

Monthly Meeting Minutes District 11 May 5th, 2023

Location: Hybrid via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Attendance: _31, 24 in person__

Committee members: _17__

Groups represented: _14__

Guests: _3__

Read Twelve Traditions: _Chris V__

Read Concept of the Month: _Frank E__

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: _Frank, Sat First Things First , 8am Mchenry Alano__

New attendees present: _Nancy, Angie__

Anniversaries: _Dan Pieplow - 6 years!!!! Richie - 35 years!!!!_ Chris R - 33 years!!!__

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DCM Report: Isidro B. - DCM

Friends,

I hope everyone had a great April! It hasn't been a very active month, so I do not have much to report. I would like to utilize this time to talk about the open positions we have in District 11.

Before I talk about the open positions, I would like to say thank you to all the current officers, committee chairs, alternates, their committees, and to the GSRs for your service over the past 16 months. Even though our district currently has many open positions, the trusted servants in those positions are very active. This isn't always the case, so I am very grateful to be serving alongside everyone.

Even though we are keeping busy, with these positions remaining open, there are still missed opportunities where we can aid the groups of our district in...

- Carrying the message to alcoholics who have not yet found our recovery program. In our case, through means of accessibility and treatment facilities.
- Electing the most qualified individuals for the job. In the spirit of Concept 9, without many of the alternate positions being filled, how do we foster individuals to be the most qualified to assume the roles of committee chairs? Also, without alternates, there will be lost experience from the outgoing service position holder to the incoming person.
- Remembering the spirit of rotation. To step out of a position you love can be hard, especially when it appears the position will be left unfilled. It can be a real step forward in growth — a step into the humility that is, for some people, the spiritual essence of anonymity. By bringing in new trusted servants, and maintaining the spirit of rotation, we will stay protected from these calamities and of too much power and prestige within our district.

Reading of "Why Do We Need a Conference" pg. 40 The A.A. Service Manual (2021-2023 Edition)

GSRs, officers, committee chairs, and alternates, please share these open positions with your groups and fellow A.A.'s in our district. Most importantly, share how service has helped in your quest for permanent sobriety, and in the spirit of servitude, aid in reach those future members of Alcoholics Anonymous who desperately need us.

Below is a list of some upcoming service events:

05/18/2023: Legacy of Service: Concepts Study

- 7:30pm via Zoom
- Meeting ID: 970 0499 1067 / Passcode: 639187

05/20/2023: NIA 20 Spring 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

06/17/2023: NIA 20 Summer 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

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.

Lisa: Do we help with those things? The assemblies and committee meetings?

Sid: The committee meeting, i'll be attending. We're not "doing" anything there. We've been busy.

Natae: open positions. Is any one standing for treatment settings?

Sid: We'll bring it up in old business.

Jake: Do you know if Chris will be giving a report at the summer assembly? Nothing at the committee meeting?

Sid: Probably a brief report at the committee meeting, but definitely at the assembly. Chris will be coming to our committee June 1st to give his report to us.

Jeff: What are the requirements to be on district?

Sid: There's a job description sent out with the agenda. Sober requirement is 2 years for the main chair. Alternate may be different.

Alt DCM Report: OPEN- Alt. DCM

- NA

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

- Please fill out the Attendance sheet going around.
- Motion to accept April Minutes.

****Motion to accept the minutes as sent,_____, 2nd ___Brendon____. 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: \$6,070.42
- Income from Individual Groups: \$1,381.96
- Expenses incurred: \$446.18

1. Nothing extraordinary to report.
2. Any Questions?

Frank: How often do we send money to the area?

Clint: It usually comes to a vote.

****Motion to Accept Report: __Georgene__, 2nd-__Mark __**

Keith:

- Once again all Tradition 7 contributions came in with enough information to properly credit your groups.
- As a district, we don't have a money problem, but we have a spending problem. Lots of 100% budgets available.
- 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 bank checks, please include the group name and number in the memo space.
- If your group is passing the pink can for donations to purchase AA literature for area jails and prisons ~ please make sure your treasurer has the new postal address to send your contributions: Northern Illinois Treasurer-Pink Can; PO Box 808, Streamwood, IL 60107-2971

Lisa: What's the pink can for?

Keith: It's for the area to purchase literature for Jails and Prisons.

~Pass the Basket~

**** 7th tradition contributions can be made to Clint Kenner via PayPal at**

clintkenner@yahoo.com **

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- NA

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

- 27 total calls were received.
- 22 calls were forwarded. Thank you to all that responded!
- 5 calls were not forwarded.
- Most were asking for meetings, a few for friends, a telemarketer,
- Thank you again to our stand-by/go-to volunteers!
- I can provide times and days,
- If you're not getting phone calls during those times, then we can reach out to the service and see what the issue is.

