

District 23 GSR (General Service Representative) Meeting - May 10, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by District Committee Member (DCM) Dave G. Those present said the Serenity Prayer. Roll call was taken; the following groups were represented:

Big Book Group	Inter-group	Mustard Seed	Sixteenth Street
Big Book, No Smoke	Keeping It Green	Open Door Group	Southwest
Daytime Group	Language of the Heart	Piedmont	Starmount
Early Bird	Lawndale	Rule 62 Group	Young People's Group
Hospital Group (Cone)			

The March minutes were reviewed and approved with one correction, that the CFC committee meets every month, not every other month. The meeting continued with reports by committee chairs and others.

DCM Report by Dave G.

- Reported on his attendance at a town hall meeting last month. He met Newt P and DCMs from other districts who shared info and ideas from their districts. In some districts, the district meetings are limited to an hour, which helps to keep the meeting moving. What is not covered in that hour will wait until the next meeting. It was moved and voted that our meetings will be limited to an hour.

Financial Report by the Treasurer: Corinne

- According to the financial report given by Corrine, the district currently has a balance of \$2099.82.
- GSRs 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, and to encourage the groups to contribute to the district.

Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC): Lou S

- Lou was not present - no report.

Inter-group: represented by Jim

- The Inter-group office continues to have good sales.
- The next Inter-group meeting is scheduled for May 16 at the Inter-group office.
- Hits on the Inter-group website have doubled after being linked to the district 23 site (which is www.nc23.org).
- In about 2 weeks from May 10, the colored plastic chips will change since the current company will not be able to continue making the chips. The new chips will be a little thicker; the price will not change.

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

- With the help of Gaye's efforts, the numbers of correspondents and visitors to the jail have increased.
- The captain at the county farm is interested in getting meetings started. Dan needs to have men to volunteer to speak. Please see Dan if interested.
- The CFC Acknowledgement and Appreciation Social is scheduled for June 16 at 1:00pm at Westminster Presbyterian. This is intended as a time to acknowledge current successes and learn how to become involved with prison outreach activities. Everyone is invited, including people from area counties.
- The CFC plans to meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 in room 201 of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

- Dan has been distributing preaddressed envelopes to groups, asking for contributions and financial support. Dave G suggested a grass roots effort to ask groups to save empty coffee cans, label the outside for CFC, and pass the cans at meetings.

Cooperation with Professional Community/Public Information (CPC/PI): Viki C. (Chair)

- Beth resigned from this committee; Viki volunteered to become the new chair and was accepted by a majority voice vote.

Grapevine Publications: Karen D. (Chair)

- A box was placed at the Unity club to collect used copies of the *Grapevine*; Karen has donated these collected copies to CFC. She has more to donate to anyone who can use them. CFC and CPC/PI might have interest in these copies.
- Karen has purchased some *Grapevine* literature and regularly sets up a display of literature for sale at the Mustard Seed group meeting.
- The Inter-group office has some soft cover *Grapevine* literature for sale.

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

- A Founder's Day celebration will be on Sunday, June 10 at shelter 4 at Bur-Mill Park from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided and folks are asked to bring side dishes or desserts.

Old business:

- The District 23 website is updated as needed. Nancy is looking for suggestions for explaining on the website what the state assemblies are and the voting process by GSRs at assemblies.

New business:

- Dave is looking for additional ways to disseminate information. People willing to receive announcements by email can send their email addresses to the DCM email address on the district website. Karen shared how the New Year's Eve party was announced - simply that all party committee members were asked to announce the party at all meetings they attended and they asked others to announce the party as well. Also, committee members were asked to go to 5 meetings each to make the announcement.
- Nancy quickly canvassed the group on the 2 agenda items for the May state assembly.
- The issue of using local committee members, which must be approved by the state assembly, is on the agenda for the August committee meeting, which means it will be on the agenda for the November area meeting.
- Money was appropriated to committees by voice approval - \$100 to CFC and \$75 to the Grapevine Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 12 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