

District Committee Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2019

Meeting started with Serenity prayer.

Groups in attendance: 22

Big Book No Smoke; Colors of Gratitude; Courage to Change; Daytime; Desperados; Down & Dirty; Early Bird; Easy Does It; Free Spirit; Green St.; Happy Hill; It's In the Book; Keeping it Green; Lunch Bunch; Muirs Chapel Men's; New Beginnings for Women; Rule 62; Sixth Sense; Step Lively; The Way Out; Women's Experience, Strength & Hope; Young People's.

Read "Why Do We Need a Conference?" p. S20 *The A.A. Service Manual*

Introductions: Name, homegroup, why you're here (GSR, Alternate, Committee Chair, AA Member)

Welcome New GSRs/Alt GSRs: Please see secretary after the meeting so we can get you registered and signed up for emails & text notifications.

Approval of Minutes (available on nc23.org):

- Motion to approve, 2nd, passed

Treasurer's Report:

- Increase of \$800.
- Checks out for NYE
- Balance is currently \$5,800
 - Motion to approve, 2nd, passed

Committee Report Highlights, Service Needs, or Budget Needs (approximately 2 minutes:

CPC/PI, CFC, GV, Special Events, Accessibilities, TFC, Web & Tech. (Standard committee reports are in this document.)

CP/CPI:

- Need people

Correctional Facilities:

- People went through the process and aren't showing up. Need support. Have members go to NC23.org and fill out application, drop at Intergroup office and Roberta will get in touch with you. Ask HGs for help.

Grapevine

- No update

Special Events

- Some people have stepped up to help for New Year's Eve service.
- Ask HG's if they would pass a basket for special events (NYE).
- Do we have surplus of \$800? There is no excess money.
- Send email to treasurer or SE to deliver money directly.

- Checks can be taken to Intergroup and David will pick them up.
 - Note on the check memo line that it is for SE.
- Doors will open at 10:00 AM for set up.
- Someone from Winston-Salem is coming to set up a table to sell pre-registration for upcoming conference.
- Need volunteers!

Accessibilities:

- HG inventories were on table and Tyler requested GSR's to take to HGs.
- Form for accessibilities call list for services such as: pick-ups, ASL interruption, child care, etc. were on table and Tyler requested GSR's to take to HGs.
- Spoke with area accessibilities chair, who is working with state to get contact for people requesting information about AA. Tyler will start working with the Greensboro branch.
- Dan - GSO central library is offering a free monthly ASL course starting 1-14-20.

Treatment Facilities:

- Jon has list. The kit is at Intergroup office for the committee to get started.

Web/Tech:

- Sessions are flat.
- Getting a lot of referrals from GTCC and A&T.

Intergroup Report :

- Nothing new to report.
- Fully staffed with volunteers.
- Calls have recently dropped.
- HGs are encouraged to have Intergroup Rep (like a GSR). They represent HG at the Intergroup Council Meeting held on the 3rd Wednesday of the odd month at 6:30. These meetings are open to all members.
- Intergroup schedule is on nc23.org and the Intergroup calendar and meeting schedules.

AA2022 Committee Report:

- Encourage members to get involved. More information available on nc23.org.

GSRs: Celebrations, concerns, ideas for District, comments on committee reports or questions.

- **Color of Gratitude** - new meeting on Sat 10:30 AM - closed step meeting - men and women
- **Courage to Change** - nothing
- **Daytime Group** - nothing
- **Desperados** - Marathon meetings for Christmas. First meeting is 10 PM Christmas Eve and then every 2 hours until last meeting at 11 PM on Christmas - St. Mary's House.
- **Down & Dirty** - nothing
- **Green St.** - fine
- **Happy Hills** - supporting the holiday dinner Sat 14th from 2 to 4. At summit. Bring a side
- **It's in the Book** - could use support

- **KIG** - nothing
- **Lunch Bunch** - nothing
- **Muir's Chapel** - all is well
- **Rule 62** - nothing
- **6th sense** - nothing
- **Step Lively** - gratitude meeting on 17th from 6 to 8. 801 New Garden Rd. Bring a dish to share. Food first and then candle light gratitude meeting.
- **Women's Experience Strength and Hope** - nothing
- **Young People** - 27th annual cookiebration West Minister 8:00

