

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
April 4, 2019**

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

Meeting time: 7:30pm

Attendance: 37

Committee members: 16

Groups represented: 16

Guests/Alt GSRs: 5

Read Twelve Traditions: Isidro B.

Read Concept of the Month: Harry

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: John W. – Joe & Charlie Step Study Saturday 8pm in Crystal Lake,
Bill – Men's Fellowship Meeting in Crystal Lake

New attendees present: Judy, Ben

Anniversaries: Marlenna G. – 6 years

OFFICERS REPORTS

DCM Report: Kelly B., DCM

The information that has been passed from the General Service Office over the past month:

- A new book is coming out at the beginning of May 2019 called *Our Great Responsibility* and contains 16 of the talks that Bill Wilson made at the 20 General Service Conferences he attended. It provides more insight into our history and also topics that are relevant to AA today.
- The AA International Convention will be held July 2 -5th of 2020. This convention is held every five years and will be held in Detroit, MI this upcoming year. Registration for the convention will be open in July of 2019.
- Two trustees and a staff member from the General Service Office attended the Third International Meeting Against Drug Addiction held in Cuba. AA was asked to participate in this event for the first time. The trustees presented ways that AA and medical professionals can work together to help address the problem of alcoholism. Cuba's AA community was also present. The first AA group in Cuba started in 1993 and they have their own General Service Office. This was a great example of the kind of CPC work that our trustees and General Service Office do.
- AA members (men especially) are needed for the Corrections Correspondence program. Currently there are 200 incarcerated males who have requested letters from AA members and are waiting for responses. The form to volunteer can be found on aa.org.
- Grapevine is looking for stories from AA members who deal with accessibility issues, barriers to getting to meetings. The deadline for story submission is April 15th and can be sent to senioreditor@agrapevine.org. Submissions should be about 400 to 1800 words.

Yours in service,

Kelly B.

D11 DCM

Alt DCM Report: Guy R., Alt. DCM

District11 Alternate DCM REPORT 4-3-19

I attended the Spring Assembly on March 23rd in Elgin and it was nice to see some familiar District 11 faces there. In this report I will share the Area Voting results and a few points that our Area Delegate Robert Snipes shared with us. These being Agenda items for the 2019 General Service Conference.

-Area Voting Results

1. The purchase of two laptops with Microsoft Office for the use of our area secretaries was approved

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2. Motion to translate our service manual to Spanish passed 116 to 4
3. Motion by Treatment Committee to purchase and distribute Literature passed 108-35

Regarding #3 I would like to stress the importance of the GREEN CAN FUND. It needs just as much support as the pink can fund so let's do our part to see that it does get the same support.

-Area Delegates points

1. In Corrections, GSO will establish and help maintain a database of Correctional Facilities in each area of the US and Canada along with the status of meetings held.

2. In Literature, it is being considered to develop a Fifth Edition of THE BIG BOOK.

3. In Public Information, The AA YouTube channel will be discussed and reviewed. The channel is still in its infancy and trying to address problems with video pop ups and other stuff on YouTube that's not affiliated with AA.

4. The Meeting Guide App will soon be part of our website. It will still be operated by its creator (Josh) . Its every districts responsibility to update their own meetings.

There are ideas and proposals that get tabled also and will not make it to New York to be voted on. Two examples of this are as follows

- Consider translating the Big Book into plain language at a fifth grade level
- Consider discontinuing the pamphlet "The God Word"

These are just a few of the items to discuss with your groups and there is plenty more Agenda Items. Some might peak your interest, some may not. You won't know unless you check them out.

