

Final Update May 28, 2024; please delete all previous versions of these minutes!

Welcome/Serenity Prayer/Traditions

The meeting was called to order: 2:00 p.m. – Mack M. DCM.

Dale T. Motioned to accept the minutes for the business meeting on January 28, 2024, and Randy M. seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Total number of AA members at today’s meeting: 30. Total number of voting members: 17.

We went around the room and had members introduce themselves.

Acronyms

General Service Representative (GSR)

Alternate General Service Representative (Alt GSR)

Cooperation with Professional Community / Public Information (CPC/PI)

Correctional Facilities Coordinator (CFC)

District Committee Member (DCM)

Alternative District Committee Member (Alt DCM)

Big Book (B.B.)

Walter B. Jones (WBJ)

Voting members present

Laura R., GSR Here and Now, Greenville

Brad T., Alt GSR Pitt County Group, Greenville

Elizabeth V., GSR Sister in Sobriety, New Bern

Phil H., Alt GSR Green Acres, Goldsboro

Kaleb B., GSR Living Sober, Greenville

Peter B., GSR Lenior County B.B. Group, Kinston

Gary C, 636 GSR Attitude Adjustment, Greenville

Jimmy S., GSR There is a Solution, Pink Hill.

Sarah T., GSR Grapevine Meeting, Ayden

Frank K., GSR Step Doers, New Bern

Dale T., GSR Beaufort County Group, Washington

Steve D., GSR Oriental Group, Oriental

Randy M., GSR Craven County Groups, New Bern

Brian H., Web Master, Washington

Tony A., Correctional Facility Coordinator, Washington

Brian G., CPC / PI, Greenville

Betty V., Archives

Non-voting members present.

Mack M., DCM

Josh B., Alt DCM, Greenville

Jimmy B., Alt GSR, Washington

Mike B., Member of 636 Attitude Adjustment Greenville

Frank Member of Green Acres, Visitor, Goldsboro

Danny C., Alt GSR, New Bern

Lynne B., Alt GSR 636 Attitude Adjust Greenville

Don L., Alt GSR Lenoir County B. B. Group, Kinston

Mike L., Alt GSR Step Doers, New Bern

David W., Member of Pitt County Group, Greenville

Joe B., Past Correctional Facility Coordinator

Jimi S., DCM 92, Visiting

Caleb M., Member of Beaufort County Group Washington

Groups not represented

Women's Winners Group, Newbern
S T E PS Group, Greenville
Came To Believe Group, New Bern

Plan B Group, Ayden
Airport Group, Kinston

GSR Reports

Brad T. (Alt GSR Pitt County Group Greenville) has 30 members.

Gary C. (GSR 636 Attitude Adjustment Group Greenville) reports that his group is growing.

Sarah T. (GSR Grapevine Ayden): No changes since the last District 60 Business meeting.

Jimi S. DCM for District 92, Visiting.

Tony A. from Beaufort County Group is attending the District 60 business meeting for the first time.

Jimmy B. (Alt GSR Beaufort County Group Washington) is attending the District 60 business meeting for the first time.

Kaleb B. (GSR Living Sober Study Group Greenville) currently serving as GSR.

Betty V. (general member from the Beaufort County Group Washington)

Caleb (another general member from the Beaufort County Group Washington) is here for the first time.

Frank, (general member of the Green Acres Group Goldsboro).

Elizabeth V. (GSR from Sisters in Sobriety, New Bern): no changes from the last district 60 business meeting.

Randy M. (GSR Craven County Group New Bern) has about 20 meetings weekly with a large and diverse group of members. Founders Day celebration coming up in cahoots with the Pamlico County group at Craven County Group.

Danny C. (Alt GSR Craven County Group New Bern) attending his first District 60 business meeting.

Phil H. (Alt GSR Green Acres Group Goldsboro) – the group's big move has happened. The new location is 1005 Williams Street and is well-defined, with a big circle and triangle on the building. Phil is from New Mexico and is excited about things to come. Jail meetings continue to be held. Al-anon continues to meet in the same building as before the move.

