

District 60 meeting

January 14, 2018

Call to order and Serenity Prayer / Welcome and Opening remarks

Roll call GSR/Alt GSR

OLD BUSINESS

Review amount of remaining funds to be contributed 50/50 Area 51/GSO – Peter S

Peter S received transition from Pam J after she had closed out the year 2017. Ending balance \$7153.94 with \$100 check still not deposited. Below is the plan for use of the money based on the October 2017 District meeting discussion:

Beginning Balance January 1,2018	\$7,153.94
<i>Purchase Books for CFC to use in Prisons throughout the year</i>	<i>-\$692.00</i>
<i>2 cases each of Big Books and 12&12's</i>	
<i>Anticipated expenses for DCM and Alt DCM to attend Area 51</i>	<i>-\$200.00</i>
<i>Winter Committee meeting in Greensboro in February 24/25</i>	
	\$6,261.94
<i>Maintain Prudent Reserve</i>	<i>-\$3,000.00</i>
Remaining balance to contribute to Area and GSO	\$3,261.94
<i>50% Contribution to Area 51</i>	<i>-\$1,630.97</i>
<i>50% Contribution to GSO</i>	<i>-\$1,630.97</i>
Prudent Reserve/Starting Balance for new Service Term	\$3,000.00
Group Contributions received after Jan 1, 2018	
636 Attitude Adjustment group	\$107.86
High Noon group	\$296.00
Craven County group	\$291.05
Balance as of January 14, 2018	\$3,694.91

Motion to approve treasurer report and planned disbursements, seconded and vote was unanimous to accept report and to proceed with disbursements.

NEW BUSINESS

1st Annual National Corrections Conference – Joe B

Joe B shared about his attendance at the First Annual Corrections Conference in St Louis. It was a great weekend where 35 states were represented, including Puerto Rico and Scotland. He learned a lot of history about AA in the Corrections sector in the US. The oldest prison meeting was started by a warden at San Quentin prison in 1942. Joe purchased CDs of all the workshops from the conference that can be borrowed. He also brought another selection of recovery CDs for

us to share. 384 people were there, which was beyond anticipated numbers. The next one will be held Nov 2-4, 2018 at the Portland Marriott in South Portland, Maine.

Joe found this conference very inspirational and humbling to hear stories from inmates that have gotten sober while in prison. There were 3 representatives from North Carolina at the international conference.

Committee Reports

Treasurer

Peter Spencer

Contributions to Area 51 may be mailed (until December 31, 2018) to:

NCGSC - Treasurer
P.O. Box 1181
Burlington NC 27216

Note: In keeping with our Tradition of self-support, Area 51 accepts contributions only from A.A. sources -- such as Groups, Districts, and individual A.A. members.

Contributions to District 60 can be mailed (until December 31, 2019) to

Peter Spencer – treasurer
512 Watson Ave
New Bern, NC 28560

Rent is \$50 each time we meet here at the Serenity Club.

Corrections Coordinator

Joe B (until a new Corrections Coordinator can be identified)

Books and pamphlets are available to be taken into prisons – contact Joe if you need some.

Neuse Corrections is now receiving inmates but it is not known when volunteers to bring in AA meetings will be accepted. Joe contacted them on Jan 4 to inquire of a timeline for when we can begin taking AA meetings back there. Mrs Alexander is unsure at this time when we can resume this Service.

Service experience: Joe B had the honor of taking an inmate from the time of discharge from Maury Prison to his home in Concord, where he had the pleasure of helping the AA member re-enter the community and they attended an AA meeting there. This service is the ideal way Bridging the Gap can operate.

Ladies meeting at Eastern Correction Center

Lynne B

Request for female AA members to sponsor female inmates. The prison says the same women who take a meeting into the prison are not to be the same ones who become sponsors.

Pamlico County jail has a meeting every Tuesday, brought in by Jodie D and others. Step work is done thru the mail, keeping in mind that the jail staff read all the incoming and outgoing mail.

