

## Monthly Meeting Minutes District 11 October 6th, 2022

**Location:** Hybrid via Zoom

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

**Attendance:** \_\_36\_\_

**Committee members:** \_\_17\_\_

**Groups represented:** \_\_20\_\_

**Guests:** \_\_5\_\_

**Read Twelve Traditions:** \_\_Alex\_\_

**Read Concept of the Month:** \_\_Randy\_\_

**New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present:** \_\_3\_\_

**New attendees present:** \_\_5\_\_

**Anniversaries:** Georgene - 3 years; Glen - 5 years, Nataé - 26 years, Chris - 1 year, Monica - 10 years; WOOT WOOT!!!

### OFFICERS' REPORTS

#### DCM Report: Isidro B. - DCM

Friends,

I hope everyone is doing well and had a great September. It has been a busy month personally with sickness and vacationing, so lucky for you all I do not have much to report. I would like to thank Rich for chairing the meeting

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, we did our walkthrough of The Church of Holy Apostle with the Winter Assembly Planning Meeting. The facility is great, and everyone on the committee is looking forward to having the event there on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 October 20<sup>th</sup> following the Legacy of Service: Concepts Study.

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

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, I attended the NIA Fall Assembly virtually. There was quite a bit of excitement with a few open area positions that were filled (you had to be there to understand). All three motions listed below that we discussed at last month's meeting were passed.

- Area Finance Committee motion to fully fund the NIA delegate for the General Service Conference
- Motion to amend the Duties & Responsibilities of the Registrar and to create Duties & Responsibilities for the Alternate Registrar
- Motion to make the Alternate Registrar a voting member of the Area Assembly in their own right

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, due to the Zoom meeting being set up to not allow participants to join unless the host is logged in, the Legacy of Service: Concepts Study did not happen. I was out of town during this meeting and even though I made arrangements for someone else to chair the meeting, since the host wasn't logged on, no one was able to join the meeting. I have corrected this in the settings, so we should not run into this issue again. I apologize for any inconvenience.

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, I attended one of the planning meetings for the Soberfest workshop District 11 is hosting. It was a great meeting that was very well attended. Looking forward to the workshop in November.

Below is a list of some upcoming service events:

- 10/08/2022: NIA 20 Fall Committee Meeting (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
- 10/12/2022: District 11 Soberfest Workshop Planning Meeting
  - 8pm via Zoom
  - Meeting ID: 970 0499 1067 / Passcode: 639187
- 10/13/2022: NIA 20 Grapevine Monthly Workshop
  - 7pm via Zoom
  - Meeting ID: 838 5328 2292 / Passcode: grapevine
- 10/20/2022: Legacy of Service: Concepts Study (Winter Assembly Planning Meeting to follow)
  - 7:30pm via Zoom
  - Meeting ID: 970 0499 1067 / Passcode: 639187
- 11/01/2022: NIA 20 Monthly Meeting for District Secretaries/Registrars
  - 7pm via Zoom
  - Meeting ID: 883 1545 6870 / Passcode: secretary

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](http://www.aa-nia-dist11.org).

#### **Alt DCM Report: OPEN- Alt. DCM**

- NA

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

- Motion to accept September Minutes.

**\*\*Motion to accept the minutes as sent, \_\_Emily\_\_, 2nd \_\_passes\_\_.**

**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: Clint K. - Treasurer, Keith B. - Alt. Treasurer**

- Available Funds, minus \$4000 prudent reserve: \$5,393.52
  - Income from Individual Groups: \$1,278.62
  - Expenses incurred: \$348.42
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1. It was requested I research ways people not attending in person could contribute. Zelle, Venmo, and PayPal are problematic with a business account. Our bank does not offer Zelle on Business Accounts. Venmo and PayPal require documentation of our Tax ID not just the number and we don't have any that I have been able to locate.
  2. Budget for Treatment was raised \$500 and that is reflected in the attached report.
  3. It might be time to send money to GSO and Area as I am aware of no pending expenses.
  4. Any Questions?

Answering service appears to go over its budget. What will the remainder of the year look like with that fee?

Clint: The timing for that particular payment is strange.

**\*\*Motion to Accept Report: \_\_\_Brendan\_\_\_, 2nd- \_\_\_\_\_. 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, four out of eight Tradition 7 contributions arrived with enough information to properly credit your groups.**
- **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.**
- **I attended the Fall Assembly September 10th in Elburn. Our Treasurers breakout session was combined with Secretaries and Registrars. It was brought up for Area officers and committee chairs allowed to expense mileage to their budget. Currently, IRS allows \$0.625 for business miles and \$0.14 for charitable miles. The area allows \$0.40. It was said they wanted to be somewhere in the middle. I could not find an allowance in our District 11 service manual.**

Lisa: Do we not do that?

Keith: we do not have a set line item that can expense mileage to perform work on behalf of AA. maybe 14 cents or 18 cents per mile.

