

Monthly Meeting Minutes District 11 December 1st, 2022

Location: Hybrid via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:02 pm

Attendance: __36:__13:zoom__23:in-person__

Committee members: __18__

Groups represented: __17__

Guests: __5__

Read Twelve Traditions: __Karen__

Read Concept of the Month: __Rick F__

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: __1, Sam Alt GSR__

New attendees present: __5__

Anniversaries: __Glenn 22 years!!__Sue 33 years!!__Michelle 10 years!! __Lauren 60 days!!!__

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DCM Report: Isidro B. - DCM

Friends,

I hope everyone had a great November and a Happy Thanksgiving!

On November 17th, I attended the Legacy of Service: Concepts Study. We had a great meeting with great discussion about Concept Nine. Our next meeting will be December 15th at 7:30 pm via Zoom. We only read a few pages, so we will continue reading "Concept Nine". You won't want to miss this one!

Following the Legacy of Service: Concepts Study, we had our District 11 Planning Meeting for the Winter Assembly. It was a quick meeting, and I think we are all set. The event is right around the corner (December 10th), so spread the word like butter!

November 18th – 20th, I attended McHenry Soberfest. What a great weekend! I especially enjoyed attending the Three Legacies Workshop hosted by District 11. The workshop committee did an awesome job and the room was packed!!!

Below is a list of some upcoming service events:

- **12/06/2022: NIA 20 Monthly Meeting for District Secretaries/Registrars**
 - 7pm via Zoom
 - Meeting ID: 883 1545 6870 / Passcode: secretary
- **12/08/2022: NIA 20 Grapevine Monthly Workshop**
 - 7pm via Zoom
 - Meeting ID: 838 5328 2292 / Passcode: grapevine
- **12/10/2022: NIA 20 Winter Assembly Hosted by District 11 (Hybrid)**
 - In Person: The Church of Holy Apostles, 5211 Bull Valley Rd, McHenry, IL 60050
 - Virtual: Zoom information to follow
 - Doors open @ 8am, meeting at 9am
- **12/15/2022: Legacy of Service: Concepts Study (Winter Assembly Planning Meeting to follow)**

- 7:30pm via Zoom
- Meeting ID: 970 0499 1067 / Passcode: 639187
- 01/03/2023: NIA 20 Monthly Meeting for District Secretaries/Registrars
 - 7pm via Zoom
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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.

Keith: Do you have to register in advance, you need the secret codes?
Sid: Yes. It's a secret.

Alt DCM Report: OPEN- Alt. DCM

- NA

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

- Motion to accept November Minutes.

****Motion to accept the minutes as sent, ___Glen___, 2nd _Karen_____. Passed.**

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: \$5,802.61
- Income from Individual Groups: \$1,060.60
- Expenses incurred: \$514.33*

1. As I write this, the budget process has languished, but I hope I will have sent you a better budget proposal by the time we are meeting.
2. Depending upon what it looks like by Thursday, it seems like we should be discussing sending some money on.
3. Included in the expense is \$150 for the Old-Timer's Brunch which has never been a budget item as it actually more than pays for itself. We have always just footnoted it.
4. Any Questions?

Steve: I couldn't open the budget attachment.

Clint: yeah we should have sent it as PDF.

Georgene: I also needed to print it out.

****Motion to Accept Report: ___Georgene___, 2nd- ___Clint_____. Passes.**

Keith:

- This month all but one Tradition 7 contribution arrived with enough information to properly credit your groups. Thank you.

- Your receipt/Thank You letter is sent to your treasurer with a pre-printed remittance envelope. I've brought a few with me, if you need one to take back to your meeting. The District 11 website has a contribution form available to download and print. Please fill out the envelope or the contribution form as best you can with your next contribution.
- A lot of your treasurers use bank checks. Please put some identification on that check so we can identify the group.

~Pass the Basket~

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- NA

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

- 38 total calls were received.
- 30 calls were forwarded. Thank you to all that responded!
- 8 calls were not forwarded.
- Most were asking for meetings, a few no reason for calling, an auto telemarketer, a couple hang ups,
- Thank you again to our stand-by/go-to volunteers!

