

Monthly Meeting Minutes District 11 March 5th, 2020

Location: First United Methodist Church

201 W. South St, Woodstock

Meeting time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: 30

Committee members: 17

Groups represented: 4

Guests/Alt GSRs: 9

Read Twelve Traditions: Glen

Read Concept of the Month: Ken

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: Maureen (Wed night happy hour group McHenry), Colin (Mens Keep it Simple Group)

New attendees present: Colin

Anniversaries: Steve - 19 years, Georgene - 5 months

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DCM Report: Kate - DCM

- At D11's February business meeting, Doug D. joined us to promote Area 20's **Spring Conference**, as very few AA members at that point had registered. As your DCM, I not only am EXPECTED to participate in all District- and Area-level service activities, but I GET TO GO to AA events to learn, to fellowship, to attend Alcathons, to hear speakers from across the country, to look at new AA literature, to check out the amazing archives, to observe panel discussions, to make new friends... So I registered to attend the 3-day event, and the fee is \$26.00. It will be held at the Chicago Marriott Schaumburg, 50 N. Martingale Road, on Friday afternoon, March 20th through Sunday afternoon, March 22nd. I plan on attending everything offered except the ice cream social and the banquet, and I'm going home each night, not staying at the hotel. I really hope that you folks will decide to attend as well!
- On the second day of the conference, Saturday, March 21st, our Area **Spring Assembly** will be held as part of the conference. THIS ASSEMBLY IS FREE – registration, coffee and treats start at 8:00am and the assembly starts at 9:00am. Since the Schaumburg location is relatively close, I urge everyone in this room to attend the Saturday Assembly. General Service Representatives (GSRs) are good at their jobs when they invest time in service; this includes our monthly D11 business meetings and our Area's quarterly assemblies to represent their home groups and vote on behalf of their fellows. This Assembly is open to ALL AA members! It's a great chance to meet your Area 20 Delegate, Marilyn, all the Area Committee Chairs, and GSRs from across the northern third of the State of Illinois.
- At last month's business meeting, we talked about the Area 20 **Finance Committee motion** which will be voted on at the March 21st Spring Assembly. The final version of the motion was printed for today's meeting. GSRs, please bring this motion to your home groups for discussion and vote to either support the motion or reject it. The majority vote of your home group members is how YOU should vote when you attend the Spring Assembly on March 21st. You are the Trusted Servant for your home groups.

- Another big event coming up is the **Pre-General Service Conference (GSC) Workshop** on April 4th in Lombard. Coffee and registration starts at 8:00am, workshop starts at 9:00am. This is a really cool opportunity to learn more about AA's service structure, participate in break-out sessions to focus on GSC agenda items, get involved in large group discussions and partake in area-wide group conscience! It doesn't get any better than this! GSRs and Committee Chairs, this is a great chance to meet your Area Delegate, Marilyn, before she travels to New York for the week-long General Service Conference later in April.
- Since our last meeting, I have been receiving lots of information from our Area Delegate, Area Registrar and Area Chairperson. James has provided copies of everything to be shared with D11, including:
 - Today's Agenda (March 5)
 - Finance Committee Motion for Spring Assembly (March 21)
 - Spring Assembly Flyer (March 21)
 - Spring Assembly Preliminary Agenda (March 21)
 - Spring Conference Flyer (March 20-22)
 - Pre-General Service Conference Workshop Flyer (April 4)
 - General Service Conference Background Material Links (far too much material to print)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Alt DCM Report: Pat - Alt. DCM

- As it stands, we still do not have a Local Committee Member (LCM) whose function it is to assist the DCM by visiting groups in the District to encourage participation and update information. Until someone takes this position, I will begin traveling to the different meetings in our district to make sure this job is covered. The printout from the Registrar reveals inaccuracies we can begin to correct. I'm looking forward to exploring all the many rich meetings in our District. Some of you may remember a few months back a discussion about Meeting inventories and District inventories. The purpose is to identify strengths and uncover additional matters for collective consideration. If any GSR would like to explore this further contact me with your questions. I would be happy to give you more information and possibly facilitate an inventory. It is better for someone outside a home meeting to facilitate thereby no stake in the direction or decisions. Once again a reminder that the NIA Spring Conference registration fee of \$26 will be reimbursed along with your mileage at .40 per mile. If you are there all day, your lunch will be reimbursed also. Keep your receipts. I am looking forward to the upcoming Spring Assembly this month and Pre-General Service Conference next month and hope to see you all there. Thank you for this opportunity to serve
- Keith - commented that the LCM positions should be divided up geographically
- Kate & Pat - looking for volunteers to do the LCM service work
- Carrie & Angie are interested
- GSRs should take this information back to their Home Group to see if anyone would be interested
- Todd may be interested in collaborating with LCMs to get Grapevine information out to meetings
- Any GSRs interested in their meeting doing a group inventory, let Pat know.

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

- Minutes were emailed out right after the last meeting. If you are not receiving them, please see me after the meeting and we will fix that. Are there any corrections? If not, I would like to make a motion to accept February 2020 minutes.
- I passed out Our District Guidelines to everyone last month. If you did not get one, please see me after the meeting.
- 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 at the end to fill out your information.
- Any new GSRs? I have paperwork for you to fill out and can you please see me afterwards please.

