

September 9, 2021 NC23 District Committee Hybrid Meeting Minutes

Reading of “Why Do We Need A Conference? “

Welcome! New GSRs/Alt GSRs: Please e-mail the Web Committee (webcommittee@nc23.org) so we signed up for e-mails and text notifications. You can update your group’s listing with GSO at this link: <https://aanorthcarolina.org/contacts/area-officers/registrar/gcf/>

Approval of Minutes (available on nc23.org)

No minutes from August 2021

Call for any Group Needs:

- No needs identified

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.)

No items

Treasurer – Carlos:

- Expenses from area committee meeting will be submitted for reimbursement.
- Report will be emailed to DCM

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

- No report

Correctional Facilities (CFC) – Roberta:

- No update.
- Delta is in the jail and doesn’t know when she’ll be back in jails. Will continue letters and telephone calls.

Grapevine –:

- No update. Henry is available to give away things

Special Events – Katie:

- Nearing the point to make a plan for new years

Accessibilities – Tyler:

- No report.

Treatment Facilities (TFC) – Bella:

- No changes with increase of Delta
- Reaching out to new facility
- Questions about Day Mark which is in district 24 (High Point) and it is be handled by district 24

Web & Technology – Kyle/Josh:

- It is still there and still working.

Intergroup Representative:

- No report

AA2022 Committee:

- No report

Alt DCM Report - Kimberly:

Delegate's Report (presented at the Summer Committee Meeting)

- A lot of Areas and Districts are looking at surpluses, not only due to expenses being down but also because of virtual contributions
- GSO is working to update the meeting guide app
- Grapevine and the communications department has begun development of the AA podcast and have released a few episodes. It's called AA Live
- The AA Instagram page is live
- AAWS reports that there have been printing delays related to Covid
- The service manual has been revised. The digital version will be released November 5 and the printed version will be released November 26. There will no longer be a large print. The cost will be \$4.
- There was a new Hispanic woman in AA pamphlet written and released.
- Revised 12 and 12s are available
- Rainer will bring conference reports to the Fall Assembly
- There will be sample excerpts for the modern Big Book translation presented to the board in September or October but the entire process to develop the book will likely take a few years.
- Any pamphlets that include the word "inmate" Will all be revised when they are re-printed
- The money and spirituality pamphlet will be revised to make sure it is clear that the pie chart is a sample and only a suggestion.
- A subcommittee will be formed to discuss the idea of developing a workbook to accompany the big book.
- There has been a committee formed to discuss the participation of online groups. There are concerns from virtual groups of how it will work; some have expressed interest in developing virtual districts, area, etc.
- there's been a committee formed to draft a mental health pamphlet by October
- There is a new Corrections Correspondence Service database is launching in September to match people in prison with AA members.
- A program is launching to offer free Grapevine and La Vina subscriptions to people in custody
- The next international convention is in 2025 in Vancouver
- A PowerPoint presentation is being developed to explain how to discuss AA at non-AA events
- There is discussion of adding a section to the Area website for Rainer to share news/updates.

LCM Report – Mitch:

- Coordinator Reports from Area Committee Meeting
- Treasure – net increase of \$38K to budget. Expenses and contributions are both down.
- Registrar – it's important for group to complete their information
- Grapevine has an Instagram
- CPI/PI looking for volunteers. Mitch has addresses.
- Submit names of people with 35+ years sobriety with majority of time spent in NC

DCM Report – Adrian:

- Agenda Items Report from Area Committee Meeting
- See report below
- There is a \$6,000 surplus in area 51 this year and the area will be taking ideas as to how to use it. Use won't be voted on until the spring assembly. They solicit ideas, send the budget to subcommittee with pick one and forward to area for voting at assembly.

Old Business

- N/A

New Business

- N/A

Motion to adjourn; motion seconded; motion passed.

Adjourn with Responsibility Statement

DCM Report on Agenda Items from Summer Committee Meeting

Agenda Item #1 – To determine the location of districts holding 2022 Pre-Conference Events. It was decided that Greensboro (D23) would be hosting the Central Region Preconference on 3/26, with Asheville (D70&D71) hosting the Western Preconference on 4/2, the Districts 92 & 93 hosting the Eastern Preconference on 4/9. The Spanish Language Preconference will be hosted by D05 on 4/10. *This item passed unanimously.*

- Feel free to help with the Central Region Preconfigured in Greensboro – contact Kimberly if interested

