

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
December 7th, 2023**

Location: Hybrid via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Attendance: _35_, in person _30_

Committee members: _14_

Groups represented: _19_

Guests: _3_

Read Twelve Traditions: _Randy _

Read Concept of the Month: _Mark R_

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: _Heaven - Attitude adjustment online., Mike - Serenity Seekers , Angelo G - Thursday morning wonder lake big book_

New attendees present: _Christa_

Anniversaries: _Frank - 20 years!!!! Keith - 31 years!!!! Mark D - 3 years!!!! Bill - 1 year!!!!

Sue Church - 34 Years!!!!_

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DCM Report: Isidro B. - DCM

I hope everyone had a great November and a happy Thanksgiving.

On November 17th, there was a letter sent out to the Fellowship from Bob W., General Manager at GSO, communicating the current financial health of Alcoholics Anonymous and the potential continued challenges ahead. To summarize, even though there has been a great increase in group and membership financial support over the past few years, due to the increased cost to print and distribute literature, the reduction of literature sales & profits, and significant impact of inflation, our re-forecast budget for this year estimates a loss of \$997,000. To help mitigate an even greater deficit, the General Service Board and General Service Office have managed to reduce expenses to an average of \$15,768,000 compared with pre-pandemic levels of \$16,258,000.

In this letter, he is asking for the fellowship's support to help overcome the financial challenges we are facing. Whether it be through group or individual contributions, you can make a contribution through aa.org or by mail. You can make your contributions online by visiting https://contribution.aa.org/sca-dev-2020-1/checkout.ssp?is=checkout&lang=en_US#login-register. If you wish to make your contributions by mail, make your check payable to the General Service Board to:

General Service Office
P.O. Box 2407
James A. Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407

In other news, mark your calendars and make plans to attend the 2025 A.A. International Convention, July 3-6, 2025 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. This will mark the 90th anniversary of the beginning of our Fellowship's founding. If you haven't been to an international convention before, I highly recommend it. My wife and I made it to the last convention in 2015 in Atlanta, GA, and we had a blast celebrating A.A.'s 80th birthday. Being in the midst of 57,000

other sober drunks is an experience you must not miss! Make sure to check the Convention webpage at <https://aa.org/international-convention> for more information, the latest news, and FAQs. As the Convention approaches, the page will be updated with registration information.

Finally, I would like to thank District 11 for allowing me to serve as your DCM for the past 2 years. I've had a blast, and my appreciation and love for our Third Legacy of Service and Alcoholics Anonymous has definitely deepened as a result. Even though I am taking a step back to focus more of my efforts on being a dad, I still plan to be around and hope I can continue to be a resource. Please, do not hesitate to reach out if I can support the district in any way.

Below is a list of some upcoming service events:

12/09/2023: NIA 20 Winter Assembly Meeting

- In Person: Lord of Life Church, 40W605 IL Rt 38, Elburn, IL 60119
- Virtual: via Zoom
 - o Zoom Registration Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUscu2prT0pHNw6Lvqt1ltKKhXPahw8zW6a>

- Doors open @ 8am, meeting at 9am

12/11 & 12/25/23: All Area's Open Meeting for Accessibility Committee Members Put on by Area 25 (Southern New Jersey)

- 6:00pm CDT via Zoom
- Meeting ID: 690 393 7306 / Passcode: Area45

12/21/2023: Legacy of Service Concepts Study

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

Alt DCM Report: Dan P. - Alt. DCM

I hope everyone had a wonderful month and a happy holiday.

On November 4th I attended the NIA 20 Big Book Conference. I arrived just in time to hear David C.'s story. I sat in on panels about Steps 1-3 and Sponsorship. At lunch I made some new friends and we talked about service and different events coming up. The Chicken Kabobs and salad for lunch were delicious

On November 16th I attended the Legacy of Service Concepts Study. Two fresh faces this month who said they were interested in meeting monthly. We will most likely be finishing the 5th and 6th warranties this month and restarting at the beginning for the New Year.

