

**Monthly Meeting Minutes  
District 11  
August 5, 2021**

**Location:** Online via Zoom

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

**Attendance:** 23

**Committee members:** 12

**Groups represented:** 11

**Guests:** 0

**Read Twelve Traditions:** Georgene

**Read Concept of the Month:**

**New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present:** Lisa from the Remnant Group

**New attendees present:** N/A

**Anniversaries:** Kate - 15 yrs

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**DCM Report:** Kate - DCM

- In July 2021, I only attended my regular weekly AA meetings: Three Legacies Group, Fog Lifters, and Women in Gratitude. The calm before the storm?
- Other events and communications to share with you:
  - Summer Committee Meeting – August 14th at 9:00 am (no flyer yet)
  - Illinois State Conference – August 27th and 28th on Zoom
  - A.A. in Your Pocket Special Summer Offer
  - AA Grapevine: New Book – Prayer and Meditation
  - Area Challenge
  - Area Challenge History
  - Concepts Special Election Edition
  - Grapevine News – August 2021
  - GSO Staff Opening Announcement: Director of Staff Services
  - Michigan State Convention: October 1 – 3
  - Michigan State Convention Contributions
  - New Grapevine Publisher
- Yes, this year is whizzing by. I wanted to ensure that everyone is thinking about which District or Area positions they would like to stand for in 2022. ALL District positions will be open for a new rotation of service volunteers. We will hold District elections for 2022-2023 at our November business meeting on November 4th. Elections for Area positions occur on Saturday, September 18th at the NIA20 Fall Assembly on Zoom.
- 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'm sorry I could not attend the District Meeting tonight but I hope to see you all on Saturday at the District 11 Inventory meeting from 9 am to noon. As you know from yesterday's email, Chris D., Area 20 Alternate Delegate, will be facilitating the inventory. Please come and represent yourself and your groups to share your ideas. Call or email me if you have any questions about Saturday. Also if you did not receive the information, tell Kate tonight so we can be sure to get the link and

agenda to you right away. During the month of July, I attended the Big Book Conference planning meeting. All the BBC committees seem to be meeting the timeline with registration very close to opening

**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 out last month. 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 July meeting minutes.
- Thanks for allowing me to be of service

**\*\*Motion to accept with changes:** James P. 2nd Harry G.

Please send written committee reports to the secretary to be submitted in 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: \$1,472.56
- Income from Individual Groups: \$445.00
- Expenses Incurred: \$ 424.78

**\*\*Motion to Accept Report:** Georgene, 2nd- Joan

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- Tina H. has agreed to take a AA meeting every Saturday at 4 pm to the Valley Hi Nursing Home. That is the nursing home I spoke about at the last District Meeting. She will bring someone with her each week. Thank you Tina for your service. I am contacting people who are knowledgeable about accessibility issues regarding wheelchair ramps. I'm aware of 2 people that need a ramp in order to get to a meeting at the Woodstock Alano Club. Portable ramps are not as safe but safer ones are expensive. I am looking into grants that the Woodstock Club might qualify for to install a safer option for those in need. I would like to ask everyone here to please ask at your home group if there are any accessibility needs not being met. If there are please let me know so I can look into whether there is something we can do.
  - Discussion about not being connected with clubs; it goes against Traditions.

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

- July call volume was up from June with 46 calls received calls.
  - 46 total calls were received.
  - 33 calls were forwarded. Thank you to all that responded.
  - 13 calls were not forwarded.
- The majority of calls this past month continue to be for meeting information. Calls not forwarded consisted of hang-ups or refusal to have someone return the call.
- There were 2 calls that were referred to the AI-Anon contact number.
- Thank you again to our stand-by/go-to volunteers!
- There was a billing irregularity in May. We received a surcharge of \$39. I contacted the call service and they explained that when I submitted an updated call list, someone has to manually enter the new call list into their system; hence the surcharge. I have the name of a supervisor who can assist me in the future and update a name or two at no charge.

