

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
January 7, 2021**

Location: First United Methodist Church

201 W. South St, Woodstock

Meeting time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: 36

Committee members: 19

Groups represented: 13

Guests/Alt GSRs: 10

Read Twelve Traditions: Todd

Read Concept of the Month: Kate

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: Ralph, Anna

New attendees present: Naté, Ana

Anniversaries: Glen - 20 years, Paul - 3 years, Linda - 33 years, Mike - 7 years

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DCM Report: Kate - DCM

- In December, I participated in the following activities:
 - East Central Virtual Regional Forum on Saturday, December 5th – covered the service structure of AA, from AA groups to the General Service Board
 - General Service Representative (GSR) Workshop on Sunday, December 6th presented by the Western Canadian area
 - Winter Area 20 Assembly on Saturday, December 12th – Minutes should be available next week; Pat M., Alt DCM, will share the voting results
 - Alcoholics Anonymous 101 - Orientation for CPC and new AA members on December 26th, hosted by the New Horizons Group in Bend, OR
- The NIA20 Winter Committee Meeting and Service Orientation Workshop is scheduled for this Saturday, January 9th. The flyer, agenda and letter from our Area Chairperson, Carmela R. is attached to my email message. PLEASE TAKE NOTE that all A.A. members are welcome to attend any and all parts of the meeting/workshop. From 10:30am to 2:00pm, the Service Orientation Workshop is occurring; please join us to learn things you may not know about AA service!
- Other events and communications to share with you (some of these were already mentioned in the December 2020 business meeting):
 - Letter from the General Manager at GSO: How they are using our 7th Tradition contributions
 - AA Service Manual Study: Thursday nights starting tonight, January 7th through February 11th
 - “We Are Not Saints” Convention: Saturday, January 16th from 12:00pm to 6:00pm via Zoom; features an AA and Al-Anon speaker, a breakout on sponsorship and an old timers panel
 - Three Legacies Group Open Speaker Meeting: Sunday, January 31st at 7:00pm with Lynda R. from the Happy Hour Group in Albany, OR
 - AA Literature special offers through January 31st
 - New Limited Edition Book: Visual History of AA: pre-order discount through January 31st (this was originally intended to be the souvenir book for the 2020 International AA Convention)
- 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 Winter Assembly on December 12, which is always informative. Some points that stand out to pass on are:
 - 2021 IL State Conference will be virtual and they are looking for technology committee people from the districts to participate.
 - Carol H., Area Registrar, has sent a report on information about the three different options for registering an online or virtual group. If the instructions are confusing she encourages you to contact her directly for help. Carol's report is among Kate's attachments.
 - Both motions proposed were passed:
 - 1. Motion regarding changing the responsibility for maintaining the database of motions from the secretary to the archivist.
 - 2. Motion passed to request our Area Delegate to forward a letter to the GSO suggesting that online groups register under their respective Districts and Area rather than under the online Intergroup.
 - The Budget and the calendar for 2021 were approved.
- On Saturday, January 9th, I will attend the Area Committee Meeting and all are invited because "This (Committee) meeting also includes a Service Orientation Workshop to help orient folks who are new to General Service. All newly appointed servants in all districts and GSRs are encouraged to attend." The 3yer for Saturday is included in Kate's report with attachments that she emailed.
- I look forward to the next DCM, ALT DCM, meeting in early February which is organized by our Area Alternate Delegate, Chris D.
- Thank you all for your service—hope to see you on Jan 9th for the Service Orientation Workshop

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

- Please email me your report. I have put my email address 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 December meeting minutes.

Motion to accept with changes: James , 2nd Todd

Motion Passed Unanimously

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: December 2020

- Available Funds, minus \$4000 prudent reserve: \$1,770.00
- Income from Individual Groups: \$776.00
- Expenses Incurred: \$520.92
 - 1. Error on the Literature Big Book Accounting for November 2020:
 - Reported \$20.50 was due. But it was actually \$20.40.
 - 2. Error on the Budget for the November 2020 report.
- The expense for the Literature Big Book project was shown under CPC instead of Literature. The December Budget shows it correctly.
 - Literature Big Book Accounting
 - Cost of purchasing Books - \$542.25
 - Collected - \$525.27
 - Balance - (\$ 16.98)
- Treasurer Question:

- Attached is the 2021 Proposed Budget. Do we approve it?
- Please note:
 - 1.Special Needs Committee name is changed to Accessibilities (This matches the name change Area 20 made)
 - 2.Budget for 2021 stays the same except \$500 is deducted from the Literature budget to reflect what was budgeted for 2020.

