

MONTHLY DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 9, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Karen with the Serenity Prayer.

Introductions were made by those present as GSR, Alt. GSR, Committee Member, DCM, Alt. DCM, LCM.

Welcome new GSRs: There were several and they were asked to see Karen and Sam following the meeting.

Stack Keeper. Bill B.

Present: 16 groups were represented: Big Book No Smoke; Colors of Gratitude; Daytime; Down & Dirty; Issues and Answers for Women; It's In The Book; Lawndale; Live and Let Live; Lunch Bunch; Pathway to Freedom; Rule 62; Step Lively; The Way Out; Young People.

Secretary's Report: Georgia. Secretary's Report approved.

Treasurer's Report: Skip. (Absent) Treasurer's Report was not available.

Committee Reports are at the end of this document.

Intergroup: Chuck. Everything going well.

GSRs: There was an inquiry about a Home Group Inventory. Karen said she would meet with them after the meeting with suggestions. Dick F. and Homer M. (both former delegates were suggested)

Question about Buzz Session Topics. GSRs encouraged to take topic back to home groups for suggestions.

Young People Group discussing doing another Buzz Session in the future, topic: Relationships and Sex.

12 Concepts: Instead of reading a Concept, Karen read "Why Do We Need A Conference?" from the Service Manual.

CFC: Brian (absent). No Report

TFC: Rue (absent). Request for volunteers to go to Daymark in Lexington is posted on NC23.org., including email and phone number.

CPC/PI: John. He reported at the meeting that he is going to need additional funding due to

the large amount of distribution of information.

Special Events: David (absent). Discussion about the Chili Cook Off. Karen reported that she has reserved the Fellowship Hall at Westminster Presbyterian Church on November 10, from 11-4. It was suggested that a sign-up sheet be placed at the September Meeting for groups to sign up. The Cook Off will coincide with our Buzz Session for November where AA old-timers panel will share personal stories of their AA history. GSRs were asked to return to their home groups to see which home groups would like to participate.

Grapevine: Connie. Showed a Grapevine poster she had made and she was encouraged to take it to the Buzz Session scheduled for Saturday, August 11.

Website: Sam. See report.

Accessibilities: Brooke. Discussion about the types of needs Accessibilities addresses. These include a new mother who can't get out of the house; housebound AA members and taking a meeting to them, people with mobility issues, the deaf. Brooke said there has been discussion about getting a separate web page to include what meetings are handicap accessible. Additionally she hopes to compile a list of various needs of individual groups.

LCM: Candy. No report.

Alt. DCM: Sharon. She is still visiting as many groups as she can and among other things, discussing the November Assembly (11/3) and encouraging for all GSRs to attend. If a group can't afford to send their GSR, she suggested that they put a percentage of their 7th Tradition Basket proceeds in a budget line item to be able to support their GSR to attend.

DCM Report: Karen. Consolidated our Delegate's report on the April Meeting in New York City. This report is posted on aanorthcarolina.org. New to GSO is the ability to make online contributions. Donations last year were \$8.4 million. Also, this year Area 51 will host SSAASA.

Old Business: None

New Business: Motion by Live and Let Live group: "That the schedule for assemblies be set to maximize the amount of area business to be conducted on Saturday, including having all committee and officer reports, other than treasurer and delegate reports, be delivered after all assembly items." Following a long discussion and due to time constraints, the matter was tabled until next month.

Open Positions: LCM

Adjourn: 7:40 p.m.

Committee Reports

CPC/PI:

First, congratulations to the Young People Group for electing a CPC chair and co-chair to work with the district committee in performing much needed service work in Greensboro. This is an important start toward improving our presence with younger alcoholics who may not be aware of our program. Beginning in late August committee members will get together every other month to share ideas, set goals and review results. Nancy D. has completed stocking all libraries & has assisted with a health fair in Asheboro. All future requests for service work out of the district will be handled at the area level. Intergroup is now relaying needs involving the cpc/pi and accessibilities committees directly as soon as they arrive.

CFC:

GV:

Special Events:

No report

Accessibilities:

NC 23 Accessibilities Buzz Session Report
July 14, 2018 Westminster

Karen B., District GSR opened the meeting with the serenity prayer.

The purpose of this session was to educate our district members on the importance of Accessibilities, ensuring our AA members who are elderly, new moms, isolated, visually impaired, faced with mobility challenges, deaf or hard of hearing, in need of childcare services or in need of a meeting but not able to attend due to illness or physical hardships from surgery.

The Charlotte Metrolina Intergroup's website provides a phone list with several meeting that can be listened to via phone throughout the day.

Online Intergroup meetings are available to individuals, so they can attend via computer. There are also AA YouTube meetings where signers lead meetings for the deaf.

An Accessibilities Inventory was created for each home group in our district to evaluate if their meeting is accessible or not. Our request is for each GSR to take this questionnaire to their

home group and fill it out at their next business meeting and return to Brooke M. at next monthly district meeting. This will allow us to provide district meeting accessibility information on our printed materials and our website.

The Accessibilities team goals are to:

1. Educate groups at meetings
2. Create an Accessibilities-specific page on our site that can be referred to for more information such as the Special Needs and Large Print brochures.
3. Be more intentional about providing drivers and drop-offs and taking meetings to homebound and physical rehab. Create list for Accessibilities chair and website for referrals.
4. Recommend that this statement be added to each home group's introductory message: NC 23 is committed to providing meetings that are accessible to the widest possible audience. Examples are, but not limited to, wheelchair access, signers, rides to meetings, big print content and more. Please contact our Accessibilities chair at access@nc23.org, or see me after the meeting.
5. We are building a plan to further support those with disabilities and special needs.

TFC:

Website:

July 2018:

- NC23.org: 5,084 sessions by 2,173 users for average duration of 2:09 minutes and 49% going to one page and then leaving. >76% of traffic is on phones. 2,138 sessions went directly to the meetings page and 1,466 sessions went directly to the home page. 2,812 sessions came from Google, 1,588 went directly to the site, and 481 were referred from Intergroup's website.
- Text Notifications: 15 trusted servants signed up for text notifications about district meetings bringing total subscribers to 17.
- Email List: 15 new subscribers (includes addition of all NC23.org email addresses) and 1 unsubscribe, bringing total subscribers to 189. 915 emails delivered.
- Direct Emails: Josh responded to 1 email(s) from someone seeking help.