On November 17th through the 19th I attended the East Central Regional Forum. I sent Mike a lengthy report on just that to be included in the minutes, as it was almost 4 pages. To briefly summarize, there were many workshops, panels, and presentations by GSO Staff, Trustees, and our Regional Delegates. Many of the presentations I attended seemed to be geared towards attendees who were newer to service. They were very informative. During the general sharing sessions attendees had the chance to approach the microphone and air out any questions, ideas, or grievances with AA so that our Staff,

Trustees, and Delegates can get a feel of our region and can bring that back to the tasks they do throughout the year. I assure you punches were not pulled and some questions were very pointed. Our Staff and Trustees did an amazing job answering the questions tactfully. Aside from that the event was great for forming new connections and helping newcomers understand the importance of our Third Legacy of Service. There were many memories with good friends and good food.

At the forum I did meet up with Bonnie and Lorrie, the DCMs for Districts 10 and 12. We discussed continuing plans on a service event hosted by all three districts in hopes of getting newcomers active in service. We planned a zoom meeting for after the forum.

On November 25th I attended said Zoom meeting and we ironed out a rough plan have the event at the Antioch Recovery Club Saturday, February 17th. The date is a go and we should have flyers soon.

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL FORUM REPORT

After a long, rainy drive I arrived at the hotel and got settled in. After lunch with a new friend and dinner with a group from our District, Area, and Area 21 it was time for the opening session.

Opening Session:

The Opening session introduced us to Cathi (East Central Regional Trustee), Mike (Interim GSB Chair), Bob (GSO General Manager and sock connoisseur), Sister Judith (Class A [non-alcoholic] Trustee), Clint (AAWS Non-Trustee Director) and David (AA Grapevine Trustee Director.) After some opening remarks by Mike and Bob we were presented with a review of the roles and responsibilities of the Class A and Class B Trustees. Following that were presentations from our Corporate Boards: AAWS and AA Grapevine, Inc. These presentations were primarily an in-depth presentation of the last 5 chapters of our Service Manual.

After a short break we had our first sharing session. With the substantial number of topics discussed throughout the weekend I will put a gathering of some topics which stood out to me at the end of this report.

After the Sharing Session I had good talks with some friends from Area about how to navigate talking about difficult subjects or points of contention in our Fellowship. A young man from Granite City, Jon, approached me and I got to relay the importance of implementing our Third Legacy into our recovery and how he could make a start at that by getting involved in his own District.

Saturday Morning Session:

During our morning Session we first heard from 6 of our Delegates. I thoroughly enjoyed each presentation, but two that influenced me were the presentations on "Our Great Responsibility", and "Leadership Ever a Vital Need – Concept 9"

These were followed by a brief sharing session.

After a break we had presentations from Bob on his service as General Manager and from Misha (PI Coordinator) on her service as a GSO Staff member.

The Morning Session ended with a presentation from Chris (AA Grapevine Publisher)

Saturday Afternoon Session:

After Lunch we returned for our first workshop. I chose to attend “New GSR/DCM Workshop” with Aaron (D43 DCM, rotating into A20 Alternate Chair.) The presentation ended up being very geared towards a new GSR who had no information on general service, which was a bummer for me. There were a lot of questions from the audience, which was a pleasant experience.

Afterwards, we had presentations from Kevin (GSB Treasurer) and Robert (Trustee At Large/Canada).

Kevin’s presentation was the same as it was from his presentation at the Area Assembly earlier this year and the presentation he gave at D43’s GSR meeting I attended earlier this year. The Updated cost of the Grapevine app was over \$1.2 million (updated from ~1 million). He did reveal that the contribution per individual member to keep AA’s services going had been revised from \$12.20 to \$7.09 with some guidance from his fellows at GSO.

Robert’s presentation was geared towards his work on the International Meeting and how that afforded him the opportunity to travel to many different countries being of service to AA. I believe he said Columbia, and Mongolia were his two favorite places that he got to visit.

Following that was a workshop on “Unity - Trusting Our Trusted Servants” presented by Alternate Delegates Cheryl from A33 and Erik from A20(Delegate Elect for our Area)

Both speeches were phenomenal in their own regards. Cheryl’s sharing of her experiences of being a newcomer who was distrusting of others and unworthy of trust, changing into a person worthy of trust through her experiences with the study and practice of our three legacies really tugged on the heart strings. Erik’s speech on how in AA we give our trust instead of it having to be earned and the spiritual progression of trusting your sponsor, then your group, all the way to the Board of Trustees was powerful. I believe we are in good hands going into this new rotation and that he is a great communicator.

