

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

**Location:** via Zoom

**Meeting time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** 27

**Committee members:** 15

**Groups represented:** 11

**Guests/Alt GSRs:** 5

**Read Twelve Traditions:** Pat M.

**Read Concept of the Month:** James P.

**New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present:** N/A

**New attendees present:** Marcy

**Anniversaries:** Tina H. - 18 months, Georgene - 14 months, Sue C. - 31

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**DCM Report:** Kate - DCM

- **My November activities included:**
  - **Area 20 District Committee Members Zoom Meeting** – a small group of DCMs from the Northern Illinois Area met on November 10th, just to get to know each other better, share various District/Area information and ask questions about our DCM roles
  - **Virtual Soberfest** – I attended the open speaker meetings on Friday and Saturday nights, which were excellent; if you are interested in listening to the 2020 Soberfest speakers, click on this link:  
<https://amotaudio.com/zoom-conferences/> and scroll down to McHenry's Soberfest. It's FREE – and includes the 3 Legacies handout from Sunday's speaker, Debbie D.!
- **Some events to share with you:**
  - **East Central Virtual Regional Forum** – Saturday, December 5th at 8:30am; click here to register:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eastern-uscanada-virtual-forum-registration-123522094911>
  - **General Service Representative (GSR) Workshop** – Sunday, December 6th at 12:00pm CST: presented by the Western Canadian area. **SPREAD THE WORD!**
  - **Winter Area 20 Assembly** – Saturday, December 12th at 9:00am CST. **ALL AA MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.** We will review and vote on the 2021 Area 20 budget.
- **There are electronic handouts to share with you that are attached to my email message:**
  - **AAWS Highlights** – Notes from the A.A. World Service Board meeting on October 30th
  - **Minutes from the September 19th Area 20 Fall Assembly** (already sent out by Pat M. on Tuesday, 12/1) – Area 20 has critical positions open (anyone interested in these service commitments must attend the elections at the Area 20 Winter Assembly on December 12th):
    - **Area Alternate Treasurer**
    - **Area Answering Service Committee Chair**
    - **Area Archives Committee Alternate Chair**
    - **Area Bridge-the-Gap Committee Chair**
    - **Area Bridge-the-Gap Committee Alternate Chair**

- Area Grapevine Committee Chair
  - East Central Virtual Regional Forum – Saturday, December 5th at 8:30am CST
  - General Service Representative (GSR) Workshop – Sunday, December 6th at 12:00om CST
  - Grapevine Daily Quote Book with free shipping
  - Free Shipping on Grapevine Literature
  - Virtual Speaker Meeting – Danny T. on December 19th
  - General Service Board update – November 2020
- As a friendly 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/>

In grateful service,Kate

**Alt DCM Report: Pat - Alt. DCM**

- I attended the Zoom meeting on November 10 that Chris D., our Area 20 Alternate Delegate, put together for all Area DCMs and Alt. DCMs. This meeting will occur monthly to give DCMs and Alt.s an opportunity to share problems, successes and learn from each other. I look forward to the next one and look forward to seeing you all on December 12 at the Winter Area Assembly.

Yours in service,  
Pat Mueller

**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 November meeting minutes.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service

Motion to accept: James P., 2nd Harry G.  
**PASSED**

Please send written committee reports to the secretary to be submitted into minutes.  
Email: [secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org](mailto:secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org)

**Treasurer's Report: Holly G - Treasurer, Tim - Alt. Treasurer**

**Treasurer's Report Summary for: November**

- Available Funds, minus \$4000 prudent reserve:
  - \$1,511.50
- Income from Individual Groups:
  - \$215.00
- Expenses Incurred:
  - \$1188.57
- Literature Big Book Accounting

- Cost of purchasing Books - \$542.25
- Collected 521.85
- Balance (\$ 20.50)
- **Treasurer Question:**
  - We have paid the church through the month of December 2020. Do we want to continue paying rent (\$35.00 per month) since we are storing stuff there?
  - 3 months? 6 months?

Holly G. & Tim B.

