

Monthly Meeting Minutes District 11 September 1st, 2022

Location: Hybrid via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:03 p.m.

Attendance: 28

Committee members: 15

Groups represented: 14

Guests: 1

Read Twelve Traditions: Brian W

Read Concept of the Month: Chris

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: Randy (Attitude Adjustment Group)

New attendees present: Brian

Anniversaries: Alexa - 1 year; Maureen - 5 years; Jake - 2 years

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DCM Report: Isidro B. - DCM

I hope everyone is doing well and had a great August.

On August 6th, I attended the NIA Summer Committee Meeting. It was a quick meeting, and we mostly talked about items to bring to the agenda for the Fall Assembly on September 10th. The three agenda items have been sent out and are on the agenda for this month's district meeting. I encourage all GSR to attend the Fall Assembly, so your group has a voice.

On August 18th, I attended the Legacy of Service: Concepts Study. We had a great meeting with great discussion about Concept Six & Seven. Our next meeting will be September 15th at 7:30 pm via Zoom. We will be staring at "Concept Eight".

Following the Legacy of Service: Concepts Study, we had our District 11 Planning Meeting for the Winter Assembly. It was a quick meeting, getting updates of new volunteers and scheduling a walkthrough of the church. We have a walkthrough scheduled for September 7th at 5:15pm at The Church of Holy Apostles. GSRs, please let your groups know that we are still looking for help with the activities I have listed below. Please contact me directly if your group would like to help us with this event. I have included an approximate time range for each commitment. Our next meeting will be September 15th following the Legacy of Service: Concepts Study.

- Set-up (7am – 8am)
- Lunch Clean-up (1pm – 2pm)
- Final Event Clean-up (3:30pm – 5pm)

Below is a list of some upcoming service events:

- 09/06/2022: NIA 20 Monthly Meeting for District Secretaries/Registrars
 - 7pm via Zoom
 - Meeting ID: 883 1545 6870 / Passcode: secretary
- 09/08/2022: NIA 20 Grapevine Monthly Workshop
 - 7pm via Zoom
 - Meeting ID: 838 5328 2292 / Passcode: grapevine

- **09/10/2022: NIA 20 Fall Assembly (Hybrid)**
 - In Person: Lord of Life Church, 40W605 IL Rt 38, Elburn, IL 60119
 - Virtual: Zoom information to follow
 - Doors open @ 8am, meeting at 9am
- **09/15/2022: Legacy of Service: Concepts Study (Winter Assembly Planning Meeting to follow)**
 - 7:30pm via Zoom
 - Meeting ID: 970 0499 1067 / Passcode: 639187
- **09/22/2022: District 11 Soberfest Workshop Planning Meeting**
 - 8pm via Zoom
 - Meeting ID: 970 0499 1067 / Passcode: 639187

Please remember to mention to your groups that there are still many open positions on the District 11 Committee. The current open positions can be found on the agenda for the upcoming district meeting, district website, meeting minutes, or through your General Service Representative. For past minutes, financial reports, district literature, and to learn where a group can send their contributions, please visit our website www.aa-nia-dist11.org.

Alt DCM Report: OPEN- Alt. DCM

- NA

Secretary's Report: Mike M. - Secretary, OPEN - Alt. Secretary

- Motion to accept August Minutes.

****Motion to accept the minutes as sent, ___Harry___, 2nd _____. Passes.**

Please send written committee reports to the secretary to be submitted in minutes.

Email: secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org

Treasurer's Report: Clint K. - Treasurer, Keith B. - Alt. Treasurer

- Available Funds, minus \$4000 prudent reserve: \$4,463.32
- Income from Individual Groups: \$759.00
- Expenses incurred: \$860.93
- Remittance from answering service.

Are we contributing to keep this space?

Something like \$1/person

****Motion to Accept Report: ___Ryan_____, 2nd- ___Brendon_____. Passes.**

Sue: Are you going to set something up for zoom people?

Clint: Can't do Zelle for business. Paypal is doable.

Clint: I'll come back with some options.

Keith:

This month, ALL Tradition 7 contributions arrived with enough information to properly credit your groups. Thank you.

If you have the pre-printed remittance envelope, please fill it out as best you can. If you don't have the envelope, a contribution form is available to download at the district website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- NA

Answering Service Report: Mike N. - Chair, OPEN - Alt. Chair

- 38 total calls were received.
- 34 calls were forwarded. Thank you to all that responded!
- 4 calls were not forwarded.
- Most were asking for meetings, a few no reason for calling, 1 AIAnon
- Thank you again to our stand-by/go-to volunteers!

