

# District 23 Meeting Minutes

## for June 8, 2023

*Why Do We Need a Conference?* Was read

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

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

**Groups Present:** [Jami U - Unfortunately I misplaced my copy of the sign in sheet and do not have a record of groups represented this month, but I estimate there were about 20 people present at the district meeting].

**Group special needs:** No

**New GSRs/Alt GSRs present:**

Myra, new GSR for Language of the Heart – (JU – I will follow up with her contact information)

**Last month’s meeting minutes:** No suggested changes. Motion made to accept the May district meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

**Open (Vacant) Committee Chair positions:** None

### In-Meeting Committee Chair comments

Grapevine: Tommy S

- See full report below in the “Submitted Committee Reports” section.

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Accessibilities: Iris

- Nothing to report.

Cooperation with the Professional Community & Public Information (CPC/PI): Zach

- Nothing to report.

Special Events: Robin

- Founders' Day is June 25<sup>th</sup> at Country Park Shelter #1 from 1-5 pm. **GSRs and your homegroup** - They are still looking for volunteers. Show up early to help.
- See full report below in the "Submitted Committee Reports" section.

Correctional Facilities (CFC):

- See full report below in the "Submitted Committee Reports" section.
- Viki attended the CFC workshop at the Spring Assembly and learned that there are many jails and prisons that are still not open, so we [D23] are not the only district challenged with entry.
- Regarding our district taking meetings into the jails - High Point has let us enter, but the Chaplain's requirements have changed. Because there are three levels for the men's jail, they now require us to remain in the jail for three hours (one hour per level) and won't allow us to have, for example, three separate meetings concurrently for one hour. For the women's jail the requirement is that we stay for two hours. She and D24James have submitted a written request to the Chaplain to change the requirement, but the requirement is the same for any volunteers (churches, etc.). For now then, we will hold another Orientation on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the High Point jail, with the goal to flood them with volunteers; show them how well this works. She suspects that whatever the outcome is will influence or apply to the Greensboro jails because it's the same Chaplain. **GSRs and your homegroup** - if anyone has suggestions, Viki requests that you contact her.
- **GSRs and your homegroup** - Other details about volunteers bringing a meeting to the jail:
  - The volunteers are basically taking a meeting into the jail.
  - The volunteer must complete the application, scan them and send them to James Marshal. He interfaces with the jails. Get the application from Viki.
  - The orientation takes between 1 and 2 hours.
  - Typically, there are 2 – 3 volunteers that enter the jail at one time.
  - The High Point jail is allowing meetings to occur three days of the week.
  - We are asking for whatever people can offer. There isn't at this time for example a one-month commitment because the process is in flux. The best we can do is for people to complete the application and attend the orientation and be ready to go to meeting.
  - The meeting will likely be held during the middle of the day and during the week.
- There is no ETA on when the Greensboro jail will allow entry.
- Contributed to the CFC fund – Daytime group, Courage to Change. Intergroup donated pamphlets. It is greatly appreciated.

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Treatment Facilities (TFC): Della

- See full report below in the “Submitted Committee Reports” section.

Web & Technology: Mariah

- Nothing to report.

Intergroup: Dave

- Dave distributed a flier for **GSRs and homegroups**, that has the Intergroup office hours of operation and information for volunteers. They are seeking volunteers to work short shifts at the Intergroup office. See a screenshot of the flier in the “Submitted Reports” section. A digital copy may be requested from Dave. [JU – I have requested a digital copy for distribution].
- Financial report - For YTD our contributions and profit are up compared to this time last year. However, for the month of May contributions and profit are down compared to last year. Sales for May were up compared to last year, but the profit was down. The reason is the increase in cost for supplies, and Intergroup tries to maintain prices at their cost. Note that today our total contributions and sales are about 50% of what they were prior to Covid.
- **GSRs and homegroups** - Intergroup is also looking for more group representation at the Intergroup council meetings. Group representation has also dropped compared to pre-Covid. What is the role or responsibility of a group’s intergroup representative? Attend the intergroup council meeting which is the third Wednesday of every other month, the next one is in July. Share relevant information to the homegroup.