Motion to Accept Report: Glen, 2nd- Georgene

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- I Attended the Winter Assembly and it was awesome . I Attended the GSR workshop and learned a lot . Holly ordered pamphlets for me to send out where needed. Bob suggested not to send out more letters yet, suggests I wait a few months. A man at Heritage Woods Assisted living reached out to me requesting phone calls from men because of the isolation the Virus has caused. I passed on the information to folks to call him and followed up with David . he said that he has been receiving phone calls.

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

- December call volume was steady at 25 calls.
 - 25 total calls were received.
 - 13 calls were forwarded. 5 calls forwarded (and connected) were first time calls. Thank you to all that responded.
 - 12 calls were not forwarded. Most non forwarded calls were looking for the district website for meeting information. There was one Al-Anon call. There were a few hang-ups and refusals to accept a return call. No first time call went unanswered. One caller was concerned about masking and in-person meeting safety in Geneva.
 - There were 4 calls that were ultimately delivered to our stand-by group of volunteers. Thank you to our stand-by volunteers!
- All volunteer spots are full, but I am accepting names for future opportunities.

Archives Report: Clarence J. - Chair

- Not Present, No Report

CPC Report: Ginny - Chair, OPEN- Alt. Chair

- Ken - I will be stepping down
- Ginny - I do not mind taking over the Chair position.

Ginny is nominated for the CPC Chair.

-She accepts.

-Vote is Unanimous. Ginny is the new CPC Chair

- During the second half of December a volunteer group of ve, divided the towns and villages within the district, between them. We began calling phone numbers, geng email addresses and contact names for clergy, police, re departments and treatment centers in order to update the spreadsheets for each town. We then sent an email with the hotline phone number and attachments for the District 11 meeting schedule, AlAnon/Alateen website, and the AA YouTube channel. A flyer for a Zoom Conference for Clergy and the professional community was also included.
- We are keeping track of the date when we send information out in order to continue to share updates on a regular basis.
- The spreadsheets have now been transferred to Google Sheets. This allows access for the volunteers to update and add information from their

home computers. We continue to work on these lists and hope to have most of the work completed by the end of this month. If you are familiar with Google Sheets and willing to make some phone calls, please contact me. If you are not knowledgeable with Sheets but are willing to make calls and write all the information down, we will input it into the computer.

- There has been discussion about putting together our own zoom conference for clergy and the professional community. We hope to have more information at next month's meeting.

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

- No report....
 - But I do have the new D11 business cards (thanks to Harry G) contact me if anyone needs cards

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

- Unfortunately, we have not had any activity since the last District meeting. so, nothing new to report. If your Group would like to add a little spark to your meeting, consider inviting the Grapevine Committee to make a brief 10-minute presentation at the opening of your next meeting. Learning about what the A.A. Grapevine offers can be another tool in your AA toolbox, helping to ensure sobriety by hearing about contemporary stories of what it was like, what happened and what it is like now.
- Subscriptions to the Grapevine can be obtained online at aagrapevine.org. You can subscribe for the paper magazine mailed subscriptions, electronic versions with full access to the complete library of editions dating back to the very first issue, or the new epub version of the latest issue. A price point to fit every budget!
- Please pass along to your group members the suggestion to visit aagrapevine.org for up to date information published by your Grapevine.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PbQq7sQ6358>

