022:

- Meeting 9-7-20 at 6 PM
- Brief refresher of AA 2022 - put together to have Intergroup, District and AA working together. Have contacted other InterGroups - most have the committees reporting to/through the InterGroup.
- Chip - was looking for a schedule for AA 2022 meetings.
- Can we post on nc23?

Adrian - any GSR's or Alt GSR's that have groups with needs:

- Don - shivering Dennison's have formed a home group and therefore will be on having regular meetings.
- Trisha - gave Kevin's contact information to Cone Health.
- Happy Hour and Dawn Patrol at Unity club would like face-to-face attendees. They are socially distanced and mask required.
- Della- It's in the Book Women's Group. Decided to start in person on Tues meeting and Zoom for Saturday meeting. They are looking for an alternative space on Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 bec can't get in church. Format will change to Big Book Study.

Alt DCM - John:

- Going to start Buzz Sessions again.
- Assembly results:
 - 1st meeting of GSO was all Zoom. Literature sales are down.
 - Took \$3mil out of prudent reserves.
 - Treasurers report: Expenses and group contributions both down. Area is OK for now.
 - Registrar district forms are still being updated
- Assembly results:
 - There will be new forms.
 - Grapevine is looking for submission - old timers with stories.
 - CP/CPI - very few meetings
 - Corrections - people went to Freedom from Bondage (pre COVID). Prison meeting up but jail meetings down due to COVID.
 - Treatments are limiting visitors but trying to use Bridge the Gap
 - Accessibites is still looking for support for the state.
 - 70% complete for getting district meetings into area website.
 - 8-24-20 tentative Zoom meetig
 - Zoom Buddies for newcomers. HGs that bring the most people in will be getting a free gift - 2 different books.

LCMs:

- Mitch - Southeast Regional trustees presentation. Literature folks are looking at things and what

are slowing it down.

- Connie - no report

DCM - Adrian:

- If meeting formats change please submit to Web/Tech Committee by emailing them at webcommittee@nc23.org
- Assembly: Didn't have great turnout
- Billboards was turned down. The area let the \$18,000 to GSO.
- They anticipate a surplus for this year.
- Committee Meeting: quite - trying to get used to Zoom.
- Halloween - fall area assembly. Not officially converted to Zoom. This is the election assembly and there will be agenda items.
- If anyone is interested in any of the committees all of those positions will be reappointed in October. If you are interested please let it be known.
- GSO registration system has completed. Trying to figure out where the gaps are. If you are a GSR and have not received your GSR kit please email DCM. Area Registrar.
- Buzz Session - theme Reaching out and working with New Comers in the age of Zoom. One idea is Zoom buddies.

New Business;

- Treatment Facilities Coordinator is vacant but Kevin will be moving in.
- Don - is it possible to have the contact info for the district trusted servants on NC23?
Go to "Contact Us" - contacts.

Trisha motion to adjourn, 2nd and passed.

IDEAS FOR NEWCOMERS:

Zoom Buddies - go to zoom meetings together and you could chat. Meet up with them ahead of time.

Similar to Bridging the Gap.

In these times we should get new comers #s and we get hold of them instead of giving them are numbers.

Can we partner with hospitals or treatment centers to get lists? Does this go through Bridging the Gap or _____ . Adrian will talk to Joshua.

Trisha - will assure that Kevin has a contact with Cone.

Todd - ERG group every Wed at Fellowship Hall. He can take an action to reach out.

Trisha - HG Rule 62 - they see someone come on - looks like a office setting with 3 other people. Reach out to Oxford houses to see they have way to contact to HGs.

How do we get people that aren't coming from treatment centers? (Google -people come in and then immediately leave.

Bill - in HG ask if they want to be a Zoom buddy. Temporary Zoom Sponsorship.

Email Jon T. with ideas for new comers.

Area 51 workshop August 23, Sunday, 2 to 4 for virtual face-to-face-to-face. Virtual meetings. How we better communicate with the newcomer in COVID.

Jon provides some shortcuts to new comers. JonAltDCM@nc23.com

Todd - AA main website in challenging to navigate. Finding links to 24/7 meetings is a good thing. Is this something we could add as links to nc23.

Jon - any ideas send to Jon's email. Meeting is October 24th.