Treasurer: Holly

- See full report below in the “Submitted Committee Reports” section.
- Some exciting points are that all the accounts are sorted and individual group contributions are being captured. A digital copy was not available regarding the group contributions (maybe next month). **GSRs** - But with this information members can scan for their group and consult with the group treasurer if there are questions or concerns.

Alt DCM: Kyle

- Nothing to report

LCM: Jimmy/Jennifer

- Nothing to report

DCM: Kimberly

- **GSRs and any AA member** - Julie R. coming to give delegates report at the Service Nerds meeting Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15 PM. It will be condensed compared to the report during the assembly and will include a 10-15 minute Q&A segment.  
<https://nc23.org/meetings/service-nerds/>

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- All Spring Assembly agenda items passed unanimously.
- Area 51 is looking to register as a nonprofit. For the same reasons – having to pay an expensive fee to google. It was recommended by the growth and maintenance committee, if your homegroup has any concerns.
- **GSRs and any AA member** - The NC State Convention is July 20 – 23 at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center. Let Kimberly know if you want to volunteer to chair a marathon meeting, be a greeter, or take a shift in the hospitality suite.

### **Old Business**

- Regarding the district's process on becoming a nonprofit - The Bylaws, There were some suggested changes; some amendments. One was to change the DCM and ALT to include the LCMs. Also it said that after you serve a position, you can't even serve that position again, and a member questioned that. And about serving on a consecutive year.
  - The first one, article three section one, referring to offices "...the DCM, alt DCM, treasurer, and secretary..." but no mention of LCMs as officers. Motion was made to add the LCMs; to adopt the language. It passed.
  - Next also article three section one, "...no officer having served in one position may be elected to a second position". It was suggested to change it so that a two-year term may not be eligible to serve a consecutive term. Motion made and passed.
  - Last revision suggestion was in article four, section two. Conduct of meeting. "Meeting shall be chaired by the DCM..." The suggested change was to remove the "He/Her" and refer to the DCM directly instead of using a pronoun. Motion made. There were eleven for the motion and three opposed. The minority spoke: His group doesn't have enough information to vote favorably yet. A motion was not made to revote after the minority spoke. The original motion passed
  - A motion was made to approve the amended version of the bylaws. It passed. Note that bylaws can be updated at any time as needed by this [district] body.

### **New Business**

- A few members shared their experience at the Spring Assembly in Raleigh last week. The Area 51 delegate Julie R presented to the assembly a report on the GSO Conference, the four agenda items passed unanimously, the workshops were great, and there was a raffle dinner with the La Vina editor.
- Regarding the bylaws - A member asked: Are the officers concerned that they would be held liable, and does the board need insurance. Response was that this is a question for Andrean. What can AA be sued for? Maybe for example a claim or complaint about something on the district website. Christopher may take the liability thing back to the lawyer (Keith W) and bring his response back the next district meeting. He may request that he come to the next meeting. Betty asked what the cost would be to insure the board. Because then it might be just cheaper to pay for the google accounts without going to non profit if the nonprofit requires an insurance expense. Someone commented that the insurance (if needed) might be inexpensive because the risk is low.

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- Also on the topic of the district taking steps to become a non profit - The two members from The Way Out group were adamant/not favorable to adopting the bylaws/non profit.
- What are the other options (is what was asked). To pull everything back into our hosting provider; to move the emails completely over to the hosting provider, but we would lose the bells and whistles with Google (the Google drive and Google docs); the ease of administration with Google. We would lose access to the legacy documents on the Google drive, and the email chains and communications that are saved. We [last consensus within district a few months ago] don't want to lose the features and the history The only really options are to either spend the money for the google accounts as a for-profit entity or else move to nonprofit.