Calls unanswered:

6:28p sunday

6:21p monday

Tuesday 2:02p

Tuesday 11:51am

Thursday 10:18pm

Archives Report: Rich H. - Chair

- I talked with the McHenry Moose lodge today. The Old Timers Brunch is on their schedule for February 18, 2024. I could sign the contract tomorrow, but nobody has seen their kitchen yet. I will be there tomorrow at 1:00pm. Rent is \$200.00, Kitchen usage fee is \$150.00 and the capacity is 300. The rent at the Wauconda American Legion was \$150.00, including the kitchen, with a capacity of about 200. Based on past conversation with them we may end up making a donation to the Women of the Moose because they typically make money cooking in the kitchen for events. They do allow 50/50 raffles as they do them also.
- I will not be bringing the District 11 Archives to Soberfest this year as I will be attending the East Central Regional Forum in Independence, Ohio that weekend.

Georgene: Does someone have to be a member of the Moose?

Chris said you have to be a member.

Richie: What are you doing tomorrow?

Chris R: working.

Clint: What's the zelle for?

Richie: It's our group contribution.

Frank: What's the seating capacity at Wauconda.

Richie: ~300.

Brendon: greenwood near mchenry alano club.

Discotech?

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

- Hello everyone, happy star wars day! I'm pleased to report the month of April was a success. My committee and I were able to make some visits to lawyers and attorneys in Crystal lake and found one of the offices employing a secretary who is also a member of our fellowship. I have traded Emails with a long time Al-Anon member and gathered a couple pamphlets from their program to see if they might have a better source of material for the non alcoholic, the AA pamphlet "Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life" is currently what is in use but we are always open to better alternatives. Looking forward to making journeys throughout our district carrying the message in a more enjoyable climate this month.
- With much gratitude,
- Ryan Endler CPC Chair

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

- No Report, I'm here because I'm supposed to.
- Usually once a year Big Book box donation to Mchenry Jail. and I dip into the Area pink can fund. I have lots of cases.
- Go To Jail Flier!
- It's got a QR code on it, to begin the application process.

Keith: As an area, we contribute to your mission.

Guy with white mustache: it's my group's responsibility to maintain the pink can, and where does it go?

Steve: When you get to a desired amount, you can send the money to the current Area Treasurer.

Steve: Don't send cash through the mail. Send a personal check or money order.

Laura: How long does it take to hear back from the officers after an application?

Steve: It could be a month or two. Pass the test, get your photo, ID etc.

- 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.

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

- We had a grapevine workshop, district 70 , this last saturday.
- Others from area 75 in Wisconsin gave a great presentation on how to get free material, podcast and past issues.
- I'd like to have a Grapevine workshop for our district in the Fall, to explore the new App released in September.
- I can only find 2 grapevine meetings. Does anybody know of any other grapevine meetings in the district?

Sid: there's some that do maybe once a month, like winners and beginners.

Georgene: every 3rd monday.

- Looking to have an area newsletter.
- [discusses current issue]
- I would be happy to bring your groups a subscription for the grapevine.
- kwatkins9484@sbcglobal.net
- 630-209-6181

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"
- Come on down to Emily's GSR Emporium!
- 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.

Literature: Jake - Chair, OPEN - Alt. Chair

- There are plenty of newcomer packets available to bring back to the groups.
- The district literature display is stocked up with information regarding the legacies of unity and service.
- If anyone is looking for information in a particular area of service or there is any other piece of literature they would like to see included in the display please let me know!

- Remember, this is our literature display for use with the intention to generate some excitement, intrigue and awareness to any member looking to get more involved in the AA program.
- We also have AA service manuals for purchase for \$4. Be sure to pick one up today and we'll see you at the next legacy of service concept study on May 18th at 730pm via zoom.
- Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

LCM Report: Sue C.

- I have not gotten Clint the breakdown of the literature that we ordered yet.
- A lot of the meetings on the schedule are not "groups" per se. But i'm encouraging some of them to get the announcements.
- Still in contact with Maureen.
- Rosecrance
- Station 5 in mchenry
- Accessibilities information is important to include in the schedule.
- And Zoom information, and there is also closed captioning available.
- Georgene and I are trying to get "a way out" pamphlet and program through McHenry County and the State's Attorney that helps folks without insurance.
- There's a lot of great new literature being offered. "Sponsoring a person with mental illness." and others. Just pretty cool and an area of need.

