

**Monthly Meeting Minutes  
District 11  
February 4, 2021**

Location: Online via Zoom  
201 W. South St, Woodstock

Meeting time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: 26

Committee members: 10

Groups represented: 14

Guests/Alt GSRs: 4

Read Twelve Traditions: Kelly S.

Read Concept of the Month: Patricia M.

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: Bill (Harvard Phenix Group)

New attendees present: 1

Anniversaries: Kristen F. -28 years; Kevin K. - 11 years; Dennis P. - 3 years

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**DCM Report:** Kate - DCM

- Not Present, will email everyone her report.

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

- I attended the Winter Committee Meeting on January 9th, which included a Service Orientation Workshop. As always, the information was informative and helpful whether one is new to General Service or has years of service experience. I particularly liked the segment on GSRs for it's comprehensiveness and clarity.
- At the Committee Meeting, Marilyn, our Area 20 delegate reported an opening for a Non-trustee Appointed Committee Member(s) for Trustees' Public Information Committee. Anyone interested in this position can contact Marilyn.
- She also announced that the ZOOM Pre-General Service Conference meetings will be starting soon—any alcoholic can attend, you don't have to have a service position. We should soon be getting information on these meetings and will pass that on.
- I also attended The Big Book conference committee meeting and am now the Alt. Chair of registration. Since then, Dennis P., the registration Chair, and I met by phone to begin gathering information to fulfill our duties.
- A reminder that the **Spring Area Assembly is March 13**, beginning at 9 am. A registration link will be coming soon—hope to see you all there.
- Kate will be sending flyers for the following events when she submits her report so be on the lookout for these in the next day or so:
  - 2021 Rhode Island Virtual AA Convention March 19-21
  - Area 33 SE Michigan March Roundup March 5-7, AA, Alateen, Alanon Speakers, Archives Presentation and an AA Comedian! ([aa-semi.org/march-roundup-2021](http://aa-semi.org/march-roundup-2021))
  - Western Canada Region AA Service Assembly (WRAASA) Feb. 26th and 27th, for more information go to [wraasa.org](http://wraasa.org)
  - All Area's Open Meeting for any Accessibility Committee Members, every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month from 7-8 pm EST
- Thank you all for your service by being here tonight.

**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 January meeting minutes.
- The motion passes; minutes have been approved
- Thanks for allowing me to be of service

Motion to accept with changes: James , 2nd ?

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: January 2021**

- Available Funds, minus \$4000 prudent reserve: \$2,138.97
- Income from Individual Groups: \$591.00
- Expenses Incurred: \$222.03
- Literature Big Book Accounting
  - Cost of purchasing Books - \$542.35
  - Collected \$525.27
  - Balance Due from Lit. Com (\$ 17.08)

Motion to Accept Report: Georgene, 2nd: Kelly B.

- Holly retracts her motion in new business to purchase Quickbooks; she fixed her current Excel spreadsheet and it is functional.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- I mailed the current pamphlet ' AA for the older Alcoholic ' to the Fountains and made a follow up call to confirm . I called Sunrise Assisted Living to see if there was any AA related needs, there wasn't but she wrote down my name an # to call if they do. The people at the facilities I've talked to recently have been real receptive and kind.

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

- January call volume was slightly higher at 34 calls.
- 34 total calls were received.
- 22 calls were forwarded. 2 calls forwarded (and connected) were first time calls. Thank you to all that responded.
- 12 calls were not forwarded. There were several Al-Anon call. All Al-Anons were requested to have the alcoholic contact the answering service. There were a few hang-ups and refusals to accept a return call. No first time call went unanswered.
- Thank you again to our stand-by volunteers!
- Kelly B. what referrals we give to the Al-Anon calls; Scott will research the phone number for future use. Sue C. will also give Scott resources.

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

- Not present, no report

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

- Not present, but Sue C. "has been working with her"
- Sue C. reports that they are sending pamphlets to police, fire dept, churches, etc.
- Have gotten feedback from rehabs; working with Direct Counseling



- Kristen F. wants to know if Ginny received the letterhead that was sent to her; Sue C. will follow up.

