

District 23 Meeting Minutes

for December 8, 2022

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

16 Groups Present: Mustard Seed, Green St. Group, Way Out Group, Into Action, Courage to Change, Early Bird, Cornerstone, Free Spirit, Language of the Heart, Shivering Denizens, Big Book No Smoke, Open Door, Dogwood, Miracles Happen, Lunch Bunch, It's in the Book.

Group special needs: No

New GSRs/Alt GSRs present:

Michelle, Alt GSR, It's in the Book.
 Angie B, Alt GSR, Early Bird
 Brett Weaver, GSR, Dogwood

Last month's meeting minutes: No suggested changes. Motion made to accept the November district meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

Open (Vacant) Committee Chair positions: Correctional Facilities (CFC)

In-Meeting Committee Chair comments

Accessibilities: Iris –

- Organizing a workshop; may be appointing some committee members.
- See full report below in the "Submitted Committee Reports" section.

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

- Working with high schools in the district, police departments, and the DA office.

Special Events: Robin –

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

Correctional Facilities (CFC): Roberta –

- Roberta is stepping down as CFC chair; this position is open. We appreciate her efforts and work to get into the jails. They have been resistant; we have not been able to enter post Covid.

Treatment Facilities (TFC): Della –

- Thank you to homegroups that have volunteered. We filled a couple of nights at the facilities. Please ask your homegroups if we can fill more slots. Both locations [Cone and Behavioral Health and Cone/Guilford Facilitated Based Crisis Unit] are going very well.
- See full report below in the “Submitted Committee Reports” section. Contains detail on days/slots open.

Web & Technology: Mariah –

- Regarding the printed meeting schedules
 - The meeting guide app can provide a link to a printable version.



- Please update your group’s notes regarding group details. It’s important to have current information in the meeting schedules for the new person looking for a meeting.
 - Common items to update may be in-person or hybrid status, whether in fact the group is still meeting, or perhaps the group has changed location and/or timeslot. There are a few ways to update details for your group:
 - Send an email to Webcommittee.NC23.org that includes your name, your Group Name, the current day/time slot for the group, and what needs to be changed.
 - On www.NC23.org, click the “Meeting Finder” menu tab near the top of the page, locate your meeting and click the meeting name hyperlink in the “Meeting” column, scroll down to the bottom and there is an option to “Request a change to this listing”. Click this option and complete the form, click Submit.
- See full report below in the “Submitted Committee Reports” section.

Intergroup: Dave –

- November was a good month; Intergroup has recovered. Contributions were in excess of nearly \$800 (better than prior year) and sales were up from prior year. This means November had a surplus of around \$270. Intergroup expects to maintain profitability through to the end of the year. Physical inventory is completed, and we have one extra volunteer available. However, we’d like one more alternate volunteer that can work as needed. Please ask your group for volunteers, and Dave can train as much as needed. Also suggest to your homegroup to support Intergroup by purchasing chips at the Intergroup officer (rather than online). They are open Mon, Weds and Friday from 10 Am to 2 PM.

Treasurer: Mitch –

- See full report below in the “Submitted Committee Reports” section. The treasurer’s report was accepted.

Grapevine: Tommy S -

- Nothing official but talk of a phone app for the Grapevine.

Alt DCM: Kyle –

- Nothing to report. See the New Business section regarding ad-hoc committee efforts for Google Workspace options.

LCM: Jimmy/Jennifer –

- See full report below in the “Submitted Committee Reports” section, regarding the Fall Assembly agenda items and their status.
- Members briefly shared their experience at the Fall Assembly:” Ask the Basket”, the election process, and seeing folks progress over time through the chair positions.

DCM: Kimberly -

- The June Assembly is at the Hilton in North Raleigh. It’s not an election assembly so expect more workshops. It’s important for the GSRs to attend so AA members and groups have a voice.
- See full report below in the “Submitted Committee Reports” section, regarding Service Nerds and the area chair reports from the Fall Assembly.