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

- Not present, no report

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

- Not present, no report

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

- Steve still had Big Books leftover from 2020 and took them to the jail
- In-person meetings are still not happening - as soon as that changes Steve will update us

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

- SENIORS IN A.A. is the Special Section of the August 2021 edition of our International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, The Grapevine. In addition to articles covering the challenges senior members of our fellowship face as we grow older, there are many articles about recovery, and special ones on Step Eight and Tradition Eight.
- If you would like to subscribe to the print version, the current rate is \$28.97 for one year or \$54.00 for two years. Other options include an epub version and the ever-popular online version that includes access to the entire collection of Grapevines dating back to 1944. Check it out. Additional details can be found at [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org)
- From the At wit's End feature - Heard at a meeting "Then I'd go do something stupid to prove how smart I was."
- By the way, Wits End was the pet name Lois Wilson gave to Bill's writing studio at Stepping Stones located at their home in Bedford Hills, NY

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

- Visit [aa.org](http://aa.org) for A.A.W.S. summer specials:
- Now through September if you buy a Big Book hardcover you get (\$1) off the Twelve&Twelve in any format; continuing through September they are offering the Portable (pocket size) editions of Big Book, 12&12, and Reflections/or As Bill Sees It for (\$1) of each.
- As always, the Reflections reading for the day is available with one click on the banner. Reflections also have a search feature that will locate a keyword or phrase in the text and direct you to that date.

**LCM Report:** N/A

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

- Not present, no report

**Schedule Maker:** Harry - Chair

- I have started to compare the printed schedule with the online schedule. Using the online schedule as the master, I am adding or removing meetings from the printed schedule. This is a long process and I hope to have the printed schedule update done in a few weeks, but the timing is based on my work schedule.

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

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

- Nothing really new to report for the website - typical updates on a few meetings and uploaded the business meeting agenda and treasurer's report.

- The notes on updates as usual can be found on the "Webmaster Updates" page <http://aa-nia-dist11.org/website-updates-121115/>

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

- Spoke with Denise at the Township center and she stated we could reserve the room for a small cleaning fee - less than \$100. We can reserve the room for a Saturday evening in the Fall/Winter. Also spoke with Dave G and he has all the electronic files for the past workshop materials. The next steps are to make plans like pick a date, topic, format, speakers, budget, etc. We are also looking for printing resources for flyers and workshop materials.

**GSR Reports:**

- Georgene - Three Legacies Group has an open speaker meeting on August 29, the speaker is Ginger. A flyer is in progress and will be posted on the website. Starts at 7 pm.

**Old Business:**

- Open positions:
  - Alternate Accessibilities Chair
  - Alternate Literature Chair
  - Alternate Schedule Maker
  - Public Information Chair
  - Local Committee Members
  - Alternate Hospital & Treatment Setting
- Maureen would like to stand for the treatment center chair position
  - She gets elected to the position
- Lisa would like to stand for an alternate workshop chair
  - She gets elected to the position

**New Business:**

- N/A

**Big Book Conference Planning Report:** Rich H. - Chair, Georgene - Co-Chair.

- Rich reported he talked with Megan who has done ASL for Area 20 and other local events. Megan is looking forward to signing for us at the Big Book Conference. Rich informed Megan others from the committee, possibly PI will be following up with her to help keep everyone involved in this planning process. Rich confirmed with Rachel that she will be doing the Spanish Translating and offered a thank you to Erik our Area 20 Conference Liaison who is responsible for coordinating Area Assemblies and committee meetings for scheduling Rachel. Rich proposed some meeting changes that will be voted on by New Business. Georgene is making sure to attend the monthly District 11 business meetings on the first Thursday of each month to keep the District informed and updated on this committee's progress.

**OPEN MIC:**

- District 11 Inventory on Saturday, August 7th.
- Scott - Harvard Alano Club Steak Fry Saturday Aug 21 \$15 ED R is the speaker.
- Emily - The Bonfire Meeting?
  - Thursday night 6:30 Fellowship 7:30 Meeting
  - 25777 Streit Rd. Harvard, IL

**Meeting Closed at 8:18 p.m.**

**The next District Meeting is September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm via Zoom:**

**Meeting ID: 829 7132 2582**

**Passcode: District11**