Thanks, Guy

Secretary's Report: Rich H., Secretary, Marlenna G., Alt., Secretary
Motion to accept March minutes by Brendan and seconded by Angie
Schedules are here tonight

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 - Holly

Treasurer's Report Summary for March 2019

- Available Funds, minus \$4000 prudent reserve: \$4328.55
- Income from Individual Group and District Meeting Contributions: \$2,469.61
- Expenses Incurred: \$388.67
- Overall, District 11 is trending on budget with the exception of the District committee. The District has spent close to \$1100 of its \$1200 budget. Printing schedules constitutes the largest expenditure at \$950. It is recommended that a motion be made to increase the District budget to a minimum of \$3500 based on first quarter spending
- Discontinued HP Ink Program. After conducting a cost analysis, it was determined that the District would save money by buying its own ink cartridges (which our Secretary, Rich is willing to do).

Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Brendan and seconded by Glen.

We had a discussion regarding printing costs and how often to print schedules. The more we print with each run, the cheaper it is for each directory.

If we stretch out our printing schedules, new meetings won't get in on a timely basis.

Jan - Motion to wait until next month to forward contributions to Area 20 and the General Service Board.

Motion not seconded

Sid - We should move forward with our regular quarterly contributions and not exceed funds for our currently stated purpose.

Angie – Motion to forward \$1,500.00 to Area 20 and \$1,500.00 to the General Service Board. Seconded by Chris

Sid – Asks to forward all \$4,300.00

Angie amended her motion to \$2,000.00 to Area 20 and \$2,000.00 to the General Service Board

Seconded by Chris

Steve – Asks about available funds versus unspent budget

Motion passes 100% Unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility Report: Garry S., Chair, Dianne W., Alt. Chair
Not Present

Answering Service Report: Bill B., Chair, Scott M., Alt. Chair
2019 Goal - 100% of answering service responder slots filled.

March Results - 100% filled

March call data:

48 total calls

16 calls required responder

33 calls handled by service

Archives Report: Clarence J., Chair
No report

CPC Report: Ken M., Chair, Maureen O. Alt. Chair
No report

Corrections Report: Emily B., Chair, Steve K., Alt. Chair
Steve K.: No meetings at McHenry County Jail in March due to mumps breakout at the jail. The meeting will resume Thursday, April 11 for men's meeting, April 9th for women's meeting,

Volunteers are always welcome to apply (fill out application). The more the merrier 😊

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

Carrie W.: Handed out online form to receive daily emails. Sample of today's quote on the back.

Read letter from the edition of April Grapevine issue that has a special section on relapse.

The book "AA Sponsorship in Action" is available in Spanish.

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

Anonymous schedules are needed. More green can labels needed.

At least 3 Groups are using the Green Can. Groups are to send funds from those cans to area 20 Treasurer, per directions on the label.

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

Alex H.: one phone number needs to be changed on the schedule.

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

New Comer Packets available

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

Dale H.: Area PI chair – Steve Miler – PI has a motion to have billboards in select towns and districts – more info to come.

Also have a trial run of AA info on some buses. More info to follow at a later date.

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

Performed regular Web updates

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

Isidro B.:

The Friday Night Suggested Men's Step Study Group asked that we put on a 4th Step Workshop April 19, 2019.

I got contacted a few days back from an individual to chat about a workshop they putting on in May at the Alano Club of Crystal Lake. More information to come.

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 April 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.

Best Regards,

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Dist. 11 Workshop Chair
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GSR Reports:

- Angie B. – 3rd Sunday of this month the 3 Legacies group will host a meeting to discuss agenda items for the May General Service Conference
- Dale H. – Soberfest Fundraiser is 5/11, tickets are limited

Old Business:

Open Positions: Literature Alternate

Chris J. stood for the position of Alternate Literature Chair, and was elected unanimously

New Business:

- Jan will be stepping down as Treasurer. We are looking to fill the Treasurer position. Thank You Jan for all your hard work.
- Alternate Treasurer Holly stood for the position and was elected unanimously
- The Alternate Treasurer Position is now OPEN

OPEN MIC:

- 4/20 is the Night out at the Dole
- New Meeting: Joe & Charlie study Saturday nights at 8pm in Crystal Lake

Meeting Closed at: 9:07

The next District Meeting is May 2, 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.