

## Monthly Meeting Minutes District 11 February 2nd, 2023

Location: Hybrid via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Attendance: \_36, 23 in person\_\_

Committee members: \_16\_\_

Groups represented: \_17\_\_

Guests: \_2\_\_

Read Twelve Traditions: \_\_Joe L\_\_

Read Concept of the Month: \_\_Blue\_\_

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: \_Bobby, Joe L, Jeff, Rob, Blue\_\_

New attendees present: \_\_Jody, Joe L\_\_

Anniversaries: \_\_Kevin: 13 years! ; Karen W: 10 years! ; Jeff: 1 year! ; Randy: 35 years! \_\_

### OFFICERS' REPORTS

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

I hope everyone had a great January!

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, I attended the first half of the Winter Committee Meeting. I was unable to attend the entire event due to a prior commitment. Heard reports from our officers and was one of the panelists for the Service Orientation Workshop. I really enjoyed hearing the other panelists, and gained a lot of great insight/experience regarding GSR, DCM, and Area service. I have attached to my report the officer reports that were sent out and the below motions that will be brought to the Spring Assembly on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

The following items will be voted on at the Spring Assembly.

- Panel 62 Past Delegate makes a motion to have our Area 20 Treasurer write up to 13 checks or PayPal reimbursements. One to each Area of the East Central Region that sent checks or PayPal payments, in the amount received from these Areas that they sent to help cover the loss of the \$3,000.00 East Central Regional Conference Seed Money incurred by Area 20.
- A motion was made to increase the Area mileage reimbursement from \$0.40 to \$0.50.
  - The last time we raised the mileage reimbursement was at the 2011 summer assembly (\$0.28 to \$0.40).

Attached are reports/supporting documentation from the area committee meeting.

- Delegate Report\_2023 Winter Cmte Mtg
- Treasurer's Report\_2023 Winter Cmte Mtg
- NIA-Contributions-17JA2023
- 2023 PPR-19JA2023
- Profit and Loss-18JA2023
- Balance Sheet-18JA2023
- Alternate Chair Report\_2023 Winter Cmte Mtg
- Illinois State Conference Motion #1

I attended the Legacy of Service: Concepts Study. We had a great meeting, with great discussion about Concept Ten. There was some really good discussion and we did not finish the chapter. Our next meeting will be February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

I mentioned last month that District 11 has agreed to host the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop on April 1<sup>st</sup>. After contacting multiple potential locations, I was able to secure Woodstock High School for the event. I am excited that we'll be hosting another area event. If you are interested in helping at this event, please let me know.

Below is a list of some upcoming service events:

- 02/07/2023: NIA 20 Monthly Meeting for District Secretaries/Registrars
  - 7pm via Zoom

- Meeting ID: 883 1545 6870 / Passcode: secretary
- 02/16/2023: Legacy of Service: Concepts Study (Winter Assembly Planning Meeting to follow)
  - 7:30pm via Zoom
  - Meeting ID: 970 0499 1067 / Passcode: 639187
- 03/10-03/12/2023: Northern Illinois Area 20 ~ 2023 Spring Conference
  - Hyatt Regency, 1800 East Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173
- 03/11/2023: NIA 20 Spring Assembly (Hybrid)
  - In Person: Hyatt Regency, 1800 East Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173
  - Virtual (via Zoom): To come
  - Doors open @ 8am, assembly starts at 9am

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**

- Adjusted out printer subscriptions to match current consumption of ink and paper. It's now a \$12/mo plan for 300 pages.
- Motion to accept November Minutes.

**\*\*Motion to accept the minutes as sent, \_\_Ryan\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_. Passed.**

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: \$4,565.73.
  - Income from Individual Groups: \$1,359.79.
  - Expenses incurred: \$2,093.20
1. It seems like we should be discussing sending some money on. Thus far the budgeting process has revealed large expenses are anticipated. We have paid for Zoom and the PO Box which are one-time charges per year. I suggest we send \$4000. That would leave us with \$500+ over and above our Prudent Reserve.
  2. Any Questions?

