

District 33 Business Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2020

Open: Serenity Prayer

Introductions: Jon S., Paul M., Chip A., Barbara B., Benjamin P., Bob K., Chuck F., Emily O., Jason B., Jeremy W., Jess S., Lori D., Marianne K., Matt K., Matt R., Nancy H., Ray, Rick H., Ron S., Sam H., Aidan, Alan C., Dave W, Kurt R, Stanley H., Michael S.

Administrative: APPROVE IF NO OBJECTION – **Stanley H. made a motion to pass the April minutes.**
Multiple seconds. Motion passed.

Committee Reports- Please keep reports brief!

DCM – Paul M.:

- Assisting with Webmaster duties, while searching out a replacement
- Attending group meetings inside and outside the district.
- Attending Zoom Webinars. Learning how to host/chair meetings more efficiently.
- Contacting group GSR's to see how they are functioning & if they need any assistance.

Alt DCM - Stanley H.:

- Carrying the message on a daily basis, but nothing to report on a district level.
- Marianne: has encountered several people that went back out during the pandemic. How did you handle that, Stanley? Stanley: I share my own story and focus on getting them back to attending a meeting and finding someone that they can work with.

Telephone Answering Service/Helpline - Jesy Y:

- Not present

CPCPI - Jason B.:

- CPCPI – can mail pamphlets but hasn't been able to do much due to the virus
- Will mail CPCPI packets to Paul. Let Jason know if you need a packet.
- Many meetings in his area are not permitted to meet.

Corrections - Barbara B.:

- There is \$1,510.09 in the bank for Coins For Cons with some loose change to count and deposit.
- Getting contacts from inside prisons.
- Angel provided two 2-year subscriptions to Grapevine
- From March 6 to present, no Corrections expenses
- AA members can volunteer to write letters to incarcerated AA members. Contact Barbara for the application form.
- She has forms for inmates to request literature.
- It would be useful to have a Venmo or Paypal account to handle CFC donations.

Grapevine – Matt R.:

- Grapevine has released its 2019 issues online for free due to the pandemic.
- The D33 website has the link to these issues.

Website - Rick H.:

- Thanks to Paul for helping to keep the D33 website up to date.
- The D33 website has current meeting status listed as well as Zoom meeting info.
- Contact Paul or Rick with changes
- Consider continuing District Zoom meetings for those members that are more susceptible to the virus.
- A few people are interested in the Webmaster position.
- The Meeting Guide app has put out a lot of updates to aid with online meetings. Zoom has put out a lot of updates also. Keep your devices updated for security and functionality purposes.

Treatment – John D:

- Not present

Treasurer - Misty S. (not present):

- Contributions \$865.48 in March, \$489.15 in April, and some in May
- Expenses: total for March \$1,004.81 and \$63.51 for April
- The ending balance for April was \$4,491.64
- Paul has not heard from Misty since right before the March meeting. Paul handled the financials this month. He does not know the situation with her, but there is no money missing.
- There is a letter from the GSO posted to the Area website. GSO is struggling financially like everyone else. They took out \$3M to cover their expenses. Rick will email the letter to the District.

Old Business

- Meeting updates are posted to the D33 website. Contact the webmaster if your group's info needs to be updated.
- Make sure your May reservations are canceled for the Spring Assembly.
- The new date for the assembly is posted; remember to reserve your room early. July 10 for DCM, July 11-12th for GSRs.
- As restrictions relax, be careful. Each group's decision when to re-commence in-person meetings is up to each group.

New Business

- New Webmaster - volunteers not present
- Stanley: Area assembly is vital to anyone that is interested in general service work. There are workshops prior to the assembly. Definitely check those out if you've never been to an assembly.
- Stanley: Makes a **Motion that the office of the Treasurer be filled by a voting process that is open to any qualified member of AA in good standing with District 33. Matt R. seconds.**
- The motion is tabled until the next meeting. At the next meeting we want to have candidates to vote on to fill the position. Misty has been notified that we will be filling the position.

Concept 4 & 5 - Stanley H. - These Concepts are closely linked to the second Tradition. (4) Principle of Participation. All service positions should be filled by vote. Members holding paid staff positions cannot be Trustees. Voting is generally the way we make decision in AA. (5) Right of Appeal - the minority opinion will be heard. This helps prevent detrimental decisions from being made. If you feel strongly that the group is making the wrong decision, speak up. AA leaders are trusted servants and are bound to use their own information and judgement when voting, even when this may differ from the group's decision.

Concept 6 Volunteer: Barbara B.

Anniversary Recognition:

- None this month

Announcements:

- Thanks to Paul for supporting the needs of the District by temporarily filling in the Treasurer role.

Next Regular District 33 business meeting will be held Sunday June 14th, 2020 (probably on Zoom).

Close: Responsibility Statement

Contributions

(Please write your group name and number on your check so that your group gets credit for your contribution!)

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