



Area 51 · District 60 · North Carolina
Sunday, February 8, 2026 · 2:00PM – 4:00PM ([Location Map](#))

Serenity Club 113 Collier-Loftin Rd, Kinston, NC 28504

Minutes		
● Call to Order with Serenity Prayer	Brian G., DCM	2:00 PM
● <i>Welcome / Opening Remarks</i>	DCM	2:00 PM
● <i>Reading of the Twelve Traditions</i>	GSR	2:05 PM
● <i>Round Table Introductions/ Roll Call</i>	Lynne B., Secretary/ GSR	2:10 PM
● <i>Agenda Overview</i>	DCM	2:15 PM
● <i>Adopt Rules of Order and Debate</i>	DCM	2:15 PM
● <i>Quorum Announcement</i>	Secretary Today's quorum is 10 ($\frac{2}{3}$ of 14 eligible voters present)	2:20 PM
● Approve Minutes of 2025 December Meeting	DCM Motion passed with no revisions	2:20 PM
● <i>Treasurer's Report</i>	Brian H., Treasurer See attached pdf document Beginning balance = 4684.99 Contributions = \$1643.51 Expenses (since 1/1/26) = \$345.54 Ending balance (2/5/26) = \$6,098.96 See attachment of current 1st Quarter report.	2:25 PM
● Approve January Financial Statement	DCM Motion to accept treasurer's report, seconded and passed unanimously	2:30 PM
● Motion Item #1	Brian H., Treasurer	2:35 PM
<p>To approve the proposed D60 2026 Budget. See attachment distributed with D60 Agenda for today's meeting.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: The 2025 D60 Finance Committee met in December after receiving all incoming D60 Coordinators and Officers' proposed financial needs. Committee composed of 2025 Treasurer and DCM, Incoming DCM, Alt-DCM, Treasurer, and GSR Bill G. Please see attached PDF.</p> <p>Current Practice: Need to approve an operating 2026 budget for D60.</p>		

Budgetary Impact: see discussion notes below

Motion Notes: Brian H. reviewed the proposed handout of the proposed 2026 budget. The total proposed financial needs submitted by District Coordinators resulted in an \$11,000 proposed budget, but that total amount was whittled down to \$8,000 based on historical contributions and expenses of the previous 2 years. Supportive handouts of financial numbers can be referenced for specifics.

Specific line items that were discussed include:

- (A) AltDCM and DCM travel: Clarification requested for anticipated expenses of \$4000. DCM shared the required attendance goals and expenses were calculated based on costs provided by Area 51 (expenses for travel, lodging and meals). This proposed budget is an ideal budget (as if group contributions would continue to increase this year). Ongoing adjustments for all expenditures will be necessary based on available funds contributed by groups to the District. A proposal to decrease the DCM/AltDCM to \$3000 was made and supported by the group.
- (B) Workshop expenses: question was raised about the \$1600 allocated for workshops. DCM shared that this amount was roughly calculated based on approx \$400/workshop because costs vary on location and content of each workshop (ex: room costs. Food, literature, printing, etc)
- (C) Prudent reserve: what is it and how do we calculate it? Half the annual budget was proposed last year as our determination of our Prudent Reserve. Thoughts to consider include the fluctuating balance at any given time of the year. No changes to that amount were discussed. No amendments were made.
- (D) Literature: Literature Coordinator offered the \$100 proposed for District literature purchases to be assigned to other line items if needed. No action was adopted at this time.

Motion made to decrease the AltDCM and DCM travel expense to \$3000. Seconded and passed.

Motion made to approve the amended budget. Seconded and passed.

<i>Break</i>		2:55 – 3:10 PM
<i>Special presentation by DCM to Mack in appreciation for all his efforts as Past DCM.</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>GSR Reports</i>	GSR – All	3:10 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>636am Attitude Adjustment Group</i> <i>Submitted online 2/6/26 by John F GSR</i>	New officers elected in December. Breakfast speaker meeting held the last Sunday each month. Request workshop on communication with newcomers. Next business meeting 3/30/26	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>Beaufort County Group</i> <i>Submitted online 1/17/26 by Tony Apple GSR</i>	Next business meeting 2/4/26. The Beaufort County group will host its annual Coastal Plains meeting at a new location this year. On May 3rd, 2026 our Coastal Plains meeting will be held at First Christian Church located at 307 East 3rd Street in Washington. Marie R. is now corrections chair and we are supporting her attendance at the Corrections Conference in March. We currently have men and women volunteers carrying the AA message into the Beaufort County Jail on Wednesdays. Our PIC/PC chair Chrislyn B. has formed a committee to help	