Steve D. (GSR Oriental Group Oriental) is interested in attending our workshops.

Dale T. (GSR Beaufort County Group Washington) has no changes to report. The Coastal Plains fellowship is coming up next week on Sunday.

Don.L. (Alt GSR from Lenior County B. B. Group Kinston) is here for his first District 60 business meeting.

Frank K. (GSR for Step Doers Group and the District 60 Treasurer New Bern) group issues continue as before 20% of the people do 80% of the work. Frank encourages sponsors to sponsees into group service! Thank you to all who attended the last Coastal Plains, where over 200 members attended. Next year, one of our smaller groups will be "the host."

Mike L. (Alt GSR for Step Doers Group New Bern) is here for his first District 60 business meeting.

Joe B. (Correction Coordinator for District 60)

Pete B. (GSR Lenior County Big Book Group Kinston) reviewed group meeting times and locations in town.

Brian G. (District 60 CPC/PI coordinator) is from Greenville and is relatively new to our region of NC.

Josh B. (Alt DCM for District 60)

Mack M. (DCM for District 60)

Laura R. (GSR for the Here & Now Women's Group Greenville) the group is getting reorganized as best as possible. They are going to have a group inventory and business meeting coming up in August. The group was founded in 1991.

Brian H. (Webmaster for District 60 Washington) is a member of the Beaufort County group.

Jimmy S. (GSR for There is a Solution group Pink Hill). No update.

Coordinator reports & discussion (2:20 p.m.)

Please note that any group changes need to go to Brian H (our trusted web master)

Web Master –Brian H., Domain and hosting services have been changed from GoDaddy to ICDsoft at a cost of \$131.67/yr. Renewal is due before 2/4/2025. Thanks, Mary W (District 91 Web Servant), for the tip.

1. Website has been modified. Basically as I have seen fit to do.
 - Announcements are now in a blog-style format.
 - Events calendar is date based with the ability to print flyers, etc.
 - We are listing local AA hotlines and hopefully can add more for areas/counties that don't have a hotline yet.
 - District emails are set up and operational.
 - There's a "members only" section for things that aren't for the public outside of AA. The username is "60", password "passiton". Not much in there right now. All of the Meeting minutes will be available there and I imagine the treasury reports, etc.
 - I have recently added a subscription based newsletter-type addon and have printed flyers you guys can take back to your groups to help pass the word on that.
2. I'm investigating a translating addon to be able to add a button to switch the website from English to Spanish. Got a comment from someone requesting that. Pretty sure it can be done for free, so that's good.
3. I think It would be good to have a website or a technology committee so I'm not the only one coming up with ideas for what to do with the website. But that is on the agenda for new business, so I will wait for them to discuss it.

Treasurer report (2:37 p.m.)

Frank K. summarized that the Bottom left of the Expenditure sheet is correct to say that we have spent \$1760.66, and the income to the District has been. He clarified expenditures for Pre-conference (\$250) and corrections and placed 2 different orders for a total of \$463.08 in prison literature. The bank says we have \$4200, and our paperwork says we have 3767.14

IMPORTANT: Group numbers on checks must coincide with the GSN listed on the Area51 website. (<https://aanorthcarolina.org/information-for-members/>) click "group contributions" button.

Cooperation with Professionals and Public Information (CPC/ PI)

I attended the Pre-Conference, Coastal Plains, for February, March, and April. I intend to be at the May event but will be arriving from out of town. I am working on a poster board that can travel around to Coastal Plains and District 60 functions. I was asked to participate in the Service Workshop on May 11. I intend to have a PI/ CPC Zoom Workshop before the next District meeting.

Developed the following documents:

--Flyer to garner interest in Service Experience

The flyer is attached to a Google Form for a person to fill out. I have access to the response and will then coordinate with someone to reach out to the person interested in knowing more about the service.

