

District 23 Meeting Minutes for September 8, 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	
LCM 1	Jennifer W	X
LCM 2	Jimmy	X
Treasurer	Mitch	X
Secretary	Jami U	
Web & Technology	Mariah	X
Special Events	Robin R.	
Treatment Facilities (TFC)	Della	X
Correctional Facilities (CFC)	Roberta R	
Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information (CPC/PI)	Zach M	X
Accessibilities	Iris	X

14 Groups Present: Agnostics Atheists Freethinkers, Big Book No Smoke, Cornerstone, Courage to Change, Down & Dirty, Early Bird, Free Spirit, Green Street, Happy Hour, It's in the Book, Mustard Seed, Pathway to Freedom, The Way Out, Safe Shelter.

Group special needs: None

New GSRs/Alt GSRs present: Mark (Safe Shelter), Rod (Pathway to freedom)

Last month's meeting minutes: No suggested changes. Motion made to accept the August district meeting minutes. It passed.

Open (Vacant) Committee Chair positions: Grapevine:

In-Meeting Committee Chair comments

Cooperation with the Professional Community & Public Information (CPC/PI): Zach - There is an annual summit for Guilford County judges that that this committee can participant in, to talk about the benefits of AA. Also the public defenders office.

Special Events: Robin – No report. However, Don reported that about 12 people participated in the Big Book Story writing workshop.

Correctional Facilities (CFC): Roberta - No report. Still cannot get access into the Guildford County jails.

Treatment Facilities (TFC): Della – See the full report below in the *Submitted Committee Reports* section.

Web & Technology: Mariah – See the New Business section below about migrating our email accounts to a website host.

Intergroup: Dave - No report

Treasurer: Mitch – See screenshots below in the *Submitted Committee Reports* section. A motion was made to accept the treasurer report for both July and August. It passed.

Alt DCM: Kyle – No report

LCM: Jimmy/Jennifer –

- LCMs are gathering information for an accurate account of what homegroups are in Greensboro. The next step is to visit those meetings that are not participating at the district level. Jennifer/Jimmy made a list of the groups that do not have a GSR listed. Additionally, Jennifer requests that if there are some homegroups that are temporarily inactive (since the pandemic), then contact her so she can inquire if they plan to become active at some point. She distributed a hard copy list of the groups to the district meeting members and asked if people here can insert their contact number on the sheet if you attend a meeting on the list (one can insert their contact information for more than one group, and each group can have more than one contact).
- LCMs will discontinue submitting information to the state registrar for the homegroups; the homegroups now must do this themselves. For homegroups that are not on the registrar, please register.
- Also, Jennifer recommends reading the following brochure/pamphlets regarding homegroups and GSRs: “The AA Group” (there may be an updated one on the AA website, pamphlet #16), which is how a homegroup organizes, what it does, who etc. And pamphlet #19 is specifically for the GSR.

DCM: Kimberly - See the full report below in the *Submitted Committee Reports* section.

Old Business

- Open Positions: Grapevine.
- Regarding the email hosting issue – The cost for Gmail accounts will be increasing after September, which amounts to \$1,368 annually.

- A motion was made to remove the inactive email addresses and/or the number of email addresses, which in short term would save \$30 a month. But it didn't address the issue for the long term when these positions may be filled later. The motion was declined.
- A motion was made to work with webmaster Sam, and pay if a charge is incurred, to move all accounts to webhosting, and then keep two email accounts hosted via Gmail for the DCM and Web Committee Chair, in order to keep access to google docs and drive. The motion was passed.

New Business

- Karen B, Area 51 Accessibilities Coordinator, presented on different accessibility needs and why it's important to address them for the AA community. It is suggested for homegroups to have an accessibility representative; inquire if your homegroup members have accessibility needs.
- Iris stood for the Accessibilities Coordinator for District 23. Motion made and passed.
- Regarding the Gmail email accounts - Mariah worked with Sam on some technical items and the result is that we can either migrate all addresses over to the website host or none; there isn't an option to leave for example two email accounts (DCM and Web Committee Chair) on Gmail. She meets with him tomorrow to execute our decision. The "sense" from the last meeting was to move everything to the website host. Kim said to go ahead and do the migration, but we must pull the files from Gmail before that happens. Kim and Mariah will connect first.
- Reminder to GSRs/Alt GSRs to sign up for the automated text notification reminder for the district meeting event. (*I'm missing how to do this*)

Meeting adjourned with Responsibility Statement

Submitted Committee Reports

- **Cooperation with the Professional Community & Public Information (CPC/PI):** No report submitted.
- **Accessibilities:** (*was*) VACANT
- **Grapevine:** VACANT
- **Special Events:** No report submitted.
- **TFC:**

There has been a lot of progress with the Cone Behavioral Health (CBH) facility over the last couple of months. The Monday and Friday night meetings have been going well in August. They did have some patients testing positive for Covid, so they have temporarily stopped the in person meetings since