Saturday Evening Session:

After dinner there was another set of workshops to choose from. I was stuck between “The Discussion of Changing Bill W’s Writings” and “Suggestions on How to get the General Member Involved in Service.” I ended up attending the workshop on Bill W’s Writings. Ever a heated discussion, Tom (A21, Southern Illinois Delegate) shared his proposal of a procedure he presented at his Area Assembly. Though the Motion failed to gain support at that Assembly it was a thoughtfully drafted proposal leaning heavily on widespread support from our Fellowship, along with a 5-year moratorium on changes made.

He presented for 10 minutes of the 45 and opened the floor for discussion. The majority opposed any changes whatever to our Founders’ writings. Some opinions from the other side called for unity in our Fellowship in a time when so many of us are divided on the subject. One member shared out of the General Service Manual/12 Concepts for World Service a procedure already in place that would call for an opinion from all registered Groups, requiring 75% approval from responding Groups, and a 6-month grace period involving many opportunities for discussion from our entire Fellowship. Another shared that they had no issue with changing most of the text to help with understanding, but that we should not change it because a small majority do not like a word or two.

I spent a majority of the final hour and a half looking into something for an "Ask It Basket" Question. The shares I did get to hear at the final sharing session related to our finances and our founders literature, most of which was covered in the previous Workshop portion.

Afterwards I got a chance to talk with Lorrie F. (D10 DCM) about restarting ours and Bonnie's (D12 DCM) conversation about a tri-district event to encourage participation in service. We Scheduled a time for all three of us to meet via Zoom to discuss ideas and make plans.

Sunday Morning Session:

Sunday morning started off with a time for first-time attendees to share. I was moved when a spanish-speaking attendee approached the mic and relayed his experience in his native-tongue(which was then translated.) With the motions happening at our Area it was cool to see the need which we are working on first-hand. I, and others from our district, approached the mic and spoke about our gratitude to be able to attend and participate in the event. It was nice to feel a sense of unity in a time when so many feel divided.

Afterwards were the "Ask IT Basket" questions. My question was pulled first. I asked why with so many Proposed Agenda Items having to do with the changes to The Preamble, two years in a row, it could not come out of committee. The answer was that in the two years since the changes there was not enough information to support the need. However Mike L went further and explained that there are times where we need to get a fresh pair of eyes and a little time to see if something truly is damaging or not. I felt content with the answer, and it helped set up some other questions asked later in the session.

I departed shortly after the sharing session and headed to Akron to visit Dr Bob's Grave and House. At the gravesite I met a couple of gentlemen from Mexico and had some good conversations and talked about my weekend at the forum. We headed over to the house and took the tour together. When I arrived there were some forum attendees as well as some groups from Vermont and New Hampshire. It was cool to see all of the history, and a group of us ended up taking a moment to say the Third Step Prayer in Smitty's Room.

The Drive home was not as bad as the drive there and God even happened to place a few groups of us NIA20 drunks at the same rest stop for lunch.

I hope everyone who attended had as much fun as I did and I would encourage anyone who has never been to make plans to attend the next forum.

[talks about the international conference]

How to get out of the country safely with things on your record. Talk to Dan if you need assistance.

Secretary's Report: Mike M. - Secretary, Ryan D - Alt. Secretary

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

****Motion to accept the minutes as sent, __Carol__, 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 and \$2500 Travel Reserve: \$4,767.39
- Income from Individual Groups and Grapevine sales: \$1,933.40
- Expenses incurred: \$1,676.87

1. Extraordinary Issues:

- Nothing extraordinary this month.