The cost of performing duties on behalf of the district, this should help.

Sid: We're reviewing our handbook.

Keith: Did that twinge any branches?

Sue: We were reimbursed by the area. To drive to the assemblies. To drive to state conferences, and registrations. (rooms were not included).

Sid: definitely done that before for other conferences.

Keith: groups may also expense their GSRs on the district or area level.

Sue: same with national correction conferences.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- **NA**

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

- **35 total calls were received.**
- **29 calls were forwarded. Thank you to all that responded!**
- **6 calls were not forwarded.**
- **Most were to find meetings and a couple were for Alanon and given proper information.**
- **Thank you again to our stand-by/go-to volunteers!**

**Archives Report: Rich H. - Chair**

- **Clarence either already has talked to the Wauconda American Legion or he and I will next week. We are planning for the Old Timers Brunch to be Sunday, February 5, 2023.**
- **I'm in Texas.**

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

- For the month of September the committee and I were able to make contact with 5 law offices in the city of Woodstock. All but one gladly received literature, and 2 of the total allowed us to have a brief talk with the secretary in office at the time.
- We have gathered the emails for the practices and will be reaching out to the Lawyers directly soon.
- The goal for October is to continue in person meetings as well as become comfortable with the email account associated with my position, which Harry has been a huge help with thus far. We hope to continue to carry the AA message and serve this district as best as possible.

Keith: Are you trying to focus on DUI attorneys?

Ryan: marital, too. Affects a lot of aspects.

Ryan: I lost a check.

Clint: Ask and I'll get you another one.

Sue: Do you even read? Mchenry, Harvard, Crystal lake PD, have hired psychologists to be on the staff. Can you reach out to them?

Ryan: We've done medical and hospitals, but yes police and county officials are coming after lawyers.

Todd: nothing to add.

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

- Steve K... all meetings are being attended by volunteers... and we can use more people to serve as new volunteers.... Men and Women.... Thank you
- Only having 2 meetings a week right now, but still need more.
- Steve K ... application process at McHenry County Jail
- 1) log on to McHenrysheriff.org
- 2) click on corrections tab
- 3) find and click on "About the jail "
- 4) click on Inmate Programming.... Then scroll to the bottom where it says "Jail Volunteers "
- Read the handbook and take the test....
- Good Luck and thanks
- I'd like to get a couple cases from the Area for the jails.

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

**Look at the bottom of this page. Click the "Next" button to get started.**

Harry: Couple jail sign up forms, that were sent via the corrections email. Have you responded?  
No

Harry: People were submitting the forms and maybe it's going to the jail.

Steve: Don't go through the district, go directly to jail. I'm asleep.

Harry: I'll update the webpage with some instructions.

Harry: If the area corrections chair says that's okay, then that's cool.

Sue: I agree, too. This is the first year we've been able to give books to.

Sid: We trust you Steve.

**GSR Orientation Chair Report: Emily P - Chair**

- I deleted an email I got from someone, who was it!?
- It was Randy.

- 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](mailto:e.berg01788@gmail.com).

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

- NA

**Literature:** Jake - Chair, OPEN - Alt. Chair

- I do have newcomer packets available, if anyone is interested in obtaining some I have some with me here at the meeting or please contact me and we can meet up. In the packet people new to the program can find information and gain an understanding about A.A. and help to answer questions about their drinking. District 11s packet currently includes the following flyers and pamphlets:
  - Information on AA
  - AA at a glance
  - Is AA for you
  - This is AA
  - Frequently asked questions about AA
  - A newcomer asks
  - Questions and answers on sponsorship
  - Do you think you're different
  - A message to teenagers
  - Many paths to spirituality
  - Problems other than alcohol and a 12 step 12 tradition wallet card.
- On the envelope itself there's information on how to contact the district 11 answering service and a spot for the newcomer to write down any names and phone numbers of AA members willing to help.
- I also had the opportunity to attend the fall assembly at the Lord of Life Church. There was no new information given concerning the current status of our literature. During the breakout sessions we combined literature with grapevine and archives and there were 5 committee members in attendance (3 on zoom and 2 in person). We discussed various ways to get more involved and how we can contribute more to our primary purpose. I am new to this position so I am still learning and I remain willing to take suggestions on how to become more effective in my role at district.
- Thankful to serve, Jake

Steve: I'm surprised by how many packets are in the newcomer packets

Harry: Have you researched what other districts are doing for their newcomer packets?

Jake: Yes, some are condensed, and available online.

Harry: Could you put together some recommendations for the next meeting?

Jake: Sure.

**LCM Report:** Sue C.

- Some issues with having issues receiving DCM-sent emails.
- Looking at the meeting guide, who's GSR, open/closed, online/hybrid. Hasn't been done since 2015.
- Trying to help Crystal lake alano club get organized.
- Harvard alano meetings will be listed under one group.
- Looking to get AA business cards.
- Online still says woodstock for address.

