

NGCA MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2009

Mt. Pisgah Church

1:30 – 2:45pm

Members Present: Louis L. (chairman), Cliff, Joe Z., Cheryl M., Linda N. (Decatur Sunday meeting), Janet D. (Unity North meetings)

Opening Prayer

Call to order

Self-Introductions & groups represented

Approval of minutes from last meeting (April) – The chairman’s notes from our last meeting were approved and will be put on our website.

Treasurer’s Report (Bruce) – Bruce not present, but sent current financial statement. Our balance is \$4206.05

Old Business –

- (1) Report from Web Coordinator (Phil) – Janet reported for Phil. Phil has updated the design and the information on our website. He will continue to put NGCA agenda’s and minutes on the website, and keep the meeting list current.
- (2) Ad’s in local papers about nearby CoDA meetings – Creative Loafing (Cheryl F.) The ad is online now and should be in the paper in the next issue. Dunwoody Crier (Terry S.) – she will contact them soon. East Cobber Magazine (Janet) – As of April, the ad is now in the magazine. Marietta Daily Journal – Janet will verify that it has been put in the newspaper.

New Business –

- (1) Election of new NGCA secretary – Our prior NGCA secretary resigned last month. A vote was held at the beginning of the meeting for our new secretary. It was unanimously decided that Janet D. will be the new secretary starting at today’s meeting.
- (2) Action plan for NGCA – There was a decision among everyone at the meeting regarding what we thought the next best thing was to do, to bring NGCA back to a functioning entity for the CoDA organization. By reviewing the newly updated “What is NGCA?” and the “Laundry List” from the October 2008 meeting, we all thought our focus needs to be on communication between NGCA, the groups and its members. It was decided that Janet and Louis would draft a letter to “educate” our members about

NGCA, and e-mail everyone here today for their approval. Some of the things that will be included in the letter are:

- What is NGCA and what is its purpose?
- How can we help groups/members
- Sponsorship
- How to get involved/service work (Volunteers mandatory for NGCA's to work)
- Interest in having a one-day workshop or weekend retreat

(3) Workshop or Retreat – It was discussed about having a one-day workshop in the fall (minimum of 30-40 people) Some suggested topics for speakers were: What does NGCA do, What is a healthy CoDA meeting, Sponsorship, Service Work and Home groups. Joe volunteered to contact some local venues about space to have the workshop and the food. Linda volunteered to write up the announcement and program. We would need additional volunteers to make this happen.

Other Notes:

- Linda will write up a summary for our website about what CoDA meetings are like.
- Louis will be attending all the North Georgia CoDA groups in the next few months to see how they are doing.

Next Meeting – October 17, 2009

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