

DISTRICT I I BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, May 7, 2020 – 7:00pm
Zoom Meeting ID: 784 5807 9149 Password: 8XDipD

OPENING:

- Quiet time followed by the **Serenity Prayer**
- Read AA's Twelve Traditions
- Read the AA Concept for the current month

WELCOME:

- Identify new General Service Representatives (GSR) – Please see James P., District I I Secretary, to complete a “Group Change” form or a “New Group” form
- Identify any new attendees at the District meeting
- Introductions of all present (please provide your service position and group that you represent)
- Anniversaries since our last business meeting (3/5/2020)

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

- District Committee Member (DCM): Kate D. & Pat M., Alt DCM dcm@aa-nia-dist11.org
- Secretary: James P. & Marlenna G., Alt Secretary. secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org / Motion to approve minutes
- Treasurer: Holly G. & Tim, Alt Treasurer treasurer@aa-nia-dist11.org / Motion to approve treasurer's report

7th TRADITION: Holly can provide information

COMMITTEE REPORTS (3-5 minutes each):

- **Accessibilities (AC):** Bob K., AC Chair & Kristen F., Alt AC Chair
- **Answering Service (AS):** Scott (AS Chair) & Mike (Alt AS Chair), answering_svc@aa-nia-dist11.org
- **Archives:** Clarence, Archivist
- **Cooperation with the Professional Committee (CPC):** Ken M., CPC Chair & Ginny D., Alt CPC Chair
- **Corrections (CO):** Emily & Steve K. CO Co-Chairs
- **Grapevine (GV):** Todd, GV Chair & Pixie, Alt GV Chair
- **Literature (LT):** Keith, LT Chair & Carrie W., Alt LT Chair
- **Local Committee Members (LCM):** **OPEN** - lcm@aa-nia-dist11.org
- **Public Information (PI):** Guy, PI Chair & Randy, Alt PI Chair
- **Schedule Maker (SM):** Harry G., SM & **OPEN**, Alt SM
- **Treatment Settings (TS):** Glenn, TS Chair & Maureen, Alt TS Chair
- **Web Administrators:** Sean T. & Harry G., Co-Webmasters
- **Workshops (WS):** **OPEN**, WS Chair & Carolyn T., Alt WS Chair

Note: All committees must email their report to the secretary at secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org or text James at 224.715.6040.

GSR REPORTS: All General Service Representatives (GSRs) are invited to share activities of their home group and any upcoming events. (3-minute limit) Note: **All GSRs should email a report to the secretary at secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org or text James at 224.715.6040.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Open positions for 2020:** Local Committee Members, Alt Schedule Maker, Workshop Chair
- **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?

NEW BUSINESS:

- Steve K., Corrections Co-Chair, would like to change the business cards, which currently read: “If you want to drink, that’s YOUR business. If you want to stop, that’s OUR business.” Discuss changing to read: “If you want to drink, that’s your business, if you want to stop, we can help.”

- Angie B. has stepped down as District 11's Workshop Chair. Carolyn T. would like to remain as Alternate Workshop Chair, hence we need a new Workshop Chairperson. Please go to your groups and ask who would be interested in this position and bring any candidates to the June District meeting.
- Treasurer Holly G. was recently asked to reimburse expenses for a 12-Step Workshop that was held in January 2020 at the Crystal Lake Alano Club. She hasn't paid it yet because no reimbursement form has been submitted. They are asking for reimbursement of two days of CLAC room rental (\$60.00) and donuts (\$87.50). This made Holly ponder..."What exactly does the Workshop Committee pay for?" Holly spoke with Sid, our former Workshop Chairperson, and he only had one workshop during his term, also at the CLAC, and the District reimbursed \$200 on that workshop.

A great example of what the District covers, although NOT a workshop, is the Old Timers Brunch in February. The District provides seed money and the Brunch pays the District back via the suggested meal contributions, passing the 7th tradition basket and holding a 50/50 raffle. Most years they break even, some years it loses money, and this year the Brunch made a profit and contributed it to D11.

As a district, we have an opportunity to put on some great informational workshops for our entire district. The 2020 Workshop budget is \$1,000.00, but we need better controls on how that money is spent.

The most recent Workshop Committee Job Description was written in 2015:

DISTRICT 11 SERVICE WORK - WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

The Workshop Committee Chair and Alternate Chair should have at least 2 years of sobriety, have worked the 12 Steps, and have an understanding of AA's 12 Traditions.

- Recruits, trains, motivates, and plans for volunteers to work behind the scenes in facilitating the District's efforts to put on informative and educational workshops
- Books meeting spaces for workshops
- Arranges for room setup and cleanup
- Arranges for coffee, donuts, food, etc. if requested
- Handles publicity for all workshops, including flyers and announcements in the Into Action, etc.
- Sets up workshop calendar for the upcoming year and coordinates with the various Committee Chairpersons to have their materials ready well in advance for printing and publicity distribution
- The time commitment required for the service work of this position is approximately 1 hour per week.

Holly recommends that we form a committee to write a more robust job description and add specifics of what the Workshop Committee budget pays for and the process of reimbursement.

OPEN MIC: (2-minute limit for each announcement)

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 4th, 2020 at 7:00pm

**** Need volunteers to set-up and clean up next month IF WE MEET IN-PERSON. ****

ADJOURN: Close with the *Responsibility Statement*: "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."