- **And I'll take 200 newcomer packets.**

Glen: I know someone who would be interested in helping for LCM contact for mchenry.

Steve: I still have business cards. Maybe 200. Just not sure who would be handling the printing and editing of these.

Sid: Vista print is easy to do. We have budgeted money, or we could work with PI.

Steve: Harry did some printing for us a few years ago.

**Are you looking for an ambassador for Crystal Lake or Mchenry?**

**These facilities need a representative, but there's lots of meetings, just not groups.**

Safety in zoom meetings to help with

Nataé: Is the information from updated GSRs and groups, can i get that information for the schedule?

Sue: Yes. But it'll be updated by the specific club.

Sid: There's no way for a GSR for the entire club. But we've had group contacts for our schedule. These folks would be more of an LCM. This is a way for these meetings to have representation at district level.

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

**Courtney:**

- **This month we connected with the radio station 105.5 to have them air information about us.**
- **Gave schedules to fire departments in Lakemoor and Woodstock, Mchenry, and Huntley.**
- **Placed book order.**

Steve: What version do you have? "... we can help." or "... that's our business."

Courtney: I just need one.

Harry: I have the original file. Contact me and I'll get that to you.

Sue: If we're gonna go back to vista print, a re-order is cheaper than a new order.

Courtney: What name would the order be under?

Emily: I deal with vista print a lot, and there's no major cost of a new order, just send the file. But shipping is a cost.

Georgene: Nothing to add.

Jake: I'd like to bring something up.

Sid: You better not. (moved to open mic).

**Schedule Maker: Nataé S.**

- **Created a pdf single sheet for open meetings so that members can review and update the information and use it as a temporary open meeting guide until the new schedules are printed. Please send any revisions to [schedule@aa-nia-dist11.org](mailto:schedule@aa-nia-dist11.org).**

Harry: Do you still have schedules?

Nataé: Yes, I still do. Please let me know, and we can meet up.

Jake: Can I get some schedules?

Sid: Each committee chair has an email on the webpage. Please use that to connect with a specific chair.

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

- Maureen's Report:
- Two more volunteers have been set up at Northwestern inpatient in Woodstock for BTG on Sundays.
- We have not made any further calls to other treatment centers due to the fact that we have no volunteers to place in these facilities. We continue to announce at meetings that we need volunteers.

Sid: Make a flier with treatment settings and contact information requesting for volunteers.

**GSR's, PLEASE LET YOUR GROUPS KNOW.**

Sid: Sobriety date requirements, is it in the guidelines. Some do, some don't. It may simply be at the discretion of the facility.

Maureen: There's a bridging the gap volunteer pamphlet that talks about it.

Sid: Pamphlets would be from other groups' experiences, but it might not be a hard and fast requirement.

Monica: Nothing to add. But my internet is precarious.

**Webmaster: Harry - Chair, Kate - Alt. Chair**

- All is well in the World Wide Web. At least as far as District 11 is concerned. Nothing to report.
- I'll find where it says "woodstock" on the website and fix it.
- It's good if the District owns its own technology. Looking to buy about \$650 worth of equipment for "technology" budget (microphones, speakers, etc.)
- GSRs please look at the website and find problems.
- Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

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

- Our group met twice this past month. On the 22 nd just Jake and I met. We quickly called another meeting where all committee members could attend: Jake, Georgene, Rich, Sid, and myself.
- We met on Wednesday, September 28 th. It was decided that the Three Legacies would be divided with Jake taking the explanation of our symbol (the triangle within the circle) and the Recovery aspect. Then we will transition into Unity where I will focus on the differences between meetings, groups, and home groups and the way they feed into the Service part of the triangle. Georgene will be taking that segment. As of now we are gathering resources and organizing our content.
- We will meet again on Wednesday, October 12, at 8:00 pm via zoom.

I need some guidance or help, please.

**GSR Reports:**

Jake: Sue, how quickly do you need 200 newcomer packets, cuz that would deplete my inventory.

Sue: I'll come to the next meeting (in November), and I'll take half of what you have.

Jake: Thank you!

Georgene: Lisa, did you get my email about the two fliers?

Lisa: I did.

Sue: Lisa, do you have all the old workshops that were done? I have a bunch going back to 2005, 2007.

Lisa: Yeah, let's link up and talk about that.

Georgene: I don't have fliers, but 3 Legacies Group is having an open speaker Oct 30th, zoom.  
Spar Wood BC, Betty Ann. I'll send a flier with the minutes.

### **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.

### **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:**

- Keith: GSO is not selfsupporting, they've relied on literature sales to make the budget. Books sales are down. Groups have stepped up. Remember November is a thing, visit AA.org. You can send a personal or group's Remember November to the District Treasurer, and we'll send it to GSO directly. Remember November is a dollar for every year of sobriety you have.

**Meeting Closed at: \_\_9:38\_\_ p.m. , \_\_\_\_\_ seconds.**

**The next District Meeting is Thursday November 3rd, 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)**