Literature: Keith - Chair, Carrie - Alt. Chair

- Keith -
 - I attended the Winter Assembly Literature break-out hosted by Kimberly T. Area 20 Literature Chair. She recommended a visit to AA.org for special offerings: Special pre-order discount on "A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous" ~ \$1.00 of each copy for the February 14th Release Date. Offer ends January 31st.; 15% off all orders over \$100.00 placed before January 31st.
 - They also highlight AAWS eBook publishing program available for Kindle, NOOK and Apple.
 - You can also "Read Daily Reflections" on-line with a simple click off the top banner. DR also has a neat search function. Eg.: 'Resentment' directs you to all the readings with resentment in the text.
 - Finally, she mentioned a Glide App Area 8 (San Diego & Imperial Area) is working on which GSO's Publishing Department reviewed and has supported. This seems to provide a direct way to access literature. I have not spent much time exploring their work, but it bares further investigation:
 - THE LINK FOR ENGLISH: <https://area8aalinks2aalit.glideapp.io/>
 - THE LINK FOR SPANISH: <https://area8aafolletos.glideapp.io/>
- Carrie -
 - The newcomer packet is available virtually at this website and can be downloaded. There are individual pamphlets and a zip file including all of them.
 - <https://www.8n8aa.com/newcomers/>

- Carrie - I would like to make another order for books.
- Holly - Can you collect the money then give it to me, not like last time because we are still not even
- Carrie- I will handle the money
- Glen - The MAC has books
- Harry - my group has a bunch and I have almost a case
- Sue - I agree with Carrie, The club charges more than cost. We need to have books of the newcomer. Not everyone has access to the Big Books
- Steve - Carrie, you are going to get all the money before you buy the books?
- Keith - It is not considered the literature budget, we use the budget for newcomer packets. We are just doing a transaction. It is not a budgetary item. We are not giving the books away.
- Jane - On Amazon the books are
- Holly - We are not a bookstore. Are we going to do this with other books? We did this in September and we are not even. \$16 is still owed. We spent \$600 on literature and it is sitting there.
- Carrie - If I don't ask for money, I can do this on my own, the committee.
- Holly - I think we need to take this back to the group and see how they feel. Are they okay with the way we are using their money?
- Carrie
- **SUE - I MOTION THAT THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE GET A FREE FLOWING \$500 TO BUY LITURE FOR GROUPS SO THAT THEY CAN FUND GROUPS THAT CAN BUY BOOKS LOCALLY 4 TIMES A YEAR.**
 - Motion is **SECONDED** by Ginny
 - Carrie - we cannot do that
 - Katie - We want to make Homegroups aware that
 - Sue - the Literature Committee can spend the money anyway they want.
 - Harry - I am confused by the motion.
 - Discussion
 - Holly - The GSRs should go back to the groups and see if they want this service. Do they want us spending their money that way?
 - Carrie - I just want to get a feel to see if groups wanted us to do this
 - Sue - **PULLED THE MOTION**

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LCM Report: N/A
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Public Information Report: Guy - Chair, Randy - Alt Chair

- Not present, not report

Schedule Maker: Harry

- When I picked up the last printing I handed them to Kevin. I do not know if there are any left. I suggest that we print another run, 50%
- There are some minor change
- Keith - Woodstock and the MAC have schuldes currently.
- Scott - when we get them printed, can we have a clear place to pick them up. Can we make sure they are accessible.
- Harry - I would suggest that I leave them at the MAC.

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

- No Report Still locked out
 - This is the first I heard about the new treatment center in Woodstock

- Sue - It will house 35 people.

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

- I need to do a huge database update. The website will be down for a few hours, there. I am going to do it at night. If it does not go well, I will restore it but it will take a while, few more hours

Workshop: OPEN - Chair, Carol - Alt. Chair

- Carolyn will be stepping down but she's willing to put together a workshop over the next few weeks
- Naté is interested in standing for the open chair position, nominated by Holly, 2nd-Georgene
 - Naté gets the chair position

GSR Reports:

- Three Legacies meeting would love to see everyone at the open speaker meeting at the end of this month

Old Business:

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New Business:

- New Proposed Budget
 - Discussion about the Literature budget.
 - Holly -Motion TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET
 - Kelly - Seconded
 - Discussion
 - Vote is Unanimous

OPEN MIC:

- We Are Not Saints is this weekend coming up. See Flyer from past email.
- Soberfest is looking to fill the committee. They meet every other week in Johnsborg. For more info, message the secretary.

Meeting Closed at: 9:29 p.m.

The next District Meeting is February 4th at 7:00pm via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 829 7132 2582

Passcode: District11