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

- Not present, no report

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

- The February issue of the Grapevine has been mailed to subscribers and is also available online at [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org). This month's cover story, and featured section, is on Sponsorship. There are more than six articles on the benefits of having and being a sponsor.
- Beginning February 11th and continuing at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month, Area 20 will be hosting an informative "What's Up With The Grapevine" presentation. Zoom in and learn what's new with the Grapevine, some Grapevine history, and how to access the Grapevine. See attached flyer, or simply go Zoom meeting: 838 5328 2292 pass code: grapevine
- GRAPEVINE FUN FACT - In the spring of 1944, six members of AA – four women and two men – got together in an apartment in New York City and considered the idea of publishing a local AA newsletter. The six editors (whom Bill W. affectionately dubbed the "six ink, stained wretches") worked hard for several months, and at the end of May 1944, they met to inspect Volume 1, Number 1, of their newsletter. It was called the Grapevine, and that first issue was an eight page bulletin, 1,200 copies were printed and distributed.
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**Literature:** Keith - Chair, Carrie - Alt. Chair

- Chair Report
  - I belong to a Facebook group called "AA History Lovers." On February 1st post by Jim Wehrle contains a letter from Ruth Hock to Bill W. Nov. 10, 1955 with her recollections of the early days of AA. <https://tinyurl.com/y6qtbcb88> Ruth Hock was AA's first secretary and author of the story "Lone Endeavor" which appeared in the first printing of the first edition of the Big Book and included in "Experience Strength & Hope" pages 140-146.
- Co-Chair Report
  - Reports that they obtained the virtual newcomer packet
  - Kevin K has volunteered to obtain big books for any group looking to purchase some. He combines orders so there is no shipping charge
  - Any group may reach out to him directly
    - 1 (847) 878-9498
  - The new Northern Illinois Recovery in Woodstock has announced that they are obtaining their own literature and big books.
  - <https://www.8n8aa.com/newcomers>
    - this is the downloadable virtual newcomers packet

**LCM Report:** N/A

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

- Not present, no report

**Schedule Maker:** Harry

- Not present, no report

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



- No entry into hospital yet. Contacted The Retreat, the rehab house in Woodstock. They will get back to me in regards to meetings and schedules
- Kevin K. reports that they have meeting schedules
- Dennis reports that they are looking for volunteers to bring meetings to them

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

- No formal report
  - just updating the website with meeting information
  - Please notify him of any know inaccuracies

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

- The number for the alternate chair who stepped down isn't working. Am in discussion with Sue C about a workshop and for guidance about this position. Will speak with her this week and get started.
- Read over the job description
- If anyone wants to plan a workshop, please reach out.

**GSR Reports:**

- Ralph is representing 2 meetings at Christ Community Church in Huntley, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. on Mondays; after March 1st, these meetings will need to relocate.

**Old Business:**

- There are open positions that need to be filled; please ask people at the meetings that are looking for service opportunities.

**New Business:**

- Rich H. gives a report on the Big Book conference:
  - We had our first Big Book Committee Planning Meeting on January 23. I was elected the Committee Chair, Georgine as aAlternate Committee Chair. All in attendance were elected to a position or helping on a committee. There is already action getting these committees information. And these committees already have action on their part. We will have our next committee meeting on Saturday, February 20 at 10 AM. We are off to a good start bringing this long-standing conference into a virtual setting. And putting the typical live conference committees to work virtually. We are still looking for individuals with a desire to put together a successful virtual conference.
  - Zoom ID 606 583 0847
  - Password District11
- Next committee meeting will be 01/20/21 at 10AM; meeting on Zoom
- Need enthusiastic volunteers to attend planning a virtual conference.
- The "save the date" brochure has been created; 10/30/21 8:30AM-2PM; Rich H. will share with James.

**OPEN MIC:**

- None

**Meeting Closed at: 8:05PM**

**The next District Meeting is March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm via Zoom:**

**Meeting ID: 829 7132 2582**

**Passcode: District11**