	<p>distribute AA pamphlets and Hotline business cards to various locations throughout our area.</p> <p>Our group is currently taking two meetings on the third Wednesday of each month to Walter B. Jones treatment facility.</p> <p>Our group is also taking a meeting into Port Detox in Washington every Tuesday night. Denise C has stepped up into the Treatment Center contact for this group.</p> <p>307 Third Street will be the new location for the Coastal Plains when it is hosted by the Washington group</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Came to Believe Group</i> 	No report or group member present at today's meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Craven County Group</i> 	Manny (GSR) reported that a new Women's Meeting has started in Thursday's at 10am. April Coastal Plains will be held in New Bern. Step Doer's has taken on responsibility to 5th Wednesday meeting at WBJ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Grapevine Group</i> 	No report or group member present at today's meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Green Acres Group</i> 	No report or group member present at today's meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Here and Now Women's Group</i> Submitted online on 1/18/2026 by Ann Weaver GSR 	Next business meeting 2/7/26. GSR would like info on financial support to attend the Assembly in May - advised to speak with DCM after today's meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Lenoir Big Book Group</i> 	Mary Linley introduced herself as the new GSR. The next business meeting is 2/21/26. Coastal Plains is tentatively scheduled for 2nd Sunday in October. Current challenge to organize service positions within the group. Open for suggestions on workshop topics.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Living Sober Group</i> 	Nancy A introduced herself as the new GSR. One format change: they use the Living Sober book for one of their weekly meetings.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Oriental Group</i> Submitted online on 2/7/26 by Jon A, Alt GSR 	Jon shared that there is a new women's group at 7:30pm on Wednesday's. The group is working to streamline the business meetings.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Pitt County Group</i> Submitted online by Laurie C. 1/4/26 	Revising meeting script for 12noon meeting. We do have a new Alt GSR.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Plan B Group</i> 	No report or group member present at today's meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Sisters in Sobriety Group</i> Submitted online 2/6/26 by Rachel P GSR 	Next business meeting 2/28/26. Meets regularly on Mondays and Saturdays. Both the new GSR and new AltGSR were present today.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>STEP study group</i> Submitted online 2/7/26 by Andrew W, GSR 	Andrew introduced himself as new GSR and provided overview of the group. The Newcomer's meeting on Friday evenings is very well attended. Group participates in taking a meeting to WBJ on a monthly basis. Would be interested in a workshop on AA History
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Step Doers Group</i> Submitted online 2/3/26 by Mike L GSR 	Next business meeting 2/14/26. No unusual problems or big changes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>There is a Solution Group</i> 	No report or group member present at today's meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Women's Winners</i> 	No report or group member present at today's meeting.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>District Committee Member Report</i> 	Brian Gens DCM See attached report	3:25 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion Item #2 	DCM	3:30 PM
<p>Tabled at October and December Business meeting to be voted at the January District Meeting.</p> <p>A.A. Special Forum for Online Groups: To create an online Special Forum designed primarily for A.A. members of online groups which are not a part of one of the eight Regions of the U.S./Canada service structure.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: Special Forums are "[d]esigned to serve A.A. Members who would not normally be able to attend a Regional Forum or a Local Forum." The A.A. Service Manual 2024-2026 Edition, p. 61. A.A. members of online groups which are not a part of one region have a common need based on methods of communication rather than geography. The current practice of geographically based Regional or Local Forums does not provide such A.A. members with "weekend-long sharing and informational sessions that provide unique opportunities to share and exchange valuable experience, ask questions and spark new ideas" among members, trusted servants and newcomers throughout the A.A. service structure. A Special Forum might provide such an opportunity for the sharing of ideas and experience on how best to enfranchise these members within the A.A. service structure.</p> <p>Current Practice: Currently there is not an A.A. Special Forum designed specifically for online group members to attend remotely.</p> <p>Budgetary Impact: None at the District level.</p> <p><i>Motion Notes: DCM shared info on the eastern Regional Forum that is planned to be hosted in Raleigh (Area 51) in September. This motion is to propose development of an online forum. Comments: unnecessary for our District to be involved in this; this appears to be a win/win proposal that can benefit everyone.</i></p> <p><i>All in favor: 12 All opposed: 2 Minority comments requested: none</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>New motions Submitted at District - none</i> 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Alt-DCM Report</i> <i>Submitted 2/8/26 by Elizabeth V</i> 	Elizabeth V., Alt-DCM See attached report.	3:35 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Webmaster Report</i> <i>Submitted online 2/8/26 by Zack W</i> 	Zach W., Webmaster # Site Statistics - 612 unique visitors in past 30 days (575 from US, 232 from NC) - Highest visitor - Tyler Texas (35) - Top 5 NC - Raleigh (23), Charlotte (19), Greenville (17), Durham (11), Greensboro (10) # Work - Passwords handed over and light WP learning done. - Created Trello board (observer link: https://trello.com/invite/b/6988b6087214c5ae3b112d3e/ATTI9e1256e584e405fed2b481644247c54f52E410E8/district-60-web-board) for managing work - Blocked large number of IP ranges from outside the US	3:40 PM

