

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
September 3, 2020**

Location: First United Methodist Church
201 W. South St, Woodstock
Meeting time: 7:00 p.m.
Attendance: 23
Committee members: 14
Groups represented: 10
Guests/Alt GSRs: 6
Read Twelve Traditions: Todd K.
Read Concept of the Month: Carrie W.
New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: None
New attendees present: None
Anniversaries: Georgene 11 months

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DCM Report: Kate - DCM

- The Area 20 Virtual Fall Area Assembly takes place on Saturday, September 19th at 9:00am via Zoom. PLEASE ATTEND, as we will be voting on a motion that recommends a contribution of \$2,000.00 to GSO from Area 20.
- There are handouts to share with you (already emailed to you prior to this meeting):
 - Letter from GSO General Manager – information on GSO's overall financial state. Please click the link in the document to watch the video about Love and Service
 - Email from Stepping Stones Foundation (Stepping Stones is the historic home of Bill and Lois Wilson) – includes free Zoom events including
 - A History of the Big Book – From Proposal to Publication: Illustrated Presentation and Q&A
 - Reshowing the 2020 Annual Picnic – 69th Annual Stepping Stones Lois' Family Groups Picnic
 - "Home with History: Virtual Exploration of the Home, Archives and Legacy of the Wilsons"
 - Call for Stories to update brochure: AA and the Older Alcoholic
 - Save the Date flyer for the 2021 East Central Regional Conference / Forum – August 20-22, 2021 in Toledo, OH
 - Email from GSO – 10% savings on any version of the Big Book through September 30th
- A box of 2020 Final Reports from the 70th Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous was delivered to my home today; thank you, Richie! We typically receive these hard copies at the Fall Area 20 Assembly, which will be a virtual event this year. If I find the link to the electronic version, I will forward it. Anyone interested in obtaining a hard copy of the report, please email me at: silver.enthusiast@gmail.com.
- As a reminder, you can access all Area 20 Committee Meeting/Assembly minutes and reports at: <https://aa-nia.org/reports/> All minutes and reports from January 2013 to the present are available to you.
- And if you're interested in District 11 minutes and reports (from April 2015 to the present), click here: <http://aa-nia-dist11.org/district-meeting-minutes-reports/>

Alt DCM Report: Pat - Alt. DCM

- Kate and I attended the Area Committee Meeting on August 8, the highlights of that meeting are contained in Kate's report. On September 19th we will attend the Area Fall Assembly which I always enjoy whether in person or online and I hope to see you all there. I remember in my early recovery feeling in awe of fellow program people participating in District and Area events thinking it out of reach for me. It is an honor and privilege to be of service to our groups, 'nd out service is there for all of us and to have the opportunity to give back to the fellowship that saved my life. On the GSO website I came across a recent letter of gratitude dated September 1, 2020 from the General Manager. Take a look on the website under the section "What's New." I will read a couple of paragraphs.
- Please ask your Home Groups their thoughts on Concepts Newsletter going electronic only.

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

- Please email me your report. Since we have been meeting on Zoom, I have not been receiving many reports. Please email or text them to me. I will put the email address and my phone number in the chat.
- 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 August meeting minutes.

Motion to accept with changes: James P. , 2nd Mike M.

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: August

- Available Funds, minus \$4000 prudent reserve: \$1,308.72
- Income from Individual Groups: \$299.10
- Expenses Incurred: \$401.12
- Contribution to Northern Illinois Area 20: \$500.00
- Contribution to GSO: \$1,500.00

Motion to Accept Report: James P., 2nd- Kelly S.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Bob resigned as Accessibility Chair due to health reasons . He believes I should take his place as the chair but I know that's up to the district . I'm willing to finish out his term if that's what is decided.

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

- 44 total calls were received.
- 29 calls were forwarded to volunteers. Most callers were looking for meeting information, but there was an uptick in first time callers.
- 15 calls went un-forwarded. These were predominantly hang ups and requests for al-anon, but also included callers that refused to accept a call back and some wrong numbers.
 - Discussion about the conversations we are having with callers and making sure they need the AA meeting or if they are calling for someone else who may need a meeting.

Archives Report: Clarence J. - Chair

- Not present - no report

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

- Not present - no report

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

- Steve spoke with the Lieutenant to find out if they'll be having any meetings soon at the jail and was told no, not anytime soon. They will work out getting Big Books into the jail.

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

- The District 11 Grapevine Committee was invited to make two Zoom presentations in August, both to Wanderer's Groups. The first was on August 12th was made to a Wednesday Night Women's group, and the second on August 27th to a Huntley Men's group. Please let Todd know if your group would like to have a GV presentation at your meeting.
- After every presentation we receive comments like "I have never heard about the Grapevine," "I am going to check out the Grapevine YouTube videos," "There's so much more to the Grapevine than I ever thought, thanks!" And, most importantly "I'm going to subscribe!"
- The September issue is published and the cover topic is "Welcome to 2020. Through the Wonder of Technology, Members are Helping Each Other Stay Sober in Very Tough Times."

Literature: Keith - Chair, Carrie - Alt. Chair

- Benefits of the district buying literature in bulk to save on shipping. Literature committee would like to buy 3 cases of Big Books.

LCM Report: N/A

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

- Not present - no report

Schedule Maker: Harry

- Will be printing the "In-Person" meeting schedule by next month

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

- Not present - no report

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

- Keeping up to date with everything

Workshop: OPEN - Chair, Carol - Alt. Chair

- Not present - no report

GSR Reports:

- Friday Night Men's group 5th Friday night AA/Alanon meetings are not going on in that format for now

Old Business:

- Open positions
 - Accessibility Chair
 - Kristen F. Stands for the position

- Voted - Kristen is the new Accessibility Chair

New Business:

- Keith - The literature budget would not cover this. In order to make Big Books more available and a different book.
- Motion - To purchase \$500 or more of books to get 10% and free shipping
 - Discussion
 - Motion 2nd
 - 12 - yes, 2 - no
 - Minority opinion
 - It's a lot of books. Do we have a demand for a lot of books?
 - No one changes their vote. Motion stands.
- Steve - does he have the go-ahead to order the business cards? Yes.

OPEN MIC:

- None

Meeting Closed at: 8:45 p.m.

The next District Meeting is October 1st at 7:00pm on Zoom.