Motion to accept minutes: Glen , 2nd - James
Motion Passes

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:

February 2020

- Available Funds, minus \$4000 prudent reserve: \$1224.00
- Income from Individual Groups and District Meeting Contributions: \$1,098.82
- Expenses Incurred: \$1,238.26
- Fill out forms to get reimbursed for expenses and hand in to Holly or Tim
- If you want to attend the Spring Conference/Assembly, you can get reimbursed for that as well (District Committee Chairpeople, GSRs should reach out to their groups)
- Literature budget has exceeded their budget, however \$500 was approved last month to be added and needs to be changed

Motion to Accept Report with Corrections: Dennis, 2nd- Pat

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility Report: Bob K. - Chair, Kristen F. - Alt. Chair

- Bob - Kristen will do report
- Kristen - typed up and mailed letters and information to assisted living places

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

February 2020

- 52 call received
- 32 calls handled by the answering service
- 20 calls were forwarded to a call volunteer
- Currently all volunteer spots are filled. Mike and Scott will continue to verify all volunteers are still active.

Steve - Question: Concerned with people who work for the answering service talking to alcoholics seeking help instead of someone from AA. This is aside from simply asking where the person can find a meeting.

Holly - Suggested we see the script the answering service uses, Kelly - the answering service is supposed to ask if the person seeking help wants to speak with an alcoholic.

Kate - suggested the answering service committee and Steve should discuss these details and come back to the next district meeting to discuss

Archives Report: Clarence J. - Chair

- February 16th - Old Timers Brunch
 - Assets
 - Seed Money - \$800.00
 - Brunch - \$1043.00
 - 50/50 - \$465.00
 - Donation from Winner of 50/50 - \$2561.00
 - Expenses
 - Rent - \$150.00
 - Walmart - \$119.53
 - Sam Club - \$412.27
 - Jewel - \$106.05
 - Walmart - \$57.19
 - Jewel - \$10.24
 - Walmart - \$24.22
 - Total
 - Assets - \$2561.00
 - Expenses - \$879.10
 - Net - \$1681.90
 - Seed Money - \$800.00
 - Net Profit - \$881.90

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

- C.P.C. & P.I. Report
 - A decision to combine the C.P.C. (Cooperation with the Professional Community) and the P.I. (Public Information) Committees was discussed and agreed to at February's district meeting. A group of 6 members of the combine committees gathered on Sunday March 1, 2020 to discuss strategies for getting AA pamphlets and information to the different facilities, organizations and individuals that would most benefit.
 - The group was split into 3 sections to cover different regions of our District. The area involved covers over 25 cities and villages. We are asking for additional volunteers to join us as the region is large and a vast amount of locations to provide our information exists.
 - We will be in contact with the district Workshop Committee to set up a formal recruitment workshop in order to expand and train volunteers.
 - As of now we are putting together lists of people, organizations, professionals, etc. that will most benefit from receiving AA literature. From there we will either send letters, phone, email or make personal contact to prospective facilities/people in order to get the AA literature to them.
 - The P.I. and C.P.C. have made the commitment to meet on a regular basis in order to get our AA message circulated. We hope anyone interested will contact one of the groups Chair people

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

- March 16, 2020 District 11 Corrections Volunteer Meeting & Workshop 7 p.m. @ MAC - Downstairs
- Meetings are being supported by volunteers with no problem
- We still would like to see more people volunteer (new volunteers)
- I do plan to get/order 5 cases of softcover Big Books soon.
- Questions about inmate correspondence, not available for county jail

- Dennis - GSO is in need for inmate pen pal volunteers
- New labels for pink cans available

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

- No Report Sent

Literature: Keith - Chair, Carrie - Alt. Chair

- New ~ Newcomer Packets available.
- Two new pamphlets available from AAWS:
- P-32 "LGBTQ Alcoholics in A.A." (c)2018 available for review.
- P-86 "The "God" Word Agnostic and Atheist Members in A.A." (c)2018 available for review.
- The contents of these pamphlets are not available on-line so we are providing these so GSRs can decide whether they want to purchase these for their pamphlet racks.
- New "Newcomer" packs are here
- Newcomer packet costs the district \$1.27 each

LCM Report: N/A

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

- (See C.P.C. Report)
- Steve - want to change the business cards that say "If you want to drink, your business. If you want to quit, that is our business."

Schedule Maker: Harry

- I left the boxes of schedules at the church
- The P.O Box for Area is wrong on the schedules. The correct one is:
 - Northern Illinois Area
 - P.O. Box 808
 - Streamwood, IL 60107-2971
- Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the CLAC is Tony still the contact person?

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

- No Report

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

- Updating online meeting schedule and events page as needed and keeping eye on any stray inquiries from website visitors

Workshop: Angie - Chair, Carol - Alt. Chair

- Please encourage groups to reach out to sponsor workshops.

GSR Reports:

- 3 Legacy is having their 5th Meeting a month Potluck. (See Flyer)
- Flying Geese 20th anniversary celebration 3/14
- Winners & Beginneers is having their 2020 Anniversary Party May 16, 2020. Flyers will be at next months meeting

Old Business:

- Open positions for 2020: Local Committee Members, Alt Schedule Maker
- 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.

Discussion:

- Bob looked into the place in McHenry that we have had the meeting before. Waiting to hear back to confirm the location is available.
- We have rotated since the formation of the district.
- In the past, we formed an ad hoc committee to investigate different locations.
- Let's create an ad hoc committee.
 - Who wants to be on the ad hoc committee?
 - Bob, Angie, Carol, Kat,

New Business:

- No New Business

OPEN MIC:

- NIA Spring Conference - need to fill rooms and registration
- National Corrections conference November 13-15 (Flyer)
- Flying Geese Celebration (flyer)
- Kristen - Accessibilities group has 4th edition Big Books in braille
- Clarence - Tuesday night Burton's Bridge group has moved its start time to 7:30 and the meeting can use support

Meeting Closed at: 8:19 p.m.

The next District Meeting is April 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.