



Triangle Club Board of Directors Meeting December 1, 2015

Present: Leigh GH., Jim H., Walker R., Jessica W., Carrie C., and Suzi K.

Absent: George H.

Visitors: Dawn U., Todd C., and Lauren B.

Leigh GH, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Copies of Meeting documents, including Agenda, Committee Reports, and other items of note were distributed to Board members.

Leigh made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from the November Board Meeting, seconded by Jim, and by Carrie. All present voted in favor of accepting the Meeting Minutes into the record.

Outreach Committee Report: The Board members and visitors were encouraged to take some of the new Triangle Club business cards, as these have contact information and meeting schedules, helpful to provide to members of the recovering community as an outreach tool. The success of the Thanksgiving Marathon was also discussed, the coverage of the event as well as its conclusion with a 10 AM morning meeting.

The protocol to publicize Triangle Club events was reiterated, to confirm understanding to all present the uniform way in which to inform the recovering community about events and activities. This protocol includes developing an event flyer, posting these events on the Triangle Club website, and using the Triangle Club Facebook Page to steer people to view the website.

Leigh asked for technical assistance to make maximum use of the Triangle Club Facebook Page to reach more viewers.

There was brief discussion about how we can reach hospitals, treatment centers, the Court System about the Triangle Club.

The need for Board and Committee members to improve upon talking to each other between Board meetings was addressed, in order to accomplish completion of previously stated Committee activities and corresponding goals.

Finance Committee Report: There was discussion about how to make details of the bank account activity accessible to Carrie so that she can compose a detailed report. She stated that there is a balance of approximately \$XXX in the account.

Facilities Committee Report: The drywall and wood framing around the window (in interior wall) was completed since last Board Meeting. Jim was able to set up the stereo, mixing board, microphone and amplifier system. The space next door has started its clean-up thanks to Lauren B. and her helpers. Jim spent 2 days applying tar to the roof, and was able to use an assistant for day labor's help, at Board-approved cost of \$25 a day. He is hoping that the roof will be repaired sufficiently to keep the rain out. The issue of heating the building remains unresolved. Jim discussed his attempt to repair the furnace. Leigh asked Jim to get an estimate of the cost to repair the furnace, as well as the cost of a new furnace, and also the cost if the Triangle Club were to use

gas heat. He stated that the electrical work has not gotten done at this time. Jim asked the Board to remind him of this.

Fellowship Committee: There was no Fellowship Committee Report submitted for the Meeting.

Old Business

Leigh discussed the lack of progress toward completing the tax-exempt status filing. She discussed her intention of getting the contact information for the CPA that George H. had stated would help us with this objective. Jim mentioned that the CPA his family has used for taxes may be able to provide us assistance. Leigh asked Jim to contact this CPA to obtain the cost for such a service. The importance of this step was emphasized, as the Triangle Club will remain limited in our capital improvements and fundraising until we achieve 501(c)3 status.

There was brief discussion of holiday fundraising, as the Board was made aware that today was "Giving Tuesday", a nationally recognized day focused on charitable giving.

Heating solutions for the Meeting rooms was discussed. Jim stated that running electricity for heat will be unaffordable on our current budget. He stated that the Board needs to decide whether we will use a split system or not. If we opt to heat or air-condition the entire building, a whole system will be necessary. Jim stated that we have a heater unit, but copper wiring had been stolen during the time frame that the entire building sat vacant. Jim stated he would like the chance to look at the wiring diagram, to see if it can be salvaged. Leigh stated that she had asked an expert from her work about this, who had informed Leigh that he thought it might be too labor-intensive to repair this wiring. Leigh stated that he did provide her with a contact person from Indoor Solutions.

Leigh made a motion to allow Jim to engage in his electronic expertise by checking the wiring diagrams. This motion was seconded by Suzi, and was unanimously voted to approve Jim's pursuit of the wiring diagram work.

The Board was informed about the wall pockets, their location and purposes. There is a folder for blank project plans, pockets for the Treasurer, Secretary, and each respective Committee, as well as for communications between meetings/groups.

The issues of establishing more organization, increasing the number of trusted servants within the meetings and groups at the Triangle Club were addressed. There continues to be any consistent accountability or responsibility about chairpersons, as well as opening of the building, setting up for meetings. All has been falling upon a few people who are regularly and consistently attending and chairing. The lack of follow-through in opening and chairing the speaker meeting held the last Saturday of each month by the Daily Reprieve Group was noted.

The meetings and groups at the Triangle Club need more trusted servants to shoulder these responsibilities. The Outreach Committee and Fellowship Committee can make a point of talking about the need for more trusted servants/ the value and necessity of service work at the Triangle Club groups and meetings. Jim made a motion, seconded by Carrie and Jessica, to encourage each group and meeting to take responsibility for getting their own group/meeting coordinators and/or chairing system in place.

New Business.

Information was presented about AAA, a support organization to help anyone with any type of addiction, especially helpful as many areas do not have 12-step meetings addressing specific addictions. Leigh mentioned the possibility of using a Tuesday evening time slot to get a meeting started, so that the Triangle Club could offer support to others who might benefit from such a meeting. A rental agreement for this purpose has been filled out.

The idea of a Winter Solstice Celebration over the upcoming holidays, with the Triangle Club being open for 36 hours, from noon on Christmas eve all the way through Christmas night was briefly discussed. Leigh offered to chair the event. Carrie made a motion to approve this plan, which was seconded by Jim. All voted in favor of the motion.

Carrie discussed the Triangle Club Christmas Party, which will be on December 12. It will include food, a meeting, and raffling of gift cards. Some other fun fundraising activities were discussed that could happen at the party.

Lauren asked for approval to purchase some very low-priced drywall for the bathroom.

Leigh asked the Board members to think and pray about the following issues before the next Board Meeting:

- The idea of having a temporary/transitional housing space at the Triangle Club for one person. Ideally it would be for a newcomer who would be grateful to have the opportunity for assistance, in an agreed upon time parameter, in spiritually and financially getting back on his or her feet. This could prevent vandalism and theft, and would require a rental agreement of some set amount per day. The living space would need to be framed out, with an operating shower.

Jessica was asked if she would like to plan and chair a New Year's Eve Celebration, and will complete a project plan.

The Board was asked to think about what the Triangle Club would like to accomplish in the next calendar year.

The meeting was concluded at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzi K., Board Secretary