

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
February 7, 2019**

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

Meeting time: 7:30pm

Attendance: 32

Committee members: 19

Groups represented: 15

Guests/Alt GSRs: 2

Read Twelve Traditions: Holly G.

Read Concept of the Month: Concept 2, Scott M.

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: Tanzie B, GSR, How and Why, Joe K, Alt. GSR, Woodstock Nooners, Josh G, Alt. GSR, Three Legacies Group, Jerad K, Alt. GSR. McHenry Men's Suggested Step Study, Mindy A, GSR, Being New in AA

New attendees present: Holly G, John R.

Anniversaries: Kevin K., 1/31/19, 9 years, Steve K., 2/7/19, 18 years, John R., 1/31/19 19 years,

John R. Area 20 Treatment Chair talked about a Treatment Motion at the next Assembly, and the need to start using the Green Can to support the need for literature in Treatment Facilities

OFFICERS REPORTS

DCM Report: Kelly B., DCM

DCM Report for 02/07/2019

The Spring Assembly will be held March 23rd at Westridge Community Church (3300 Encounter Lane) Elgin, IL. Doors open at 8:00 am and the Assembly starts at 9:00 am. There are three motions that will be voted on at the Assembly. Please bring these motions back to your group in the next month so we can discuss at our March district meeting and you can bring your group's voice to the Assembly on March 23rd.

The final list of agenda items for the General Service Conference in May have been sent out and are also available on the Area website. The background has not been made available yet but start looking over the agenda items to see which ones you and your group want to go over for thorough discussion if you are not able to go through all of them.

The following is from an email sent regarding the Meeting Guide App that A.A.W.S. has now licensed. If you want more information in order to participate in any of the future conference calls, please reach out to me or the webmaster (email addresses are provided on the district 11 website):

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Information passed on regarding the recent activities of the General Service Board and Grapevine board:

- The AA Grapevine Board is delighted to announce the appointment of Albin Z. to the position of Grapevine Publisher, effective February 19, 2019. Albin previously served as Director of Administration and Services at A.A.W.S., Inc.

Prior to that Albin's work experience included the senior executive positions of Associate Publisher of Hegedorn Communications and Director of Communications at Riverbay Corporation. He holds a B.S. in education from St. Thomas Aquinas College and possesses a wealth of service experience as a trustee and director of the General Service and AA Grapevine boards. We are sure that the dedication to his job, colleagues, board members and the A.A. fellowship that Albin brings with him along with his wealth of experience will help ensure the continued success of AA Grapevine Inc.

- GV Board Actions - Board Actions:

The Board took the following actions at its meetings on December 7 and 8, 2018:

- Approved the translation of the GV Daily Quote Book into Spanish and French.

The Board took the following actions at its quarterly meeting on January 25, 2018:

- Approved and agreed to forward the 2019 Grapevine and La Vina budget to trustees' Finance and Budgetary committee.
- Agreed to notify the Trustees' Finance Committee (and hence the General Service Board) that AA Grapevine, Inc. will be requesting an additional draw down from the Reserve Fund during 2019, amending the capital project to build the new La Vina Archive from \$28,000 to \$33,000.
- Approved the AA Grapevine, Inc. Travel policy.

Highlights of the activities of A.A.W.S and the different service committees from October 2018 to January 2019

- Accessibilities: Staff is reviewing requested sharing from the Fellowship regarding Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing technology, ways to lower access barriers for A.A. members who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing, and activities in underrepresented or remote communities.
- Communication Services: Three major projects continue to be the focus of this assignment: website design, You Tube development, and the A.A.W.S. app, which includes the Meeting Guide platform. Analytics are also being developed to measure the effectiveness of the [Youtube] channel.
- Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment: The assignment has recently heard from professionals sharing how effective A.A. has been in their practices, with one neurologist noting that in the past few months he has handed out 60-70 copies of the pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different?" which he finds has been very effective for some of his patients.

The C.P.C. assignment has begun to contact local committees about their availability to staff the traveling A.A. exhibits at national professional conferences in their area; 35 exhibit locations are scheduled in 2019

- Group Services: the office will no longer be selling literature onsite due to a change in the building's policies restricting sale or pick-up of any materials on building premises. Normal shipping operations will continue
- International: The 25th World Service Meeting took place in Durban, South Africa, October 7-11. The 25th WSM Final Report is underway in print form
- International convention: Preparation is ongoing for informational flyers and Convention registration forms for a Summer 2019 mailing. A 2020 International Convention video/flyer is in final editing and will soon be available for download through G.S.O.'s website. Registration and housing will open in September and, as in the past, members will be able to register online.
- Literature: Forty-six submissions were received for the pamphlet on AA's Three Legacies and 59 submissions were received for the pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in AA.
- Nominating: Resumes have been received for Class B regional trustees (Northeast and Southwest) and trustee-at-large/Canada in preparation for elections that will take place at the 2019 General Service Conference.
- Public Information: The P.I. desk has been reviewing all Public Information service pieces in order to update language and focus. The new PSA "Changes" has been added to aa.org.
- Archives: In 2018, Archives staff responded to approximately 1,600 requests for information and research and accessioned over 375 new items. Projects for 2019 include digitizing Bill W. 's personal collection of unpublished correspondence; scanning past trustee correspondence and conference committee background; organizing, filing and digitizing historical materials from the 1950s and 1960s, originally set aside by Nell Wing. There is also a plan to add new content to the Archives section of the G.S.O. AA website, including new digital exhibits, excerpts of audio recordings and the Timeline.
- Finance: For the year ended December 31, 2018 revenues were 2.16% higher than budgeted and .37% higher than the year ended December 31, 2017. Operating expenses were 2.50% greater than budgeted and 8.56% more than last year. Actual contributions for the year ended December 31, 2018 were \$8,384,721, 2.25% higher than budget and 0.29% lower than 2017. The Board approved the following recommendation - That a Seventh Tradition summary communication