Old Business

- 2023 Budget
- Google Workspace/Non-Profit Ad-hoc committee update

New Business

- For the 2023 budget – a correction request was made to change “Anticipated 2022 contributions” to “Anticipated 2023 contributions” regarding last month’s agenda/meeting minutes screenshot. The 2023 proposed budget was approved.
- Kyle presented a power point on the ad-hoc committee’s findings regarding the Google workspace/Non-profit topic. The power point is available (per Kyle) to any GSR or homegroup that would like to see it. In conclusion – the adhoc committee recommends going with the nonprofit 501C option to declare District 23 as a charitable organization. Currently, as a non-501C, we are paying \$66 a month for Google workspace. Proof of 501C status to Google will reduce the cost. The district members agreed to vote tonight on whether to go ahead with seeking 501C status. Voting passed. The setup to become a 501C may take about six months, could be longer. This can give GSRs time to ask for group conscious if they choose to (if objections/concerns are raised from homegroups there is time to halt this process). Note that there are other districts that are registered as a nonprofit 501C. The General Service Office is a 501C. A motion was made to create a subcommittee to form the 501C for District 23. The motion carried/approved. A new committee was formed to head this effort: members Adrian, Christopher, and Vickie.
- The new opening for the Correctional Facilities Coordinator (CFC) will not be voted on tonight. The CFC chair “coordinates the work of individual A.A. members and groups to carry the message of recovery to alcoholics who are in custody”. The chair/committee focuses on: 1. Bringing meetings and literature into facilities, 2. Raising awareness of the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.) among "inside" and "outside" A.A. members, and 3. Helping individuals in custody transition to a local A.A. community through Prerelease Contacts. GSRs please communicate to your homegroups that the position is open. The candidate does not have to be a GSR or alt GSR. Frist priority is to bring meetings back into the jails.
- The budget covered the “Freedom from Bondage” conference in Aberdeen NC.
- The National Conference will be in Charlotte NC in 2024 (state convention).

Meeting adjourned with Responsibility Statement

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Treasurer:

Running Balance November 2022					
Beginning Balance:	\$7,976.55	Ending Balance:	\$7,511.38	Prudent Reserve:	
Total Credits:	\$82.13	Total Debits:	-\$547.30	Inc/(Dec) in Assets	-\$465.17
<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Purpose/Budget</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Truist	11/21/2022	-\$4.00		Service Charge	
Kyle R	11/22/2022	-\$105.31		Assembly Expenses	Mileage and food
Kyle R	11/22/2022	-\$149.49		Assembly Expenses	Hotel room
Google	12/2/2022	-\$66.00		Email Hosting	
Webmaster	12/5/2022	-\$22.50			
St Andrews Episcopal	12/5/2022	-\$200.00		Rent	
CashApp	12/7/2022	\$82.13		Cash Out	

DCM:

- “Service Nerds” Greensboro’s service manual study meets at 6:15 PM every Wednesday night on Zoom. Details are on www.NC23.org
- Area Updates from Fall Assembly:
 - Site Investigation: Looking for suitable locations for future events, especially in Eastern part of the state. Please contact committee if you know of any appropriate sites: site@aanorthcarolina.org
 - Website: Working on a “newcomers’ corner” which will have useful information for nay new GSR. Working to improve the usability of the website. Recent additions include more support for finding out how to log in and FAQ which can be found under the Resources tab.
 - Growth & Maintenance: Recommending Ad-hoc subcommittee to continue investigate hybrid events; continues to review inventory responses one question at a time, making recommendations as they go.
 - Treasurer: At the end of the 3rd quarter, the General Fund Checking balance was \$37,571. Total for all accounts, including prudent reserves and corrections fund is \$121,802. Groups and districts are now able to contribute digitally (venmo: @aea51money). **New address for contributions effective Jan 1:** PO Box 17271 Raleigh NC 27619.
 - Convention: Largest attendance since 2011 of 1,217. Due to rising costs, the convention lost \$4,600 which will require pulling from the Prudent Reserve prior to 2023 convention.
 - Literature: Sales are nearly back to pre-pandemic levels with the best seller being the new service manual.
 - Grapevine: New Grapevine Reps can find information at www.agrapevineorg/gvr-resources. New app is in development.
 - CPC: Worked with webmaster to setup a ‘For Professionals’ page on the area website.
 - PI: Highlighted local initiatives including ‘adopt a doc’ where members reach out to local doctors detailing ways AA can cooperate in serving the ‘sick and suffering’ alcoholic and offering pamphlets for distribution to their patients.
 - Treatment: Nearly all treatment facilities are open for in person meetings; fulfilling requests for Bridging the Gap and meeting information as they come in.
 - Corrections: Jails and prisons are nearly all open to bring meetings inside. National Corrections Conference will be held in Charlotte in November 2024.