2. Any Questions?

3. Budget proposals will be handled as separate agenda items.

****Motion to Accept November Report: __Frank__, 2nd-__Georgene___. Passed.**

Keith:

- Most all Tradition 7 contributions came in with enough information to properly credit your groups, only three required some detective work.
- When sending your group contribution, 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.
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~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

- Congratulations Mike!!! New baby!!!!!!
- Most calls, like always, were about where meetings are, a couple for gen info about AA. one Alanon, and a couple no messages.
- ## total calls were received.
- ## calls were forwarded.
- # calls were not forwarded.
- The undelivered calls were reached out to by volunteers, or myself.
- Thank you to all the volunteers!

Archives Report: Rich H. - Chair

- I made up a small traveling District 11 Archives Display that I loaned to Soberfest Archives in my absence for Soberfest. That display was returned to me after Soberfest.
- I received Old Timers Brunch coffee pots etc. from Steve K. Consisting of:
 - 1-100 cup coffee pot
 - 1-30 cup coffee pot
 - 1-small table top coffee dispenser
 - 2-coolers
 - Assorted-coffee, creamer, sugar, etc.
- Old Timers Brunch Flyers are on the Literature Table for distribution. Will start contacting past and potential new volunteers for the Old Timers Brunch.
- I still have receipts to give to District 11 Treasurer for reimbursement.
- Would like to find 1 or 2 specific display cases to finish my year and my budget.

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

- Hello and happy December everyone, last month was mostly low activity but it did have some results nonetheless. The committee and I met and discussed some goals to aim for before passing off the position to the next incoming servant. One of these goals involved creating an over view letter passing off all of the experience and suggestions we uncovered during our service in order to further carry the message to the professional community effectively. We have also inventoried all our leftover literature and materials. Our final goal is to have an easy to read spreadsheet of all the business we reached during the last two years. This may take time into January to complete but even that im not entirely certain on, could be much sooner. Overall I look forward to being of continued service to any and all who may use me.

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

- Good year for new volunteers. 5 folks for each week.
- There's a great flier that Michelle made to help get the word out.
- Talked with Clint and Brian to transition responsibilities.
- 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: You mean the men's side right? The women's side only has 2 per week.

Steve: Yes, it's getting smoother to get volunteers.

Steve: I'm tired and I'll still go and then I leave feeling pretty great.

Rebekah: There's hardly any inmates at our meetings. Usually just the 2 of us.

Steve: There's a shortage of guards at the lake county jails, so they may be migrating folks from lake county to McHenry county jail. Might increase our population.

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

- I am attaching a reminder for Grapevine subscription that I can share at the meeting. I will also post this on the chat screen while I am sharing at the meeting.
- Still working on getting a permanent installation.
- Grapevine is having a sale.
- Please reach out to me if you want your group to have a review of all of the Grapevine subscriptions. The site is the best way to see all of the options available. You can still get FREE the Quote of the Day and the weekly Podcasts (issued each Monday).
 - <https://www.aagrapevine.org/>

GSR Orientation Chair: 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

- Hope everyone had a peaceful and filling Thanksgiving!

- The literature committee is requesting a budget increase of 25% for 2024. This is to reflect the literature price increase from AAWS earlier this year. A 25% increase would bring the budget up from \$600 to \$750.
- I was able to attend the ECRF in Cleveland last month. It was a great experience and I highly recommend anyone interested in General Service to attend the next forum. There was a lot of information shared from members of the GSB and our special workers at the GSO. A couple of items I thought were pertinent to District 11 regarding literature are as follows:
 - A progress report was given concerning the 5th edition BB. It was reported that the committee is currently reviewing the submitted stories. There are over 2500 personal stories to review. The goal is to have the 5th edition available sometime in 2025 around the time the international convention is being held.
 - Secondly, this is more of an experience to share. There was a sharing session held concerning our founders original writings. The observation I made was in a room with approximately 150 - 200 people in attendance there was overwhelming passion expressed to leave Bill Ws writings original. Both sides were given an opportunity to share and my estimation would be over three quarters of the room were opposed to changing Bills writing and less than a quarter were open to changing our founders original message of hope and recovery!
 - And finally, on Dec. 2nd I did have the opportunity to attend the virtual information session on the plain and simple language BB. It was hosted by area 78 with a non-trustee director from AAWS also serving as the TABB (tools to access the BB) Ad-hoc subcommittee chair. It was basically a progress report regarding the translated BB up to this point. The full draft is complete and will be available at the GSC in 2024. There has been no process determined how the draft will be presented to the conference attendees. The subcommittee has had access to and reviewed the completed draft. It was reported that the draft is not a translation as it has been categorized or presented. It is being offered as a tool to aid in recovery from alcoholism through the 12 steps found in the BB. It was also reported that there is high anticipation that this could be a revolutionary addition to Alcoholics Anonymous equivalent to the 12 and 12 with hopes of the hand of AA reaching out even further to those who suffer from alcoholism.
- Stay tuned, more will be revealed.
- Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

LCM Report: Sue C.

