

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
December 12, 2019**

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

Meeting time: 7:30pm

Attendance: 28

Committee members: 16

Groups represented: 7

Guests/Alt GSRs: 5

Read Twelve Traditions: Carolyn

Read Concept of the Month: Todd

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: Joe – Woodstock Nooners Group

New attendees present: Carolyn, Tim, Pixie, Mike, Matthew

Anniversaries: Glenn – 19 years, James – 6 years

OFFICERS REPORTS

DCM Report: Kelly B., DCM

Winter Assembly

I attended the Winter Assembly this past month hosted by our district. Thank you to all the groups and individual volunteers who showed up to make the day possible. Many people approached me saying that our district did a great job hosting, so thank you for making that possible.

Motions

Presentation of the Proposed Primary Purpose Registry for 2020 was accepted by the body.

The 2020 Calendar was presented and accepted with some changes to the dates of the Fall Assembly and Fall Committee meeting (see the end of report for 2020 dates)

Motion to require GSR and committee member registration at assemblies and adopt use of colored cards for voting. After check-in on the morning of the Assembly every voting member would be given a colored card indicating they are registered with the Area Registrar and have checked-in for the Assembly. New GSR's or recently elected Area Committee members who are not already registered with the Area Registrar will be given an opportunity to register on site with the Area Registrar or Alternate Area Registrar.

Discussion – The accessibilities committee requested that this motion go through their committee as they believed it to directly relate to Accessibilities. From my understanding, it was argued that this motion does not allow voting to be accessible to all groups if their GRS or alternate GSR is not available to be at the Assembly. The motion made by the Accessibilities committee to have the original motion moved to their committee, failed by majority vote. Discussion on original motion continued with those in fair expressing how the motion promotes GSRs registering with the Area and making sure their group information is accurate and also preventing groups from having multiple representatives. Those opposed talked about how the motion limited voices and votes along with posing a problem of if the registrar and FNV are not available. The point of people coming late and not being able to register was also brought up.

Vote – The motion failed with 66 against and 28 for. I voted against this motion.

Motion: District 52 moves the Area support a motion on the General Service Agenda to develop a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. This is to have the Area show continued support for this agenda item that was presented at the last General Service Conference. At the 2019 General Service Conference, it was decided that no action would be taken at this time on the item.

Vote – The motion passed by majority vote. I voted for this motion.

Motion: CPC and PI committees move that a PPM be passed to allow funds to be made available for billboards throughout Northern Illinois Area.

Vote – The motion passed. I was not present for the vote as I was taking care of hosting responsibilities.

Please mark your calendar for the following Area events in 2020:

Winter Committee Meeting (Service Orientation Workshop) – January 11th @ Lord of Life Church in La Fox
Spring Assembly/Conference – March 20th – 22nd (Assembly the 21st) @ Schaumburg Marriott
Pre-General Service Conference Workshop – April 4th @ Lord of Life Church in La Fox
Spring Committee Meeting – May 16th @ Lord of Life Church in La Fox
Summer Assembly – June 13th in Kankakee, IL
Summer Committee Meeting – August 8th @ Lord of Life Church in La Fox
Fall Assembly – September 19th in Elgin, IL
Fall Committee Meeting – October 17th @ Lord of Life Church in La Fox
Winter Assembly – December 12th

Final DCM Report

I want to thank all of you for the honor of serving the district as the Alternate DCM and then the DCM for the past four years. I have found that being part of General Service has been a joyful duty that I have been privileged to participate in. It has been wonderful to watch some of the committees in our district come alive with individuals who want to make sure that the AA message is being carried in our local community. I do not lightly say that it has been an honor to serve alongside you all in this capacity.

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

Alt DCM Report: Guy R., Alt. DCM
Not present

Secretary's Report: Rich H., Secretary, Marlenna G., Alt., Secretary
Motion to accept: Glenn, 2nd-Steven

Get schedule changes sent to the secretary ASAP

Please send written committee reports to secretary to be submitted into minutes.

Email: secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org

Treasurer Report: Holly G, Treasurer, James P., Alt. Treasurer

- Available Funds, minus \$4000 prudent reserve: \$2,334.06
- Income from Individual Group and District Meeting Contributions: \$753.20
- Expenses Incurred: \$922.09
- D11 Donations: \$0.00 to NIA 20 and \$0.00 to GSB.