Pamphlet "About Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community"

The pamphlet is to be posted in your groups. The pamphlet provides a high-level review of PI and CPC. It provides QR codes for people to sign up for Box 459 and About AA. It also provides a QR code to a form to sign up if you want to learn more about PI and CPC.

Pamphlet "Information and Resources for professionals and community regarding AA."

Provides clarity on what AA is and what AA is not. Provides resources for community leaders to reach out to AA. I'm hoping to send this as part of the letter campaign. Assistance from the GSR

I am looking for individuals within your groups interested in PI/ CPC. The role of the District PI/ CPC is to support your group PI/ CPC chair. I am hoping to help people within your groups learn more about PI and CPC and help them achieve their group goals. In the meantime, I will be working on collecting the addresses of local Healthcare Professionals, schools, dentists, religious centers, funeral homes, and other entities.

I will be working on a Letter Campaign at the next district meeting, but need to know what your group is interested in supporting. I do not want to work on a document or send out a letter but have no one in the local area of town to help foster the relationship and answer the questions they might have. My role is to support the group PI and CPC initiative and not to tell the groups what the initiative is.

DCM Mack M. DCM, Does Trivial question: who was Alcoholic number four? Ernie G. Congratulations, Betty V. She is the proud winner of the book Pass It On.

Break

Treatment Center: AA meetings continue weekly at the Watler B. Jones (WBJ) DARC. The coordinator position remains vacant.

Corrections Joe B: purchases additional B.B., as one of the corrections liaisons requested. Joe attended the Corrections Conference in Aberdeen, which a wide group of attendees from across the state and other states in the USA attended. Next is March 7-9, 2025, in Aberdeen. The NATIONAL Corrections Conference November 8-10 will be at the Charlotte Sheraton Hotel at the Airport. This is the first time it will be held in NC. It is time for Joe to rotate out of his position, and the meeting here will hold elections today. Beaufort County members meet in the Women's Jail on Wednesday mornings, the Men's Jail on Wednesday nights, and the Craven County Corrections Center on Monday evenings. Men's and Women's meetings are also underway weekly at the Pitt County Detention Center. Wayne County also has men's and women's meetings each Wednesday. Tony A. spoke up to stand for the Corrections Coordinator position for District 60. After an overview of his journey in sobriety, He was unanimously voted to assume this service position. Congratulations, Tony.

Accessibilities Vacant

Grapevine Vacant

Literature Jodie K. has expressed interest in this position and will formally attend the next district meeting to stand for it.

Archives Betty V. voiced a desire to stand for the Archives position and was unanimously voted in.

Vacant Positions:

We need members to fill these service positions.

Treatment Facility Coordinator

Accessibility Coordinator

Grapevine Representatives

Literature Coordinator

DCM discussion (3:36 p.m.) Topic: Service Sponsorship from the AA Service Manual P- 9, P-16 and Questions & Answers on Sponsorship (pamphlet) P25 thru P27. This is the first time the Service Sponsor has been mentioned in the AA Service Manual. A section on the last 3 pages of the pamphlet references Service Sponsorship. Several members present at today's meeting shared their method of exposure to AA – did someone tell you about it? DCM spoke about various options for selecting a service sponsor and how we owe it to the future of AA to get newer members sponsored into service. Brian shared an example of a process from his previous home group asking the members to identify themselves as interested in being a Service Sponsor at the end of the meeting. Another member voiced his expectation that sponsors get their sponsees active in service. Phil shared his entry into the program from the first day he was exposed to AA in New Mexico, other service options to consider at some time (Bridge the Gap, on-call folks), and his support to energize members.

OLD BUSINESS: Continue asking groups to consider contributing to District 60 and Area 51, not just GSO. What does your group do? District 40%, Area 51 30%, GSO 30%? Or some other ratio? Some groups contribute to GSO and Area 51 via checks, while others contribute online. Keep in mind that there are processing costs for both options.

