

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
April 1, 2021**

Location: Online via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: 25

Committee members: 15

Groups represented: 10

Guests/Alt GSRs: 5

Read Twelve Traditions: Georgene

Read Concept of the Month: Carrie

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: Cristie (Clean Air Group)

New attendees present: None

Anniversaries: Marlenna 8 yrs, Kelly 10 yrs.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DCM Report: Kate - DCM

- March was a whirlwind of AA activity!
- In March 2021, I participated in the following activities:
 - The Banff (Canada) AA Virtual Conference on Saturday, March 6th: I went to 2 speaker meetings, one of which was a Native Canadian AA member that was very emotional.
 - The Northern Illinois Area 20 ("NIA20") Spring Assembly via Zoom on Saturday, March 13th at 9:00 am, along with Ana M., Carol H., Carrie W., Dennis P., Georgene R., Holly G., Jane H., Keith, Kelly B., Kristen F., Michael M., Pat M., Rich H., and Sue C. Our District was well-represented: 15% of the total attendees were from D11! We are one of 24 Districts that comprise NIA20, and I am really proud of the service volunteers that suit up and show up!
 - Met with NIA20's Area Chair, Carmela R. and Michael L., DCM D10, to discuss the Report and Charter Area Committee goals on Wednesday, March 17th via Zoom; Carmela would like to ask 2-3 more volunteers for a more robust Committee before we move further.
 - Breakout committee meetings Thursday, March 18th through Sunday, March 21st to discuss agenda items that will be presented during the General Service Conference in April with the Area delegates from the U.S. and Canada:
 - Finance – Thursday, March 18th, 7:00-9:00 pm
 - Policy and Admissions – Friday, March 19th, 7:00-9:00 pm
 - Treatment and Accessibilities – Saturday, March 20th, 9:00-10:00 am
 - Corrections – Saturday, March 20th, 10:00-11:00am
 - Report and Charter – Saturday, March 20th, 11:00am-12:00pm
 - Trustees – Saturday, March 20th, 12:00-1:00 pm
 - Grapevine and La Viña – Saturday, March 20th, 1:00-2:00 pm
 - International Conventions and Regional Forums – Saturday, March 20th, 2:00-3:00 pm
 - Public Information – Saturday, March 20th, 3:00-4:00 pm
 - Cooperation with the Professional Community – Saturday, March 20th, 4:00-5:00 pm (I left early at 4:20)
 - Agenda – Sunday, March 21st, 10:00am-12:00pm
 - Archives – Sunday, March 21st, 12:00-1:00 pm

- Literature – Sunday, March 21st, 1:00-5:00 pm (I left early at 4:15 pm)
 - Pre-General Service Conference Workshop on Saturday, March 27th, 9:00 am-3:00 pm; reported back our breakout committee group decisions to the larger group of 76 participants; District 11's representation included Carol H., Dennis P., Kelly B., Kimberly T., Pat M., and Rich H. Thank you kindly for participating! Our local voice is instrumental to decisions made at the General Service Conference.
- Other events and communications to share with you:
 - District 12 Open April Meeting on ► Saturday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm ◄; our own Rich H. will be speaking on Zoom
 - Weekly AA History Meetings on Zoom – Friday nights at 8:00 pm in April
 - Creating the Fellowship You Crave – this 13-week Workshop starts on Saturday, April 3rd through June 26th at 5:00 pm CDT
 - Sponsorship Workshop – Saturday, April 24th on Zoom
 - New Grapevine Books – “Free on the Inside: Stories of AA Recovery in Prison” and “Mujeres en AA” (Women in AA), a story collection in the Spanish language
 - AA Grapevine & Your Group – designed to briefly update groups on all things Grapevine each quarter
 - Open Speaker Meeting on Sunday, May 30th at 7:00 pm, hosted by The Three Legacies Group; Mark E., current East Central Region Trustee from Ohio, will be the speaker
 - Unity and Service Conference on Zoom – July 9-11, 2021
 - Michigan State AA Convention – October 1-3, 2021 (live event in Bellaire MI)
 - SAVE THE DATE – 2021 Area 20 Big Book Conference on Saturday, October 30th via Zoom
 - 2021 NIA20 Calendar – We'd love to see you at these events, so mark your calendar.
- While I know it's only April, I wanted to ensure that everyone is aware that my position as District 11's District Committee Member, and Pat's position as our Alternate DCM are coming to a close at the end of this year. In the spirit of rotation, we need you to consider which roles would be a good fit for you starting in January 2022. Pat has decided that she will not be up for consideration as the DCM so please think about your personal service plan for all of the District roles that will be opening up. We will hold elections at our November business meeting on November 4th.
- 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, No report

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

- Please email me your report. I have put the email address in the chat.
- Minutes were emailed 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 the March meeting minutes.