**\*\*Motion to Accept Report: \_\_Sue\_\_, 2nd- \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Clint: Tightening up our debit card distribution.**

**Sue: Sending the money is a separate discussion right?**

**Yes.**

**Keith:**

- Once again all Tradition 7 contributions came in with enough information to properly credit your groups. Only one meeting name was missing, but the treasurer had his phone number included so the mystery was solved quickly.

- Please use the pre-printed envelope and fill in the blanks as best you can. If you don't have the envelope, a PDF contribution form is available for download on the district website. If your treasurer uses a bank checks, please include the group name and number in the memo space.
- We got a lot of contributions last month. I could not send out thank you notes and receipts. I got a new old computer. All of those receipts got resolved. Geek Squad came through.

~Pass the Basket~

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- NA

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

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

Keith: we had heard other districts were using a different method for answering service, as far less than \$300 a month, do you have any alternatives?

Mike: I have looked into it, but have not executed it. This isn't broken, no need to fix it, and it's not bending our pockets.

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

- Old Timers Brunch is Sunday, February 19, 2023 at the Wauconda American Legion Hall. Doors open at 9:00 am, brunch from 9:30 – 11:00 am. Speakers at 11:00 am. Speakers are Carol H. and David C. \$6.00 Contribution at the door. I have been communicating with Old Timers Brunch Volunteers, and with the American Legion to verify our date. Clarence and I will be doing individual shopping leading up to the event
- I have been talking to a friend that has been doing Archival work for some time now. He has been really helpful. Looking forward to learning more and putting into practical application.

Rich: I acknowledge I said something last meeting, that wasn't right and I'd like to make it right.

Rich: also something about putting tape on stuff. Don't do that!

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

- Good job officers, and thank you Rich.
- Last month the committee and I finished visiting attorneys and lawyers in the city of Woodstock and made our first visits to the city of McHenry. We had warm welcomes and interested parties and hope to continue to provide our district's professionals with a full awareness of our fellowship and what we offer. A literature order was placed and 1 out of the 3 pamphlets were on backorder, so as far as reimbursement I will wait until all items have been received. I have worked with our Webmaster Harry and have 50 business cards in the works very similar to the district's business cards with hopes that as I exit this position the business can still have contact with District 11.

Steve: You put your email address? No.

Ryan: CPC district email.

Sue: Are you keeping track of what offices you are getting? We have a major list that we sent out to different lawyers 2 years ago.

Ryan: Yes, I saw the master list of phone numbers and things. But a lot of what the old CPC chair had is in Algonquin and I live in Woodstock, so I'm starting here.

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

- 5-6 male volunteers are in the process of getting a jail badge.
- 1 new female volunteer has gotten their badge.
- I made a flier, it's awesome, please post at your home groups, regularly-attended meetings, etc.
- [See attached]
- 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.**

Karen: Can you take issues of Grapevine into the jail?

Michelle: We have started this conversation, but there's some issues, and no action has been taken.

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

- Really cool display in the back!
- Lots of new grapevine literature
- I ordered some nice new books before the price went up.
- I use my Mother Voice and/or Nurse Voice to figure out what's going on with grapevine.com

Keith: staple removing parties, to take them out for jail meetings. It's possible that grapevine is still making grapevines without staples.

Sue: Piggybacking. We used to have staple removal parties and sew them back together.

Karen: I want to put a collection basket to collect OLD issues of grapevines at clubs or meeting halls.

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

How do we get a hold of you?!

Here's my information!

