

MONTHLY DISTRICT MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Kim A., DCM

Open: Welcome new GSRs: Connie, Keeping It Green; Don (Alt. GSR), The Way Out; Jim, Lunch Bunch; Mike, Happy Hour.

Present: 13 groups were represented: Big Book No Smoke, Courage to Change, Early Bird, Green Street, Happy Hour, Issues and Answers, Keeping It Green, Live and Let Live, Lunch Bunch, Mustard Seed, Piedmont, The Way Out.

Secretary's Report: Jean. Secretary's Report approved.

Treasurer's Report: Skip. Report was approved. Skip noted that contributions were down in July (not unexpected). He noted that we had Founders Day outstanding, and the cost of the storage unit, which we had not budgeted for at the time the budget was prepared.

Committee Reports:

CFC: Tom. Meetings at the jail are going well. Several people have been approved to take meetings, and he just submitted an additional three applications for review. They have a supply of Red Books and Pamphlets, and the jail has asked that the supply be kept up. There has been an interest in receiving them. Tom also reported that they are looking into adding another meeting during the day.

TFC: Jackie. Meetings are good. She said there have been no changes. David is handling Cone Behavior and she is managing the others. There are approximately 64-67 meetings a month which need to be coordinated. She has a meeting with Daymark on Monday, 8/14 and at that time she is going to suggest that they have one meeting for the men and one meeting for the women.

CPC/PI: John. Reported that the last meeting at Piedmont Family Health will be next Wednesday (8/16) due to lack of attendance. He did his police ride along on 7/20 which proved to be of no use to our program. He said that meeting schedules have been delivered to 7 Greensboro Public Library branches and they will be restocked as needed. Additionally he was

contacted through the website to assist with a Triad Rally for Recover on 9/24, which is organized by Caring Services, a treatment facility supported by District 24, 5x a week. He will attend with a literature display, but the booth will be manned by District 24 and he will work out reimbursement for any literature. Finally, he announced that the District was approved for display of meeting schedules in all 16 ABC stores. They will distribute 10 per store. They need an additional 100 for distribution at the September 9 Greensboro Folk Festival. They will be displayed in the area the Police Department administers mock sobriety tests.

Special Events: Absent

Website: Josh. Absent. From Sam: June: Views: 5,312; Visitors: 1,734; Views per visitor: 3.06; Posts published: 7.

Special Needs: Sharon. Absent.

LCM: David. Reported he is still in the process of updating lists.

Alt. DCM: Karen. The next workshop will be on August 12, at Westminster Church. Coffee and fellowship at 9:30; program to begin at 10:00. The topic will be the Traditions, the panel members will include Alt. Area Delegate, Katie P. The September workshop will be on the History of AA with Shirley K. and Gordon R. In October the Committees of the District will be highlighted. Karen said she is still trying to contact the Area Archivist. She went to the Young People Meeting on 8/6. Their meeting is the last Sunday of the month at 5:00 at Common Ground. They indicated a desire to have our support and will create a liaison position to accomplish that. Karen asked that GSRs ask their home groups if they have suggestions for topics for the workshops, which are held the second Saturday of every month, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 9:30 for fellowship and the program beginning at 10:00. Karen was asked to bring to the September meeting a breakdown of the workshop costs.

DCM Report: Kim. Introduced Chuck R, who is now managing the Intergroup Office. He said the office is in good shape that most 4 hour shifts are covered by volunteers. He announced that anyone interested in a 4 hour shift should call him at the office (336-853-4278). Said she and Karen will be attending the Summer Meeting August 26-27, to be held in Greensboro. She has heard that there is a final proposal for redistricting

District 23.

Old Business: Grapevine Chairperson

New Business: Jackie brought up the subject of safety. There is a new safety policy, the result of the April GSO meeting. It reads as follows:

Suggested Statement on Safety:

Our group endeavors to provide a safe meeting place for all attendees and encourages each person here to contribute to fostering a secure and welcoming environment in which our meetings can take place. As our Traditions remind us, the formation and operation of an AA group resides with the group conscience. Therefore, we ask that group members and others refrain from any behavior which might compromise another person's safety.

Also, please take the precautions you feel are necessary to ensure your own personal safety, for example, walking to your car in a group after a meeting. If a situation should arise where someone feels their safety is in jeopardy, or the situation breaches the law, the individuals involved should take appropriate action. Calling the proper authorities does not go against any AA Traditions and is recommended when someone may have broken the law or endangered the safety of another person.

Our Common Welfare: Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole AA must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward. - Tradition One (Long Form)

It is hoped that our common suffering as alcoholics and our common solution in AA will transcend most issues and curtail negative behaviors that could jeopardize the safety of anyone attending an AA meeting. Nevertheless, Alcoholics Anonymous is a microcosm of the larger society we exist in. As such, problems found in the outside world can also make their way into the rooms of AA. For this reason, group and members discuss the topic of safety – to raise awareness in the Fellowship and to seek through sponsorship, workshops and meetings, to create as safe an environment as possible to carry AA's message of hope and recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic.

A discussion followed during which the consensus was that if someone is disruptive or displays behavior that could be determined to be dangerous, the group through it's Group Conscience, could decide to ask said person to not return to the meeting. It was felt that all decisions regarding a group are up to the individual group, not the District as a whole. Karen suggested that we get Rachel (former Delegate from Area 51) to come an do workshop on safety, as she was a member of the committee where the Safety Card originated.

Open Positions: Grapevine

Adjourn: 7:30p.m.