

District 23 Meeting Minutes

for July 14, 2022

Why Do We Need a Conference? Was read

Roll Call + call for special needs + new GSR/Alt GSR. Kimberly asked all to sign the sign-in sheet.

Committee Chair	Member	Present
DCM	Kimberly M	X
Alt DCM	Kyle R	X
LCM 1	Jennifer W	X
LCM 2	Jimmy	X
Treasurer	Mitch	X
Secretary	Jami U	X
Web & Technology	Mariah	X
Special Events	Robin R.	
Treatment Facilities (TFC)	Della	X
Correctional Facilities (CFC)	Robert R	
Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information (CPC/PI)	Zach M	

11 Groups Present (18% representation): The Way Out, Shivering Denizens, Mustard Seed, Agnostics Atheists Freethinkers, Keeping it Green, Free Spirit, Muirs Chapel Men’s Group, Courage to Change, Miracles Happen, Cornerstone, Safe Haven

50 Groups Not Present

New GSRs/Alt GSRs present: Muirs Chapel Men’s group, David N. Cornerstone, Viki M. Safe Haven, Rasaan S

June minutes were accepted.

Reports (Full reports are written and are available at the end of the agenda. Each position is given 1-2 minutes maximum for a quick summary and to advise the meeting of any special needs. Questions from the floor are welcome.)

- Cooperation with the Professional Community & Public Information (CPC/PI): Zach - None
- Accessibilities: **VACANT**
- Grapevine: **VACANT**
- Special Events: Robin - None

- Treatment Facilities (TFC): Della - Cone Behavior Health and AA reps will resume Friday night meetings at their facility. Also, Guilford Country Urgent Care may also welcome meetings. Contact Della if your homegroup can sign up for one night a month (or several months) from 8 PM to 9 PM except for Friday nights.
- Web & Technology: Mariah - Emails have slowed down. No new needs.
- Correctional Facilities (CFC): Roberta - None
- Intergroup: Dave G - None
- Treasurer: Mitch. – Treasurer report passed/accepted.
- Alt DCM: Kyle – See his report below on the delegate’s report. The delegate attended last month’s Service Nerds meeting. The audio recording on the service nerds meeting that he attended is also on NC23.org.
- LCM: Jimmy and Jennifer –
 - An Area 51 translator position is open. Also the Archivist position will be opening soon. Both the translator and archivist position require a resume; see aanorthcarolina.org for more details.
 - Grapevine sales are down. She encouraged homegroups to get a subscription. A new book is also available - “Fun in sobriety”.
 - There is a local podcast hosted by AA members in Greensboro.
 - For any district position (Corrections, CCPPI, treatment centers, etc.), reach out to the Area representatives for assistance if needed.
 - For our district, it was noted that there are 18 active GSRs out of 61 groups. If you know groups that don’t have GSRs encourage them or let Jennifer know with the goal to get more participation. She and Jimmy plan to visit some groups. If you interested in visiting groups to encourage GSR participation, then contact Jennifer so they can incorporate your intentions in their plans for coverage.
 - See Sprint Assembly full report below.
- DCM
 - “Service Nerds,” Greensboro’s service manual study meets at 6:15p every Wednesday night on Zoom. Details are on nc23.org. Upcoming guests are Josh G (grapevine board member) July 27th. And Irene K is visiting on August 17th; she is a former GSO Staff member.
 - Spring Assembly update – if any groups are struggling to set up a bank account, Kimberly has a handout from the Area treasurer on the process.
 - The Area surplus no longer exists because the hotels where Area events will be held the next few years requested large deposits.
 - Don was one of the co-host on the Grapevine podcast – on a recent episode, you can hear interviews with various general service members from the Area 51 Assembly.
 - For the area - Corrections, TFC, all of other the coordinator positions will be open in November. Info is on aanorthcarolina.org.
 - Agenda items:

Approved by the Assembly:

1. The Area 51 2019-2020 Budget Surplus of \$6,249 be allocated to the Area 51 Archivist for purchase of fireproof cabinetry for Area Archives.
2. That the standing “Website Subcommittee” be able to revise their internal structure, policies and procedures to match how the subcommittee feels it can best function. Any policy changes that affect what information is visible or available in various sections of the website will be first vetted and approved by the Area Committee. Any changes will be reported to the membership and documented in the Website Subcommittee policies and procedures documents.
3. In order to promote an informed group conscience, the Delegate and Alternate Delegate be able to attend any and all preconferences held in Area 51, whether in-person or virtual. This is to discuss General Service Conference agenda items, when hosted by Districts in the various regions of Area 51.

