

District 33 Business Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2021

Open: Serenity Prayer

Introductions: Paul M., Chip A., Jeff P., John D., Nancy H., Stanley H., Carol R., Jon S., Demi E., Helen W., Jeremy W., Matt D., Michael S., Tommy B., Ray B., Caitlin K.

Administrative: June Meeting Minutes – Approve if no changes – Two typos corrected and sent to webmaster.
Motion by Stanley H., to accept the minutes as revised. Seconded by Nancy H. All in favor, none opposed.

Committee Reports- Please keep reports brief!

DCM – Paul M.:

- Worked on general service requests and prepared for next month's hybrid meeting.

Alt DCM - Stanley H.: (A51 Treatment Facility Coordinator)

- Focused on working own program this month. Returning focus to service next month.

Accessibility Coordinator – Demi E.:

- Working with Area 51 Accessibilities chair to create a list of groups that are handicapped accessible.

Telephone Answering Service/Helpline – Matt K.:

- Not present. Stanley reported that the helpline is very active and a lot of people call in with a desire to participate in the help line.

CPCPI - Jason B.:

- Needs to stand down. We will begin looking for a volunteer. If you know of any volunteers please inform Paul.

Corrections – Jeremy W.:

- Working with Barbara on transition.
- Has been in contact with Orange County Correctional which hasn't allowed anyone but will continue attempting to take a meeting inside.

Grapevine – Matt R.:

- No present.

Website – Carol R.:

- ~10 meeting updates this month (meeting status)
- On the website there is a 'Location notes' field in meeting database can be populated with a meeting accessibility status.

Treatment – Barbara B.:

- Accessibility: on previous group surveys there was confusion about what constitutes an accessible meeting. Gravel driveway, width of doorway, bathroom stall accessibility.
- Corrections: Correction committee members needed at the Area level.
- Helpline: There is a rumor that there is a charge for listing meetings on the Meeting Guide app or the helpline. If you have additional information, please contact Barbara.
- Treatment: Caswell county needs volunteers.

- Stanley – Regarding treatment, Alamance county used to go into certain facilities. Most of the groups that go into facilities, the District never really knew anything about that. Volunteers from groups would cover certain nights. We never really heard about that at a District meeting. Right now, prisons and treatment facilities are still locked down. As far as information sharing from group to District, Stanley only received a handful of responses to a statewide survey. It is difficult to capture this information from groups and facilities alike.
- Chip – certain local groups have adopted treatment or prison facilities and do not feel a need to share that meeting, nor do they feel the need to be accountable at the district level. Corrections facilities usually require an approval process / background check but these requirements vary by county.
- Stanley – groups that don't wish to disclose this info are missing out on District and Area resources such as literature, materials, volunteers and speakers.
- Barbara – facilities or institutions tend to get annoyed if too many people from the AA community reach out for information. If a group is working with a particular facility, District or Area attempts to contact them could have a detrimental effect. Groups' sharing of information helps in this regard. Passing this information along is in the spirit of rotation.
- Paul – attempting to do service work at such a granular level often brings “principles before personalities” ideas and character defects into play.

Treasurer – Helen W.:

- Contributions for June 2021: \$617.00
- Expenses: \$60 registration fee
- Excess funds \$4,769.02 after prudent reserve.
 - 49.6% of days passed
 - 31.1% of budgeted contributions received
 - 8.3% of budgeted expenses disbursed
- Paul: we expect expenses to rise in the second half of the year as we return to in-person activities.
- Stanley: prepaying for items and waiting for the reimbursement process to produce a check can be a burden to those without a lot of savings. Hotels may not charge in advance, but registration fees must be paid in advance. Can the Treasurer send the registration payment ahead of time?
- Paul: historically, checks can be written in advance because trusted servants need to use their budgets, but quickly after the event (i.e. hotel reservation), the receipt must be sent to the treasurer. Alternative funds transfer mechanisms are available such as CashApp and Venmo. The problem with the treasurer registering for individuals is filling out the contact information. Generally speaking, access to funds should not be a hindrance to service work.
- Summary: for now, the individual should work with the treasurer on a case-by-case basis.
- Reminder that the Districty Unanimity fund is available for groups' GSRs to go to Fall Assembly if the group does not have funds available for a hotel room.

Old Business

- Hybrid meeting scheduled for next month (August)

New Business

- The process for surplus funds of ~\$6,000 at the Area level. Districts and groups have been asked for ideas about how to spend these funds. Most ideas have been related to reimbursing travel to assemblies. This idea was rejected because it needs to be a one-time expense. If they cannot be allocated in the Area, it will be paid to GSO.
- The Delegate Report from this year's GSC is worth reading and sharing with your home group.
- The District 33 CPC/PI representative needs to step down from this position. Volunteers are needed to fill the position. Please contact Paul with contact info for any volunteers.

Concept 7 - Presenting: Chip A.

- C6: In any annual meeting of the General Service Conference (GSC), the composition is primarily delegates from the different areas (93 from USA, ~17 from Canada), and employees from GSO and also trustees. The GSC meets annually to bring motions, discuss, and vote on issues. The AA and Grapevine board of directors attend the GSC and it is their responsibility to carry out those resolutions. The Trustees are tasked with ensuring the resolutions are carried out.
- C7: The GS Board of Trustees is responsible for the activities of AA and has legal governance of the corporation. The Board of Trustees is supposed to listen to the GSC, but is limited by the funds budgeted by the GSC in terms of carrying out these activities.

Concept 8 Volunteer:

- Caitlin K.

Anniversary Recognition:

- Jeremy W. (3)

Announcements:

- 2021 SSASA service conference in Florida will take place November 19-21.

Next Regular District 33 business meeting will be held Sunday August 8th, 2021 (HYBRID MEETING)

Close: Responsibility Statement

PERTINENT LINKS FOR MEMBERS:

NOTE: The username and password below is needed for members to access certain information. It is the same for the District 33 & Area51 (State) websites.

Username: [33](#)

Password: [howitworks](#)

***District 33:**

District 33 Monthly Meeting Link:

Online: <https://aanc33.org/33-2/>

District 33 GSR's Contact Info:

Online: <https://aanc33.org/gsr-contact-information/>

Triangle AA Help Line Resources

Online: <https://www.triangleaahelpline.com>

***CONTRIBUTIONS:**

NOTE: Please write your group name and number (GSN) on your check so that your group gets credit for your contribution.

Contact District 33 treasurer: treasurer@aanc33.org if you do not know your groups GSN.

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