Jodie has had a very good experience with this process. The Jail there will not allow any literature to come in at all because the inmates abused this effort in the past.

Mack shared that security has changed a lot ever since the officers were killed within a prison in Elizabeth City. It is very risky to use your actual physical address to any inmate – it's best to use only a P.O. Box for any mail communication for your safety. GSO is really in need of men who will correspond with male inmates across the country. GSO will not assign a writer to an inmate in your same state. This is a much needed service opportunity so please share the need with your group members. Contact GSO for more info.

Mack volunteered to step up as Corrections Coordinator for the Service Term 2018/19. Unanimous agreement from the group! THANK YOU, Mack!!

WEBSITE

James S

James' observation when he looked at the aaeasternnc.org website was how user-**un**friendly the site is for use with smartphones. He would like to tune it up and make it work better. Also suggested that our website needs to be accessible from AA.org, not just via aanorthcarolina.org. Lynne will share the current access info for the account which is managed via GoDaddy with James and he will see how it is formatted and make suggestions for improvements and updates. The current Domain expires July 14, 2018 so we (District 60) can decide if we want to stay with GoDaddy or use another host.

TREATMENT

currently, no service coordinator in this position. Another member may be willing to step up for this service position. Ray G shared his experience at WB Jones with hearing another group being held at the same time down the hall. Jade Butler is a name of a contact who may be able to help clarify things.

CPC/PI

Stephen G (not present) No report.

Open discussion

This District 60 Committee could support workshops throughout the District by providing financial support when needed. If your group would like to host a workshop, please let us know – we are glad to help pull in resources to make it happen. This would be a way to re-invest our funds in our own members. Silkworth.net has a great deal of info on workshops – check it out!

Joe shared the following information for group discussion.

The Feb 24/25 Area 51 Winter Committee meeting agenda will include the following proposals:

1. Beginning in summer 2018, all Area Committee meetings be OPEN to include all AA members for attendance at the committee meeting. Members would have the opportunity to listen in, but not have a voice at the microphone nor a vote.
2. Beginning in fall 2021, all non-election Assemblies will hold a Saturday night speaker meeting.
3. The Convention prudent reserve be increased from the current \$7,000 to \$12,000 in order to decrease the convention registration to \$20. The last 7 years, we have not met our

required room block 3 times for the convention weekend, which has resulted in major additional expenses for the Area.

Joe B would like to propose to the Area 51 Winter Committee that Area 51 should fund the Area Corrections Coordinator to attend the International Corrections Conference in Maine in November 2018. Our group is in support of his taking that motion to the Committee meeting in February.

Mack brought up Tradition 11 of Anonymity and requests that experienced members remind all our members that social media is not the proper place to promote our achievements in sobriety.

Discussion was held about the process for changing anything in the Big Book. It takes 75% of the voting Delegates at the World Services Office to approve any changes to the Big Book.

Accessibilities Inventory information – Eddie O shared his feedback about the renovations currently underway at the North Raleigh Hilton. Please share accessibility information with our Accessibilities Coordinator Debra L. so that

Upcoming Events

March 9-11, 2018 30th Annual Freedom from Bondage Conference Aberdeen, NC

March 24, 2018 Eastern Pre-Conference will be held in Raleigh.

April 13-15, 2018 Crystal Coast Round-up

June 16-17, 2018 Area 51 Spring Assembly Raleigh, NC

District 60 elected officers for service term 2018/2019:

District Committee Member (DCM)-- Joe B Alternate DCM-----Donald S

CPC/PI----- Steven G Website-----James S

Corrections---- Mack M Treatment-----vacant

Treasurer-----Peter S Secretary-----Lynne B

tentative Meeting dates for 2018: April 22, July 15, Oct 14, 2018

2pm – 4pm at the SERENITY CLUB 1767 Highway 258 South, Kinston NC