that illustrates the link between membership contributions and efforts to carry the A.A. message be developed and shared quarterly or annually.

- Publishing: December gross sales are under budget with actual gross sales at \$967,043, which is a \$20,642 or 2.09% negative variance against budget of \$987,685. Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1971: Estimated availability of finished books in English, French and Spanish is on track for mid-April 2019. The committee reviewed and discussed a verbal update on digital distribution including considerations related to vendor negotiations and the availability of digital-based literature for correctional settings.
- Technology/Communication/Services: The staff member on the Group Services assignment reported on a new linguistic Intergroup comprised of Deaf members in central Texas and a request from the Secular AA. organization to be listed as a Special International Contact. the New York Intergroup Steering Committee where concerns were expressed that adding meeting finder technology to aa.org as part of the proposed redesign may diminish their online literature sales and contributions. It was noted that development of the app would be prioritized over website development.

Yours in service,
Kelly B

Alt DCM Report: Guy R., Alt. DCM
February 7, 2019 Alternative DCM Report

On January 12, 2019, I attended the Winter Committee Meeting in LaFox. There were three people in attendance from District 11. I'll chalk that up to the snowstorm that started early that morning. It started off with the Service Orientation Workshop where various trusted servants of our area spoke on topics. These topics included:

- The Roles and Responsibilities of GSR's and DCM's
- Service Structure as a Whole
- How to be a "Host Committee"
- What Primary Purpose Financing Is

The "How to be a Host Committee" was my favorite mainly because we will be dealing with this first hand as we (District 11) are hosting the next Winter Assembly on December 7, 2019. There were plenty of new GSR's at the Service Orientation Workshop and I feel it was very informative and helpful.

After the workshop, it was business as usual with reports, old business and new business.

- Our Area Delegate (Robert S.) reported that A.A. decided to piggy back on the Meeting Guide App.
- The new YouTube PSA's are already getting backlash and might already be coming down.
- Our Area Treasurer (Carol H.) reported the following:
The checking balance at year-end was \$23,958.33, Restricted funds balance was \$9,322.91 which includes the "Pink Can" fund of \$9,065.78 and "Green Can" fund of \$257.13 and Savings account balance of \$16,660.38. Total contributions for the year were \$64,259.46 and total expenses were \$65,346.20 resulting in net operating income of (\$1,086.74)

In Old Business:

- The 2019 Big Book Conference being hosting by D23 and D40 on November 2, 2019 in Glen Ellyn announced their theme "The Promises we will be Amazed."

- Area ad-hoc committee of the NIA History Book spoke on how the 3rd Edition is in review. The 1st and 2nd Editions are available online.
- Another Area ad-hoc committee reported on how they looked into the 2020 Spring Event and why there is a lack of Districts stepping up to host this event. Three different format ideas were presented to urge districts to step up and host the event. There was spirited discussion about this with little outcome and nothing was approved. There were no bids proposed for the 2020 event.

In New Business, there were motions (discussion – no voting)

- First motion for new computers for area secretaries and a second motion to translate NIA Service Manual into Spanish were met with little to no resistance.
- Another motion in new business (discussion – no voting) – motion by Area Treatment Committee as follows:
 - o Add the following to NIA service manual, under duties and responsibilities for the treatment chair – Provide literature to districts that do not have sufficient resources of their own.

There was some very energetic discussion about this with, by my personal tally, opinions of this motion being good or bad split right down the middle. Basically, some districts struggle financially and can't afford Big Books and 12 and 12 Books for treatment facilities. Should our Area Treatment Committee Chair be able to provide literature to these treatment facilities? Please take this to your groups for discussion.

These motions are to be voted on in March on the 23rd at the Spring Assembly. Your group's feedback is essential!

Also, our District hosted a booth at The People in Need Forum at McHenry County College on January 26, 2019. Carol, Angie, and I sat in at the booth and it was a success. The bitter temperatures affected attendance, but it was very rewarding to provide people with information of our wonderful program.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Guy R.

District 11 Alternate District Committee Member

Secretary's Report: Rich H., Secretary, Marlenna G., Alt., Secretary

Minutes were corrected to show the proper dollar amounts distributed to the General Service Board and Area 20 Motion to accept December Minutes was made by Tina H., seconded by Brendan K., and passed unanimously.