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

- It brings me great joy to announce our district's general service literature display is finally complete! In the display you will find pamphlets with information on the legacies of unity and service along with information on specific opportunities to serve in the AA general service structure and give back to this program that has given us all so much!
- We also have AA Service Manuals for purchase and newcomer packets available to bring back to your groups.
- You can also check out the jacketless printing of our BB and 12 and 12. Which are available for purchase from the online store.
- My experience with the ordering process particularly backordered items I think will be helpful to anyone looking to purchase literature from the online store.
- The initial order was placed back in November. I found the site easy to navigate and to place an order. The order was received with email confirmations and delivery status updates, which was helpful.
- I waited for 2 items to be restocked.
  - One being the AA Group pamphlet. In this packet you find information on what is an AA group, how an AA group functions and most importantly how AA groups are vital to preserving unity throughout the fellowship to ensure that our organization will be available to the still suffering alcoholic that has not yet found his or her way into our program. We now have this pamphlet available to anyone interested in learning about an AA group.
  - The other backordered item was the literature display rack. I waited patiently for the display rack to be restocked. However, once all the literature I ordered was received my patience wore thin and for this alcoholic that means trouble. So I did what I have been taught to do whenever I am bothered. Which is to take action.
- This led me to reach out to AAWS via email. I contacted our member services department through the website and received a response immediately stating the item is still on backorder, there is no specific date when it will be restocked and they will ship it as soon as it is restocked.
- 4 hrs later I received another email confirming the item has been shipped!
- I am not exactly sure when AAWS had the item available. It could've been that day or possibly weeks earlier. That is not important. What is important is that if you are waiting on a specific piece of literature, let AAWS know about it and hopefully the issue will be resolved quickly!
- We all need as much help as we can get and AAWS is no different than any other organization with lots of moving parts. Everyone of us plays an important role to ensure that our organization/fellowship operates at its highest potential in carrying out our primary purpose!
- The End
- Questions or comments?
- Thank you for the opportunity to serve

**LCM Report: Sue C.**

- I spoke with GSO, LCM PI, Treatment literature.
- They are reprinting everything, so every pamphlet has to be changed.

- So those 1200 pieces of literature will be going to treatment centers.
- Total cost is 90 cents. [wrong]
- GSO would like us to use the special code when ordering. That code states that it's going to District for District services.
- Sue's Report:
- I spoke with GSO and we were able to order pamphlets and books for the LCM PI and Treatment committees we ordered over 1,200 pieces of literature to go to Woodstock treatment in Doty Rd Treatment Dpecialty court and to take to meetings and Clubs to try to encourage service at the District level the cost was \$1,137.90
- I found out through my contact with GSO there is a stream lined method for our district. I will be giving a report to our DCM and Treasury on it as as we will now have this code in order to be able to order
- I have been getting events and different district information out to all the clubs and meetings also
- Trying to encourage more involvement in our district and in District committees

Glenn: bode road,. We have three meetings, th, fr, sun, at the behavior unit. Upstairs.

Maureen is going to get it. 2 cases of bb and pamphlets to jody, maureen.

Maureen: We just received the books a few days ago. Bringing a case of books to the inpatient unit. I dropped off 30 beginner packets.

Glen: Is there anything going up the 3rd floor?

Maureen: I dropped off the beginner packets. And then I'll do the bb case soon, when I get the books.

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

Courtney:

- No report. N/A

Georgene:

- No report. I sent something to Courtney. I had phone numbers, addresses of high schools. Sue checked on the CD's for the newspaper advertisements. MCC
- More updates next month.
- I dropped off to Courtney the lists of addresses and phone numbers for PI to reach out to schools.
- Also the CD's are on b/o for radio and newspaper messages. As soon as they become available we will get them to MCC to run.

**Schedule Maker: Nataé S. - Chair**

- The schedules are on the back of the room.
- Not here tonight.
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- Email changes [schedules@aa-nia-dist11.org](mailto:schedules@aa-nia-dist11.org)

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

- Emails were sent to counseling centers in the area to introduce bridge the gap. One response was received. They were interested in meeting in person. I emailed the interested party the same the day and asked her what days worked for her. No response.
- I dropped off beginner packets at Northwestern inpatient unit. I will also be dropping off a case of books this weekend to same.
- The cochair for TS had to step due to other obligations.

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

- Nothing major to report outside of the typical page and meeting changes etc.
- Just made a change for Sue.
- Thinking about something I'll bring up soon, elimination of the webmaster position, but a technology committee to handle some of the new things we're getting used to, especially with hosting events.
- I'll see you online tonight.

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

- Hi there from sunny South Florida!
- The Workshop committee will be presenting the Three Legacies PP at the spring conference March 11 from 2-4pm. If you missed us at Soberfest you are still in luck. Come visit us in Schaumburg this March!

**GSR Reports:**

No reports.

**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 Treatment Settings? None.
- Alt Webmaster, nominations? None.
- Alt Workshop Chair, nominations? None.