Alt DCM Report:

- Thanked everyone for their service

LCM Report:

- Nothing

DCM Report:

- Looking at the future of District 23.
- Lots of things have happened in the last 2 years. Got the district more involved.
- A large district has LCM's and new DCM's will carry motion that LCM's get a vote. If we can't get LCM's a vote nc23 may have to redistrict and that would be difficult. If LCM's acquire ability to vote, then it would be an increase to our budget changes because LCMs would have to go to assemblies and committee meetings. Please report this to HGs.
- AA 2022 Committee could use some support.
- It has been an honor and privilege to serve the district. Growth has been spiritual and personal. Alt DCM and LCMs made a big difference to growing the district.
- New DCM presented Karen with a "Why we Need a Conference" plaque.

Old Business:

- Election of Special Events Chairperson - 2 people stood; Mariah and Katie
 - Motions to elect. Katie received majority, 2nd, passed
 - Mariah will assist.
 - David also offered to assist.

New Business:

- Presentation of 2020 Budget (see handout)
- District 2020 budget - biggest increase is the travel expenses for the Alt DCM and LCMs.
- Decreased buzz session cost since number of sessions changed from 12 to 4.

- With decrease in number of sessions incoming DCM would like to invite and pay for special speakers to come to buzz sessions. (i.e. Area Delegate lives in Statesville).
- Buzz session food will come off the Special Events budget.
- Decrease in printing budget.
- National Technology workshop is Bellingham, WA and the Web & Tech Committee Chair will be attending.
- Web and Tech committee will be paying the webmaster hourly.
- Decrease for food and DJ for 2020 NYE celebration.
- District will do everything they can to reduce costs but asks that GSRs go back to HGs and request funds.
- As of now 2020 Special Event expenses should be Founder's Day and NYE.
- Correctional Facilities - Roberta – Desire to attend Freedom from bondage conference. Will the district pay for that weekend (\$225)? Yes
 - Motion to increase CF budget from \$200 to \$500; 2nd, passed
- Carlos (incoming Treasury) - if we keep this up will we have any reserve by the end of 2021?
 - More than likely the groups will step up to assist district.
 - Some groups don't use all their budget, while others may go over.
- Treatment Facilities budget seems achievable.
- Motion made to give Intergroup \$50/month for use of their space since we are no longer paying a \$50/month storage fee for Special Event and other district items.
 - Much discussion.
 - Intergroup and district are two entities working for the same cause.
 - Homegroups already distribute to both Intergroup and District and therefore district funds should not go from district to Intergroup. Intergroup has always had space. If they were to need assistance they should be able to go to the district.
- Motion to increase payment to IG to \$100/year and to come out of Special Events budget.
 - Motion was not 2nd, failed.
 - Mike – IG – all funds come from the member of AA.
 - What was the original agreement with IG? The agreement was to let district use the space.
- Final motion on issue was to table to January district meeting.
 - Motion 2nd, passed.

Adjourn with Responsibility Statement

Committee Reports

CPC/PI:

- 160 copies of meeting schedules and "12 Questions Only You Can Answer" delivered to ABC board.
- Libraries are restocked
- We have a confirmed date/time for a presentation at the UNCG School of Nursing. They've asked us to mail them copies of all materials that we will distribute when classes resume on January 13.
- Since this is my final report I'd like to express my thanks to everyone on the team for their help in carrying the message, and to Intergrroup who have handled some large and often "last minute" requests for literature during the past 3+ years

CFC:

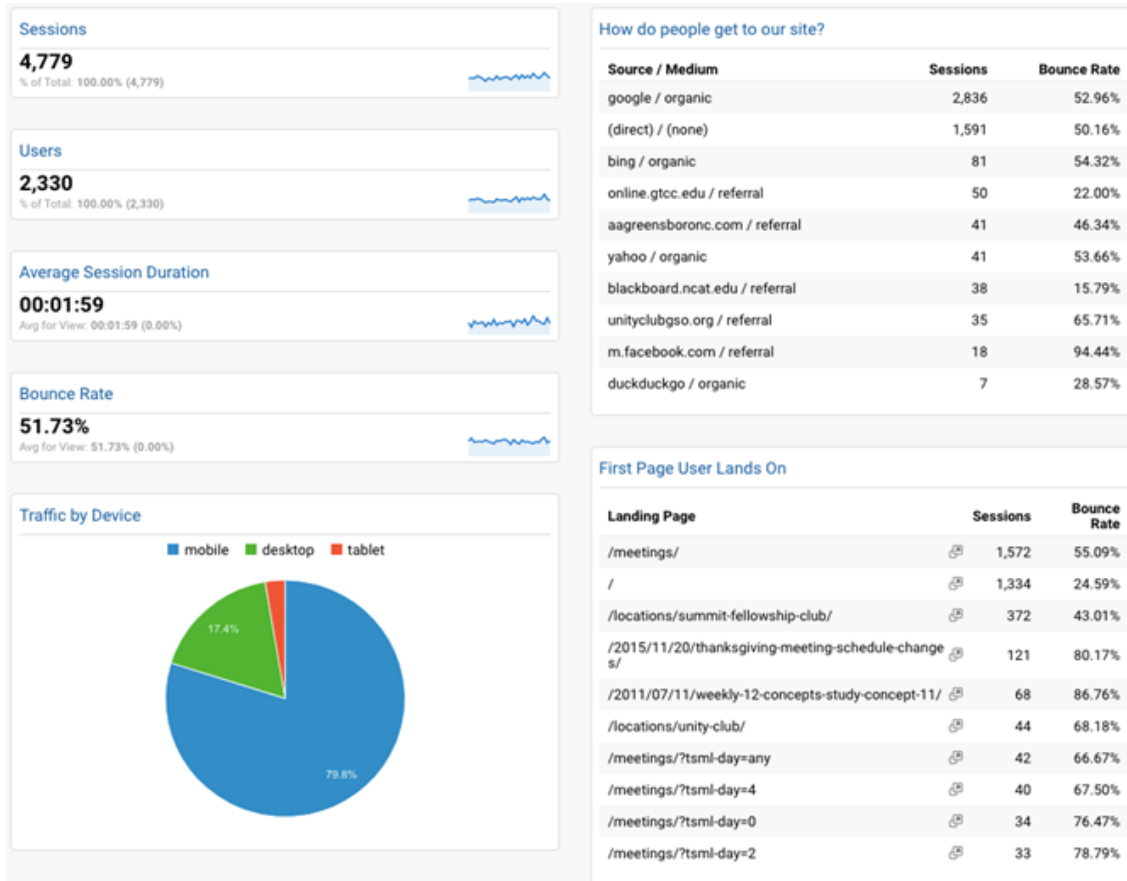
Special Events:

Accessibilities:

TFC:

GV:

Web & Tech - NOV2019:



How the District 23 Committee Meeting Operates

(Adapted from HOW THE CONFERENCE OPERATES)

Generally speaking, we loosely follow Robert's Rules of Order and, with any luck, the whole meeting proceeds on as informal a basis as possible.

General Rules of Debate:

- People who wish to speak raise their hand to be recognized by the stack keeper*.
- Voting is by a show of hands for or against a motion.

Examples of the Process:

- Motion made >> Motion seconded >> Discussion >> Vote >> Motion passes >> Minority opinion requested
- Motion made >> Motion seconded >> Discussion >> Vote >> Motion fails >> Minority opinion requested >> Request to reconsider motion made >> Request to reconsider seconded >> Vote >> Reconsider gets greater than 50% >> Discussion resumes >> Vote >> Motion passes or fails (no further reconsideration)

Substantial Unanimity:

- All matters of policy require substantial unanimity - or a two-thirds vote.

Minority Opinion:

- After the establishment of rejection of any matter of policy by a two-thirds vote, the non-prevailing side will always be given the opportunity to speak to its opposition. There is no rebuttal.

Request to Reconsider:

- Must be made in the form of a motion by someone who had voted with the prevailing side and now, after further consideration, wishes to change their vote.
- Requires a second from any voting member.
- Requires only a simple majority to cause reconsideration. If passed, full debate, pro and con, is resumed on the action.
- No action may be reconsidered twice.