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 Angie B., seconded by Steve K., and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report Summary

Treasurer's Report Summary for January 2019

- Available Funds, minus \$4000 prudent reserve: \$517.04
- Income from Individual Groups and District Meeting Contributions: \$119
- Expenses Incurred: \$2376.60
- D11 Donations: \$500 to NIA 20 and \$1000 to GSB
- In response to question re: two payments to AnswerCall in October 2018: AnswerCall bills every 28 days, resulting in 13 total payments per year. The billing cycle fell twice in October.
- 4 cases of soft cover Big Books were ordered and shipped to Kevin, Treatment Chair. 2 cases were for Treatment and 2 cases for district 12 per majority vote decision. **Need confirmation that Treatment received: November order for 4 cases Big Books, English and 1 case Big Book, Spanish for Treatment and Corrections and January order for 4 cases Big Books, English for Treatment and D12**
- **Request that the individual that inquired about St Mary's donations in 2018, please see me before or after meeting.**

Humbly submitted in service by Jan C. on 2/27/2019

Attached Documents: 2019 Proposed Budget, January Statement of Activity, January Expenses vs Budget

2019 PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED WITH TWO CHANGES (DOCUMENT ATTACHED)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility Report: Garry S., Chair, Dianne W., Alt. Chair
No Report

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

AA NIA District 11

Phone Service Report

February, 2019

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

January Results - 100% filled

We are completing calls to all current responders to determine accuracy of the list. There will be several open slots, based on this work, which will need to be filled.

January call data:

59 total calls

17 calls required responder

42 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

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

Met as a committee for the first time recently. Suggestion from GSO to come up with a form letter to present to professionals. Discussed ideas of agencies to contact, such as DUI attorneys, MCC, etc. Meeting again Feb. 17.

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

Steve:

- 1) I attended the NIA Corrections Workshop January 19th in St. Charles. Good meeting, good info and ideas.
- 2) I'm continuing to update men's corrections volunteer info and weed out people that no longer attend McHenry County Jail meetings
- 3) Planning D-11 corrections workshop (meeting) in McHenry in March (later).

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

Carrie: Attended Grapevine workshop January 19th. 22 people in attendance. Talked about how to get subscriptions out to people. The history of Grapevine was discussed and current issue contents. Explained if the Grapevine is conference approved. 75th Anniversary (Flyer).

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

Literature chair report:)

I have Beginners Packets for Harvard Alano Club

On Saturday, January 26th, I, along with two other members, attended the People in Need Forum at McHenry County College. Requests were made for meetings in Nursing Homes. Okay to distribute name and number? Should we (AA) be listed in their future resource directories? Should PI be handling this? Registration in September for the January conference. Next year we suggest having coffee available at table (just like meetings:), more Spanish resources, and more schedules without numbers.

Angie O., District 11 Literature Chair

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

NO REPORT

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

Typical housecleaning and additions to Website.

Below is information about The Meeting Guide and Conference Calls related to this subject

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- Josh R, Meeting Guide Developer

P.S. Was this the wrong email to use? Please reply to this message and let us know, thank you.

Josh R is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Meeting Guide Updates

Time: Feb 9, 2019 9:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Second Sat, 7 occurrence(s)

Feb 9, 2019 9:00 AM

Mar 9, 2019 9:00 AM

Apr 13, 2019 9:00 AM

May 11, 2019 9:00 AM

Jun 8, 2019 9:00 AM

Jul 13, 2019 9:00 AM

Aug 10, 2019 9:00 AM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/713994634/ics?icsToken=855e36f2334b62ff6f57913e81386c8dba236519e2d8f2f942dcc8797a5ea2c7>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/713994634>

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Meeting ID: 713 994 634

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ay2UZXwJ0>

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

The Friday Night Suggested Men's Step Study Group asked that we put on a 4th Step Workshop April 18, 2019. See attached flyer for more information.

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 March 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:

Joe - Woodstock Alano Chili Cook-off announced-Feb. 9

Angie – 3 Legacies Group, Open Speaker Meeting and Potluck Dinner 3/31 (Flyer attached)

3 Legacies Group, Workshop to discuss General Service Conference Agenda Items 3/24 (Flyer attached)

Chad – Friday Night Suggested Men's Group, Fourth Step Workshop, April 19 (Flyer attached)

Old Business:

Open Positions:

- Alt. Treasurer – Holly G. Stood for the position and qualified herself. And was elected unanimously
- Alt. Literature Chair – STILL OPEN

New Business:

New Business and Motions for the Area 20 Spring Assembly

(All related documents are attached in an email to all of you)

- Hear bids for the 2020 NIA Spring Event (March 2020)
- Area BTG Alt-Chair Election
- Area Concepts Co-Editor Appointment
- **Assembly Motions-**
 - **Motion 1** – Motion by the Treatment Committee to Purchase and Distribute Conference-Approved Literature
 - **Motion 2** - Motion for new computers for Area Secretaries
 - **Motion 3** - Motion to translate NIA Service Manual into Spanish

OPEN MIC:

McHenry Soberfest Co-chair positions available

2019 East Central Regional Forum – Detroit Michigan – July 12, 13, 14

Meeting Closed at 9:01 p.m.

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