

District 23 GSR (General Service Representative) Meeting - November 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by District Committee Member (DCM) Dave G. Those present said the Serenity Prayer. Roll call was taken; 21 groups and Inter-group were represented. The September minutes were passed out, read, and approved. 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 \$3,442.50 and the Correctional Facilities Committee has a balance of \$394.36.
- Corinne is planning to put together a proposed budget for 2007 by asking the committee chairs to let her know, as soon as possible, what their expected cash needs will be for the next year.

Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC) : Lou S

- Lou S was voted in by acclamation as the new chair of the treatment facilities committee. He can be contacted by phone at 605-4787 (home) or 392-5047 (cell).
- Lou reported that he has spoken with the folks at ADS; ADS is doing well, and for right now, they are going in a different direction and will not require our help.
- For the meeting at Cone Behavioral Health, for the Saturday meeting, there are four groups sending people on various Saturdays and a schedule is set for the next two months. If a group is scheduled and can't cover their commitment, they have been asked to find their own replacement.
- The Thursday morning meeting at Cone Behavioral Health needs the support of women, especially. There was a discussion of their need for materials and books and Lou is looking at that need.

Inter-group: represented by Jim

- The Inter-group office is no longer open on Saturday.
- According to Jim, business is quiet and smooth.
- The next Inter-group meeting is on Wednesday, November 15.
- An account has been set up just for the rent and the finances are in good shape right now. Contributions have been good.

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

- Dan B was voted in by a unanimous voice vote as the new chair of this committee. He can be reached at 404-0861.
- Dan has spoken with Fred and has also already attended meetings at some of the facilities. He is ready to begin working in this position.
- Dick F, our area delegate, commented that the area is looking at reestablishing Bridge the Gap, a program that helps the CFC and other committees communicate from district to district.

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

- The CPC/PI committee met on November 9; they have reviewed materials received from GSO in New York and discussed plans to pursue some specific goals. Some of these goals are to place conference-approved AA literature in every public library, place literature racks in various public facilities, list open AA meetings in the local newspaper, and place meeting schedules at the front desk of local hotels, motels, and bed and breakfast establishments.
- Made an initial financial request of \$200 with expense reports to follow.

Grapevine Publications: Karen D. (Chair)

- Karen passed out order forms for the Grapevine Publications; info about the Grapevine is also online at www.grapevine.com.
- Requested a budget of \$125 for next year.

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

- There will be no fall workshop with the districts in High Point and Winston-Salem; will look at making plans for the spring. Karen would appreciate input on workshop ideas.
- Karen has several committees established to plan the New Year's Eve party. Anyone wishing to help can contact Karen at 282-1078 or 987-4933. Plans are to have a speaker at 7:00; food and a jazz band at 8:00 to about 9:30; a second speaker at 9:30; and dancing with music provided by a D.J. from 10:30 to 12:30. The party will be at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 3906 W. Friendly Avenue. Folks attending are asked to bring hors d'oeuvres or finger foods or desserts. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided. Childcare will be provided from 6:30 (when the doors open) until 11:00 and pre-registration is suggested for the childcare. Forms and rules are available at local meetings and the Inter-group office.

Old business:

- Dick F, our Area 51 delegate, spoke on the history of LCM's (local committee members). LCM's were first proposed at the area assembly by our district in 1996. The proposal passed after being altered to allow the LCM's to vote, but our district did not implement. We can have an LCM for every 29 groups, which means District 23 could have 2 LCM's. An LCM can be a GSR and can vote as a GSR. The LCM would have both a voice and a vote at area assemblies. Nancy has tried to contact District 12, which uses LCM's, by both email and phone to ask questions, but has not received any replies. David proposed that we wait until January to vote on this issue and the vote will happen in January. We will need to notify the area to get permission to actually use the LCM's as part of our district structure. We will then choose the LCM's in March.
- It was passed by a positive vote of the group to establish a District 23 website. The website will include email addresses to contact committee chairs. The address for this website is nc23.org. Nancy H, our alternate DCM, will be the contact person for the website. Anyone with information of interest to the district can contact Nancy at nhussa@yahoo.com.
- From the survey questions sent to home groups asking about changing the time and meeting place for the GSR meeting: we received 1 vote for Sunday afternoon, 1 vote for Tuesday at 6:30, and 1 vote for Thursday at 7:00. Possible places suggested were the Summit Club, the Inter-group office, and Westminster Presbyterian. Dave will check into the availability of the various venues for Tuesday and Thursday.

New business:

- Dick F spoke about issues at the area level.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 14, 2007 at 1:30PM at the Summit Fellowship Club.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna R, Secretary