

District 23 Meeting Minutes

for March 9, 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	X
Alt DCM	Kyle R	X
LCM 1	Jennifer W	
LCM 2	Jimmy	X
Treasurer	Mitch	
Secretary	Jami U	X
Web & Technology	Mariah/Josh	
Special Events	Robin R.	
Treatment Facilities (TFC)	Della	
Correctional Facilities (CFC)	Viki/Tom	X
Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information (CPC/PI)	Zach M	
Accessibilities	Iris	
Grapevine	Tommy S	

13 Groups Present: Mustard Seed, Down & Dirty, Early Bird, Safe Shelter, Shivering Denizens, Lunch Bunch, Touchstone, Saturday Morning Men's, Greene St. Group, Way Out Group, Courage to Change, Open Door, Miracles Happen

Group special needs: No

New GSRs/Alt GSRs present:
Andy, GSR, Saturday Morning Men's

Last month's meeting minutes: No suggested changes. Motion made to accept the February district meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

Open (Vacant) Committee Chair positions: None

In-Meeting Committee Chair comments

Grapevine: Tommy S

- Nothing to report at this time.

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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

- Nothing to report.

Correctional Facilities (CFC):

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

Treatment Facilities (TFC): Della

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

Web & Technology: Mariah

- Nothing to report.

Intergroup: Dave

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Mitch

- Nothing to report.

Alt DCM: Kyle

- We went to the winter committee meeting this weekend and we received a report from the delegate and alternate delegate. Coming up the General Service Conference is April 22-29 in New York. We did receive a resignation from the Chair of GSO, and a search is underway. There is an increase in price for Grapevine. The Grapevine podcast is in the top 5% of all podcasts: <https://www.aagrapevine.org/announcing-gv-new-podcast>
- Five chapters have been drafted for the plain and simple language Big Book.
- SSAASA (Southern States AA Service Assembly) this year will be in Orlando Nov 17-19.
- **GSRs, please encourage your groups to attend the Preconference in Winston this weekend so that our voices are heard. Alternately the GSR/Alt GSR can bring the group’s conscience to the Preconference.** Note there’s also a Preconference in Raleigh coming up, same conference and purpose, just different location and date.

LCM: Jimmy/Jennifer

- Next month, April 13th at 6 pm Jimmy/Jennifer LCMs plan an information session for GSRs just prior to the April District Meeting at St Andrews Church. The focus is on **how to be a better GSR and how to link the homegroup to the district.**

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DCM: Kimberly

- We've been appointment to a new ad hoc committee regarding a hybrid format for Assemblies. If you have feedback or practices to suggest for Area 51 contact Kim.
- See full report below in the "Submitted Committee Reports" section.

Old Business

- District 23 has officially being incorporated as a nonprofit.

New Business

- A note about the Accessibilities position, Iris cannot fill/execute the position for the next few months. Kim asked do we want to fill it with someone else, or not have someone cover it, and let IRIS resume after a few months. There was no decision or resolution, so it remains on the table and will be on the agenda during April district meeting.
- District 23 committee chair position folks now have access to the GSR distribution list from their gmail account: click the "Google apps" nine-dot icon in the upper right corner, choose "Sheets" and file "D23 Group List".

Meeting adjourned with Responsibility Statement

Submitted Committee Reports

DCM:

- Winter Committee Update:
 - **Preconference:** March 18 in Winston (Virtual being held March 13th 6-8 pm and April 16th 2-4 pm. Overview of agenda items. Background of agenda items can be found here: <https://aanorthcarolina.org/members/delegates-corner/>
 - **Hybrid Investigation Subcommittee Update**
 - **Agenda items for assembly**
- **Spring Assembly** June 3-4 at North Raleigh Hilton. Rooms are expected to sell out. Unity Fund is available for groups that are unable to afford a room; please email dcm@nc23 for more details.
- Grapevine is looking for input about what the membership needs are for a new Grapevine App: <https://www.aagrapevine.org/app-survey>
- Literature prices are being raised: <https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/Price%20Increase%202023.pdf>

Treasurer: No report submitted

LCM: No report submitted

Accessibilities: No report submitted

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Special Events: No report submitted

CFC:

Hello,
The Guilford County Sheriff is totally on board with our coming into the HP and Greensboro jails. Districts 23 and 24 will be working together to take meetings to both jails.

However, at this time, there are some restrictions on what we can do:

- time is of the essence – the only orientation scheduled at this time is THURSDAY, MARCH 16th at 6pm at the HP jail
- they are short staffed in the evenings and on weekends, so we can only go in Monday – Thursdays between 12 and 3:30
- they are only allowing 10 total people to go through orientation at this time

NOTE: After we get our foot in the door and it's going well, hopefully we can expand the days/hours/number of people

If you are interested:

- the day/time will be determined by whoever is going that week – there is much flexibility
- at this time, we need 4 females and 2 men – it will be first come, first served
- because we are only allowed to have 10 people, we really need people that will be committed to this service work and CAN MAKE THE ORIENTATION
- please print the attached application and fill it out/sign it
- **The original, signed application must be to James Fonshill (336-666-0447) by March 9 so he can get it to the jail for the background check prior to orientation**

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, Viki Matthews (336-340-3817) or Tom P. (336-337-0776). Thank you for your consideration for this service work opportunity.

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 Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at either 2 or 4pm.

For the new facility, Cone/Guilford Facilities Based Crisis Unit (FBC) we have nightly meetings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and we have daytime meetings on Mondays.

We still have openings for daytime or nighttime meetings on Fridays and Sundays at either 2, 4, or 8 pm.

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 beginning 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 w 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: No report submitted

Web & Tech: No report submitted

Intergroup: No report submitted