### **Meeting adjourned with Responsibility Statement**

### **Submitted Committee Reports**

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Treasurer:

<b>District 23 Financial Report</b>									
<b>June 2023</b>									
		Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	Jun		
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>							<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget vs. Actual</b>
Group contributions	\$ 4,500.00	\$410.00	\$789.11	\$93.00	\$627.00	\$30.00		1,949.11	\$2,550.89
Founders Day	\$ -							0.00	\$0.00
NYE	\$ -							0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL MONTH INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 4,500.00</b>	<b>410.00</b>	<b>789.11</b>	<b>93.00</b>	<b>627.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$1,949.11</b>	<b>\$2,550.89</b>
<b>Subcommittee Expenses</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>							<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget vs. Actual</b>
Accessibilities	\$ 200.00							0.00	\$200.00
CPC/PI	\$ 200.00							0.00	\$200.00
CFC	\$ 462.30				\$226.00			226.00	\$236.30
Grapevine	\$ 50.00							0.00	\$50.00
TFC	\$ 200.00							0.00	\$200.00
Special Events	\$ 1,500.00							0.00	\$1,500.00
Web	\$ 575.00	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	45.00	\$530.00
<b>District Level Expenses</b>									
Bank Fees	\$ 48.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00		20.00	\$28.00
Zoom	\$ 149.90							0.00	\$149.90
Buzz Sessions	\$ 200.00							0.00	\$200.00
Rent	\$ 200.00							0.00	\$200.00
Preconference	\$ 100.00							0.00	\$100.00
Printing and Supplies	\$ 200.00			\$43.28				43.28	\$156.72
PO Box	\$ 146.00							0.00	\$146.00
Non-Profit Filing Fee	\$ -		\$62.00					62.00	(\$62.00)
Google Workspace	\$ -	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$66.00	396.00	(\$396.00)
Intergroup Storage	\$ 60.00							0.00	\$60.00
Winter Committee Mtg	\$ 629.20			\$602.04				602.04	\$27.16
Spring Assembly	\$ 1,193.20						\$502.00	502.00	\$691.20
Summer Committee Mtg	\$ 728.00							0.00	\$728.00
Fall Assembly	\$ 1,193.20							0.00	\$1,193.20
Outstanding 2022 Expenses						\$358.95		358.95	(\$358.95)
<b>TOTAL MONTH EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 8,034.80</b>	<b>77.50</b>	<b>139.50</b>	<b>722.82</b>	<b>303.50</b>	<b>436.45</b>	<b>575.50</b>	<b>1,896.32</b>	<b>\$6,138.48</b>

Starting Balance	\$ 7,301.25	
Income	\$0.00	
Expenses	\$ 1,011.95	(May 1 to June 8)
Bank Balance	\$6,289.30	(As of June 8)
Prudent Reserve	\$2,400.00	
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$3,889.30</b>	

**Accessibilities:** No report submitted

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### **Special Events:**

Founders Day picnic at Shelter 1 of Country Park on June 25 from 1-5. Hamburgers and hot dogs provided, please bring a side to share. Volunteers please contact Kathleen at [kathleenmprokesch@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenmprokesch@gmail.com). Park in the back parking lot of the Natural Science Center (off Lawndale) and the Shelter is right there in front of you next to the carousel. Just a few steps walking this year from parking to shelter.

### **CFC:**

- **Jails:** Still only daytime meetings.
  - High Point Jail – women’s side is going well. Men’s is still chaotic as they have multiple floors and would like a meeting brought to each floor. Currently, cannot do this with limited number of volunteers. Goal is one meeting to women’s and one to men’s. That is going well.
  - Greensboro Jail – no access in the foreseeable future.

Great News! Another **orientation** scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the HP jail. No limit on number of applications they will accept. At the present time, still only for daytime and only for HP. \*I\* am going to go to orientation this time and hopefully volunteer once a month for HP Women’s meeting – I’ll just take a really long lunch. I have applications – for you to take some to your home groups or for yourself. Please complete and send to James Fonshill (D24 CFC) [jfonshill@yahoo.com](mailto:jfonshill@yahoo.com)

- **THANKS** to:
  - Daytime Group – has donated twice to CFC.
  - Tuesday night men’s group – Courage to Change. They passed the hat for a one-time collection to go for books for the jails!
  - Greensboro Intergroup/Dave – donated many copies of 4 different pamphlets and 5 of the books “AA in Prison Inmate to Inmate”.!