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LCM: Assembly Update:

AGENDA ITEM # 1: Election of Area Officers Area 51 Panel 73. **Passed with substantial unanimity.**

1. Delegate- Julie Reilly
2. Alternate Delegate- Denise Mathiasen
3. Chairperson- Greg Keller
4. Alternate Chairperson- Lindsey Houser
5. Secretary- Debbie Asberry
6. Treasurer-George Shanko
7. Registrar-Nancy Bessette

AGENDA ITEM #2: That the 2023 Area 51 Corrections Conference, "Freedom from Bondage 34," be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Aberdeen, NC on March 10-12, 2023. **Passed without objection.**

AGENDA ITEM #3: That the 2025 Winter Committee Meeting be held at the Village Inn in Clemmons, NC. **Motion passed with substantial unanimity. No minority opinion given**

AGENDA ITEM #4: To approve the Area 51 2023 Proposed Budget. **Passed without objection.**

AGENDA ITEM # 5: To increase the current Convention pre-registration fee from \$20 to \$35 and increase the onsite registration fee from \$25 to \$40. These fees would be reduced by \$3 respectively if and when the North Carolina State Convention prudent reserve exceeds 150% of the established level. **Motion carried with substantial unanimity.**

AGENDA ITEM# 6: Approve the appointments of the Service Committee for 2023-2024. **Passed without objection.**

1. Corrections -Paige
2. Grapevine-Allison
3. Literature- Scott H.
4. Accessibilities-Stanley
5. Public Information- Catherine
6. Interpreter-Viviana
7. Webmaster-Allen
8. CPC-Pat B
9. TFC-Paul M

Accessibilities: A workshop for early next year is in the works. Date/time/location TBD.

Special Events:

Flyer for NYE is available on nc23.org. The event will be held at Westminster Presbyterian. Scott F is speaking at 6pm. Food to be served at 7pm. Rena K to speak at 9pm. DJ and dancing from 10p to 1am. Please contact Steve K if you would like to volunteer to help (941) 445-0079. Please bring appetizers and desserts. If any individual groups would consider taking a jar to pass at their meetings, then Robin can get a jar to you; Just text or call Robin at 336-542-8833. There is also an option of Venmo and that is ivadella-manning. We are working to cut down food cost and are looking at some options. There will be a children's activity table if anyone has arts and crafts that they are willing to bring.

CFC: No report submitted

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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/Guilford Facilities Based Crisis Unit (FBC) we have nightly meetings on Tuesday's and Thursday's and we have daytime meetings on Monday's. **Great News!!** We have filled two more days and will start meetings on Wednesday and Saturday nights in December.

We still have openings for daytime or nighttime meetings on Friday's and Sunday's at either 2, 4 or 8pm.

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 beginner meeting with reading of the 12 steps, Bridging the Gap and the Promises. There is a limit of 2 with a preference of mixed gender. **If your group is taking meetings into either of these locations and for some reason can't take a meeting in on your date/time**, please let me know as soon as possible so we can either make other arrangements 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 the week!!**

Thank you all for your service work!! Let's fill these remaining open slots as quickly as possible!!

If you would like additional information, don't hesitate to call or email me directly.

Thanks,
Della
336-708-1216
Della_Manning@att.net

Grapevine: No report submitted

Web & Tech:

Please review the printed meeting schedule [attachments "meeting_list.pdf" and "Inperson-Hybrid meeting_list.pdf"] and send an email to the webcommittee@nc23.org that explicitly states the information that needs to be updated. There is a lot of outdated info in the meeting notes areas.

There are two meeting lists attached [attachments "meeting_list.pdf" and "Inperson-Hybrid meeting_list.pdf"]. One includes all meetings in district 23 and one includes only in person/hybrid. The meeting schedule attached is a part of the meeting guide plug in on the website. It exports the data directly from the meeting guide app as it is listed and creates the PDF. This is not a document that is designed by the web committee. The purpose of providing this in my report is to let everyone know it is an "easy" option for a print version.

thanks,
Mariah

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Sessions

Nov 1, 2022 - Nov 30, 2022

5,475

% of Total: 100.00% (5,475)



Oct 1, 2022 - Oct 31, 2022

5,059

% of Total: 100.00% (5,059)



Users

Nov 1, 2022 - Nov 30, 2022

2,128

% of Total: 100.00% (2,128)



Oct 1, 2022 - Oct 31, 2022

2,210

% of Total: 100.00% (2,210)

