

District 33 Business Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2021

Open: Serenity Prayer

Introductions: Paul M., Carol R., Chip A., Michael H., Bob K., Jeff P., Aiden M., Helen W., Jeremy W., John C., Nancy H., Ron S., Michael S., Matt R., Christy, Jackie G., Ray, John D., Jon S., Stanley H., Pierce C., Barbara B., Demi E.

Administrative: August Meeting Minutes – Approve if no changes – **Motion** by Matt R. Seconded by Stanley H. All in favor; motion passes.

Committee Reports- Please keep reports brief!

DCM – Paul M.:

- Working on preparing for hybrid District meeting
- Summer Committee meeting highlights (flyer handout & email attachment)
- Our district has a fund for helping any GSR in our district to help pay for the room at the Fall assembly. Contact Paul for details.
- Deadline for Oct 31, 2021 for suggestions on disbursing the surplus.

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

- Attended Bridge the Gap workshop weekend, gave a presentation for a local church recovery program about starting a new AA program. Working with local groups about Area and District meeting matters.
- In January held 4 service positions, and had to disengage from 2 of them and allow someone else to serve. At the Area summer committee meeting, was approached about giving up another position. The chair asked to make a choice between Alt DCM and an Area Committee member which in some cases could allow two votes (if the DCM was absent). With 3 months to go, has to step down as Alt. DCM. As of today, he will retain only one service position is at the area level. Willing to take on a different District service position.

Accessibility Coordinator – Demi E.:

- Will be contacting the GSR for each group and explain how to fill out the survey.
- Demi created an Accessibilities survey and checklist for home groups (flyer and email attachment). Please fill these out for your home group and return them to Demi.
- Doing a technology drive with D32 to obtain old technology, clean it up and revamp it, and give it to older members and community centers would give additional members a chance to attend a meeting.

Telephone Answering Service/Helpline – Matt K.:

- Not present – possibly stepping down. Paul to check with him.

CPC/PI – Vacant (Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information)

- n/a

Corrections – Vacant

- n/a

Grapevine – Matt R.:

- Had an excess \$222.60 from the sale of Grapevine books and returned that to the District. The credit shows on the financials. That leaves him with \$309 of Grapevine books to sell. Aiden from QNoon donated literature.

- Matt has plenty of materials and can provide a starter kit for any groups wanting to start a group-level Grapevine Rep.

Website – Carol R.:

- Busy month with meeting updates on D33 website. 10 updates to meeting status. If you hear of any status updates (hybrid/in-person/etc.) please contact Carol so she can update the website. Posted multiple announcements and flyers.
- There are several ways to contact Carol – email website@aanc33.org or click on “Contact Webmaster” link on the Contact Us page of the website (www.aanc33.org).
- Several members asked a GSR for updates and he was able to provide an updates based on the website.

Treatment – Barbara B.:

- Spoke with Interfaith Council about starting a group there. Will meet with them for a more in depth discussion (they’re not allowing visitors currently). Will update the group next month after meeting with them.
- Stanley suggested adjusting the time they want to hold an AA meeting. There is currently a 5:30pm meeting at Chapel Hill/Carrboro and we try not to open new meetings that conflict with other meetings. If possible a 7:00pm meeting would be ideal if building access permits.

Treasurer – Helen W.:

- August contributions total \$1,448.40
- August expenses total \$1,572.86
- \$1,000 disbursement to GSO was sent
- 67% of calendar days have elapsed. 46% of budgeted contributions received. 16.1% of budgeted expenses were incurred.
- Excess funds after prudent reserve \$4,932.51.

Old Business

- Suggestions for disbursing Area 51 surplus funds are due by October 31 as outlined in the Budget and Finance Sub Committee Report from the Summer Committee Meeting.
- District 33 Corrections and CPC/PI positions need to be filled.
 - John C. is willing to stand in for Corrections Coordinator for the duration of 2021.
 - John provided some information about his past and his recovery.
 - Stanley H. made a **motion** to appoint John C as Corrections Coordinator to complete the current term. Seconded by Ray. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.**
 - Corrections email address will be set up to forward emails to John.
 - Barbara has Coins for Cons and Corrections materials that she can provide to John.
 - Coins For Cons is a separate bank account in D33 and the Corrections coordinator handles the account. Barbara has the bank card and can sign over the account to John at his convenience. Barbara B. and Rick H. are currently on the account and one of them will need to authorize Coins.
 - At the next business meeting we can discuss other options for handling the accounting for the Coins for Cons funds.
- How we will proceed with District 33 monthly meetings?
 - The equipment we are using belong to Paul so if hybrid meetings are to continue, the District will need to purchase the equipment.
 - Hooking up WiFi to this building would facilitate hybrid meetings but could be a distraction for group attendees.
 - There could be a team assigned to the District meeting that all know how to setup the equipment and run the hybrid site of the meeting.

- If the equipment would remain on the premises it would need to be locked up.
- Hybrid meetings are beneficial in terms of engaging more of the AA community. Service sponsorship has been in decline and attendance at our District meeting shows that hybrid meetings result in higher participation.

New Business

- Need a volunteer to stand in for Alt. DCM. Please contact Paul if anyone is interested.
 - Stanley H. made a **motion** to appoint Chip A. as Alternate DCM. Ray seconded. Stanley confirmed there is no conflict in terms of voting. All in favor, none opposed; **motion passes**.
- Elections for D33 service positions are coming up in November.
- Budget review and approval will occur in Nov/Dec.

Concept 9 - Presenting: Carol

- Pertains to choosing the board of trustees. The Trustees assumed most of Bill and Dr. Bob's duties when they left. The GSRs meeting to choose the delegates who vote on Trustee elections. Each delegate is a world servant so leadership qualities are important. All of us can model these attributes even as a sponsor in AA. We lead by spiritual example, and these qualities of leadership can make all the difference, often between life and death. Bill's essay "Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need" in the AA Service Manual extolls the importance of leadership in AA.

Concept 10 Volunteer:

- Ray

Anniversary Recognition:

- John Drake (3)
- John Collins (25)

Announcements:

- This weekend District 71 (Fletcher, NC) is an evening with our Area delegates (Rainer, Julie, Grapevine rep)
- Basic Text 28th group anniversary September 21st
- Practice these Principles workshop October 16 at New Hope Baptist Church in Sanford, NC
- New meeting Living the Solution started in Liberty NC is now at 7:30pm
- SSAASA November 19-21 in Tampa FL
- New meeting in Graham, Phoenix meeting, 11am-11:50 Mon-Thur (literature/discussion)

Next Regular District 33 business meeting will be held Sunday October 10, 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 & Area 51 (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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UPDATES FOR DISTRICT 33 EXISTING & NEW HOME GROUPS:

Email: dcm@aanc33.org

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