Richie: has the answering service always been that high?

HARRY: There was a raise in the cost recently.

Keith: cost per call basis.

Harry: I forgot to ask it, some calls were in the 20-25 minutes length of time, do you know why? Sometimes we were being billed by the minute.

Sue: I asked the same question last month. People didn't answer so it went on to other phone numbers.

Len: I got two calls last week. I must be on an older list. I don't mind it, I kinda like it :)

Archives Report: Rich H. - Chair

- Richie gives report
- I will have an Archives Display at Soberfest and will be in the Archives Room as much as possible.
- I talked with Clarence about the Old Timers Brunch. We will talk to the Wauconda American Legion in October. My only possible open Sunday in February, 2023, is the first Sunday, February 5. That is the current target date for the 2023 Old Timers Brunch. This is not Super Bowl Sunday.
- As a matter of importance; I do not participate in 50/50 drawings to support AA. To me this does not line up with the spirit of our 7 th Tradition, "The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members." As for me, I will voluntarily contribute to the 7 th Tradition Basket. If we do a 50/50 drawing it will have to be arranged and done by somebody else. I may ask for a discussion on this topic at a future District Meeting.

CPC Report: Ryan - Chair, Todd K. - Alt. Chair

- The past month was spent gaining more vision on how the presentations will work and we have scheduled to visit two law offices in Woodstock next Thursday. Chris V and I have had one mock presentation and went over the literature we plan to hand out. We currently feel fully prepared and are excited to represent AA in this district very soon to come! Aside from some minor wording and cooperation techniques we seem to be most unknowns!
- We're working out our script so it's a tag-team effort.
- Thank you for allowing me to be of service.
- We need more literature!

Dan P: Which two law offices?

Chris: I'll text you when I get home.

Steve gives Sue his number.

Corrections Report: Steve K. - Chair, Michelle D. - Alt. Chair

- Here we go!
- I talked with michelle, woman's block is requesting BB, and i already have 2 cases,, I sent one case with Rick F to the jail tonight, LT brooks. Everyone is having issues getting books via the library.
- If anyone knows anyone, past volunteers, still have badges, they don't care, we need more folks. And we can't start the new application process...
- 2-3 separate meetings on thursdays. Minimum 1 volunteer per block. Would love 2 per block.

Carol: As far as the BB are concerned. The women have BB in the pods, but none are there. They need to put them in the PODS so women can use them. And let's try to get the registrations moving again.

Emily: I spoke to Michelle, and yesterday on the sheriffs website. Today there is. Read it.

Clint: If I don't have my badge, can I still go?

Carol: They give us a visitor badge.

Steve: hasn't happened to me.

Emily: Might not be very consistent.

<https://www.mchenrysheriff.org/corrections/about-the-jail/>

Look at the bottom of this page.

GSR Orientation Chair Report: Emily P - Chair

- If you are a new GSR, and you're like, "I don't know what you're talking about"
- I am here. For your support, in any capacity that is needed.
- No other report.
- If anyone else is confused, needs assistance, or just wants to chat about what the heck general service is all about, we can schedule a phone call (847) 691-1540 or email me at e.berg01788@gmail.com.

Grapevine Report: OPEN - Chair, OPEN - Alt. Chair

- NA

Literature: Jake - Chair, OPEN - Alt. Chair

- I brought some newcomer packets. On the back table.
- Reached out to a couple alano clubs. They seemed to have inventory on hand.
- Please reach out to me if you need newcomer packets.

Is somebody bringing them to the Woodstock club? I heard someone on the streets ask.

Keith: The group GSR should come and pick up newcomer packets. I'm taking 4 for the WAC. But they probably need 20.

Brian H. want to get the GSR

Harry: How many packets do you have?

JAke : 250.

Harry: There's a lot.

Jake: My responsibility is to provide literature for the service committees, I'm here to help.

Ryan: The last time I needed pamphlets, I went via GSO.

Harry: CPC has their own budget. So you can get your own literature.
Jake has his own budget.

Carol: past area registrar. As a new chair, GSO sends you a workbook. If you're an alternate, you get nothing but you can find it online. With electronic links!

Joan: How can I get in contact to get newcomer packets?

Jake: You can ask Keith.

Keith: I'll bring more. :)

LCM Report: Sue C.

