

Monthly Meeting Minutes District 11 February 6, 2020

Location: First United Methodist Church

201 W. South St, Woodstock

Meeting time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: 35

Committee members: 18

Groups represented: 9

Guests/Alt GSRs: 8

Read Twelve Traditions: Todd

Read Concept of the Month: Holly

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: Georgene R. from 3 Legacies Group

New attendees present: Doug from District 28, Bob, Jeremie

Anniversaries: Kristen 27 years, Dan 3 years, Jenny 3 years, Gus 2 years

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DCM Report: Kate - DCM

I attended the Northern Illinois Area (NIA) 20 Winter Committee Meeting on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in La Fox, IL. The attendance was lighter than usual due to the snow conditions. We were blessed to have Mark E., our East Central Regional Trustee, facilitate the morning service orientation workshop. Mark presented information on AA's service structure, positions and committees with his personal story about the service work he has done at the home group level, district level, area level, and now as a trustee. He answered many questions submitted to the "Ask It Basket" and shared his experience, strength and hope. We received an update from Marilyn F., Area 20's new delegate, who will be attending the General Service Conference in New York in April. Marilyn represents our District 11, as well as the other 25 Districts that comprise Area 20. She is OUR voice in matters affecting AA as a whole. Geographically, Area 20 is the northern third of the State of Illinois. We also received the Area 20 Treasurer's report. Area 20's Finance Committee introduced a Motion to reflect the Area's intention to fully fund the cost of our Delegate's participation in the General Service Conference effective 2020 and in subsequent years. The motion is attached for your review. You may ask, "Okay, but what does this mean for me?" I'm happy to explain! When Area 20 introduces a motion, I and the other DCM's bring the motion back to our districts to share at our business meetings. General Service Representatives (GSRs) should then bring this motion to their home groups for discussion at their next business meeting so the home group members can vote to either support the motion or reject it. The majority vote of the members is how YOU should vote when you attend the quarterly Area Assembly. You may ask, "Area Assembly?" Yes! You, as a GSR, are the liaison between your home group and Area 20, where you participate in the voting process with your in-person vote. For this specific motion, we are voting on a matter that affects Area 20 finances. But there may be other motions brought forward during the year that affect AA as a whole. This is an important process for GSRs to participate in as Trusted Servants for your home groups. We also discussed the open Area service positions which include Alternate Area Secretary, Area Answering Service Committee Chair, Alternate Area Archives Committee Chair, Area Bridge the Gap (BTG) Committee Chair, Alternate Area BTG Committee Chair, Alternate Area Grapevine Chair, and Alternate Area Literature Committee Chair. If you have interest in any of these roles, please let me know.

- Discussion about the motion at the area level
 - Motion from the 2019 Finance Committee:
 - The Finance Committee moves that the NIA Primary Purpose Register (PPR), Activity number "B02 - General Service Conference Contribution", be revised to reflect the Area's intention to fully-fund the cost of our Delegate's participation in the General Service Conference (GSC) ongoing from 2020 forward.

Our Area 20 Chairperson, Carmela R., has administrative positions open for appointment. I have volunteered to serve as the Area 20 Service Handbook Custodian. All DCMs present introduced themselves at the microphone, as did the committee chairs and alternates. The officers (Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Registrar, Alternate Registrar and Secretary) provided updates. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Alt DCM Report: Pat - Alt. DCM

Currently we have four service positions still open in our District: Accessibilities Chair and Alternate, Local Committee Member (LCM), and Alternate Schedule Maker. These positions perform needed local services for the groups and the still suffering alcoholic. When positions such as these are left open, there is a gap in the services we provide. I will briefly describe what each position entails and ask you to take this information back to your groups where someone may benefit from this service work while providing much needed service to the District. Accessibilities Chair and Alternate - The purpose of this position with its alternate is to carry the message to the alcoholic who may have special needs due to limited vision or hearing, chronic illness or being homebound or having mobility limitations requiring ramps etc. A requirement is at least 2 years of sobriety, having worked the 12 steps and have a working knowledge of the 12 traditions. Duties include maintaining a list of volunteers, working with the Chairs of other committees who may come across someone with special needs, attend Area Assembly and make sure accessibility information is accurate on our website and meeting list. The Local Committee Member's function is to assist the DCM by visiting groups in the District to encourage participation at the District level. They also verify group information for the meeting directory and District records. Lastly, Alternate Schedule Maker, an appointed position that does not necessarily rotate. This person assists the Schedule Maker in maintaining the electronic file of meetings within the District and maintains the District committee email. This position requires computer knowledge, a computer and access to the internet.

Secretary's Report: James - Secretary, Marlenna - Alt. Secretary

- Minutes were emailed out on January 16. Are there any corrections? If not, I would like to make motion to accept January 2020 minutes.
- So there has been a little confusion about my new protocol of "Going GREEN, NO PAPER! (As little as possible)" I understand I can not do my job as secretary without paperwork. My plan is to use as little paper as possible while still following the guidelines of the secretary.
- I prefer all chair reports to be emailed to me, but if that is a problem for you, you are more than welcome to give me a written report by the end of the meeting so that I may get the minutes emailed out tonight. I apologize for getting them out late last month. I am supposed to have them out in a week and I had them out 2 days late. That will not happen again.
- I have passed out Our District Guidelines to everyone. There is one set of guidelines that every chair must follow and a set of guidelines for each chair position.
- If you ever have anything that needs to be printed for the District, email it to me. I have the district printer. The only way I am going to be able to get things printed in time is if it is sent to me Tuesday afternoon, before the district meeting, at the latest. I come here straight from work on Thursdays and I have school and home group on Wednesday. So I do not have time to print it after that.
- Contact Sheet is going around. Check the box if you are here and if anything is wrong please correct it on there Or If you are not on there, there are blank spaces to fill out your information.
- There is a second sign out sheet for just the chairs. I need your address for Area.
- Any new GSRs? I have paperwork for you to fill out and can you please see me afterwards please.
- Thanks for allowing me to be of service

