

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
January 3, 2019**

Location: First United Methodist Church
201 W. South St, Woodstock

Meeting time: 7:30pm

Attendance: 35

Committee members: 18

Groups represented: 15

Guests/Alt GSRs: 1

Read Twelve Traditions: Elizabeth L.

Read Concept of the Month: Concept 1, Bob K.

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: Kate D., Flying Geese

New attendees present: Joe Guest

Anniversaries: Carol H., 1/2/19, 20 years, Lynn B., 12/12, 24 years, Sid B., 12/19, 8 years

OFFICERS REPORTS

DCM Report: Kelly B., DCM

Area Winter Assembly

I attended the Area Fall Assembly this past month on December 8, 2018. It was great to see about 10 GSRs from District 11 present. The following is a summary of some of the reports given and business conducted:

Treasurer Report: Bank balance as of 11/30/2018 was \$30,629.79. This includes Restricted Funds (Pink and Green Can) of \$8,966.63 and Prudent Reserve of \$16,660.38. Income exceeding expenses and liabilities was \$8,529.51.

The Proposed Area Calendar for 2019 was proposed and accepted by the Assembly. No bids for the 2020 NIA Spring Conference were heard.

Motion 1 – It is moved that translation services be included in “allowable expenses” for Concepts primary purpose basic. During discussion some objections were voiced stating that the motion was too broad and would give the Concepts editor too much authority. A number of fellows from the Spanish-speaking districts spoke about how appreciative they were of the motion. A motion was made to amend the original motion so that it specifies Spanish translation. The majority voted to amend the motion and I voted in against making the amendment. We then voted on the amended motion: It is moved that Spanish translation services be included in “allowable expenses” for Concepts primary purpose basic. This motion passed by majority vote and I voted in favor of the motion.

Motion 2 – It is moved that the Area purchase a new laptop for use by the Area Registrar. The motion passed by majority vote and I voted in favor of this motion.

Other committee reports:

DCM Breakout – At the DCM breakout that I was in, the No Name Group from Lake Zurich presented a letter to the DCMs in regard to looking further into the Area Inventory that was conducted and taking actions based on those results. The following actions were requested by this group: synthesize data presented at the 2018 Fall Assembly (and posted online) in an accurate and understandable way so that groups and members can consider and discuss results; consider the time, location, and agenda for NIA events so that these meetings are more efficient and do not extend for hours beyond conducting AA business; greater transparency with groups and districts on how the agenda is developed and what issues are addressed along with providing a concise summary or guideline explaining primary purpose finance; provide a full reporting of what the \$10,000 in current excess funds (reported at the Fall Assembly) will be used for; conduct an impartial review of the role of the past delegate at NIA 20 meetings, including voting rights in perpetuity and participation and influence beyond any advisory capacity as this was reported as a barrier to participation; provide the full background on the cancellation of the 2019 Spring Conference, given a favorable response to questions that pertain to it. During this discussion, other districts discussed how they are also reviewing the inventory in order to create follow-up action within the Area.

Treatment – Relevant to a current motion in our district, the treatment chair reported that he was approached by District 12 stating that literature was needed. He said to expect a motion to be presented at the upcoming committee meeting to address Area providing finances to districts for literature.

Registrar – In his report the following was included:

When starting a new group, things to remember are the following – AA's traditions suggest that a group not be named after a facility or member (living or deceased), and that the name of the group not imply affiliation with an sect, region, organization or institution.

- Group names are subject to review by AA World Services
- A group name should be different from other groups in that city
- Group name, location, primary contact, and meeting information are required to create a group
- Group names should end with the word "Group"

Our district will be hosting a booth at the People in Need Forum at McHenry County College on January 26th. Volunteers are needed to man the booth.

The Area is looking to host service workshops within districts for 2019. We can ask for a general service workshop or a specific service workshop (corrections, public information, grapevine, etc.). The Area does everything to put on the workshop, we just have to ask. Any interest?

