

Monthly Meeting Minutes District 11 June 1st, 2023

Location: Hybrid via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Attendance: __35__, 30 in person__

Committee members: _11__

Groups represented: __18__

Guests: __7__

Read Twelve Traditions: _Frank__

Read Concept of the Month: __Angie__

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: _John Z, Huntley, Chris V, Remnant Group__

New attendees present: _ Sam S, Sarah , Heaven, Mark__

Anniversaries: __nope 🙄__

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DCM Report: Isidro B. - DCM

Friends,

I hope everyone had a great May! It has been a very busy month for me personally with preparing for our 2nd child being born. All I would like to report are some upcoming service events, since tonight will be focused on Chris giving his report on the 73rd General Service Conference.

Below is a list of some upcoming service events:

06/06/2023: NIA 20 Monthly Meeting for Secretaries / Registrars

- 7:00pm via Zoom
- Meeting ID: 883 1545 6870 / Passcode: secretary

06/15/2023: Legacy of Service Concepts Study

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

06/17/2023: NIA 20 Summer Assembly (Hybrid)

- In Person: Lord of Life Church, 40W605 IL Rt 38, Elburn, IL 60119
- Virtual: via Zoom
 - Meeting ID: 816 8671 7585 / Passcode: Freedom
- Doors open @ 8am, meeting at 9am

07/04/2023: NIA 20 Monthly Meeting for Secretaries / Registrars

- 7:00pm 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.

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 May Minutes.

****Motion to accept the minutes as sent, __Brendan__, 2nd __Georgene___. 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: \$5,691.53
- Income from Individual Groups: \$567.40
- Expenses incurred: \$946.29

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

****Motion to Accept Report: __Carol__, 2nd-__Brendan __
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

~Pass the Basket~

**** 7th tradition contributions can be made to Clint Kenner via PayPal at
clintkenner@yahoo.com ****

Delegate Report:

Chris discusses his experience in New York.
Undertones of "board business"
Some disharmony over the resignation of Board chair Linda.
Discussions that insinuate that delegates stay united.
Immediate motion, to suspend the area highlights. First year delegates get to do that.
Discussed the veracity of that motion for an hour.
Agenda committee said okay.
Then it was tabled. Lol. The motion to alter the agenda failed. Wasted 3 hours.

AAWS \$10.5 million dollar contributions
Operating budget \$17.8 million
We had a deficit last year of \$1.5 million

Biggest expense is salaries, as we are a service company.

All contributions go to the GSB, not GSO.

Grapevine App is coming. It will be a digital content provider.
However, they won't be getting rid of the printer version.

Budgeting for a 0.5 million surplus for next year.

They did do the area highlights.

Committee reports come out on Wednesday, and determine discussion order of agenda items.

Trustees committee met all day, Monday Tuesday.

Advisory Action (binding law) vs. Committee Consideration

For Example; 4 agenda items go into committee, only one comes out as an advisory action. And then the conference votes.

[three legacy voting is crazy]
Voted a northwest regional trustee.
Voted in a southwest regional trustee rotated in.
And one in canada.

.Thursday.
I was able to read the plain-and-simple-language Big Book.

The "XXX" items just come up at the conference.
Clean up literature "contributions go to GSB" not GSO.

Quarterly board reporting, quarterly. Financial accountability, transparency. Develop additional ways to communicate financial information going forward and periodically.

Look at all the backlash, of the changes to the 12 n 12.
Should founder's literature be "editable"? start the discussion about this. What is the procedure or protocol to do this?
Bring this back to fellowship, and get feedback.

Delegates should be talking more. Agenda item says delegates meet twice a year.

There was emotional debate, regarding the slate. Some people thought the way the issues were handled, that some folks should not be allowed.
Trustees committee talked to every board member. The slate passed. 107 - 25

First vice chair Mike Lewis, class b trustee. West central region. He'll be the interim chair.

– Literature –
Pamphlet on 3 legacies.
12 traditions illustrated going forward.

Young-people's video. Make content for ypaa.

Plain and simple. GSO is translating the 164 pages. 5th grade reading level or below.
Had 1 hour with the new translation.

Friday night, floor action time. FA3: GSC should censure the GSB. poor communication about how it happened. Discussed for 2 hours. It was DNC'd.

FA5 - in a method to improve communication, ensure board policies are reflective of our principles. GSB to take an inventory.
After a long Robert's Rules debate, it was passed.

To not do the Lord's Prayer at the international main meeting, discuss with other folks.

Ryan: XXX things, anyone can bring things up, did other committees bring up in their own groups/committee?

Frank, what was the reason for resignation of the Board Chair?

The board thought she violated the code of conduct. Acting outside of the committee process and personally punitive towards others and staff.

Frank: What would they want to censure them?

Not everyone agrees that the board made the right choice. And that the board was hasty and too quick to decide.