**New Business:**

Sending seed money to GSB. \$4000. Motion. Split 50/50 to GSB and Area.

Rich: 2nds.

Discussion

Sue: I gave Clint a bill for ~\$1000 that needs to be paid, \$4000 will put us negative.

Sue: would suggest \$2000

Michelle: I'm confused, Sue's role as LCM, who is she ordering literature for? Or is she helping another committee?

Sue: I deal with each meeting club, but helping with PI and Treatment committee, but helping them get started. Nothing's been going for years. So we're trying to start some projects. Along with CPC. to help spread out the load.

>\$500 order == free shipping. So that's helpful.

Sid: Are you asking that Sid modify his motion to \$2000 friendly amendment?

Sue: Yes.

Clint: Yes. \$2000 is a good modification.

Brian Seconds.

50/50 GSB and Area.

Keith: change from 50/50 to 60/40. As we found out, that area has a hard time spending money. And then the area sends money to GSB and they're under. So the focus is to help GSB.

Sue seconds.

CLint Accepts the amendment .

Chris V: the district does not have its own technology, and we're looking to be self-supporting.

Clint: it is in the budget for \$300 ish. But we would be okay.

Angie: What is the suggested contribution distribution?

60, 30, 10.

Jake: As district literature chair, the power we have is in the purse. There's lots of changes. The conference doesn't even talk about that. Our group doesn't contribute to GSB, because we believe that the original writings should not be changed.

So we withhold contributions because we're not in favor of these changes.

These are our founders original writings, and we should keep it that way.

Clint: We went through the process of Rick's motion. So by default we're leaving it alone. But if we send money, because of that opposition, we'd be going in opposite directions.

Harry: We should spend the money wisely within our own district.

Steve: I started coming back to district meetings. "Spend the money in our district." "Spend the money in our area". But that's not the real tradition. It's okay to send money to New York. Send the money forward.

Carol H: I applaud the remnant group for making a decision , and practicing the power of purse. But the district has not made that decision. We're looking at forwarding money, which we haven't done for a while, we're still supporting district activities.

We never made that decision to withhold money. Unless someone puts another motion.

Whether or not we support GSB? Probably could discuss that for a year.

What did we plan on doing?

Sid: GSR has a right to share their group's opinion. They're voicing it. If the rest of the district feels different, then we vote differently.



Harry: I never heard Jake bring the previous motion. He brought up the opinion of the group. Maybe he should have shared his opinion in the minority opinion. But he does have the right to share.

Clint: Call to question.

**Send \$2000 60/40 GSB/AREA split**

**For: 15 + 7 online. 22 total**

**Opposed 4 + 1 online. 5**

**Minority opinion, None.**

**Motion carries.**

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March 11th, spring area assembly.

**Bring this to your groups:**

- **Motion for Illinois state conference. To cover the loss of the East Central Regional Conference. This is between Area 20 and East Central Region.**
- **There's a motion to increase the NIA area budget for travel expenses from 40 cents to 50 cents per mile reimbursement.**

This is not for GSRs, this is for Area officers, area committee chairs.

Non-reimbursed. IRS 58 cents business, 18 cents a mile for volunteer work.

As an area we are reimbursing them. If you get reimbursed, you can't claim it on your taxes.

But if you don't get reimbursed, you could claim it on your taxes for 18 cents/mile

Chris V.: 50 cents per mile is TOO MUCH. considering you get 30 miles per gallon so we're paying for more than just gas.

### **Open Mic:**

- **Rich: chairing the aa portion of the alanon state conference oct 6-8th.**
- **Panels and speakers. I have 14 volunteers.**
- **That Saturday is on the area committee so they wouldn't be there.**
- **But I could ask district 11 or other districts for vonuteers who wouldn't be at Area.**
- **Schaumburg hyatt regency.**

**Georgene: Hinckley big book pork chop dinner. Saturday February 4th. First united methodist church. JASON J. Oregon, 4pm 4:30pm, kickoff 6 pm.**

**Steve: Jason from Oregon is a riot!**

**Meeting Closed at: \_\_8:42\_\_ p.m. , \_\_\_\_\_ seconds.**

**The next District Meeting is Thursday March 2nd, 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)**