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

Courtney:

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Georgene:

- Delivered pamphlets to and schedules to:
 - Wonder Lake Police Department
 - Village Hall in Richmond
- Big books,schedules,pamphlets and AA cards to:
 - McHenry Fire Station #5 on Ringwood Rd
- The guys there were going to distribute to:
 - Dartmoor #4
 - Rand Rd#3
 - Johnsburg #2
 - Elm St #1
- Delivered Big books, pamphlets, and schedules to:
 - Richmond Library
 - Johnsburgs Library
 - McHenry Library
- In love and service
- Georgene/ Alt PI chair
- Got some place to go in Huntley.

Schedule Maker: Nataé S. - Chair

- The schedules have been printed. Looking like every 3 months. Last one was in March, so July is coming up.
- The next print run will be for July so please send an email to schedule@aa-nia-dist11.org if you have any changes to the schedule.
- Should have gotten an invoice for March.
- Email changes schedules@aa-nia-dist11.org

Keith: That invoice was paid. Just came out of the bank account on the 1st.

Hospital & Treatment Setting Report: - Chair, OPEN - Alt Chair

- No report.

Webmaster: Harry - Chair, OPEN - Alt. Chair

- General Maintenance..
- I don't think I've received a new group or change forms in a few months.
- Groups are asking whether they'll be on the meeting guides.

Mike: sure.

- Carol, if you're in the room, I owe you an apology and a phone call. I need help.

Steve: I'll check the website for the jail form.

Brian: Thursday big book night group, somebody got it. They're not on the app.

Send new group or change groups to Area Registrar and Secretary.

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

- Well, it's been an exciting month in the workshop department. I'm delighted to report that a group in Huntley is preparing for a workshop to be held August 12 and there is a men's workshop in the making. I have been visiting different meetings to introduce myself and bring information about upcoming events. I visited a group in Marengo Sunday evening. It was a throwback to the 70's, have been meeting for decades and would really like some visitors once in a while.
- I am excited that some new friends have come for the meeting this evening. I'm hoping that one will consider being the alternate workshop chair. Her name is Nancy.
- Thank you to everybody that has been helpful. Ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

Sid: have you talked to soberfest about doing a panel?

Lisa: no but i'll start talking to them.

GSR Reports:

Rebecca: GSR, flying geese. Annual women's retreat. Last weekend of august. But now we're planning it. So it could be cool and fun!

Mark : GSR Winners and Beginners. Big Anniversary party [flier attached], this Saturday! Burgers, Brats, Dogs and Fried Chicken!

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

Nancy: Stands and qualifies for Alternate Workshop.

Vote: majority passes!

Angie: Stands and qualifies for Treatment Centers.

Vote: majority passes.

New Business:

Richie: I motion that the district 11 treasurer issue reimbursement to be used for lodging and travel for the East central conference, to not exceed \$500.

I make a motion that District 11 Treasurer set aside \$2,500.00 for District Officers and Alternates, and Committee Chairs and Alternates to be used for travel and lodging to the 2023 East Central Regional Forum in Independence, Ohio, November 17 – 19, 2023. With no more than \$500.00 to be reimbursed for each individual.

Regional Forums occur every other year in each Region. Our region consists of 14 Areas in the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio. In attendance you will find many people doing the same service Positions as your own.

Regional Forums are weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services Inc., the A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and The General Service Office Staff stay in touch with AA members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the AA service structure. Attendance at the forum also offers the attendee an opportunity to meet with and to share experience with trusted servants from the other thirteen areas of the East Central Region.

Who you may meet there, General Service Office General Manager, someone from GSO Staff, Grapevine Editor, someone from Grapevine Staff, Chairman of the General Service Board, our Regional Trustee, a General Service Trustee, a Class A Trustee, Someone from the AAWS Board, someone from the Grapevine Board. These people are there do presentations and to talk to you and tell you what they do in these positions. There will also be service related panels during the weekend.

[copy and paste from the actual motion. See attached.]

Georgene, seconds.

Frank: So that could be \$2500 max right? How will that work?

Richie: If more than 5 go then it will be split evenly

Lisa: Is this the same weekend as soberfest?

Richie: Yes.

Open Mic:

- Steve: first week in june, midwest motorcycle in AA convention , june 2nd to june 4th, green lake conference center, in green lake wisconsin. You don't need a bike to go, but it's fun with a bike. There's camping, but limited spots. <https://www.mmaac.org>
- Frank: Friday june 30th, open aa alanon speaker meeting. I'll bring fliers next meeting. Friday 6:30 doors open. 7:30pm meeting starts.
- Chris our area delegate will be here next month. We'll skip committee reports, but if you do need to bring something up, let me know.
- PALYPAA (BID62) is doing some business meeting things, next business meeting is May 20th at 3:30p at the Palatine Club

Meeting Closed at: __8:30_ p.m. , __Ryan____ seconds.

The next District Meeting is Thursday June 1st, 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)