4. To approve the Chair's appointment of Linda N. of Mount Airy to complete the 2021-2022 term as Area 51 Public Information Coordinator.
5. To approve the Chair's appointment of Alana E. of Durham as Area 51 Convention Chair for the period 2023-2024.
6. To approve the Chair's appointment of Lizzy T. of Durham as Area 51 Convention Alternate Chair for the period 2023-2024.

The Assembly did not approve: In order to promote an informed Fellowship, the Delegate and Alternate Delegate attend post-Conference events annually to discuss the actions and procedures of the General Service Conference. These events would be hosted by the Districts in the Western, Central and Eastern regions of Area 51, and by the Spanish Linguistic Districts. Additional virtual events may also be scheduled.

Old Business

- Open Positions: Accessibilities, Grapevine. No one stood for positions.

New Business

- Issue with email hosting - Mariah. Regarding the Gmail email accounts - There are 14 active accounts, and each cost \$6 a month. In an effort to reduce costs, some options were presented: 1. Remove some of the old emails in the system and limit the number of email account on Gmail so we can keep the benefit of using a workspace. 2. We could use emails as part of the NC23.org. 3. Go to regular website hosting, which is free. A decision needs to be made whether any action should be taken, or we continue to incur costs. Kimberly requested a report to see which emails have not been used lately (according to last log in attempt). Those not used should be removed. The deadline to decide whether to transition off of google workspace is September. Kimberly suggested that the web committee make a suggestion for next month's district meeting.
- 5th edition of the big book stories. Don M has worked on a format for the workshop and looking at location Westminster. Story submissions for the new edition of the Big Book are accepted through October.
- At the last business meeting, we talked about a Spanish speaking meeting in Greensboro. There are three Spanish speaking districts in Area 51, one is active in Winston, but Winston is the closest Spanish speaking meeting
- Does the district meeting want to "Pass the Basket" . Funds would help pay for the district meeting, but it's already supported through the District budget. No motion is made to change the current process.
- Kimberly proposed that our district do a group inventory, where we come up with a list of questions. For example, how effective is district at carrying the message to the suffering alcoholic. It's an opportunity for anyone in district 23 to weigh in on how the district is doing. This might be done during the spring. If you have interest in helping to plan it, reach out to Kimberly.
- Kimberly read from the service manual about GSRs reaching out for help when needed. Consider a "Service Sponsor" to help guide you.

Meeting adjourned with Responsibility Statement

Alt DCM Report - 6/8/22 Delegates Report Notes

72nd Annual Service Conference that took place in April in Brooklyn whereas 71st was in online only.

Pre-conferences had great participation, heard a lot, but most of the items requesting recommendations did not get to deliver those recommendations because of the format of the conference.

GSC (134 voting members) can have full conference discussion, avenue through which agenda item can become action item, can decide to do nothing, or can bring forth a consideration to develop further materials related to the item.

A lot of activity at the conference, and so his intention is to post most of the items that can stand on their own on the District 51 website. (currently under Delegates Corner 2022 postings)

Did approve questionnaire for a new membership survey to be drafted, haven't conducted one since 2014.

Spent past 5 years passing around a plan for emergency reorganization of the boards.

Reaction to increasing moves to censure the board

Approved new pamphlet on young people in AA

Includes What it was like, what happened, what it's like now breakdown

Presents info on what YP events are like

Under the equitable distribution of workload (EDW) was the "Do you think you're different pamphlet"

The EDW balances out workloads by routing items to non-traditional (given context of item) committees

Put forth recommendation to revise pamphlet to include new stories to better draw attention to our common bond.

Approved revision of the 12 traditions illustrated

Talked about revising some of the stories from "A freedom from bondage" story in BB, was not met with agreement.

