

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
October 1, 2020**

Location:Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: 23

Committee members: 14

Groups represented: 11

Guests/Alt GSRs: Mark, Mike, Georgene

Read Twelve Traditions: Georgene

Read Concept of the Month: Carrie

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: JD (Wednesday Night Men's Meeting at The Point in Crystal Lake)

New attendees present: 2

Anniversaries: Carrie - 4 years, Georgene - 1 year, Scott - 18 years, Tina - 16 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

- Not present, but Pat will be sending out information on Area assemblies going forward.

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 September meeting minutes.

Motion to accept with changes: James , 2nd Keith

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:Corrected August

- Incorrectly report amount sent to GSO – Reported \$2,000.00 – Actually was \$1,500.00
- 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 Last Month's (August) Corrected Report: Scott, 2nd- Georgene

Treasurer's Report Summary for: September

- Available Funds, minus \$4000 prudent reserve: \$1,793.63
- Income from Individual Groups: \$714.08
- Expenses Incurred: \$229.17
- ***Treasurer Notes/Comments
 - AA.org – Search - “Prudent Reserve”
 - “These are the facts of our history that show the need at all times for a safe reserve fund in the Foundation. This is the money that guarantees the operation of A.A.’s world services, rain or shine.” —The Language of the Heart, page 139
 - https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-96_theaagrouptreasurer.pdf - Pamphlet
 - Prudent Reserve -
 - Most groups try to hold a certain amount of money in reserve. There is no predetermined amount for such a reserve, but most groups try to put aside enough money to cover at least one to three months' operating expenses. The group itself usually determines the actual size and scope of the prudent reserve. Our experience shows that an accumulation of A.A. funds for unspecified purposes beyond a prudent level may divert a group's attention from carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
 - https://www.aa.org/newsletters/en_US/en_box459_fall20.pdf - Fall 2020 Box 459
- Current District 11 Prudent Reserve - \$4,000.00
- 2020 Approved Budget - \$13,900 divided by 4 = \$3,475 (3 months of a year)
 - District 11 Group Contributions Jan – Sept 2020
 - \$7,042

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 - \$10967
- Current District approved active expenditures
 - - Phone. \$190 (Monthly)
 - - Meeting lists \$500
 - - Literature Big Books \$500
- Upcoming Expenditures
 - Old Timers Brunch Seed Money \$800

Motion to Accept Report: Ginny, 2nd- Kristen

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility Report: Kristen F. - Chair, Open- Alt. Chair

- No Report

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

- 56 total calls were received.
- 30 calls were forwarded to volunteers. Most callers were looking for meeting information, but there were several first time callers. Fortunately, these first timers were connected with volunteers.
- 26 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.
- We continue to have many calls forwarded to the second and third volunteers for a time slot, with far too many falling to our reliable "standby back ups". A committee meeting was held in September and suggested guidelines and a request to determine if callers are still interested in participating was devised. This will be sent to the call list participants beginning this weekend. Call lists will be updated based on responses received.
- Our goal is to engage each caller with a volunteer.
- Discussion
 - We should invite volunteers to subcommittees
 - Still trying to see who still wants to stay on the volunteer list.

Archives Report: Clarence J. - Chair

- Not Present, No report

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

- No Report, Not much activity

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

- Still no jail meetings or anymore for the foreseeable future. The jail did agree to take a case of Big Books to distribute throughout the pods.

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

- The Grapevine committee made only one Grapevine presentation in the month of September. On Saturday the 19th we presented to a "live outdoor parking lot meeting" of the Algonquin 12 Steps to Freedom Group. We were invited to present via Zoom to the Broad HWY Women's Group, but forgot all about it. Hopefully they will kindly allow us to reschedule the presentation for October.
- The print edition of our October Grapevine is published and is also available on-line for free reading. Go to WWW.AAGRAPEVINE.ORG. At the website you can

also access additional Grapevine material and visit the Grapevine Store where a variety of related materials (books, audio books, CD's, signs, etc.) are available.

- From Wit's End (did you know that "Wit's End" was the affectionate name Lois gave to Bill's writing studio at their home in Bedford Hills, NY?):
- NEW AA Slogan for 2020 - "Please unmute yourself"

Literature: Keith - Chair, Carrie - Alt. Chair

- Books are on the way
- Groups are buying books at cost.
- The groups are going to mail checks to the PO Box.
- There are 19 left. Less than one case.

LCM Report: N/A

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

- Not present

Schedule Maker: Harry

- I am sending the schedule files to the printer on Friday morning and they will be ready for pick up mid week next week. I'll keep you posted.

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

- Status still the same with Hospital. No entry into hospital.

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

- No formal information meetings
 - Website a mix of current and incomplete information.
 - The meeting information is incomplete at this time. Because of everything going on.
 - I am indicating in the name that if the meeting is Hybrid. If you look at the description, the details are there. There is currently an option to sort if the meeting is in-person, hybrid, or on-line.
- If you see anything wrong on the website, let me know.
- I posted today's agenda and other information on the

Workshop: OPEN - Chair, Carol - Alt. Chair

- Have a workshop in the works on Steps 1, 2, & 3. Details are still being figured out...
 - Needs \$60 for printing of flyers
 - Hoping for Halloween 1:00 - 3:00pm
 - Discussion about concerns of Covid.
 - Should we even have a in-person workshop
 - NO in-person workshop. ONLY on Zoom.
 - Flyer coming soon

GSR Reports:

- Steve K. - Friday night 6:00 pm Big Book meeting at Burtons Bridge is meeting in-person
- Kristen F. - Should we post the password online for our meeting on Zoom? What are other groups doing?
- Kelly B. - The church that we normally meet at asked if she can tell her church about our Zoom meeting. The information is public information. People still need to be able to find us.
- Sue C. - We should reach out to our Priest and Minister and let them know about us.

- This is a great opportunity for CPC. Reach out to professionals and let them know we are still here.
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- The current issue of Box 459 has a section on how groups are dealing with access (Zoom passwords, etc)

Old Business:

- Kate - Please share this with your group. We have positions to be filled.

New Business:

- Church Location
 - Carrie - Asked us to meet last night to discuss opening there fellowship hall.
 - The kitchen will be locked
 - No more than 50 people in the entire building
 - Sanitize everything
 - There is supplies
 - No walking around
 - We need to take a list of people
 - Take temperature and record everyone
 - If you have 100 degrees or higher, the person must leave.
 - If anyone test positive, let them know immediately
 - Mask must be worn, nose and mouth
 - If anyone doesn't follow this, everyone in the group will not be able to meet anymore.
 - Church is priority, then scouts. If they need the room, we will get 48 hrs notice.
 - Scouts meet on Thursdays, 6 people.
 - If we meet, we need to regulate attendance.
 - One person in the bathroom at a time.
 - Enter only through the west entrance.
 - 6 feet distance.
- Motion: That we meet on Zoom for the rest of of this year
 - Vote unanimously
- Sue - We should still pay rent
 - Holly - They do not want it
- Kelly - We are using their space for storage.
- Motion: Kelly - "To donate \$70 for the next two months for storage"
 - Vote: 17 yes, 1 no
 - Minority option
 - We should pay for ALL the months that we have been using the space.
 - Three people changed their vote. The floor opens back up
 - More Discussion
 - Amend the motion to: James P. - That we pay the church \$35 for all months that we use them for storage
 - Vote: 17 yes, 1 no
 - Minority opinion
 - Keith -I like how it was
 - No one changes their vote
 - Motions passes

OPEN MIC:

Meeting Closed at :9:04p.m.

The next District Meeting is November 5th at 7:00pm on Zoom.