- Thank you for letting me be of service the last 2 years
- I have continued to visit clubs and drop off literature
- The past 2 months I have also gone down the list of meetings that have not had representation that I know of and made calls to them. Most stating they r the GSR that we had on record some numbers were no longer in service or the person no longer a member of the fellowship.
- I think it would be helpful to get a copy of current registered meetings sheet by sheet as they were filled by meeting and also a list of the last years attending GSRs by meeting. This would help greatly in seeking out meetings that are not being represented at District and Area.

- And getting the groups to understand the importance of that and keeping current with AA business.
- I will be submitting my mileage to Clint in the next week.
- The new LCM can contact me or anyone who has questions about the position
- My number is 815-861-4812
- I will be joining the PI committee as a member
- In continuing there amazing job in reaching out to the District 11 community
- Nate and Jake I will be contacting you so I can get to you the literature I have for Treatment and places I have distributed materials and books.

Public Information Report: Georgene R - Chair , OPEN - Alt Chair

- Georgene: went to ECRF and it was overwhelming.
- Delivered Pamphlets and Schedules and AA Cards to:
 - Richmond Police Station
 - Crystal Lake
 - McCullom Lake
 - Lakemoor
 - Oakwood Hills
 - Cary
 - Lakewood
 - Algonquin
 - Fox River Grove
- I did receive the order I placed. We will be putting together more pamphlets to be distributed. There are still so many more place that we still need to drop off to.
- 2000 AA cards were order 12-7-2023, thank you Harry.

Randy: Do you need help distributing literature to Marengo or some other place, I can help.

Georgene: Yes please. I have some new pamphlets in, and I gotta dig for some little big books, too.

Schedule Maker: Nataé S. - Chair

- 3 colors. Yellow - Open Meetings; Pink - for CPC/PI/Corrections (no contact information); White - Internal-use-only (has contact information).
- Looking for someone to take over Schedule Maker.
- Please send in meeting changes to the Secretary. secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org.

Randy: Looking over white, how do we make changes? I have an issue with the contact information for one of the meetings.

Carol/Lisa: Thank you for your hard work.

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

- N/A

Webmaster: Harry - Chair, Carol H - Alt. Chair

- Harry - I am stepping down from the position. I am humbled.
- Carol - we are looking to develop a technology committee, it's in progress.
- I attended the ECRF, a very amazing experience.
- When Jake was talking about the founding father's literature changes. There's a survey you can fill out, about how you feel about changing the literature.
- Reports aren't put on the website until after the district meeting.

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

- The workshop committee is happy to report that more than 200 people attended the Sandy Beach Carl Jung spirituality workshop at Soberfest this past November. Although there were glitches and several challenges to overcome, the message was delivered, and the few hands that were there made it successful.
- There is a possibility that this same workshop about spirituality will be repeated at the spring conference and assembly. If so, I would really suggest that you check it out.

GSR Reports:

- Rebekah - Flying Geese. Sunday we're having a holiday party/elections. Crystal lake Alano Club, 2 - 6pm
- Lisa - huntley 1pm m-S, little white church, pot-luck on monday the 11th @noonish.

Old Business:

- Open Positions.
- Literature chair. Carol nominates Christa. She accepts, qualifies.

Keith: Did you read the job description?

Christa: No. but I'll check it out.

Vote: 28-. 0 unanimous. Approved.

New Business:

- Clint presents the new budget.

There was a change to webmaster, instead of \$500 should be \$1000.

Jake: I noticed Treatment is being decreased.

Clint: oops I must have made a mistake.