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Area events. These are all events which GSRs participate in and carry their groups' voices to the Area. Please plan on attending the following:

- Winter Committee Meeting/Service Orientation Workshop – January 12th, Lord of Life Church, La Fox
- Spring Assembly – March 23rd, Elgin, IL
- Pre-General Service Conference Workshop – May 4th, Lord of Life Church, La Fox
- Summer Assembly – June 22nd, Waukegan/Gurnee
- Fall Assembly – September 14th
- Big Book Conference – November 2nd
- Winter Assembly – December 7th, McHenry County

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,
Kelly B.
D11 DCM

Alt DCM Report: Guy R., Alt. DCM
No Report

Secretary's Report: Rich H., Secretary, Marlenna G., Alt., Secretary
Motion to accept December Minutes was made by ??, seconded by ?? and passed.

Please send written committee reports to secretary to be submitted into minutes.
Email: secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org

Treasurer Report: Jan C., Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer - OPEN
Motion to accept December Treasurers Report was made by Brendan, seconded by Alex, and passed

Treasurer's Report Summary

Treasurer's Report Summary for December 2018

- Available Funds, minus \$4000 prudent reserve: \$2,775
 - Recommend a motion to donate \$2500 to NIA and GSO
 - Individual Group Contributions: \$463
- Expenses Incurred: \$370
- At Year End D11 was \$6,525 UNDER 2018 Proposed Budget
- 2019 Proposed Budget attached for review.
 - o Recommend budget discussed and approved at February meeting

Humbly submitted in service by Jan C. on 1/1/2019

Attached Documents: Statement of Activity; 2018 Final Actual Expense vs. Budget Report; 2018 Final Committee Monthly Expense & Received and Sent Contributions Report; 2019 Proposed Budget

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility Report: Garry S., Chair, Dianne W., Alt. Chair

Looking forward to this new year and working with Dianne.

Discussion occurred on, Do we have a need for mobile meetings as done in another District does mainly at hospitals. Other examples were – assisted living and people sick at home

Answering Service Report: Bill B., Chair, Scott M., Alt. Chair

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Phone Service Report

January, 2019

2019 Goal - 100% of answering service responder slots filled.

December Results - 100% filled

In **January**, we will call all current responders to determine accuracy of current list.

December call data:

48 total calls

19 calls required responder

29 calls handled by service

Archives Report: Clarence J., Chair

Old Timers Brunch, February 17 at the Wauconda American Legion Hall

Doors open at 9, Breakfast 9:30-11:00, Speakers at 11:00 (FLYER ATTACHED)

CPC Report: Ken M., Chair, Maureen O. Alt. Chair

Received CPC Kit

Corrections Report: Emily B., Chair, Steve K., Alt. Chair

Corrections Workshop on January 19 at St. Charles Episcopal Church in St. Charles (FLYER ATTACHED)

I got Steve all set up with our list of current volunteers. He has been coordinating with the guys to make sure people are there each week. Women's side is going well. We had volunteers there for both Christmas day and New Years day (since they were both on Tuesdays this year). We can always use more volunteers!

Also Steve is not here tonight as he is filling in for a volunteer that is out of town tonight for the men's corrections meeting tonight.

Grapevine Report: Carrie W., Chair, Greg A., Alt. Chair

Grapevine Workshop on January 19 at EDI Club in Streamwood (FLYER ATTACHED)

Carrie will be on a panel. Grapevine subscriptions will be given away. You can sponsor subscriptions to jails and prisons.

Hospital & Treatment Report: Kevin K., Chair, John B., Alt Chair

Need volunteers for 3rd floor in Woodstock, South Street. Thursday and Sunday at 10:00am.

LCM Report: Carol H., Chair, Guy R., Volunteer Marengo and Union, Alex H.

New Schedules Look Good

Literature: Angie O., Chair, Alt. Chair – OPEN

AAWS has introduced 4 new pieces of Literature:

Frequently Asked Questions About A.A. (Large Print),

A.A. for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues – And Their Sponsors,

The “God” Word, Agnostic and Atheist Members in A.A.

LGBTQ Alcoholics in A.A.

Angie still has Newcomer Pamphlets.