Motion to move: \$750 to area and \$750 to GSO (Carol, 2nd
Steven) - passed

Motion to accept report: Angie, 2nd-Kate

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.

November Results - 100% filled

November call data:

50 total calls

18 calls required responder (36%)

32 calls handled by service (64%)

Note: monthly total call volume over the last 23 months has ranged between 22 and 79 and averages about 50 calls.

Archives Report: Clarence J., Chair
Old Timers Brunch is February 16th at American Legion Hall in Wauconda. Speakers TBD and flyers to come.

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

Corrections Report: Emily B., Chair, Steve K., Alt. Chair
There has been turnover in administration at the jail and volunteer applications got lost between the new staff and our chair people. Please check in with Emily for status of an application and she can look into it.

Grapevine Report: Carrie W., Chair
Write for issues coming up by topic, due April 15th.

December issue features stories from people in remote areas.

Grapevine archive access is online – search by title, topic, author name, etc. List of links sorted by topics, steps, traditions, departments, sections, or demographics.

Joke shared.

Hospital & Treatment Report: Kevin K., Chair, John B., Alt Chair
Reached out to Northern Illinois Recovery, our help is not needed

This year's treatment budget came out of the Green Can instead of the district funds.

Northwestern (Centegra) in Woodstock may start up a Detox.

Carol: Green Can funds should be used for the Area, our district can be self-supporting (something to keep in mind)

LCM Report: Guy R., Volunteer Marengo and Union, Alex H.
Not present

Literature: Angie O., Chair, Keith, Alt. Chair
No report

Public Information Report: Dale H., Chair, Steven C., Alt Chair
Dale got more AA cards, Soberfest flyers available for service work

People in Need Forum January 25th

Schedule Maker:

Get changes to schedule in ASAP

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

Standard updates. Need to set up email forwarding for the incoming chairs.

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

A group at the Crystal Lake Alano Club – January 11th, putting on a workshop (flyer to come)

GSR Reports:

Three Legacies Group potluck – December 29th

Pat – Wednesday Wanderers Women's group had the 28th annual Christmas party last night

Todd – Monday, the 16th the Huntley Group is having a potluck at 11:30

Old Business:

Open positions for 2020:

- Alt Treasurer - Tim
- Accessibilities Chair - OPEN
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- Alt Answering Service - Mike
- CPC Chair - Ken
- Alt Grapevine - Pixie
- Treatment Chair - Glenn
- Alt Treatment - Maureen
- Workshop Chair - Angie
- Alt Workshop - Carol

New Business:

Motion presented by Holly G. (current District Treasurer): The Treasurer moves to change the District 11 Meeting Agenda to include a brief presentation of AA service committees and responsibilities.

Background: With the rotation of newly elected trusted servants, it is important to learn about what that position can do to support our primary purpose and review the current district 11 job description (accepted in 2015). It is suggested that District 11 add to the monthly meeting agenda a 5 – 7 minute presentation on each District Chair job description. A speaker, who has embraced the position in the past, will come to talk about specifically what the responsibilities are and how it fits into serving AA as a whole. We will have the opportunity to see how each position makes a difference and helps the still suffering alcoholic and how they all fit together. Suggest that this speaker shares right after the GSR Reports and before Old Business. We would add \$300.00 for the year to use for printing, literature, and any other miscellaneous expenses to the district budget.

Suggested Schedule:

2020 Speaker Schedule

January – GSR

February – DCM/LCM

March – Secretary

April – Treasurer

May – Answering Service

June – Accessibilities/Treatment

July - Corrections
August – P.I. / C.P.C.
September – Grapevine / Literature
October - Webmaster
November - Archives
December - Workshop

Motion to table: Harry, Carrie-2nd

OPEN MIC:

Sean – check the website and the document of service work information for error

Meeting Closed at: 9:22pm

The next District Meeting is January 2nd at 7:00pm at First United Methodist Church of Woodstock, 201 W. South St., Woodstock, IL 60098. Committees will meet prior to the District Meeting at 6:30 p.m.