Motion to accept with changes: James , 2nd - Todd

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

Email: secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org

Treasurer's Report: Holly G - Treasurer, Tim - Alt. Treasurer

Treasurer's Report Summary for: January 2020

- Available Funds, minus \$4000 prudent reserve: \$1,337.44
- Income from Individual Groups and District Meeting Contributions: \$1,799.40
- ****Note:** January District Meeting contributions were \$43.00 but were not deposited. They will be shown on the February Treasurer Report.
- Expenses Incurred: \$1,482.60
- ****Note:** We paid all of 2019 District 11 Meeting Room Expense plus January & February 2020
 - (14months X \$35.00 = \$490.00)
 - Known Upcoming Expense: Schedule Costs - \$746.00
- Humbly Submitted In Service By,
 - Holly G. & Tim B.
- Attached Documents: Statement of Activity and Budget Report
- Discussion on when to pay rent.

Motion to Accept Report: Todd , 2nd- Bob

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility Report: OPEN

Answering Service Report: Scott - Chair, Mike - Alt. Chair

- 35 call received
- 18 calls handled by the answering service
- 17 calls were forwarded to a call volunteer
- Currently all volunteer spots are filled. Mike and Scott will verify all volunteers are still active beginning in February.

Archives Report: Clarence J. - Chair

February 16th - Old Timers Brunch

CPC Report: Ken M. - Chair, Ginny - Alt. Chair

(No Report Sent)

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

- We have new pink can banners (with correct area address) for groups that have a pink can fund - send check to that address
- Corrections committee meeting March 16th at 7pm at the MAC - ALL OUR WELCOME!
- We still need more volunteers- both men and women

Grapevine Report: Todd - Chair, Pixie - Alt. Chair

The Grapevine Committee has completed their Grapevine Information display and script to be used at meetings throughout the district. One "trial" presentation has already been made at the Huntley Tuesday 1:00 Grapevine Meeting. It was well received and generated several follow up questions concerning the Grapevine. Todd and Pixie will now begin contacting GSR's to arrange visits to you meetings.

Literature: Keith - Chair, Carrie - Alt. Chair

Discussion about asking for more money for packets.

Motion: Holly - ***"To increase the literature budget \$500 to replenish newcomer packets"***

2nd by Steve.

LCM Report: N/A

Public Information Report: Guy - Chair, Randy - Alt Chair

- People in need forum at MCC went well. \$134 was used for pamphlets.
- We are going to combine efforts with CPC to cover all of McHenry County.
- Going to reach out to Direct Counseling to see if they would welcome a speaker.

Schedule Maker: Harry

(Not Present)

Hospital & Treatment Setting Report: Glenn - Chair, Maureen - Alt Chair

- Currently have two people in the process of getting certified to run meeting at the hospital.
- All position are filled and running good

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

Other than routine maintenance, there's. no report.

Workshop: Angie - Chair, Carol - Alt. Chair

- Step workshop on Jan. 11-12 at Crystal Lake Alano Club went well and was well attended
- Carolyn left messages at district clubs.
- Please help spread the word that resources are available if any group would like to host a workshop.
- Ideas and speakers for certain topics

GSR Reports:

- Glen - There is a baptist church in McHenry on 31 south that is building a homeless shelter, can we get schedules to them maybe meetings there.
- Bob - In the past we had meetings at the firestation for the homeless.
- Chili Cook off at the Woodstock alano club this Saturday Feb. 8.
- 3 Legacies has a potluck and open speaker meeting March 29. Every 5th Sunday of the month they have an Open Speaker meeting with a potluck.

Old Business:

- Open positions for 2020: Accessibilities Chair, Alt Accessibilities Chair, Local Committee Members, Alt Schedule Maker
 - Bob describes the position. He would love to do it but would need an alternate that can help with computer work.
 - Bob K. stands for the position. We vote.
 - Bob is the new Accessibilities Chair
 - Kristen F. stands for Alt. Accessibilities Chair. We vote.
 - Kristen F. is the Alt. Accessibilities Chair
- The following Motion was tabled at the December 12, 2019 business meeting and not addressed at the January 2, 2020 business meeting:
 - **Motion presented by Holly G. (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 to 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 for 2020:**

- 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

- Discussion about said motion. We vote.13 against. 8 for motion.
 - Motion does not pass.
 - Minority opinion.
 - No one changes their vote.
 - Motion stands.

New Business:

- Monthly District Meeting Location:
 - Do we want to keep the meeting here at First Methodist Church, or should we move it, in the spirit of rotation? Woodstock is far for some people.
- Bridge the gap Chair:
 - We used to have one but right now the treatment committee should handle anything regarding it.

OPEN MIC:

- Doug D. – NIA 20 Spring Conference
 - NIA Spring Assembly March 20-22, 2020 Located at the Marriott in Schaumburg. Go to <https://niaspringconference.com/> to sign up for alchtons and other ways to volunteer.
- Clarence - Starting in March, Burtons Bridge Tuesday night moving form 8 to 7:30
- Mike - Who votes? The Alternate does not vote.

Meeting Closed at: 8:59 p.m.

The next District Meeting is March 5th 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.