

NC23 District Committee Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2020

Opened meeting with the Serenity Prayer and “Why Do We Need a Conference”

- No announcements from the groups

Treasurer Report – Carlos:

- Very little activity this month. Will go to post office next week.
- April statement included a \$4 service charge and \$1 test for cash app
- Account \$6,179.70 which will decrease with payments to Sam and Adrian for premium Zoom account.
- Account should be at about \$5,900.
- People are paying out of pocket and will be reimbursed.
- Difficult to forecast right now.

CPC/PI – Josh:

- Spectrum called and wanted a few remarks on how AA is handling COVID-19. Answered a few questions and informed them of the web site and on-line meetings.
- Guilford College also called, and they were provided the same information.
- ABC board contact – waiting to hear back.
- Reached out to corporate nurse at Volvo Corporate to get involved in their health events.

Correctional Facilities – Roberta:

- Able to drop-off literature to the jail

Grapevine – Henry:

- New Edition came out the past 2 weeks.
- We won't have a drawing for the Grapevine until events start up.

Special Events - Katie:

- As we move through COVID-19 phase I Founders Day will be a Zoom Meeting on June 13th.
- Is there interest in:
 - 2 speakers or 1 speaker and a panel/workshop?
 - Session in the AM and one in the PM.
 - Are there any suggestions for topics?
- Looks like 2 speakers. Does not need a vote, is in group conscious of the committee. There will be two speakers.
- Feel free to text or email Katie.

Accessibilities – Tyler:

- Haven't had any updates from telephone answering service
- Haven't received any updated inventory forms or the questionnaires. No submissions since last meeting.
- Someone for DSDHH returned call and has directed Tyler to someone who is more suited to help us. They seem interested. Good way to bridge the gap directly. This will progress.

Treatment Facilities – John:

- No report due to COVID-19 – no meetings scheduled

Web & Tech – Kyle:

- March and April, we've seen a lot more use was ~2,000 users now ~4,100 users.
- Session time up from 1.5 to 3 minutes.
- Seeing more use of desktops and tablets.
- If HGs have specific passwords, they need to inform the Web committee. Zoom provides a hashed version of the password that allows you to join the meeting and click to join without going back to capture the password.

Alt DCM Report – Jon:

- Intergroup are planning on having a meeting on 5-27 and would like to do in person.
- AA 2022 has been postponed indefinitely.
- District 23 is working with the area maintenance committee on electronic district change forms.
- Making announcements at meetings regarding cancellations.
- Grapevine has printed and audio material on GSO.
- Filled area requests regarding asset inventory.
- Working with Joshua for the transition for CPC/PI

LCM Reports:

- Mitch – No report
- Connie – No report

DCM Report – Adrian:

- Thank you to the Web Committee and Webmaster - there has been an increase in activity
- Service Nerds Update – at this point still meeting on line and getting into the meat and potatoes of the service manual. Great opportunity for GSR's and can be used as a Boot Camp.
- Resumption of Meetings, Notifying Web Committee, and Hybrid Meeting Recommendation – remind your groups to notify web committee.
- If your group starts face-to-face meetings, please consider a hybrid meeting so we accommodate high risk people and they will be able to attend meetings.
- Will district have open call meetings? District 23 won't touch that.
- Area update:
 - Completed area info for incorporation and insurance for the area. There will be a sub-committee meeting at the end of the month.
 - Area Assembly changed to July 12-13, North Raleigh Hilton, \$127 Single/Double Room Rate Code A51S.
 - If there is a vote our DCM will vote for on-line.
 - The district Cash App is \$GSONC23. Donations from groups and individuals who have the ability are still appreciated.
 - GSO news = had to furlough and lay off workers. Asking for \$3mil from prudent reserves to keep office open. Annual operating expenses are ~\$18mil, prudent reserve is ~\$14mil

- Area 51 had \$18,000 surplus that were going to spend on billboards across the state. The Area will probably end 2020 with deficit.
 - Should we make a motion to ask the area to apply the \$18K towards the 2020 area operating costs?
- Old Business Listing Online Meetings – What Zoom/Online Meetings should be published on nc23.org? Background – After the onset of social distancing, the Web Committee has received several requests for listing meetings that are not in the area, are not associated with groups, etc. Currently the Web Committee lists meetings that request it that have a secure solution with open registration or sign in with no vetting of the location of the group or people hosting the meeting. The District Committee has previously set our standard for the listing of in-person meetings, and the issue was last visited at the January 2016 District Committee Meeting.
 - The motion was that we would list meetings that were listed in NC23.
 - Kyle has not had any subsequent requests for additional meetings.
 - Don (Way Out)– HG had a lively meeting and made recommendations.
 - We have listed meeting before that are meetings and not groups. Suggested to differentiate meetings or groups on the website. There may be meetings that don't form a HG and are still valid meetings.
 - Should not list meetings or groups that are not local. MOTION – to list local meetings. There would be education involved.
- Joshua – like idea only concern is to many meetings being listed. Amend motion grant Kyle discretion as to what meetings to list.
- Kyle – Shivering Dennison's is a meeting without a physical HG. Created since COVID-19. The National app pulls from our site and this could cause redundancy if other districts are listing the same meeting.
- Adrian – when we listed groups that were not NC23 we were not updated when there were changes and thus meetings were pulled from our website.
- MOTION: Josh – give Kyle discretion what he wants to list without district guidance; 2nd
 - Carlos – does this put pressure on Kyle? No
 - Tyler – this will probably not be a temporary thing and we should have some type of written opinion.
 - Motion to reconsider; was not 2nd
- MOTION: give web master discretion to decide what meetings to list; 2nd and passed.
 - Kyle – said he could develop a rule that will be reviewed a next meeting.

New Business:

- PayPal Payment Link – Should the district add a PayPal Donate Button on nc23.org?
 - Background – PayPal recently introduced reduced processing fees for online microtransactions. As mail and in-person donations are not preferable at this time, should the district add a link to donate on nc23.org? Both Area 51 and GSO have donation buttons on their websites, and both require the donor to certify that they are in fact AA members.
 - Don – likes
 - Katie – doesn't like the word donate/donation consider the word contribute/contribution.

- Kyle – are there issues with anonymity when using PayPal? No, if the name is correct.
 - Carlos and Kyle would have to work on this.
- MOTION: Trisha – to use PayPal; 2nd and passed 1- to 1. District will add contribute button
 - Tyler – where will this contribute button be?
 - You will have to confirm that you are a member of AA to donate.

Motion to adjourn, 2nd and passed

Closed with Responsibility Statement.