NEW BUSINESS: What do you think about rotating the District meetings within the district? A proposed rotation schedule is Kinston in January, Goldsboro in April, New Bern in July, and back to Kinston in October. Discussion about traveling distances for group representatives over the year. Kinston is geographically the center of the District. Another idea presented is to host District committee meetings in the months when District meetings are NOT held. The motion was made and seconded to trial rotation of district meetings in New Bern in July, Goldsboro in October, and back to Kinston in January. Phil will confirm with the Goldsboro group that they support this rotation, but we will move forward with confirmation to come by the next District meeting. We will evaluate and confirm the plan for the 2025 calendar year at the January meeting.

Do we need to establish a committee for the District 60 web page? There was discussion about why and what could be done. Please take the idea back to your groups to see if any members are interested in joining Brian in working on the website information.

Discussion was requested by DCM to get comments about the District's viewpoint regarding a member who is holding a District position and **who goes back to drinking**. Support was voiced for the information in the big book on how to respond to the member who goes back out, considering the sobriety requirement for positions and the principle of honesty.

Is there a need for written District 60 By-Laws/Guidelines? Comments were made on the pros and cons of having or not having written by-laws or Guidelines. A motion was made and seconded to establish a committee to write by-laws for the District. There was no vote, yay or no, although there was a request for more information. Lynne B. motioned to table this topic in favor of Elizabeth, who will bring more information to the group at our next meeting in July. Please email her your questions and comments via Elizabethv710@gmail.com between now and our next meeting so she can share helpful information in our July meeting.

Motion Summary:

- 1) Tony A. was elected as the new Corrections Coordinator. **Passed unanimously**
- 2.) Betty V. was elected as the new Archivist. **Passed unanimously**
- 3.) Motion to hold next business meeting (July) in New Bern, October meeting in Goldsboro, January meeting 2025 in Kinston, and then to revisit rotating locations then **Passed with (1) opposition**
- 4.) A motion was made and seconded to establish a committee to write by-laws for the district. **Tabled**

UPCOMING Activities:

Energizing Service Workshop May 11, 2024. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., to be held at the exact location as the Pre-Conference. See the Flyer on the District 60 website! If each GSR brings one newcomer to the Service Workshop on May 11, we should have at least 100 participants!

<https://aaeastermnc.org/event/service-workshop/>

AA Service Manual review and discussion is hosted by our DCM every Tuesday night via Zoom information from 8 to 9 p.m. Meeting ID 843 6670 2539 Passcode 069543

<https://aaeastermnc.org/district-60-service-manual-meeting-zoom/>

Coastal plains – May 5, Washington

<https://aaeastermnc.org/event/coastal-plains-washington>

Area 51 Spring Committee & Assembly meeting May 17 – 19, 2024

<https://aaeastermnc.org/event/area-51-spring-committee-assembly-meeting/>

The 7th Tradition basket was passed.

The meeting closed with a Circle-up & Lord’s Prayer.

**Next District 60 meeting:
July 28, 2024, at 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 306 Ave D. New Bern, NC**

WHERE TO SEND CONTRIBUTIONS – Note new Dist. 60 Treasurer name & address			
District 60 Treasurer	Area 51 Contributions	General Service Office	Group Changes
<p><i>Effective January 1, 2024</i> Frank K., 3703 Cerise Circle New Bern, NC 28562 (410) 707-6999</p>	<p>NCGSC- Treasurer PO Box 17271 Raleigh, NC 27619 Or https://aanorthcarolina.org/contribute/</p>	<p>Make checks payable to “General Service Board” PO Box 2407 James A Farley Station New York, NY 10116 Or https://contribution.aa.org</p>	<p>New Group registration forms and Group Change forms: NCGSC – Registrar PO Box 11104 Wilmington, NC, 28404 Registrar email: registrar@aanorthcarolina.org</p>

District 60 site	Area 51 (state) site	GSO – US & Canada site
<p>https://aaeasternnc.org web@aaeasternnc.org</p>	<p>https://aanorthcarolina.org webchair@aanorthcarolina.org</p>	<p>https://www.aa.org memberservices@aa.org</p>