Agenda Item #2 – That the 2022 Area 51 Corrections Conference (“Freedom from Bondage”) be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Aberdeen, NC on 3/11-3/13. *This item passed unanimously. **This item will be on the agenda at the Fall Assembly.***

Agenda Item #3 – That Area 51 adopt the GSR Unity Fund as a permanent budgeted item to allow GSRs with financial difficulty to participate in area assemblies. The Unity Fund will continue to support 4 rooms at each assembly covering an annual maximum of 8 room nights. *This item passed with 1 opposed. I voted in favor of this motion. **This item will be on the agenda at the Fall Assembly.***

Agenda Item #4 – That Area 51 utilize its Zoom Account on a permanent basis. The Area Chair or their designee will determine assignment and use of the account. This item passed *with 1 opposed. I voted in favor of this motion. **This item will be on the agenda at the Fall Assembly.***

Agenda Item #5 – To approve the proposed Area 51 2022 Budget. *After several changes and questions, this item passed unanimously. **This item will be on the agenda at the Fall Assembly.***

- *There were mathematical errors that were fixed*

Agenda Item #6 – That the 2023 Summer Committee Meeting be held at the Blowing Rock Conference Center, that the 2023 Fall Committee Meeting and Assembly be held at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills, that the 2024 Spring Committee Meeting and Assembly be held at the Hilton Raleigh North Hill, that the 2024 State Convention be held at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills, that the 2024 Summer Committee Meeting be held at the Blowing Rock Conference Center, that the 2024 Fall Committee Meeting and Election Assembly be held at Lake Junaluska, that the 2025 Spring Committee Meeting and Assembly be held at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills, and that the 2025 State Convention be held at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills. *After some discussion, the item passed with limited dissent. I voted against this motion. **This item will be on the agenda at the Fall Assembly.***

- **Discussion on concern of going back to Lake Junaluska without going east first and about holding elections in a central location.**
- **Costs are the same at Raleigh and Lake Junaluska**

Agenda Item #7 – That the Alternate Convention Chair become a member of the Committee with a voice, but no vote, unless the Convention Chair is absent. The Alternate Convention Chair’s expenses shall be paid by the area travel budget. *There was discussion on this motion because it initially said that travel expenses would come out of the State Convention Budget. After the amendment, it passed unanimously. **This item will be on the agenda at the Fall Assembly.***

Agenda Item #8 – The Committee authorizes the Chair to organize and implement a hybrid 2021 Fall Assembly at Lake Junaluska, not to exceed \$?,???. This is not a mandate to the Chair to hold a hybrid event should it prove too costly or too technically challenging to provide an equitable virtual/in-person experience. *This item received the most discussion of any item discussed at the Area Committee meeting. The amount of funds was voted to be \$15,000. After additional discussion, it was voted down with 15 in favor and 30 opposed. I voted in favor.*

- *Discussion – should people be permitted to attend virtually; will be pay attention;*
- *Positive – ability to host more people (medically)*
- *This item was voted down.*
- *Fall assembly will be 100% in person at Lake Junaluska*

Agenda Item #9 – That Area 51 Website Policies “Public Content and Features” be augmented to allow notices of Area 51 intergroup, district, and YPAA-sponsored events to be posted on the Area 51 website. *There was discussion on this item regarding if the committee or the assembly needed to vote on the item and to clarify that items would be posted at the discretion of the Website Committee. This item passed unanimously. **This item will be on the agenda at the Fall Assembly.***

Agenda Item #10 – That Area 51 Website Policies “Public Content and Features” be modified such that the Area Assembly meeting notices (without background details), Area Assembly meeting agendas (without background details), and Area Assembly schedule be accessible in the “Public Content and Features” section. *This item passed unanimously. **This item will be on the agenda at the Fall Assembly.***

Agenda Item #11 – That the Area 51 Website Policies Composition be amended as follows:

- Add subcommittee voting privileges to the Webmaster
- Add the role of subcommittee Technical Advisor, of which there can be multiple, with subcommittee voting privileges to serve a one-year which can be renewed multiple times. The advisors are first approved by the website subcommittee and recommended for approval at the Winter Committee Meeting, for the year long-term starting at the conclusion of that Winter Committee Meeting.
- Clarify the third bullet under “Scope” to mirror wording elsewhere in the P3.
- Move the Website Composition, Scope and Procedure content to the P3 under the description of Website Subcommittee, and reference that in the Website Policies document available from the Area 51 website, among other locations.

*This item passed unanimously. **This item will be on the agenda at the Fall Assembly.***

Motion to adjourn, seconded, passed.

Closed with the Responsibility Meeting