



March Meeting Minutes

Date: March 9, 2021

Open with Serenity Prayer @ 7:15pm

Welcome –

Officer Reports:

Officer-at-Large: Jules

- April 13th - the next district mtg

Secretary: Annie

- Discussion of how to best take attendance in Zoom – agreed that best option is for everyone to submit the group(s) they are representing as a GSR in the chat
- Anna motions to approve minutes, Erick seconds, minutes approved with group majority

Treasurer: Kizzy

- \$64.97 expenses for month
- Upcoming expense \$225.00 hotline - quarterly bill
- What is Verizon bill? Kizzy will explore
- Mark motions to approve, Jules seconds, report approved with group majority

Web Servant: Tad

- Website running well with change of captcha

ADCM: Alex

- Still no news from St. Andrews
- Important to start bringing Alt. GSRs to district meeting

DCM: Andrew

- NERAASA Report – information sharing session, panels of topics, “AA In a Time of Change”, virtual groups popped up during the pandemic don’t have representation at the general service conference, changing the preamble to not be gender specific, not operating at a deficit, due to insurance paying for the conference that didn’t happen - 1.1M extra money (ideas fund usage: of putting back in prudent reserve, put in bank and pay bills with it, or put in pension fund) - 7 months prudent reserve operating expenses;

plain language translation of the BB, (BB written at 9th grade reading level), glossary of 1935 terms, new version of BB, AA podcasts, changing term from inmates or offenders to inside member or something “softer”

- Pre-Conference Sharing Session 3/28/21 – group conscious to take back to area
Topics: 1. how to disperse money from homegroup to district, area, and GSO (pie charts – F3 Self-Supporting Support Where Money and Spirituality Mix) are sample dispersal amounts; 2. 1972 decision that club house donations wouldn't be accepted, need to revisit why we don't accept donations from clubhouses, 3. Should virtual groups be represented; every committee has 10 voting members (you can email in advance to be on a committee), or can attend and be an observer
- Area Quarterly Meeting 3/14/21
- District GSR Orientation – email presentation for everyone to go through. Suggested to have on Sunday, March 21st at 1pm, Email with agenda and attachment will be sent out
 - Part 1 – Q & A
 - Part 2 – Mock District Meeting
- 5/23/21 – Mini Assembly where Caroline reports what happened at GS Assembly

Summaries and Actions (A Summary is an announcement. An Action is something you would like input on or to hear the group's experience on the issue.):

- Jamie – Friday night speaker meeting rarely has speakers
 - Suggestions – everyone take back to homegroup to see if anyone would like to be a speaker, idea of having each speaker choose the next speaker
- Happy Hour Primary Purposes – needs help setting up a way to make donations electronically
 - Paypal – person2person no fee
- How active are home groups?
 - Decline in home group members
 - Change in format to see if new people come

Monthly Tradition Discussion: Tradition 3

Short Form

The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

Long Form

Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence, we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

Committee Reports:

Archives:

- Vince chair – working to get committee together on Zoom

C&I (Corrections & Institutions):

- Corey – met with Hans who gave him binders of info, roll has changed since pandemic
- Working to connect to the long-standing attendees of the correction meetings
- Will organize a committee meeting

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community):

- Taylor – monthly meeting 1st Sunday of each month at 11am, met on 3/7, link on District website
- Committee presenting to Centre Help incoming volunteers on 3/15 via Zoom to give experience and ideas of what to look for in callers, identify what the CPC Committee is
- Working to establish a connection with the Base Service Unit so we can education their addiction unit on AA
- Taylor will work with Andrew to gain access to the CPC Committee email and the Google drive with the phone list

PI (Public Information):

- No chair – Jamie and Erick hope to connect soon to discuss the committee
- Please announce a chair is needed at all meetings

Structure:

- Alex, met Thursday, 3/4, next meeting 3/25 at 6pm
- Skimmed the structure manual
- Two proposed changes will bring to new business

Visitation:

- Jon – met on Zoom 3/8
- Focused on current meetings and if they all have GSRs

Website Committee:

- Tad – met Tuesday, 3/2
- Discussed how to make website easier to use, for example the Covid meeting information
- Discussion on how to change the website to make it easier to find the meetings - zoom vs. in person

Old Business:

- Zoom Usage: Discussion
 - Using for individual AA meeting would be violating tradition 7
 - Some felt it should be available for group usage
 - Suggestion of other options such as GoogleMeet
 - Can use for committee meetings
- Scott motions:

“Zoom account be used for district committee meetings and district meetings only.”

74% Aye 16% Nay 11% Abstain - motion carried.

New Business:

- Proposed changes to the Structure Manual

Change#1 –

Archives Subcommittee: This Committee is responsible for encouraging fellow GSRs to collect ongoing updates on group histories. They maintain and document the history of the District. Maintains the District archive display. The materials are stored in 2 cabinets in the Rule 62 clubhouse and rent is \$200 paid biannually. (\$100 each Jan and July)

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Motion:

I move that we make a change to Structure Manual, page 10, under **Archives Subcommittee** by updating the last sentence to read:

“In the absence of a “Club House”, all documents and materials are housed in a storage unit until a new “Club House” is established”.

Alex motions for change, Anna seconds

Vote 100% in favor – motion carried

Change #2 –

District Subcommittee Chairperson Positions It is District 43’s desire to maintain six standing subcommittees: Archives, Corrections & Institutions, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Structure, Public Information and Visitation. All GSRs are asked to serve on a subcommittee ...

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Motion:

I move that we make changes to the Structure Manual, page 10, under **District Subcommittee Chairperson Positions** to include the newly formed Website Committee.

In the first sentence changing the number “six” to “seven” and adding the words “Website subcommittee” to the end of the second sentence.

To read:

It is District 43's desire to maintain seven standing subcommittees: Archives, Corrections & Institutions, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Structure, Public Information, Visitation and Website subcommittee.

Alex motions for change, Anna seconds

Vote 100% in favor – motion carried

Note: The Website Committee is in the process of creating the “description of duties” which will be presented to the Panel for approval and eventually added to the Structure Manual.

Motion to close by Anna, Tad seconds.
Close with Declaration of Unity

Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.

Attendance:

Anna – Young Hope

Michael C. – Wednesday Night Candlelight

Erick – Sunday Healing

Jon C – Living in the Solution

Scott – KISS

Natalie – Wednesday Night Step

Taylor B. - Friday's First

Jamie S. – Friday Night Teachable/Saturday Night Living Sober

Ryan – Thursday Night Men's

Mark – MWF Noon

Jenne – T/Th Primary Purpose

Corey – Gratitude

Susan H – Happy Hour Promises

Rich – Came to Believe

Brock – Sober Sundays

Vince – Howard Big Book Monday

Andrew – DCM

Alex – ADCM

Jules – OAL

Kizzy – Treasurer

Annie – Secretary

Tad – Webservant

Ben S.

Darren F.