Carol: she resigned because she was asked to resign. Correct?

Not exactly.

Richie: What is the working group timeline? Or when can they define the questions? Will they get it going?

Yes, the process is starting.

Random participants. Like jury duty.

New applications for chairman

Mike is no longer the interim, he is the Chairman.

Frank; I hear a lot of gremlins, is there talk of changing the big book?

No, no changes will be made to the 164. The 5th edition will have updates to the appendices.

Carol: Is there going to be a planned draw down, From the reserve fund?

There was talk to pay for the conference, but the increase of literature profits should cover the expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- NA

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

- 25 total calls were received.
- 19 calls were forwarded. Thank you to all that responded!
- 6 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!

Missed calls:

Mon 12:48PM

Tues 12:33PM

Thurs 11:28AM

Wed 12:01AM

Thurs 7PM

Sat 8:45AM

Archives Report: Rich H. - Chair

- No report

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

- No report.

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

- No report.
- Go To Jail Flier!
- It's got a QR code on it, to begin the application process.
- 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

- No report.
- 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

- We have newcomer packets available, if anyone is looking to pick some up they're usually on hand at our district meeting or please feel free to reach out to me and we can make arrangements to meet up.
- The district literature display remains open for any suggestions on a particular piece someone may have regarding our legacies of unity and service they would like included in the display.
- Hope everyone had a safe, happy and healthy Memorial Day weekend!
- Thanks for the opportunity to serve!

LCM Report: Sue C.

- No Report.

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

Courtney:

- No report.

Georgene:

- No report.

Schedule Maker: Nataé S. - Chair

- No report.
- 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.
- Email changes schedules@aa-nia-dist11.org

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

- No report.

Webmaster: Harry - Chair, OPEN - Alt. Chair

- No report.

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

- It has been a busy month for the workshop committee. I am extremely grateful for my new alternant chair, Nancy; she is definitely a go-getter!

- The Huntley group is preparing for their first workshop, August 12. I attended the committee meeting along with Nancy this past Tuesday evening. All of the cheer positions have been filled.
- In addition, we are looking to get a sponsorship workshop going for the fall.
- Finally, if anyone has any ideas for a Soberfest workshop, and would like to help, please reach out to Nancy or myself.
- Thank you so much for allowing me to be in service.

GSR Reports:

Kelly, being new in AA, huntley. August 12th workshop. [flier]

Rebecca: GSR, flying geese CLAC. Annual women's retreat. Last weekend of august. But now we're planning it. So it could be cool and fun! 25 26 27th. [flier]

Georgene: 3 Legacies Group, open speaker meeting via zoom, July 30th [flier]

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?**

Dan P stands! Qualifies himself, based on the service manual.

Unanimously accepted as Alternate DCM.

- Alt Secretary, nominations? None.
- Accessibilities chair, nominations? None.
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- Alt answering service chair, nominations? None.
- Alt Grapevine Chair , nominations? None.
- Alt Literature, nominations? None.
- **Alt Treatment Settings?**

Matthew Stands for Alternate Treatment Settings.

Unanimously accepted as Alternate Treatment.

- Alt Webmaster, nominations? None.
- Alt Workshop Chair, nominations?

Rich H. - 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.

Frank: What budget does it come from?
It's a line item.

Jeff: What type of tradition does this follow?

Richie: Group conscience. First tradition, unity. We're autonomous in what we're doing here. Pay the way to perform service work. Right of participation.

Discussion:

My group was interested in allowing GSR's to attend or others. Why only limited to District level officers?

Richie: Groups can send GSRs.

Chris: Any money spent on in-district things is good.

Call to vote: Unanimous. Pass.

New Business:

- Motions being brought to the June 16th Summer Assembly – Use this time to ask questions to allow GSR's to have an informed discussion with their groups.
 - Motion to Amend Archives – Archivist in NIA Service Manual – Cheryl V.
 - Motion to Amend Delegate and Chair in NIA Service Manual – Rob M.
 - Motion to Amend Service Custodian in NIA Service Manual – Cheryl V.
 - Motion to amend the list of the Area Assembly and Area Committee – Chris E.
 - Motion to amend the Voting Procedures for Area Elections
 - Motion to fund AREA participation at the 2023 East Central Regional Forum
 - Motion to fund DISTRICT participation at the 2023 East Central Regional Forum

GSR's, take back to your groups to prepare for the June 17th Summer Assembly.

Open Mic:

- Carol: bi-lingual (co-lingual) Spring Conference. Next year is hosted by 21, 20, and 64, many folks are spanish speaking. Carol is on the planning committee meetings. But they need a lot of help. Last monday of the month.
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Meeting Closed at: 8:50__ p.m. , _____ seconds.

The next District Meeting is Thursday August 6th, 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)