	<p># <u>To-do</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Address workflow for Event posting and define what should and should not be listed in the Events page - Address recurring events and how to workaround this with the limitations of the current plugin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>CPC/ PI</i> 	<p>Laurie C., CPC/ PI 3:42 PM</p> <p>Very excited about this new role. Have met with leadership at PCDC. Hotline cards will now be a part of the inmate's discharge packets.</p> <p>Hotline cards are now placed in the Pamlico County ABC store! Thank you, Jon!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Corrections</i> <i>Submitted on 1/21/26 by Donald P</i> 	<p>Donald P., Corrections 3:45 PM</p> <p>Trying to coordinate a plan to reach out to each facility in our district to introduce myself and provide my contact information. At that time I will also request any upcoming pria trainings for our members who would like to carry message into corrections facilities. I will be attending the corrections conference in Aberdeen in March.</p> <p>Elizabeth shared that there is an opportunity for women to become involved in the Bayboro jail.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Treatment</i> <i>Submitted 2/6/26 by Nancy A</i> 	<p>Nancy A., Treatment 3:50 PM</p> <p>There has been an upward trend in the number of patients in treatment. Currently serving 3 facilities: WBJ on Wednesday's from 7:30-8:30, PORT detox in Washington and Greenville. Meetings are supported by groups on a rotating basis. The hospital in Greenville has a new mental health/substance abuse wing opening up soon.</p> <p>Many from PORT have moved to the longer stay at WBJ. We've had good turnout of people going in to take meetings to both facilities. .I've been in contact with each facility making sure nothing has been affected due to the Federal cuts to SAMSHA-they haven't, thank goodness.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Archives</i> <i>Submitted online 2/8/26 by Kayla E</i> 	<p style="text-align: right;">3:52 PM</p> <p>Kayla is planning an archived display at the Washington Coastal Plains. Planning to track/tackle active groups. Have created a tri-fold. Will begin thinking about website design</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Grapevine</i> <i>Submitted online 2/6/26 by Heather H</i> 	<p>Heather H., Grapevine 3:53 PM</p> <p>This magazine is now called the International Journal of A. Heather has met with DCM and is excited to grow in this position.</p> <p>I had a short but productive meeting with Brian to review the Grapevine resources. Brian gave me the previous Grapevine Reps Materials. I have in hand a try-fold poster and materials suitable to set up a table at the Coastal Plains, which I look forward to doing in the future.</p> <p>I enrolled in the Grapevine subscription (print and Online). I am familiarizing myself with my responsibilities and look forward to growing into this position. I would love to hear feedback from you all on how your group has utilized the Grapevine Magazine in your area.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Accessibility</i> 	Accessibility – Vacant position DCM shared that Area 51 has a dynamic Accessibilities Coordinator.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Literature</i> <i>Submitted online 1/22/26 by Manny R</i> 	Literature Hello family, I want to thank all of D60 for entrusting me as your District 60 Literature Officer. I sat down with the DCM Brian to see what exactly does the Literature Officer do at the District level, since I will not be purchasing any literature. We've come up with the District 60 Literature of the Quarter Winter Edition flyer. The flyer is to inform and inspire the district with 1 AA book and 1 AA pamphlet every Quarter year. I will include the actual flyer and distribute the Flyer to all the GSR and District Officers after the Business meeting.	3:54 PM
<i>7th Tradition basket</i>	Contributions from D60 meetings provide support for us to use the Serenity Club as our meeting place. \$66 collected at today's meeting. \$50 provided to Serenity Club, \$16 into D60 bank account.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Non-profit status for D60</i> 	Anyone interested in exploring this idea, please see Brian H. He will reach out to members across the District who can contribute to this review.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Coastal Plains secretary</i> 	Manny shared that this position will be coming open in April as it is time for Manny to rotate out after 2 years of service.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Coffee Cup Campers</i> 	Mike B shared an overview of this group. All are welcome! coffeecupcampers.com	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Adjourn with Thank You and the Responsibility Declaration</i> 	DCM	4:00 PM

<i>Adjournment</i>		4:00 PM
Responsibility Declaration	A Declaration of Unity	
I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, Reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA Always to be there. And for that: I am responsible. International Convention, Toronto, Canada, July, 1965	This we owe to AA's future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our Fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives, And the lives of those to come. International Convention, Miami Beach, July, 1970	

Upcoming events:

March 4 7pm District Inventory Review and Discussion (zoom)
 March 7-8 Winter Committee meeting (DCM and AltDCM attend)
 April 11 Eastern Pre-conference (Glad Tidings Church 4621 Country Club Road Morehead City)
 May 14-16 Area 51 Committee Meeting and Assembly in Lake Junaluska