- The GSR workshops are very excellent! Anyone should join!
- I hope to be having an LCM zoom meeting before the next meeting.
- Sid sent me a list of all the groups. So we can verify if they exist, and need info.
- Woodstock alano picnic this weekend.
- And links for 5th edition submissions -> deadline oct 31st, 2022.
- Iscypaa Sept 18th. Pizza and ice cream.

Check with alexa and mark, to focus on island lake and Wauconda areas.

Brian: Thursday meeting Woodstock, men's accountability meeting, is disbanded.

Public Information Report: Courtney J - Chair, Georgene R. - Alt Chair

Courtney:

Reached back out to mchenry school district 15&156 principal to set up discussion with high school students for health class.

In need of more pamphlets and brochures for handouts.

Dropped off the last packet of pamphlets to specialty courts in Woodstock.

Dropped off last of the meeting schedules at mchenry PD.

Will take to Naté to get more schedules.

Schedule Maker: Naté S.

- No report. I want to hear feedback from groups regarding schedule types.

Hospital & Treatment Setting Report: Maureen O. - Chair, Monica A. - Alt Chair

- Maureen's Report:
- This month we reached out to 14 nursing homes in our district to talk about and offer BTG. There are a couple of facilities that have expressed an interest and we are working to get volunteers set up in those facilities. A follow-up letter will be sent to all facilities.
- I want some big books.

Keith: Budget is suggestive only, if you have a need you can bring it tonight, and explain the change to your budget. We can vote.

Richie: set up a motion for money, for next month.

\$0.40 / piece for pamphlets.

10 big books. Get a case (20).

Harry: I Motion, to expand the treatment budget by \$300.
Revise.

Motion to approve a one time budget expansion of the treatment budget by \$500

Keith: second.

Discussion:

Sue: Let's all order together through the D11 literature person, the cost will go down.

Vote;

Motion passes.

Sue: If we use the literature person, we can save money.

Clint: If you need an advance, call me.

Webmaster: Harry - Chair, Kate - Alt. Chair

- Discovered an issue keeping flyers and minutes from loading. Working on correcting it and hope to have it down this weekend.
- I am working on costing to purchase a speaker, camera and laptop for the district.
- GSRs please look at the website and find problems.
- Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

Carol: the DCM email that went out, that has a link to the mailbox. There's something weird there.

Workshop: - Lisa - Chair, OPEN - Alt. Chair

- Had a meeting last thursday.
- I'll write for next month.

Harry: Woodstock sober living home, has the district to put together workshops on wednesday nights...

Richie: mens home, womens home?

Harry: yes.

Harry: mens home.

GSR Reports:

Matt: upcoming events, Open AA Alanon speaker "5th Friday". September 30th, 7:30pm. First Methodist church mchenry.

Mark: W&B is on the move, sunday morning moved to , monday and thursday meetings will also be moving but not sure when yet.

Chris: alt GSR remnant group, monday night bb study, move grace fellowship, 200 charands ct, 7pm. Both meetings.

Mike: Soberfest planning committee is reconvening at Villa Desiderata.

Dave: alt GSR, Woodstock alano club, trying something new, bulletin board for networking. Alcoholics with businesses wanna put their business cards up there.

Old Business:

- Let's look at open positions. Can vote: Committee members and GSR's, and only alternates if their GSR is not present.
- Alt DCM, nominations? none
- Alt Secretary, nominations? none.
- Accessibilities chair, nominations? none.
- Alt Accessibilities chair, nominations? none.

- **Alt answering service chair, nominations? none.**
- **Grapevine Chair, nominations? none.**
- **Alt Grapevine Chair , nominations? none.**
- **LCM to join the committee?**
- **Alt Literature, nominations? none.**
- **Alt Workshop Chair, nominations? none.**

Sid: Please check the email I sent that has the Agenda for this meeting, it should also have the position descriptions.

- Would the groups like to have District print 3 versions of our meeting schedule (numbers, no numbers, open meetings) like we have done in the past?

