

## May 12, 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	
Web & Technology	Mariah	X
Special Events		
Treatment Facilities (TFC)	Della	
Correctional Facilities (CFC)	Roberta R	

**New GSRs/Alt GSRs present:**

- Adam (GSR) Courage to Change
- Kori (Alt GSR), Courage to Change
- Christopher (Alt GSR) Early Bird
- David (GSR) Muirs Chapel Men’s Group
- Reid (GSR) Language of the Heart
- Sue, (GSR) AAFT
- Amanda (Alt GSR) Into Action

**Groups Present:**

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| Courage to Change        | Into Action      | Dawn Patrol        |
| Early Bird               | Free Spirit      | Way Out            |
| Muirs Chapel Men’s Group | Keeping it Green | Shivering Denizens |
| Language of the Heart    | Open Door        | Down and Dirty     |
| AAFT                     | Mustard Seed     | Safe Shelter       |

Please e-mail the Web Committee ([webcommittee@nc23.org](mailto:webcommittee@nc23.org)) so we can get you signed up for e-mails and text notifications. For District notices text sign up: text 474747 and then type eznc23

You can update your group’s listing with GSO at this link: <https://aanorthcarolina.org/contacts/area-officers/registrar/gcf>

Minutes from April meeting were accepted with two corrections:  
 Kathe P. from Greene Street wasn’t listed as present. Update Special Events was marked as vacant.

**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)  
Accessibilities **VACANT**
  - Grapevine **VACANT**
  - Special Events: (report given by Kathleen) Founder's Day Picnic will be held June 12 noon to 5 at Country park at Shelter 7. Committee needs volunteers. If interested contact Kathleen (Kathleen ([kathleenmprokesch@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenmprokesch@gmail.com)) or 631-664-1159)
  - Treatment Facilities (TFC) report below.
  - Web & Technology: (Mariah) Full report below. Please send any meeting changes to Mariah via the website form.
  - Intergroup (Dave G). Continue with limited hours 10-2. M, W, F. More info can be found at [aagreensboro.com](http://aagreensboro.com). Contributions are down considerably but sales are up – currently looking at a net loss of \$220. Calls to hotline are down. They are in the process of updating call list (one for Men and one for women. Please let Dave know if you want to be added). Next Wednesday at 6:30p. Dave can add you to email list to be reminded about meetings.
  - Treasurer (Mitch). Full report below. Treasurer's report approved.
  - Alt DCM (Kyle): Rainer is going to come Service Nerds Wednesday June 8 at 6:15p on Zoom. Post-conference Delegate's report. A flyer is available at [nc23.org](http://nc23.org).
  - LCM: Have been working on updating group information with Area registrar. Jennifer and Jimmy are working on updating Group information so any new GSRs check with them to make sure information is accurate to get meeting finder updated. No way to list if a meeting is hybrid or online on the GSO site.
  - DCM
    - "Service Nerds," Greensboro's service manual study meets at 6:15p every Wednesday night on Zoom. Details are on [nc23.org](http://nc23.org). Have some exciting guests in the coming weeks – Rainer (Delegate), Newton P (former Trustee At-Large), Deb A (Non-Trustee Director)
    - Call for Area 51 webmaster: The current webmaster's term is coming to an end at the end of this year. Please reach out to Kimberly for the information about how to apply if you know of anyone that may be interested.
    - Spring Assembly: **Hotel room cut-off is May 13.** Agenda items that will be voted on at the assembly are below. Please take back to your groups for discussion at the next district meeting as well as at the assembly.
- 1) AGENDA ITEM #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.
    - This is separate from the 2020-2021 \$11k surplus
    - A couple of members shared that they thought this was very important. Someone asked if there has been any effort to digitize the archives. Kimberly confirms that there has been but isn't sure if this process is complete.
  - 2) AGENDA ITEM #2: 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.
    - This brings the advisory action regarding attending the preconferences in line with current practices with the addition of online preconferences.
  - 3) AGENDA ITEM #3: 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.

- This can be a financial strain on districts but can also promote unity. One point of discussion is that this could easily be done virtually.
- 4) AGENDA ITEM #4: 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.
  - This would allow changes to the site to be made more quickly at the Area Committee meetings (4 times a year) rather than at the assemblies (2 times a year).
- 5) AGENDA ITEM #5: To approve the Chair’s appointment of Alana E. of Durham as Area 51 Convention Chair for the period 2023 – 2024.
- 6) AGENDA ITEM #6: To approve the Chair’s appointment of Lizzy T. of Durham as Area 51 Convention Alternate Chair for the period 2023 – 2024.
- 7) AGENDA ITEM #7: To approve the Chair’s appointment of Linda N. of Mount Airy to complete the 2021-2022 term as Area 51 Public Information Coordinator.

### **Old Business**

- Open Positions: CPC/PI, Accessibilities, Grapevine. No one was interested in standing.
- Ideas for Area surplus
  - Hybrid equipment
- Intergroup Space – Dave shared that there has not been enough interest to make this work.