Archives Report: Rich H. - Chair

- David C. did his second recent Archives Interview, that was with Tracy D. He told me who his next interview will be.
- Flyers for Old Timers Brunch are now available, thank you Kelly B. The date is February 19, 2023, at the Wauconda American Legion. Speakers are Carol H. and David C. I received a check from Treasurer Clint as reimbursement for a check I wrote to American Legion Hall. Rent paid in full.
- I had a portion of our District 11 Archives Display set up at Soberfest the whole weekend. I was in the room at times during the weekend. It appears we share those duties with Soberfest and Al Anon. The room is closed during speakers and at night. I will ask for some volunteers next year. One of our binders has pictures of old and new District 11 meeting places. If your group wants to send current 8 1/2" x 11" pictures of your meeting places, I will add them to this binder.
- There are also a couple pictures of older and/or deceased members in there. I'm not really sure how I feel about that, but I am going to leave as is.
- I donated many Grapevines to our Archives, to fill in some gaps and to start bringing the collection current.
- I donated 2 – 3" 3 ring binders I had that I don't see a use for, to replace damaged 3 ring binders.
- I purchased:
 - 1 – 1" 3 ring binder to replace a damaged one
 - 1 – package of 50 sheet protectors (that I have already used most of)
 - 4 – 20 Gallon totes that are better suited in size and shape to hold 3 ring binders.

- That is a total of \$67.29 of my \$100.00 2022 budget. I will give those receipts to our Treasurer tonight.
- I have asked for a \$200.00 budget increase, because \$100.00 goes fast, and some of our displays are in need of repair or upgrade. 2023 Archives Budget would then be \$300.00 if accepted.

Keith: and kinko's be used to digitize it and that comes from your budget?

Richie: I'm in conversations with Harry. We're working it out for what's best for the group.

Sue: If Dave's doing the recordings, are those going to be put somewhere? Our website.

Richie: I don't know. Haven't gotten that far yet. This started a while ago, and I have mini cassette drives. Now we have thumb drives.

Richie: There's anonymity here.

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

- Hello everyone, for the past month it has been more of the same working with attorneys in the city of Woodstock as well as reaching out to individuals who could possibly help our committee out. Looking forward to more chances to be of service and to expand our number to better carry the message of recovery!

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

- Busy month. Went to the National Corrections conference in Schaumburg.
- Spoke with area 20 alt corrections Chair.
- George and Phil, 2 cases of BigBooks. So I'll have 3 total cases of big books to bring/replenish the jails.
- Conference was good. There were judges and others there; I met with many folks.
- 5 volunteers showed up for the Thanksgiving meeting!
- 1 new guy has his badge. 1 more is getting it soon.
- "No Bail" for Jan 1? So inmate numbers will be down.
- We'll know more at February's meeting.
- Basically two meetings per week.
- I brought in "Mail Call" from GSO, but it's essentially a Pen-Pal for an inmate
- email corrections@aa.org for more information.
- 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....

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

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

Carol: We just had some women that were approved to go in. they're contacting a lieutenant.

Steve: lieutenant is handling the badges and things. Sergeant Nelson helps out too.

Carol: We are still looking for women volunteers.

Michelle: nothing new to report. Always looking for new volunteers. Slots are filled and one extra floater. Like we've been all year. But looking for female volunteers to help out, and get you in rotation.

Steve: We may have had enough volunteers usually, but some stuff always comes up. And we hope you keep your commitment.

Carol: The women inmates are starving for books. They're not in the PODS and they're not allowed to go to the library.

Steve: we have locker #10.

GSR Orientation Chair Report: Emily P - Chair

- I won't be able to attend this month's district meeting as I will be attending the Pentatonix Christmas Show with my family having way more fun instead! This is me reminding myself to send you a report although the report will be basically nothing. Good Night!
- 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: Karen W- Chair, OPEN - Alt. Chair

- My name is Karen Watkins, and I am your District 11 Grapevine Chairperson. In the past month I obtained some past chairperson's information (Thank you, Todd), spoke with others interested in carrying the Grapevine message by utilizing posters at a presentation at Soberfest 2022. I attended the Area 20's Monthly Workshop. The next workshop is Thursday, December 8th at 7pm on Zoom. The Meeting ID is: 838 5328 2292/ Passcode is grapevine
- There is valuable information on the www.AAGrapevine.org site for free access to "The Daily Quote", and the AA Grapevine Podcast. In addition to these free resources, one can purchase print or electronic monthly Grapevine subscriptions. There is currently a promotion for gift subscriptions. If you purchase your first gift subscription, there is 5\$ off and the second gift subscription is \$13 off. Grapevine literature is facing a pricing increase in January 2023. The top 10 best sellers for Grapevine Literature are:
- 2022 Carry The Message Project
 - Get your group, district, area or AA friends to join in.
 - Carry the Message, it's easy!
 - To learn more, visit www.aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message
- AA Grapevine's Podcast
 - Special features will enhance each episode. The podcast is available on your favorite podcast platforms.
 - To learn more, visit www.aagrapevine.org/podcast