***Motion to accept with changes: James, 2nd Glen - MOTION PASSED**

Please send written committee reports to the secretary to be submitted in minutes.
Email: secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org

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

Treasurer's Report Summary for March 2021

- Available Funds, minus \$4000 prudent reserve: \$2,726.69
- Income from Individual Groups: \$711.00
- Income from Literature BB Project: \$17.08
- Expenses Incurred: \$228.48
- Do we want to pay the First United Methodist Church, Woodstock, 3 months of Rent? We have our supplies being stored there. April, May, June

****Holly motioned: "Pay 3 months of rent to the church, \$105" MOTION PASSED**

***Motion to Accept Report: James, 2nd- Georgene - MOTION PASSED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- I attended the Spring Assembly on March 13th

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

- March call volume was steady at 35 calls
 - 35 total calls were received.
 - 26 calls were forwarded. Thank you to all that responded.
 - 9 calls were not forwarded.
- There were two AI-Anon calls. All AI-Anons were given the AI-Anon phone number and were requested to have the alcoholic contact the answering service.
- We also had a call from the Congregational Church of Algonquin letting us know that the church was open for in-person AA meetings again. That information was passed along to the schedule guys (thanks Harry and Sean!)

Archives Report: Clarence J. - Chair

- Not Present

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

- Not Present

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

- No Report, jail is still closed
- Steve has district business cards if any committee needs them

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

- Effective this month, subscription rates for the Grapevine.
 - 1 Year Print \$28.97
 - 1 Year Complete (Print and online access plus archives plus audio files.
- Monthly rates, as well as multi-year rates, are also available. Go to grapevine.org for details.
- The April issue highlights Sobriety and Covid in "200 Days and Nights" along with a special section titled ENJOYING SOBRIETY, which addresses the newcomers' question "How will I ever have fun again without drinking?"
- There have been no requests for the Grapevine Committee's ten-minute presentation. Please contact us if you would like to schedule a presentation for your Group - either virtual or in person. We have openings!

Literature: Keith - Chair, Carrie - Alt. Chair

- I attended the NIA 20 Spring Assembly on March 13th and the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop Literature Breakout on March 21st.
- There wasn't a specific literature session at the assembly. Kimberly T. reminded us of the availability of New-Comer material on the aa.org website and a digital newcomer packet from 8N8AA District 90, Moline IL <https://www.8n8aa.com/newcomer/>. She also invited everyone to attend the P-GSCW.
- At the literature Breakout, we reviewed and discussed 38 agenda items to inform our delegate of the Area's Group conscience on those issues coming up at the GSC this month.
- Please let us know of your needs for the District 11 "Newcomer Packet". We will make arrangements to get some to your meeting.
- Carrie - I would like to include in our Newcomer Packet the following packets on the website:
 - The God Word, Mental Health, LGBTQ

LCM Report: N/A

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

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Schedule Maker: Harry

- Due to Covid shutdowns, the printed schedules are out of date. They have not been completely updated since January of 2020.
- Proposed fix for meeting data issues concerning the printed schedules.
 - Develop a website form for the GSR's to submit corrections.
 - Send an email to GSR's with a pdf of the current printed schedules attached and a link to the aforementioned web form. Ask the GSR's to do the following:
 - Review the attached files for accuracy.
 - Check the web schedule for accuracy.
 - Submit any requested changes by filling out the web form.
 - Capture data for 30 days.
 - Reconcile collected data with web schedule and existing printed schedule and make changes to print files.
 - Print in mid to late June.
- Potential fees: It is my opinion that we undertake to redesign the schedules to a larger format. I am working on getting quotes for the graphic design work and any potential changes in printing costs.
- Than

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

- "No Report this week"

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

- Not much to add, just updates being done.
- Please look at the website or the App. If something is not right let us know.
- Report Sent:
 - Updated website schedule which automatically updates the mobile meeting guide app to reflect some new meetings, some canceled meetings, and changes in status to some others reflecting including adding designation to some meeting titles like "Hybrid" or "In-Person and Online" to help make the various details easier to spot. The current option of the meeting guide

app does not account for the difference between Hybrid meetings and groups that have in-person and online meetings happening simultaneously but separate.