Friday, September 2nd. We will resume when they are cleared internally. In addition to the night schedule, we have groups signed up for Tuesday's and Sunday's in the near future. **We still have openings for daytime meetings on Thursday and Saturday at either 2 or 4pm.**

For the new facility, Cone/Guilford Facilities Based Crisis Unit (FBC) which opened on August 1st, we started the first night there on Thursday, August 11th, and the meetings are going well. They are in the start up process with 6 patients as of Monday, September 5th. We have nightly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays and we have daytime meetings on Monday's and Friday's. **We still have openings for daytime or nighttime meetings on Wednesday's, Saturday's and Sunday's at either 2, 4 or 8pm.**

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 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 we will not be there at the scheduled time. **This is critical to their internal scheduling.**

Communications are being sent to our GSR's and other groups who have shown interest. If you are not receiving these emails, please send me a message and I will include you in the group. 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.

- **Web & Tech:** No report submitted.
- **CFC:** No update since last month.
- **Intergroup:** No report submitted.
- **Treasurer:**

Running Balance August 2022

Beginning Balance:	\$7,795.43	Ending Balance:	\$7,259.39	Prudent Reserve:	
Total Credits:	\$250.50	Total Debits:	-\$786.54	Inc/(Dec) in Assets	-\$536.04

<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Purpose/Budget</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Truist	7/21/2022	-\$4.00		service charge	
Daytime Group	8/8/2022	\$136.00		group contribution	
Daytime Group	8/8/2022	\$50.00		group contribution	
Big Book No Smoke	8/8/2022	\$41.00	2157	group contribution	
Cornerstone Group	8/8/2022	\$23.50	105	group contribution	
Kimberly M	8/22/2022	-\$293.56		Assembly reimbursement	via Cashapp
Webmaster	8/22/2022	-\$7.50			
Truist	8/22/2022	-\$4.00		service charge	
Robin R	8/25/2022	-\$106.00		Shelter rental	via Cashapp
Elizabeth's Pizza	8/29/2022	-\$244.46		Buzz session food	
Kathleen P	8/29/2022	-\$127.02		Picnic reimbursement	

Running Balance July 2022

Beginning Balance:	\$7,120.07	Ending Balance:	\$7,795.43	Prudent Reserve:	
Total Credits:	\$682.86	Total Debits:	-\$7.50	Inc/(Dec) in Assets	\$675.36

<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Purpose/Budget</u>	<u>Notes</u>
It's In The Book	7/6/2022	\$70.00	1041	Group Contribution	
Middy Reprieve	7/6/2022	\$150.00	1039	Group Contribution	
Keeping It Green	7/6/2022	\$78.10	1845	Group Contribution	
Starmount Group	7/6/2022	\$200.00	1086	Group Contribution	
Cashapp	7/8/2022	\$184.76		deposit	
Webmaster	7/12/2022	-\$7.50			

- **Alt DCM:** No report submitted.
- **LCM:** No report submitted.
- **DCM:**

- “Service Nerds,” Greensboro’s service manual study meets at 6:15p every Wednesday night on Zoom. Details are on nc23.org. Upcoming guests: Keith M, Area 51 Archivist on October 12th.
- Area Updates:
 - Open positions for Area 51 webmaster, archivist, and coordinator positions. The positions of Grapevine and Literature positions require a person to have served as DCM, the other positions do not.
 - Archivist is looking for old timers to interview.
 - Summer Committee Meeting voted:
 - To increase the current Convention pre-registration fee from \$20 to \$35 and increase the onsite registration fee from \$25 to \$40. These fees would be reduced by \$3 respectively if and when the North Carolina State Convention prudent reserve exceeds 150% of the established level.
 - That the 2025 Winter Committee Meeting be held at the Village Inn in Clemmons, NC.
 - That the 2023 Area 51 Corrections Conference, “Freedom from Bondage 34,” be held at Hampton Inn & Suites in Aberdeen, N.C. on March 10-12, 2023.
 - To approve the proposed Area 51 2023 budget.
 - Additional Committee Action: The committee voted to support the following D32 motion, which D32 will forward to the Conference coordinator to be considered for the 2023 Conference agenda. *To revise pamphlet “LGBTQ Alcoholics in AA” to include stories from non-binary members in order to better represent membership of the LGBTQ Community.*
 - Pre-Conferences: Preliminary planning has begun for the 2023 Pre-Conference events:
 - Eastern Pre-Conference: March 25, 2023 hosted by Districts 31/35/50
 - Central Pre-Conference: March 18, 2023 hosted by District 18
 - Spanish Pre-Conference: March 19, 2023 hosted by District 30
 - Western Pre-Conference: April 1, 2023 hosted by District 21
- Fall Assembly
 - November 19-20, Hilton North Raleigh (**Election Assembly). Must book a room by October 25th but rooms are expected to sell out.
 - Unity Fund is available for groups that are unable to afford to send their GSR. Please talk to Kimberly if your groups may be interested.
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