- Ideas for carrying the Grapevine Literature include:
 - Setting up a survey process to contact the groups in District 11 to see if there is a Grapevine representative and interest in a visit to your group.
 - Offering annual subscriptions to the groups, to share among the group members. The group Grapevine representative would volunteer to have the literature mailed to their home and will bring it in to the group meeting members once they read it.
- You don't have to buy a subscription. You can just get the daily email and there's a podcast!
- Dec 31st due date, if you get and give a subscription, you get some discounts.
- Jan 2023, grapevine literature will go up in price.

Literature: Jake - Chair, OPEN - Alt. Chair

- I want a \$600 budget.
- The first order of business, is the literature committee recommends that the 2023 budget remains as it was in 2022 at \$500.
- I recently made a purchase totaling \$388.01 from AAWS. The receipt is included with my report. We now have enough inventory on hand to make 300 newcomer packets. I brought 30 with me tonight and they are on the back table ready for distribution.
- Included with the order we did get 15 assorted general service pamphlets (25 - 40 of each) and 6 service manuals.
- The service manuals are for sale for \$4, let me know if you are interested in purchasing a copy.
- The initial order included 16 assorted pamphlets plus a literature display rack for the district, however these items are on backorder. They are due back in stock shortly, as of last Saturday this was not the case. There are some pamphlets on the back table for anyone interested.
- And finally, last month I reported that AAWS was releasing a jacket-less format of the Big Book to avoid supply chain disruptions. I did not mention that the 12 & 12 will also be undergoing the same update. The books will look exactly as they do now with the image from the dust jacket printed directly on the book cover.
- AAWS released a formal announcement on October 15th to notify the fellowship and I have included the letter with this report. I mention this because as the books start to come into circulation, as informed members of AA, we will be able to explain based on facts directly from AAWS what has brought on this change. With hopes of generating some curiosity and excitement throughout the fellowship concerning our literature and ultimately getting the groups and its individual members more involved.

LCM Report: Sue C.

- More direct coordination between committee members and who's tackling which facilities, to minimize overlap.
- The LCM, PI and PI commuters have been working together to get working on getting our projects together to start reaching out to the community and fellow AA members
- I spoke with Todd this evening and CPC will also be joining with us
- This project was started in 2020 but was put in the back burner due to COVID

- This project reached out to all the police stations. Clergy and other professionals who we believe could be helped by receiving AA information
- We did that by sending emails and making phone calls
- I will now be going to the clubs and find out when their monthly club meetings are to help us update GSR information and get groups to form where meetings have no GSRs and informing them of information on district matters
- This will also be great in getting volunteers to help in the project
- Instead of committee members running from town to town we will be given areas and help each other out in those areas to cover ground more quickly
- We will be meeting as a group on December 17
- And are hoping at that point to get our projects moving

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

Courtney:

- No report. N/A

Georgene:

- No Report.

Schedule Maker: Nataé S. - Chair

- Ordered 2,000 new district schedules, but don't have them in hand yet. I should have them by the time of the Area Assembly on December 10th so you can pick some up then.
- Working on a design for the new foldable open meeting schedule, so please use the one we already have in the meantime.
- They will be sent out with the minutes.

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

- We will be meeting with NIR next week to discuss their needs for BTG. We currently have two volunteers for service and they will be placed as soon as we can discern when and where they are needed. Meanwhile, we have continued to announce the need for volunteers in meetings.
- At the November business meeting for the Wednesday night, Clean Air group at the MAC, we discussed the need for volunteers. Once I receive more information, I will be able to request volunteers for definitive dates and times.
- Both myself and Monica have a tentative date of 12/17/22 to meet with the LCM and two other committees to collaboratively work on outreach in the area.

Lisa: What are the qualifications for people that want to volunteer?

Maureen: GSO says 1 year of sobriety, and I'll email you the rest.

Monica: Nothing to add.