During discussion the question came up of, should the District be buying pamphlets for the Groups? Or should the Groups be buying their own literature? The final thought is that the Groups should be self-supporting.

Public Information Report: Dale H., Chair, Steven C., Alt Chair

NO REPORT

Webmaster: Sean T., Chair, Harry G., Alt. Chair

Answered a couple e-mails that were sent to Committee Chairs because he was not sure those e-mails were answered.

Workshops: Sid B., Chair, Blu P. Alt. Chair

The Suggested Men's Step Study asked that I put on a 4th Step Workshop in April of 2019. I will be visiting the group [Friday, January 4th](#) to discuss the details with the group. Flyers should be available at the February district meeting. Also, Elizabeth from Harvard reached out about information regarding the workshop committee. She stated her and some others from the Harvard Alano Club are interested in learning more about how they can help and maybe even putting on a workshop in Harvard. More discussions to be had, and we are looking forward to seeing what will come to fruition.

If you or your group is interested in putting on a workshop or being a part of the Dist. 11 Workshop Committee, please contact me or attend the next Workshop Committee Meeting at 7pm before the February District Meeting. If you would like our committee to visit your group and discuss what we can do and how your group can assist, you can also contact me.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

Best Regards,

Isidro Botello

Dist. 11 Workshop Chair

(815) 388-3593

GSR Reports:

Angie – There were 61 GSRs at the Area 20 Winter Assembly, the most in a long time. About 10 of those were from District 11

Old Business:

We had a person stand for the Alternate Treasurers position but was asked to stand again in the future with a longer term of sobriety.

But that did initiate a discussion about Committee Chairpersons asking willing volunteers to be members of a Committee.

Open Positions:

- Alt. Treasurer - Job Description – Picking up checks and mail at McHenry Post Office, sending copies of the checks to Jan the Treasurer, Writing Thank You Notes to the Groups, about 4 or 5 checks per month. There is a form to fill in the blanks to make it easy. Sobriety requirement for Treasurer is 4 years, requirement for Alternate Treasurer would be 2 years.
 - 1. The alternate is a backup for the Treasurer.
 - 2. If the Treasurer resigns or is unable to serve for any reason, the alternate steps in. (Please note: the current Treasurer resigning in February 2019)
 - 3. Pick up mail from McHenry Post Office – P.O. Box 846 at least once a month.
 - 4. The Treasurer records all Group Donations and maintains a file of all checks for donations and sends a receipt/thank you letter back to each donating group.
 - 5. Deposit donation checks and cash from the District 11 meeting donations.
 - 6. Informs Treasurer the date(s) and amount(s) of deposit
- Alt. Literature Chair

A motion was presented from last month that was brought back to the Groups of District 11.

Motion for District 11 to buy two cases of Soft Cover Big Books and give to District 12 DCM. To be dispersed into residential treatment facilities in the Waukegan vicinity, such as ATP (Alcohol Treatment Program), WRS (Women's Recovery Services), and Eddie Washington Center. District 12 has a lot of active volunteers in these facilities, but, struggles financially when it comes to supplying literature.

There were questions and discussion on this that included, Can Area 20 do this? Can District 11 and Area 20 share this expense? Is this literature for members attending meetings or for people living in facilities? Should we be sending more than 2 cases? Our By-Laws say we can't do this., District 11 didn't cover a similar request here in District 11 in the past. This is what we should be doing to carry our message.

The vote was 22-9, with no Minority Opinion- MOTION PASSES

There was no motion to resume District 11 Newsletter

New Business:

There was a motion from our Treasurer to disperse excess funds of \$2,000.00, to be split \$1,500.00 to the General Service Board and \$500.00 to Area 20. The motion was seconded. The vote was in favor of the motion. Minority Opinion wanted to bring back to Groups. With that said nobody wanted to change their votes. MOTION PASSES

OPEN MIC:

Meeting Closed at 8:32 p.m.

The next District Meeting is February 7, 2019 at 7:30pm at First United Methodist Church of Woodstock, 201 W. South St., Woodstock, IL 60098. Committees will meet prior to the District Meeting at 7:00 p.m.