Sid: Currently it's \$2000. We're probably using the difference in remaining value.

So it is correct, but it wasn't being used.

The position was vacant for most of the year, so we'll keep it the same.

Ryan: how much does LCM's mileage account for their budget?

Clint: There is mileage pending, but that's what the difference is. Reimbursement is \$0.40/mi

Ryan: I should have increased our CPC budget to keep track of mileage. Looking to ask for \$350.

Chris V.: Is there a way to access previous years budgets/expenses?

Sid: Yes there's a treasurer report on the website,

Clint: If you want some information, come to me.

Rich: The January minutes for each year would have that information.

Chris: yeah looking for expenses vs budgets.

Richie: As the Archivist I could get better at this :-)

Angie: I'm adding up some things and it's not adding up to what you're showing.

Sid: Ah HA! I found the issue, I didn't select all the cells in the formula. [live editing the budget]

Edits were made, so this will be sent out for review, and presented next meeting.

Motions that will be discussed at the NIA Area 20 Assembly this Saturday the 9th:

There will be a general sharing session about the changing of our founder's writings.

- **2024 Area PPR Budget**
- **2024 Area Calendar**

Jake: Are all the slots filled for. Do we have an opportunity as a district to host an area event?

Sid: No not full / Yes there are opportunities., this will be asked at the assembly.

Richie: Is there any particular one we could do?

Sid: Let your DCM know!

- **Motion to provide for translation of all Area documents and to provide a language interpreter at all Area functions.**

Chris V: my group brought up that there's no dollar sign for translation area documents.

Sid: The finance committee would come up with a budget for this. Many of the officers sent out Spanish translations of their reports, using online translation tools (Google translate). Good enough.

Carol: for the service manual, they use a professional resource, but for reports, it should be okay using online tools.

Rich: The budget is \$600 to have interpreters on site.

Dan: Correct, \$2,400 for 4 meetings.

Ryan: It makes sense, we just want to see a dollar amount, but this service is important for those members to hear about area and GSC.

Dan: It's very cool to hear a Spanish speaking lead translated to english, too!

- **Motion to provide for translation equipment for the 2024 Spring Conference and Assembly**

Need more headsets. Both EN <--> ES.

Is this a purchase or rent?

Sid/Dan: It's to rent. Yugo said it's to rent equipment. For \$3,400.

Purchasing is 10x the cost of renting. Mirroring what Area 19 does.

Mark: how many headsets are they renting?

Sid: enough. But probably ask at the assembly for that value.

Have they explored doing something like closed captions?

Rebekah: There's some kind of time-extension with having the two folks talk at alternative times.

Dan: It's best that we aim to break even with an event.

Carol: the event barely breaks even, so we'd want Area to take on the expense.

Richie: we own 20 headsets, and we'll see how many extras we need, only for the conference.

- **Motion to amend Spring Assembly Conference and Illinois State Conference bidding process**

Every 3 years, nia 20 hosts the Illinois State Conference. Change the verbage for priority of the state conference, accept bids for the state conference first. And THEN afterwards, we'll get bids for the spring conference.

- **Motion to Amend NIA Service Guidelines for Spanish translation**

Sid: Looking to rescind this, because it's essentially the same as the other motion, just different wording.

Chris V: I think the other motion has more robust verbiage and the Registrar has put a lot of work into it.

Richie: I like the word Robust.

All: that's a good word.

Open Mic:

- Lisa: hospitality, do you want to take a timeslot for the Spring Conference?
- Dan: Got a flier, Feb 17th, noon - 3:30p. GSR workshop. Ask-it-basket. District 10, 11, 12. @ the new Antioch Recovery club.
- Night out at the Dole. Saturday 9th. Dole Mansion. Crystal Lake. Whoever founded it, will be there. 7:30 meeting. They have cupcakes.
- Soberfest planning committee meeting at 7pm, January 3rd @Villa Desiderata.
- Come to the Area Winter Assembly this Saturday at 9am.
- Thank you Sid for 24 wonderful months!

Meeting Closed at: __9:14__ p.m. , _____ seconds.

The next District Meeting is Thursday January 4th, 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)