Webmaster: Harry - Chair, Kate - Alt. Chair

- Webmaster Report: All is well. Nothing to report.
- Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

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

- We had a wonderful turn out for our Three Legacies Workshop a couple weekends ago at Soberfest. Thanks to everyone who participated: Jake, Georgene, Harry, Richie, Kelly, Sid, and Matthew.
- We've had positive reviews and been asked to repeat the workshop this Spring. Once a location and date are selected we will spread the word.

GSR Reports:

Todd: Huntley 1pm meeting M-F is having a holiday luncheon. Dec 16th Friday. 11am. Church at the square.

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.
- Alt Grapevine Chair , nominations? none.
- 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.

Looking into the Primary Purpose Basic.

Chris: Do we have any information on what budgets were for prior to 2020?

Carol: I have it.

Sid: I'm happy to help you get to it as well.

Jake: Item B12. Are we budgeting for 36 people?

Sid: We look back at previous years, and we agreed on a good number to use that's representative of folks that show up and ask for reimbursement.

Sid: if we ever go over these numbers, the area will support it. GSR's, please bring this to your groups and come to vote at the area assembly.

New Business:

- Proposed 2023 budget. We'll discuss it here and vote at the next meeting. Take a look at the budget, and check with your groups. Let
Carol: Has this been discussed with all committee members of d11?
Clint: Yes.
Sue: There was a project regarding a computer budget.
Sid: Yes.
Clint: and Harry says that it's adequate.
Carol: Does anyone have the Old Mac laptop?
Sid: Yes, but we've located it.
Carol: I'm providing the Office subscription for that.
Sid: Ok.

- How and Why group. New Motion.
Rick F: Reads Motion.

Rick: We're bringing it to D11 to get your opinion on this. That the groups of D11 weigh in. discuss with your groups. If the groups collectively want to carry it on, then we can move it up the chain to the Area. and Eventually get it as an agenda item.

My goal is not to be divisive.

What is an outside issue?

The GSC Final Report is now public record. Any Corporation could say, that hey, looks, even AA is on board with this change.

Lisa: So we want to switch back to "men and woman"

Rick: But the record is to rescind it.

Sue: This is the method of which things are brought to the GSC.

Keith: Chris is our Delegate. He went to everything. Was this figured out? What was the outcome?

In the final report of the 72nd conference. What was the outcome?

Sid/Rick: It was Take No Action.

Chris: They said they didn't have enough time yet to determine the impact on the fellowship.

Joe: It was decided to take no action, why do we have a motion to rescind it?

Sid: 71st conference made the change. 72nd talked about concern about the impact of the change, but too soon. So Rick is stating their opinion to bring it up the service structure.

It would ultimately be presented to our delegate, and put into the agenda for the 74th conference. Or if it can be brought up by the area and brought to the 73rd conference.

Sue: grapevine owns the preamble.

Carol: this could become a floor action at the 73rd conference.

Clint: I think there's some history to support this . The Washingtonians, very focused on 1 alcoholic relating to another one. But they got involved in outside issues. This was 50 years before AA. and the group went down real fast.

Steve: The change could establish a precedent for further changes.

Mark: At what point are we talking gender neutrality and inclusivity, being considered a controversial issue?

Rick: I look at general society. There's just very strong opinions on both sides. It's not a settled science. There are different definitions of gender. If AA took a stance on Nazi germany, and said it was bad. That would be incorrect. They didn't take a stance, they stayed out of it.

Sid: What was your group's vote?

Rick: 15 in favor , 2 opposed. Minority opinion spoke. And I understand their point.

Rick: Basically, did we break tradition 10?

Richie: John the senior editor, what did he say?

Rick: He was shocked. Your details are correct. But he didn't understand it being a controversial issue.

Sid: gives a service structure run down. Collective conscience of our whole fellowship.

- Literature (Jake) budget increase.

Richie: He's done good work. Doesn't need to increase the budget.

Motion: Vote: 19 , 0 opposed.

Open Mic:

- Matt S - Men's step study 7:30pm friday. Open AA/Alanon speaker meeting, 5th friday. TBD speakers. This will be in March 2023!
- Richie - how do we get things on the website? Send to Harry webmaster@aa-nia-dist11.org
- Maureen - requesting contact info.
- Sid - I'm chairing an open meeting, Friday night, 2nd friday - dan P, 5th rich will. First united methodist church, Woodstock. 10pm. Candlelight.
- Lisa - I'm speaking at stillwater, new years eve.

Meeting Closed at: __9:00__ p.m. , _____ seconds.

The next District Meeting is Thursday January 5th, 2023 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)