**Motion to Accept Report: Georgene, 2nd- Ryan E.**  
**PASSED**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- **Kristen - Called many facilities, they were really receptive. Sending flyers. Want to include business cards. Should I use the old pens? Yes. The info is correct, so go ahead.**
  - **Pat - What kind of info are you sending them?**
  - **On-line meeting info?**
  - **Kristen - sending out standard letters. Not just flyers. Will include the web address so they can access on-line meeting info.**
  - **Business cards have the web address on it too.**
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**Answering Service Report:** Scott - Chair, Mike - Alt. Chair

- **November call volume was, again, down significantly.**
  - **22 total calls were received.**
  - **16 calls were forwarded.**
  - **6 calls were not forwarded. Most non forwarded calls were looking for the district website for meeting information. There were a couple of 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 very good. Thank you to all!**

**Archives Report:** Clarence J. - Chair

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

- **During the last District meeting, it was brought to attention the lack of outreach our committee has done. In the last few weeks an informational Email letter was put together for the Clergy in our District's area. Sue Church has stepped up to help with this outreach. This is just a start and more help is needed.**
- **We are asking our G.S.R.s if they would be willing to speak to their groups and ask for 1 or 2 members to work with us in getting information distributed to the different organizations and services in the town where their group is located. We feel much of this can be done via the internet. We have 19 towns and villages in District 11. We want to be able to get A.A. information to them all.**
- **If you have an interest in joining our combined C.P.C./ P.I. committee, please contact me.**

Thank you,  
Ginny D. C.P.C. Co-Chair  
815-222-9071  
[lucretia1964@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lucretia1964@sbcglobal.net)

- Ginny - Do we have a district letterheads? A return address?
- Holly - We have return address stickers
- Kristen - I have a letterhead I can send you

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

- No Report
  - I tried to get business cards made, back with spanish. They wanted \$25 each side. I thought it was too much, so I tried other places with no success. Can someone help me?
  - Harry - Just send me the info and I'll do it.
  - Sue C. - Who's budget is that coming out of?
  - P.I. Budget
  - Steve - when they are done I will get them to P.I.

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

- No recent Grapevine presentations to report.
- There will be a Grapevine/LaVina workshop Sunday December 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m Central Time. ZOOM Meeting # 943 8201 8074 Passcode 956797. This workshop is coming out of California.

**Literature:** Keith - Chair, Carrie - Alt. Chair

- Almost have all the money back from the Big Books.
- If you need newcomer packets, reach out to Carrie.

**LCM Report:** N/A

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

- Ginny has reached out to Guy & Randy

**Schedule Maker:** Harry

- Still have some of the recently printed schedules. There does not seem to be demand for more schedules to be printed. Need to try and get updated information. Things are getting out of control because of Covid. Hoping to reach out to GSRs to get a better idea of what meetings are open or not
  - Carrie - schedules at facilities are not always up-to-date.
  - Harry - push people to go to the website, with everything going on, it has the most accurate information.

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

- Not present, but sent report:
  - Still locked out of the behavioral unit at the hospital. 24 big books were delivered to the unit.

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

- Keeping up with the meeting updates

**Workshop:** OPEN - Chair, Carol - Alt. Chair

- Not present, No report

**GSR Reports:**

- Sue - I know speakers that would love to do workshops for our district, our district may be running out of money in a short period of time, get the word out to groups to contribute to the district
  - Holly - we're not necessarily hurting at this point, the budget is kind of where we are normally at. Individual contributions to the district are always accepted from AA members.
- Kelly B. - We can take donations from individuals as long as they are members.
- Steve - Clarence said no to the "Old Times" brunch. 99% sure

**Old Business:**

- N/A

**New Business:**

- Church is closed again so we will continue on Zoom.
- Treasurer Question:
  - We have paid the church through the month of December 2020. Do we want to continue paying rent (\$35.00 per month) since we are storing stuff there?
  - 3 months? 6 months?
  - Sue: Motion to pay for 3 months to the church, 2nd: Joan - passes

**OPEN MIC:**

- N/A

Meeting Closed at :8:29p.m.

**The next District Meeting is January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm via Zoom.**