- I forgot to mention in the meeting... I have contemplated creating separate listings for the in-person and online meetings, but that also can create other confusion for people who might wonder why the same meeting is listed twice with different options. The confusion basically exists because viewers too often look only at the title and not click to get into the meeting details where they would see whether a meeting is online only or also in person. In any case, this is something that will likely evolve as time goes on and as the developers of the mobile app continue to listen to suggestions and requested options.
- As always, please help keep the meeting schedule accurate by submitting any known changes and/or errors you may notice on the website or meeting guide app. Online meetings are not yet formally registered, but it is still sufficient to use a meeting change form or new meeting form and submit it to the Secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org (as opposed to sending it to the area registrar as the forms suggest) the webmaster and schedule maker are set up to automatically get email copy if that is sent to the district 11 secretary email address.
- See our website for the links to submit meeting changes:
- Changes and New Meetings can be linked to from here:
- <http://aa-nia-dist11.org/forms/>
- Online meetings (aka Remote Meetings)- changes and new meeting submittal:
- <http://aa-nia-dist11.org/submit-remote-meeting-listing/>

Workshop: Natě - Chair, OPEN- Alt. Chair

- Working with Sue C. to come up with a plan and dates. Also asked GSRs to check in with their groups about interest in participating in workshops. Will review any feedback received at tonight's district meeting.
 - Kelly - Our group is interested in participating in some way, nothing concrete yet

GSR Reports:

- Carrie - The Flying Geese celebrated 20 years
- We had a presentation at the meeting, the same as the one we put on at Soberfest

Old Business:

- Open position:
- Alt. CPC
- Alt. Accessibilities
- Alt. Schedule Makes
- Alt. Workshop
- Public Info, & Local Committee Members

New Business:

- Donate to Area & Gso
 - Sue - We should bring this back to our groups and the committees can have time to assess what they need to use
 - Keith - I agree with Sue, we have things coming up
 - Carrie - We should donate like we normally do

- Holly - GSO wants us to spend the money at home first, help the suffering alcoholic in our area first.
- Sue - let's spend the money here and not be afraid to.
- Kelly - There are always going to be ways to be of service in our area. Some committees never spend their budget. Either we should pass money forward or actively do something with the money.
- Kristen - We should buy Big Books for facilities

Holly Motioned to table this discussion until next month. 2nd - Sue - **MOTION PASSES**

OPEN MIC:

- Georgene with Big Book Conference:
 - Our last meeting was on March 20th We discussed and voted on our program for our speakers and for the topics for our panels. 8 AM is registration.
 - 9 AM first speaker Kathleen CH Dallas Texas
 - Angels sinners and Saints: Topic history of women in early AA
 - 10:45 break
 - 11:00 am panels
 - 2 English and 1 Spanish
 - 12:15 pm panels
 - 2 English 1 Spanish
 - 1:30 pm Main speaker
 - 3 pm main speaker
 - Main speaker William S
 - The writing of the big book
 - History of the 18 months it took to write the big book
 - Both of these speakers are presentations with pictures and archives.
 - Spanish panels will be translated into English
 - Both speakers will be translated into Spanish
 - Sign language will be also translated for both speakers
 - Panel topics: Dr. Bob's nightmare
 - Truth freed me
 - AAA taught me how to handle sobriety
 - Spanish panels will be out of Spanish B
 - As their stories differ from English versions
 - Area 24 Iowa has been chosen as our neighboring area for the conference per guidelines

Meeting Closed at 8:35 p.m.

The next District Meeting is May 6th at 7:00 pm via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 829 7132 2582

Passcode: District11

