

District 23 Meeting Minutes

for May 11, 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	
LCM 1	Jennifer W	X
LCM 2	Jimmy	
Treasurer	Mitch	
Secretary	Jami U	X
Web & Technology	Mariah/Josh	X
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	X

16 Groups Present: Down & Dirty, Greens Street, Shivering Denizens, Courage to Change, Cornerstone, Safe Shelter, Lunch Bunch, Early Bird, It's in The Book, Save Haven Group, Step Lively Group, Keeping it Green.

Group special needs: No

New GSRs/Alt GSRs present:

Jami U, Keeping it Green, GSR
Logan, Step Lively, GSR

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

Open (Vacant) Committee Chair positions: Treasurer

In-Meeting Committee Chair comments

Grapevine: Tommy S

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

Accessibilities: Iris

- Nothing to report.

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

- Zach has been contacting a lot of businesses. But not much participation in the subcommittee that has its meeting posted on www.nc23.org. He requests that **GSRs** ask their group to designate a CPC/PI rep to participate, and if any homegroup member would like to participate unofficially it's welcomed as well.

Special Events: Robin

- Founders' Day is June 25th at Country Park Shelter #1 from 1-5 pm. See more information in the Submitted Reports section below.

Correctional Facilities (CFC):

- Next week we can go into the High Point jail; one meeting for women and another for men.
- 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

- The National Technology Workshop is in Winchester VA Sept 8 – 10th at \$140 a night, Shenandoah Valley area. Focusing on innovations and ways to leverage technology for AA. In previous years we budgeted for the committee to go.
- Also, see full report below in the "Submitted Committee Reports" section.

Intergroup: Dave

- Closed the financials for April. Intergroup has had a strong first quarter/four months and the member/homegroup contributions have been awesome. Sales have increased by about 60% in the first four months. Supplier have been very responsive. Most of the backlog has been fulfilled; not too many shortages in literature. All of the price increases are now in effect. For example, the Big Book used to be \$9.50 is now it is \$11.50. Grapevine backorders have been fulfilled.
- There is brochure available "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" and there's also a soft cover book titled "AA in Prison". Dave will be convening the intergroup council and will petition the council for approval to make a contribution or donation toward a correctional facility.

Treasurer: Mitch

- No report

Alt DCM: Kyle

- Nothing to report.

LCM: Jimmy/Jennifer

- The new safety cards are free at the Intergroup office. Hard copies were also distributed to members attending the district meeting.
- Next month we'll have an information session and it will be specific to GSRs participation and responsibilities at the assemblies, and at the district and home group level. [The information session starts at 6 pm, the slot before the district meeting, every second Thursday of the month at the St Andrews Episcopal Church on Market St. All **GSRs** are encouraged to attend, as well as any interested AA member.

DCM: Kimberly

- Contact Kimberly M if you want to go to the Lake Junaluska for the AA NC state convention.
- The Spring Assembly in Raleigh is approaching, June 2 - 4th. A friendly reminder that one of the **GSR's** responsibilities is to attend the assemblies, representing their homegroup, specifically on the Saturday and Sunday of the event, and Friday evening is considered optional.

Old Business

- Non-Profit Ad-hoc committee update:
 - Bylaws.
 - D32 is still pursuing nonprofit status and the bylaws are a step toward making it a reality. A hard copy of the proposed Bylaws was distributed to district members present. An attorney will also be reviewing the bylaws and we're waiting for his/her response.
 - **GSRs**, ask homegroups for input/concerns regarding the bylaws, which can be found here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qH_T2Nb1AVKczrK9O_Ow0u3QE6R-Bs7P/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108228934378706396136&rtpof=true&sd=true
 - Do the bylaws align with our AA principles, are there any concerns. For example,
 - "AA ought never be organized" but having a backup structure [Bylaws] is a good idea. For example, district paid for Zoom without authorization.
 - There's no Trust that can be created, no one can hold money (responding to the question about property, power, and prestige). Three people can make financial decisions and are well within the parameters of other bylaws for service groups.
 - One district member expressed concern for # 8 on the last page – but intergroup and other groups within AA also have affiliations.
 - Any questions should be directed to Kimberly M. We can review the Bylaws (and any updates if they were made) during next month's district meeting, and the goal is to approve the bylaws at the next district meeting. If there are many and/or significant concerns the district can always delay the vote to approve the bylaws.
 - **GSRs**, if there is an opportunity/reasonable to request from homegroups if any attorneys can review the proposed bylaws.
 - D23 now has an IEN.
 - The plan forward is that once the bylaws are approved, the next step will be to submit applications to the IRS. The process is moving along as well as can be expected.

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- Sprint Assembly Agenda items. Kimberley sought district members' group conscious on each of the spring assembly agenda items. All four agenda items were supported, no dissent was raised.
- Approve eligibility requirements for treasurer. Motion made and approved. Here were the suggested Requirements:
 - Can be a current or former GSR. If a former GSR, they will need to have had continuous sobriety since serving as GSR
 - Requires 2 years of continuous sobriety
 - Whose current home group is in District 23
- Elect an interim district treasurer, to serve until the end of the 2023 year. Holly stood for the remaining term of the district's Treasurer position. Motion made and accepted.

New Business

- Regarding the plain language of the big book, Area 51 delegate Julie will talk about this at the spring assembly, but it was reported that some delegates were able to read six chapters of the new translation, and most of the delegates responded favorably.
- Don M suggested a side by side of the Big Book content and the translation (in one publication). A motion was made for our district to consider proposing this to the summer committee meeting. The motion did not pass.

Meeting adjourned with Responsibility Statement

Submitted Committee Reports

Treasurer: No report submitted

Accessibilities: No report submitted

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. 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: Still waiting to get started on HP and GSO jails – they are so short staffed and are training new people for DAY shifts. Would still like to collect old Grapevines to take into the jails, when we go.

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, although we are in the process of confirming these times are still available.

For the new facility, Cone/Guildford 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.

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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 on your date/time, please let me [Della] 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 [Della] 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: Still working on distribution into area AA meetings, IOP's, treatment centers, (and hopefully area jails and prisons soon). Any older or used Grapevine magazines are appreciated!

Web & Tech: 1) Web Committee has a new member. They bring with them professional experience with Wordpress. We are excited to have them. Due to demand, a link to a PDF downloaded/printable meeting schedule is now under the documents page on the website. Will try to post a new version each month while posting meeting minutes.

Intergroup: No report submitted