Background – see examples sent with the agenda and some supporting information listed below

- **See Dist 11 Schedule - Feb 2022**
 - Example of the current meeting schedule.
- **See JAN 2020 schedule-REGULAR**
 - Example of a meeting schedule with group contact information. This schedule was printed for distribution and use within the fellowship only. Contact information was not listed on the district website. Only printed on this document. **Note: All contact information was replaced with “Group Contact Person & Phone Number” to protect anonymity since this is being electronically sent.**
- **See JAN 2020 schedule-NO-NUMBERS**
 - Example of a meeting schedule with no group contact information. This schedule was printed for use in outside facilities where the A.A. message is being carried (i.e., correctional facilities, detoxes, DUI centers, hospital bridging the gap groups, treatment centers, etc.) Contact information was not listed to protect the anonymity of our members. A similar printable pdf was posted on the district website.
- **See 04_JAN 2020 Schedule-OPEN**
 - Example of a meeting schedule with only open meetings listed and no group contact information. This was typically displayed at open meetings to hand out to visitors. Shared with other 12 Step fellowships looking to observe Open meeting of A.A. Also handed out to professionals when doing CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) work. Also handed out when doing PI (Public Information) work.

Chris: Brought this up at the remnant group, discussed it. Meeting guide with contact info, won't be accurate for very long, or disconnected #'s and change of locations. We propose an open meeting schedule, and one with no contact info.

Dan P: living in the solutions candlelight group, two schedules, full schedule with numbers, and full without numbers. No need for only open. Phone numbers are important, they need an up-to-date number that works.

Joan: we want the one for no numbers. I don't want my number on the schedule, as i'm the GSR.

Mark: GSR WNB,, we do a lot of PI work, value in open meeting schedule. With a full schedule (with numbers). Or all three are fine. But we want an open meeting schedule.

Brian H. GSR belthouse boys. Let's go back to the way it was. 3 schedules. My experience is that I've used those phone numbers.

Harry: past schedule maker, current webmaster, responsible for updating this information and working with Naté. and the cell numbers we have, 30% accurate at best. It's important that we update those numbers. As a remnant member, they've got the hotline to get a call.

Courtney: We vote for no numbers. No open schedule.

Sue: I have the list. It's a project to update the phone numbers,, but it's important to have a phone number to get rides or info. And GSR should be a two year commitment.

Rich: Are we set for schedules for a while Naté?

Naté: We are good through the end of the year.

Naté: We've been talking about it for a while.

Mike: GSR DFL we want two schedules, one with phone numbers, and one without.

Naté: It's not a huge deal making an open meeting schedule, no numbers.

Richie: make the motion next month.

Sue: i'd like to be included with making that

Harry: a decision by the district was never made to NOT print 3 schedules. , still 3 schedules. Shouldn't we print what we were doing.

Since covid got all wonky.

We're printing one schedule with no numbers.

EMily: There is no rule I'm aware of, that a GSR MUST put a phone number on the printed schedule.

Contact Naté

Naté: it's an opt-in.

Emily: That's a great idea.

Keith: I have experience. The contact number schedule was always voluntary. Esp for groups without GSR's... so it could be anyone. It's a lot of work to fix these numbers or update them. LCM would help. The open meeting schedules, designed for CPC and health care. We don't want nursing students showing up at closed meetings. At ECC and Harper. Open schedule specific is super easy to make.. So then the main issue is open/closed, with phone numbers and without.

Clint: there's no accountability to get a person's name OFF the list. Plenty are no longer in AA or dead. How do we take off the numbers!? That's a lose-lose task.

Harry: We don't have to vote for an open schedule. It would be irresponsible to print a schedule with phone numbers on it, and we know the open meetings.

Richie: you have the responsibilities to do this and report back.

Brian: What if I was a guy getting out of jail and I want an open meeting schedule. I want it to be easy.

New Business:

Registrar

- Area Finance Committee motion to fully fund the NIA delegate for the General Service Conference.
 - See **Final Motion to Fully Fund NIA 20 Delegate for GSC**
- Motion to amend the Duties & Responsibilities of the Registrar and to create Duties & Responsibilities for the Alternate Registrar.
 - See **Motion to update the Registrar and Alternate Registrar Duties (revised)**
- Motion to make the Alternate Registrar a voting member of the Area Assembly in their own right.
 - See **Motion to make the Alternate Registrar a voting member of the Area Assembly.**

Open Mic:

- Mike G -> Soberfest Chair. Registration is open, Grand Geneva, sobferfest.org
- ALANON FUNraiser next saturday 10th

Meeting Closed at: __9:00_ p.m. , __Harry__ seconds.

The next District Meeting is Thursday September 1st, 2022 at 7:00pm in person and via Zoom:

Zoom Meeting ID: 959 6776 4900

Passcode: District11

First United Methodist Church of Crystal Lake (236 W Crystal Lake Ave, Crystal Lake, IL 60014)