

MONTHLY DISTRICT MINUTES
December 14, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Karen B., DCM

Prior to beginning the business meeting, Karen announced that Kim had resigned as DCM, and therefore Karen, newly elected DCM, would conduct tonight's meeting.

Open: Serenity Prayer. Welcome new GSRs: Bill B., Big Book No Smoke; Alex, The Way Out.

Present: 13 groups were represented: Big Book No Smoke, Courage to Change, Daytime, Down/Dirty, Early Bird, Free Spirit, Happy Hills, Happy Hour, Live and Let Live, No Smoke Big Book, Primary Purpose Big Book, Summit Fellowship Men's Meeting, The Way Out.

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

Treasurer's Report: Skip. Report was approved. Skip then proceeded to lay out the proposed budget for 2018. He explained that he arrived at the figures by examining what each committee had spent over the past year. There were two suggestions: (1) That the Buzz Sessions (formerly workshops) be increased from \$900.00 to \$1,200.00. The change was based on discussion with regard to Area chairs coming to Greensboro to participate in the sessions and payment of their gas, etc. (2) That our Prudent Reserve be increased from \$1,200.00 to \$2,400.00. The discussion revolved around having more than 3 months in reserve; and also having additional funds available to committee chairs should the need arise. Following this discussion it was moved and seconded that the proposed budget be approved. The vote was unanimous.

Committee Reports: Prior to Committee Reports, Karen suggested that those chairs present take about 3 minutes or so to explain their experience as Chair.

CFC: Tom. Absent.

TFC: Jackie. Absent.

CPC/PI: John. Related that it has been an enriching experience. PI work has necessitated working with doctors and their offices. He leaves a copy of the Grapevine and checks on a regular basis to replace as necessary. Next week emails and baked goods (where possible) and holiday cards will be distributed to physicians who display our materials. Literature will be replenished on an as needed basis. Libraries are also restocked on a regular basis. He spoke before UNCG nursing students on November 4. Approximately 60 students were in attendance and each received a laminated wallet card, the pamphlet, Twelve Questions only You Can Answer, the pamphlet, A.A. and the Health Care Professional. 2 Little Big Books were given out and several Grapevines were given to faculty. A return invitation for next semester was issued.

Guilford College will be reading a PSA from now through the holidays giving our website to listeners. The format is conference approved.

Finally, John said he has been working with the News and Record to determine whether we can afford a holiday ad for several days before Christmas. The prices are \$660 for 12/22-24; \$440 for 12/22/23 or 12/23/24. Discussion followed about breaking Traditions and the fact that the cost is prohibitive. Sam went on the N&R website and found in the Community Section that there is a reference to AA, include contacts.

Special Events: Candy. Said that during the past two years she has learned that this is a WE program and that when you reach out for help, help comes. For the New Years Eve Event, she said that including the DJ (\$300), Church (\$300), Food (\$1,200), and Decorations (\$330+ or -) and other incidentals which may arise, her total budget is \$2,167.06.

Intergroup: Chuck said that all is going well.

Grapevine: Dan spoke of his experience being chair. Prior to taking over the position 5 years ago, nothing had really been done to promote the Grapevine, known as our meeting in print. He said that at each Special Event, he raffled off two subscriptions to the Grapevine. He attended Area assemblies and met so many people. He found that the Grapevine Chair for the Area had a plethora of information. Additionally, he got involved with NCYPAA and their events raffling off Grapevine subscriptions.

Website: Josh. Absent. Sam said that last month there were 10,250 views.

Sam also reported that as Webmaster there are two areas which are being explored. One is a new host which would be less expensive and include free SSL. Also being explored as a Pilot Program is a Twitter account, which would include notification of special events, changes of meetings and locations, etc. It never says AA. The name reserved is nc23org. There are information sheets available. Members can contact our Webmaster at Webmaster@nc23.org.

Sam passed out Notification Sheets for nc23.org for GSRs to take to their home groups to sign up to receive information and to be informed regarding our District. At present there are only 147 subscribed. He also asked officers to add their emails to a special Officers Sheet so that changes can be made after the first of the year.

Special Needs: Sharon. Said she enjoyed this committee which entailed finding sign language interpreters for the deaf; providing rides for the blind, and checking that meeting places are handicap accessible.

LCM:

Alt. DCM:

DCM Report: Karen. Thanked everyone for their input. She said her hopes for the future include empowering GSRs. To have Chairs provide opportunities for service and to have various groups present new ideas.

She said that the DCM, Alt. DCM, and the 2 LCMs are going to split the meetings in the District and visit each one. Hopefully this will encourage more people to participate in the District.

Pre-Conference for middle North Carolina will be held on March 17, 2018 in Greensboro. We are hosting this event which involves 12 Districts. The conference is open to everyone in the central area of North Carolina. GSRs again are asked to return to their home groups and ask for volunteers for food, set up, clean up, etc.

Upcoming Events: Spring Area Assembly: June 16-17 in Raleigh.

Fall Assembly (Election Assembly this year) November 3-4 in Raleigh.

With regard to attendance at the Area Assemblies, it was suggested that if a group cannot afford to pay expenses of their GSR, there may be help available through the District.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Open Position:

Meeting adjourned: 7:30