

Monthly Meeting Minutes District 11 November 5, 2020

Location: Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: 28

Committee members: 13

Groups represented: 11

Guests/Alt GSRs: 8

Read Twelve Traditions: Georgene

Read Concept of the Month: Mike

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: N/A

New attendees present: Mary Kay, Anna

Anniversaries: Holly - 15 years, Keith - 28 years, Sean - 19 years, Mike - 7 years, Ken - 6 years, Pat - 38 years

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DCM Report: Kate - DCM

- October was a busy month!
- The Area 20 Fall Committee Meeting was held virtually on Saturday, October 17th which Pat M. (Alternate DCM) and I attended. NIA20 is looking for a District to sponsor the 2021 Big Book Conference; I threw our District's name in the hat, so we need to discuss this at today's business meeting and determine our interest level. Karen F. was selected as NIA20's Alternate Secretary.
- On Saturday, October 24th, I participated in Area 20's annual Big Book Conference, via Zoom, hosted by Districts 10 and 12. Along with Rich H. and Carol H., we presented our thoughts during the "People who normally would not mix" breakout session. Although we experienced a major technical snafu, the overall conference was very interesting, with a ton of historical information provided by Ray, and impactful breakout sessions. Over 100 folks participated!
- I attended District 11's Step 1-2-3 Zoom Workshop on Saturday, October 31st. The speakers were terrific, the comments and questions were great, and 37 people attended. We certainly hope that you will join us for the next workshop (no date or subject is firm yet).
- There are handouts to share with you that are attached to my email message:
 - GSO General Manager position opening – Greg T. will be leaving the GM role on February 1, 2021; qualifications and resume submittal instructions are included
 - Virtual AA Online Forums – since the Regional Forums this year were cancelled due to the pandemic, GSO is holding two virtual forums in December, one for Eastern US and Canada, and one for Western US and Canada
 - Grapevine Daily Quote Book – free shipping
 - AA Grapevine – free shipping through December 31st
 - Meeting Guide App Update – support for online meetings
 - An Evening with Bill W. in Pictures – Zoom presentation on Saturday, November 14th at 6:00pm CST
 - NIA Treasurers Report dated 10/17/2020
 - NIA 20 Fall Committee Meeting packet – handouts from the meeting, including agenda, area reporting, Primary Purpose Register for 2021, financials reports, 2021 schedules
 - NIA Delegate Report from 10/17 Area Committee Meeting

- As a reminder, I have a box of 2020 Final Reports from the 70th Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous. Anyone interested in obtaining a hard copy of the report, please call or email me.
- 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

- I attended the Area Fall Committee Meeting on October 17 where a motion was passed to move a duty of the Secretary to the Archivist—that of maintaining the database of NIA voted actions, both approved and failed motions. Also at the committee meeting The Primary Purpose Register was reviewed along with the Events calendar for 2021. On October 24, I attended the Big Book Conference via Zoom and really enjoyed it. Ray M, District 22, spoke on the Decision to do the Big Book and the Impact of that decision. I never tire of hearing about our history. The breakout session I attended was exactly what I needed that day, "Freedom From Bondage" led by Natalie G, District 61. The Winter Assembly will be Saturday, December 12th. All the supporting documents and zoom pre-register information are now available. Hope to see you there. Once again, thank you for your service and for this opportunity for me to be

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

- Please email or text me your report. I have 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 October meeting minutes.
- Thanks for allowing me to be of service

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: October

- Available Funds, minus \$4000 prudent reserve: \$2,185.18
- Income from Individual Groups: \$1,056.40
- Expenses Incurred: \$942.29
- Treasurer Question:
 - Since we are doing Zoom every month, should we be paying for a Zoom account to be fully self-supporting?

Motion to Accept Report: Georgene, 2nd- Mike

Motion to pay of Zoom, \$149.99: Holly, 2nd- Sue

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Waiting to hear back from nursing homes. No Report

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

- October call volume was down and calls forwarded were down significantly
- 38 total calls were received.
- 13 calls were forwarded.
- 25 calls were not forwarded. Most non forwarded calls were looking for the district website for meeting information. Several wanted a ride to a meeting. There were a couple of NA and Al-Anon calls. There were a few hang-ups and refusals to accept a return call. No first time call went unanswered.
- Call connections to volunteers was greatly improved. Thank you to all of the volunteers.
- The updated call lists have been forwarded to the Service.
- The Answering Service Basic Guidelines have been distributed.
- There are still 2 OPEN time slots for call volunteers... The primary (first attempt) position on both Wednesday and Saturday evening. If you know someone interested in service work, this is an excellent place to help out. Please feel free to have them contact me. We prefer one year of sobriety and have worked the steps with a sponsor.

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

- Not Present, No Report

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

- During the past month the Grapevine Committee made one Zoom presentation to the Tuesday Night Broad Highway Group.
- Only a few slots are still open between now and the end of 2020, so be sure to sign up soon to have the amazing and informative Grapevine presentation made to your home group!!!
- In the meantime visit aagrapevine.org to view the current issue of the GV and subscribe to the FREE Daily Grapevine Quote sent to your inbox each and every morning. The November 4th message was:
 - "The best way to appreciate AA is the same way you appreciate a stained-glass window: Look at it from the inside."

Literature: Keith - Chair, Carrie - Alt. Chair

- 2 Big Books left. Contact Carrie
- If you need newcomer packets, let us know

LCM Report: N/A

- N/A

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

- Not Present, New schedules are available

Schedule Maker: Harry

- Not Present, No Report

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

- Northwestern Hospital is opening up volunteer work in stages. Behavioral unit is in stage 3 will be released after the new year. So I am on hold until then. Bridge the gap is okay

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

- For the App, there is not an option for Hybrid Meetings. Information is in the description.
- No longer need an address for Zoom meetings

Workshop: OPEN - Chair, Carol - Alt. Chair

- Not present, but there was a workshop October 31 on steps 1,2,3

GSR Reports:

- Georgene R. - "Three Legacies Group Open AA speaker meeting Nov 29th 7:00pm Speaker is Carrie B New Horizons Group from Bend OR It is a zoom meeting ID# 810 4336 1593 PW# District 11 please come join us. We will have flyers soon for the open speaker meeting I forgot to add that"
- Mike M. - Soberfest is November 20th-22nd. More information at www.soberfest.org. If you want a weekend away, the Grand is offering people the room rate. Just say you are with Soberfest. There will be no Soberfest activities going on though.

Old Business:

- Alternate accessibilities, alternate schedule maker, and workshop chair positions open

New Business:

- Kate - NIA20 is looking for a District to sponsor the 2021 Big Book Conference; I threw our District's name in the hat,...
 - Discussion
 - Who thinks it is a good idea to host next year?
 - 13 yes , 1 no
 - Minority option - Keith - with the currency situation, the future is cloudy. Normally held by 2 districts. Need a DCM that can handle change on the fly. Normally the conference is bid on in the area. I would be involved somehow if we host.
 - Are you interested in the planning of the conference?
 - Kate D., Carrie, Kelly S., Holly G, Georgene R., Todd K, Dennis P., Rich H., LindaW ., Paul S. Pat M.

OPEN MIC:

- N/A

Meeting Closed at:8:28p.m.

The next District Meeting is December 3rd at 7:00pm on Zoom