

District 23 GSR (General Service Representative) Meeting - March 8, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by District Committee Member (DCM) Dave G. Those present said the Serenity Prayer. Roll call was taken; the following groups were represented:

Bethel	Friendship Group	Keeping It Green	Sixteenth St.
Big Book Group	Greene St. Group	Mustard Seed	Starmount
Big Book, No Smoke	Hospital Group (Cone)	Piedmont	The Way Out
Early Bird	Inter-group	Rule 62	

The January minutes, recorded by Nancy H., were reviewed and approved with one correction. The meeting continued with reports by committee chairs and others.

Financial Report by the Treasurer: Corinne

- According to the financial report given by Corinne, the district currently has a balance of \$2517.55.
- GSR's were encouraged to discuss with their respective home groups the amount of money being sent to the district in light of the current 2007 budget and the deficit.

Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC): Lou S

- Lou reported that Cone would like to have more people attend the meetings. He will be meeting with representatives from the hospital on March 12 to discuss possible changes in the way we interact with the hospital. The hospital is well stocked with materials - big books, starter packs, and schedules. He will continue to need support from women for the Thursday morning meeting at the hospital.
- Anyone wishing to contact Lou to ask about taking a meeting to the treatment facilities can contact him at 392-5047.

Inter-group: represented by Jim

- The Inter-group office had good sales in January which led to buying more literature from the Grapevine Press; there are many good books among the new purchases.
- At the last Inter-group meeting, it was voted that information about contributions from other groups would not be shared.
- The next Inter-group meeting is March 21 at the Inter-group office.
- The district website, nc23.org is linked to the Inter-group site; Jim will see that a link is set up from the Inter-group website to the district website.

Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC): Dan B. (Chair)

- Dan has been networking at the state level and establishing some contacts with other districts. He has continued to investigate the Bridge the Gap program, but has not made much progress yet. He hopes to attend a meeting in Southern Pines with Tom I., who has a lot of experience with taking meetings to the prisons.
- Volunteers are needed for meetings at the Guilford County jail on Monday nights. Gaye has been spearheading this effort. They are thinking about having a covered dish dinner and an orientation session for the volunteers.
- Volunteers are needed to go into the prisons to take meetings and to speak; also need people to serve as contacts for people coming out of prison and reentering society.

- The CFC plans to meet on the first Thursday of the odd numbered month at 7:00 in room 201 of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Cooperation with Professional Community/Public Information (CPC/PI): Beth (Chair)

- Beth was not present

Grapevine Publications: Karen D. (Chair)

- Karen has ordered and received 50 back issues of the *Grapevine*.
- A box has been placed at the Unity club to collect used copies of the *Grapevine*; Karen plans to order some facsimiles of the original *Grapevine*.

Special Events Committee (SEC): Karen L. (Chair)

- The Special Events committee currently has \$253.00 in their budget.
- Dick Wright is presenting a 3-day big book study at the Sixteenth Street Church March 16-18. The hours on Friday are 6-9 pm.
- Karen is working to arrange a workshop on sponsorship with Dick W. and is also looking at having a workshop with Dick F on sponsorship into service work.
- Also, Karen is making plans for a Founder's Day celebration on the Saturday after June 10; Gordon R is setting up a panel to discuss the traditions.

Old business:

- Dave was not able to attend the Area 51 meeting in February; he has been informed by email that even though having our district set up LCM's (local committee members) was approved back in 1995, we will still need to have current approval to move forward with this process. This item has been forwarded as a motion to Jennifer D for a vote in the August Area 51 committee to allow the use of LCM's in District 23; it could possibly be added as an emergency item to the agenda for the Area 51 meeting in May
- The District 23 website has had a couple of items added; there has been good feedback; Nancy has been visiting groups to pass out info about the website.

New business:

- There is a new speaker meeting on Wednesday nights at 8:00, meeting at a church on Sixteenth Street.
- The Starmount meeting is looking for someone to record their speakers.
- Karen D, the *Grapevine* chair, suggested that each committee chair should have an alternate. Because of impending changes in her life, she is looking for someone to be the *Grapevine* representative and let her drop to being the alternate.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 10 at 6:30pm at the Westminster Presbyterian church on Friendly. Dave asked all present to help announce the next meeting to encourage attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna R, District 23 secretary