Proposed relocation of doctor's opinion to page 1 as it appeared in first printing of the BB instead of a Roman Numeral. Committee noted Bill's role in moving it to Roman Numeral to begin with.

Floor action made to impose 1 year moratorium on new conference item submissions, was not considered.

Approved change in Living Sober in the chapter ~ "Going to Meetings in AA" which would include language that "of course AA is a product of the world around us, but by keeping the focus on our common welfare primary purpose groups can help provide a safe and secure environment for all our members"

Focus was to keep this descriptive rather than prescriptive.

Proposed creation of virtual area 94, ad-hoc trustees committee working on development of this and recommendation of best-practices on how to execute this type of plan.

Shared a video from UK AA that describes the 12 concepts for World Service that GSO will be adapting for US/Canada.

Plain and Simple language Translation progress reports and updates. Nothing brought forth directly to consider for moving forward yet. No version was presented for review.

Advisory action that background be presented for conference items simultaneously in English, French, and Spanish.

LCM Report from Spring Assembly June 17-19 2022

Grapevine

- New Book available - Fun in sobriety
- We can call Grapevine rep if we have events and they will come to us.
- Grapevine sales are down: consider purchasing a subscription Could be personal or homegroup.
- Checkout instagram/ La Vina/ The grapevine podcast

Literature

- No report

Registrar

- DCMs have read access to Fellowship connection.

Budget and Finance

- Currently working 2023 Budget and equipment inventory spreadsheet

Website

- Currently looking for new webmaster
- Researching for a paid position

Growth and Maintenance

- Prepared for the Inventory
- Drafted questions
- Compiling data
- Still can give input on inventory items online through July 31st.
- Updating P3 manual

Corrections

- Prison meetings are back open but still struggling. If you are struggling or having problems contact corrections@aanorthcarolina.org.
- Freedom from Bondage was a great conference to attend.

Treatment Facilities

- Bridging the gap contact list is being updated in digital format
- The TFC handbook is on line.
- Reach out to tf@aanorthcarolina.org if you need help

Public Information

- Hopes to reach out to other PI to see what is going on in their districts. Greater understanding of the difference between attraction and promotion. Accepted invitation to attend Davidson Film Club screening of “Another Round” to share the AA solution to alcoholism.

Archives

- “Archives are good, Archives are great, thank you for putting Archives on my plate”. Application for 2024-2029 Archives position on the website under Information for Members, Service

Site Investigation

- Following up with proposals for Winter 2025 Committee meeting.

Convention Report

Spanish Language:

- Translator position will be open next year. Interested members can shadow Rick at the next 2 events.

CPC

- Attending regional CPC/PI committee meetings; attending professional events and making contacts in those communities.

Website:

- Added FAQ page under resources tab. Expanded list of events that can be listed on the website. Use Contact Us button for suggestions and comments. Application for 2023-2024 Webmaster position is available on the website. Website: Currently looking for a new Webmaster for 2023-2024. See Service Opportunities under Information for Members on aanorthcarolina.org.

Accessibilities: :

- Holding virtual monthly Accessibility meeting; available for workshops, district meetings, and brainstorming sessions. Has braille literature available.

Treasurer Report

<i>June</i>					
Running Balance May 2022					
Beginning Balance:	\$8,853.81		Ending Balance:	\$7,120.07	Prudent Reserve:
Total Credits:	\$347.62		Total Debits:	-\$2,081.36	Incl/(Dec) in Assets
					-\$1,733.74

<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Purpose/Budget</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Safe Shelter Group	6/9/2022	\$222.62	2013	Group Contribution	
Open Door	6/9/2022	\$125.00	1111	Group Contribution	
Special Events	6/9/2022	-\$750.00	5643	Founders Day	
USPS	6/10/2022	-\$182.00		PO box rent	
Webmaster	6/10/2022	-\$22.50			via debit card
Zoom	6/16/2022	-\$149.90		annual payment	
Truist	6/21/2022	-\$4.00		service charge	
DCM	6/22/2022	-\$535.37		Spring Assembly 2021	via CashApp
LCM	6/23/2022	-\$437.59	5644	Spring Assembly 2022	