So grateful for these generous contributors – means the world to those on the receiving end, while in jail.

- **That’s why we do this!:** From a volunteer who took meetings to women’s side: “OMG! Today I went to the noon meeting and the only girl that came to the jail meeting last week (I gave her a book) came today and at the end of the meeting said how she was grateful for us coming into the jail and she had her book with her!! That’s why we do this!!!!”
- **Assembly, Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Attended the CFC breakout meeting. Found that so many other jails/prisons are still closed to meetings. So I am grateful we get to at least go to one.

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**CPC/PI:** No report submitted

**TFC:**

There has not been much change with the Cone Behavioral Health (CBH) facility over the last month. The Monday and Friday night meetings have been going well.

**We have openings for daytime meetings on Saturday and Sunday at either 2 or 4pm, although we are in the process of confirming if they will allow nighttime slots as well.**

For the new facility, Cone/Guilford Facilities Based Crisis Unit (FBC) we have nightly meetings on Tuesday's, Wednesday's, Thursday's and Saturday's and we have daytime meetings on Monday's.

**We still have openings for daytime or nighttime meetings on Friday's (some weeks of the month) and Sunday's at either 2, 4 or 8pm.**

Just as a reminder, there is a meeting guide at each location which the groups are using to facilitate the meetings. It is intended to simulate an AA beginner meeting with reading of the 12 steps, Bridging the Gap and the Promises. There is a limit of 2 with a preference of mixed gender. **If your group is taking meetings into either of these locations and for some reason can't take a meeting in on your date/time**, please let me know as soon as possible so we can either make other arrangements or let the contact know that we will not be there at the scheduled time. **This is critical to their internal scheduling.**

If your home group is interested in some great service work, please contact me as soon as possible for available days/times. **Our goal is to bring a meeting into both of these facilities every available day of the week!!**

**Thank you all for your service work!! Let's fill these remaining open slots as quickly as possible!!**

If you would like additional information, don't hesitate to call or email me directly.

Thanks,  
Della  
336-708-1216


**Grapevine:** Restocking magazines in IOPs and AA rooms.

**Web & Tech:** None

**Intergroup:** See flier below.



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<p><b>Hours</b> Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10AM - 2PM Info@aagreensboronc.com</p>	<h2>Greensboro Intergroup Office</h2>	<p><b>Location</b> 4125 Walker Ave, C-2 Greensboro, NC 27407 336-854-4278</p>
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Visit us to shop for literature and other AA related items.

**Intergroup of Greensboro is your resource center for alcoholics in the Piedmont.**

Our primary purpose is to provide alcoholics access and support both individually and on a group level:

- 24-hour hotline and answering service (calls welcome from family members and employers).
- Recovery literature, recovery medallions, accessories, and other items.
- Information for health care providers who serve our community.

**Intergroup Representative (IGR)**

An IGR serves as a liaison between the groups, its members, and Intergroup. Serving as an IGR offers you a rewarding opportunity to share in Alcoholics Anonymous' Third Legacy - Service. **Does your home group have an IGR?**

**Meetings**

There is a bi-monthly Intergroup business meeting held the third Wednesday of each odd month at 6:30pm. The next meeting will be July 19th @ 6:30pm, at the Intergroup office. For more information or to get your group connected to all of the business, events, and conversations happening throughout the Piedmont Triad A.A. call (336) 854-4278 or email:

[info@aagreensboronc.com](mailto:info@aagreensboronc.com)

**Volunteers**

We are looking for a few good volunteers to work a four-hour shift Mon - Sat. Those interested must have one year of sobriety and must be reliable.