### **New Business**

- Issue with email hosting + gaining non-profit status
  - Gmail is getting rid of the free workspace that we use so we need to find a solution:
    - We can register as a non-profit in order to use the workspace for free. But there was feedback from members that this undertaking would result in legal responsibility that we may not want.
    - Switching to using the email hosting services of our web hosting company, Siteground. We would have to switch everything to our hosting domain that we are already paying for. Siteground will limit how many emails each account will hold. Won’t have to start paying Gmail until September and it will be reduced to \$3/month per email address (19). Kyle will learn more about migrating to siteground. Don thinks it will be a much better option to migrate to the site hosting. Jennifer brings up the point that will either need access to our files on Google drive or have access to some sort of work space.
- New Budget – the approved budget didn’t account for all four DCM, Alt DCM, and LCM (2) positions being filled so there wasn’t enough budgeted for all positions to attend the committee meetings and assemblies. Mariah is unable to attend the NAWTAA conference in person which freed up quite a bit of funds. Reduced the budgeted amounts for positions that have been vacant half the year. Added a line for the PO box and printing expenses.
- The Area 51 PI Coordinator emailed DCMs with a request for districts to reach out to Seventh Day Adventist church’s at their request (meet the Pastor and drop off literature). Pat and Zach will be the points of contact for this request. Kimberly will send them information.

### **Adjourn with Responsibility Statement**

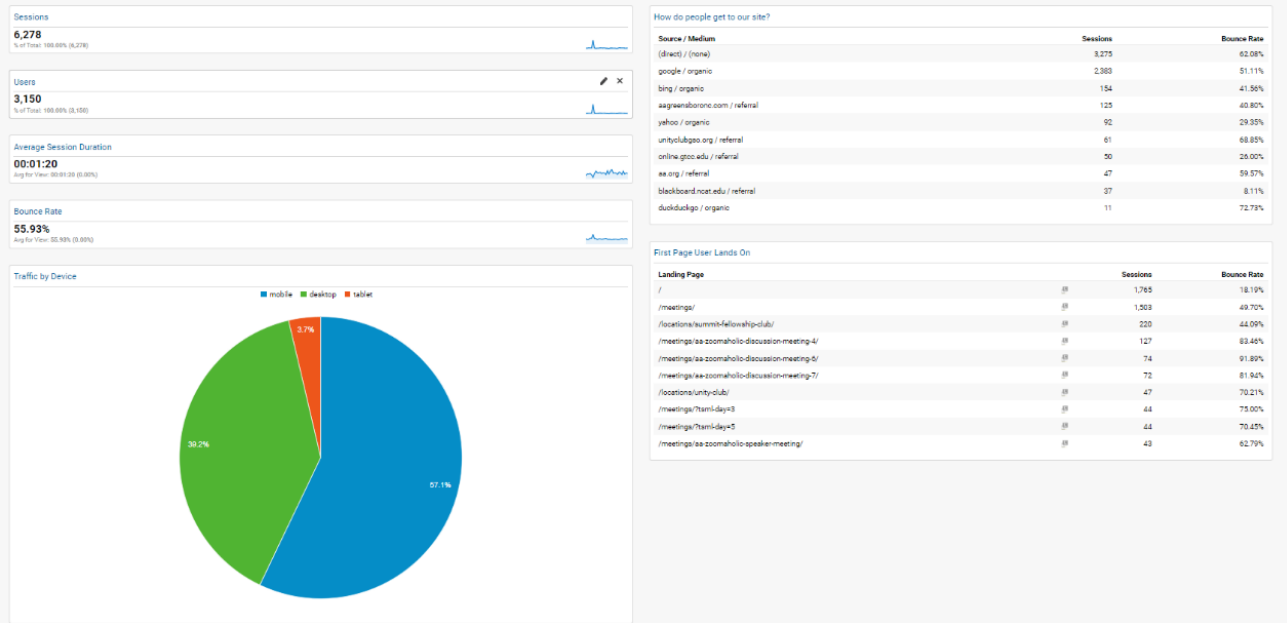
### **Committee Reports**

**Special Events:** No report submitted

**CFC:** Received a call last week from Sandi at the Guilford County Jail this week. She explained that there have been lots of changes since the pandemic. They have no idea when they will be able to resume having AA meetings come into the facility. There are several women that Roberta has met during the time they were going to Guilford county jail. They have moved on to Raleigh and other facilities. She keeps in touch with these women through telephone calls and letters. Occasionally she will send a book at their request. Other districts have resumed taking meetings into the jails, but Guilford County it's not one of them.

**TFC:** There has not been any change to the schedule for Cone Behavioral Health. Still taking meetings on site every Friday night and all is going well.

**Web & Tech:**



**CPC/PI:** Vacant  
**Accessibilities:** Vacant  
**GV:** Vacant