

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

Location: Hybrid via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Attendance: _34_, in person _25_

Committee members: _9_

Groups represented: _14_

Guests: _3_

Read Twelve Traditions: _Dominick _

Read Concept of the Month: _Laura_

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: _ Bill (GSR) Winners and Beginners, Wauconda / Amy (GSR)

DFL / Ryan A. (Being New in AA) _

New attendees present: _Jeff (visitor)_

Anniversaries: _Carol - 25 Years!!!!!! Deangelo 32 Years!!!!!! Mike 10 Years!!!!!! Amy 2 Years!!!!!! Matt 3 Years!!!!!! Glen 43 Years!!!!!!_

OFFICERS' REPORTS

NIA 20 Winter Assembly Meeting Update (Carol)

- **Approved purchase of headsets for Translation**
- **March 1 - 3 - Hyatt Regency - Schaumburg**
 - **Help is needed for event** - Go to website (greet/hospitality (Lisa - chair))
Go online or contact

Open question from Dan for suggestions from floor on suggestions for changes or ideas for format:

- **Q?** - When will mailings be received for district?
 - **A** - Get with secretary to be sure you are on the list
- **Chris** - Remind group of nominating for positions - volunteers don't always
- **Rebekah** - Recommends accountability for those in positions that do not

DCM Report: Dan P. - DCM

Friends,

I hope everyone had a great December and happy Holidays.

On December 9th I attended the Area 20 Winter Assembly.

- **Founders Writing Sharing Session**
 - Much like the ECRF Sharing Session most voices were against changes to our Founder's Writings.
- **DCM Breakout Session**
 - We discussed with the registrar about the importance of having accurate information in regards to group information. Heard that District 10's website has online forms for GSR changes and Group Number lookup.

- During lunch Bonnie, Lori, Dawn, Aaron, Karl and myself discussed the D10/11/12 GSR Orientation/ Ask it Basket Event the 17th of February.
- 2024 Area Budget
 - Area budget was explained.
- 2024 Area Calendar
 - Fall Committee Meeting fell on Yom Kippur, It will be moved from the 12th to the 19th or 26th of October
- Motion to provide for Language Translation v2 passed
- Motion to provide for translation equipment for the 2024 Spring Conference passed
- Motion Amend NIA Spring Assem Conf passed
- Motion to Amend NIA Service Guidelines for Spanish Translation sent back
 - This motion was not rescinded as discussed last month. Since the first motion changed from Spanish to all Languages Cheryl wanted to keep this motion since we have a need for Spanish translation currently.
- I stood for District 11 to host the Summer Assembly and Board Meeting on June 22nd, 2024.
If any group or individual is interested in helping out it would be appreciated.

On December 21st I chaired the Legacy of Service Concepts Study

- We had new participants and agreed to start over next year at the beginning of the service manual as requested.
- We finished early and stayed chatting until 9!

On December 31st Dawn B., our Area Chair, asked if I would accept an appointment to be on the Report and Charter Committee with her and Rob, our Area Registrar.

- Spoke with my sponsor and grand sponsor about it.
- Reached out to Chris E. our outgoing Registrar and Report & Charter Committee Chair to see what it entails.
- Accepted the nomination!
 - Request to switch 3rd thursday to not interfere with
 - Area calendar does not reflect our hosting summer assembly

Alt DCM Report: None - Vacant

Secretary's Report: Ryan D- Secretary, Vacant - Alt. Secretary

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

****Motion to accept the minutes as sent, __Georgene__, 2nd __Chris__. Passed.**

Please send written committee reports to the secretary to be submitted in minutes.

Email: secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org

Treasurer's Report: Keith - Alt. Treasurer - reading for Clint

District 11 Treasurer's Report Summary 2023

December 2023

I will not be with you Thursday as I plan to be at the McHenry County Jail working on getting up to speed on my new duties as Corrections Chair. The past two years serving as your Treasurer have been rewarding and I have felt honored to have this opportunity to serve. Now I'm on to my new assignment at the jail.

Working with Keith these two years has been such a joy and has made the job so much easier.

**Available Funds, minus \$4000 prudent reserve, \$1545.77 remaining Travel Reserve:
\$3873.12**

Income from Individual Groups and Grapevine Sales: \$1586.2

Expenses Incurred: \$3434,7

1. Extraordinary issues:

- a. The New Treasurer should be aware that an advance of \$1500 for the Oldtimers Brunch was made but has not yet cleared the bank and not reflected in this report.**
- b. We have received \$167.80 in contributions for which we don't have enough information to give credit to the proper group, The money is in the bank and reported as contributions in our statement of activity.**

2, Any Questions about December reports?

Is there a Motion to accept the December 2023 Treasurer's Report?

Respectfully Submitted,

Clint K. Treasurer & Keith B. Alternate

Treasurer Attached Documents:

December 2023 Statement of Activity, Budget Report, Report Summary

- **See Treasurer Report for Expense/Income Detail Table**

1. Any Questions?
2. Budget proposals will be handled as separate agenda items.

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

Keith:

Most all Tradition 7 contributions came in with enough information to properly credit your groups, only two 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.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith B. ~ NIA District 11 Alternate Treasurer

- Questions: Ryan asked if Clint's PayPal (BELOW) will still be valid.
 - a) Answer: That was Clint's and will not be available. New Treasurer will need to set up some sort of online payment option.

**** To NIA District 11: *(Received from Keith on 1/5/23 - added to minutes for distribution)***

The question came up after the discussion for the new Budget 2024 ~ what was our income?

2019 = \$11,954.49

2020 = \$8,992.36

2021 = \$7,566.40

2022 = \$11,875.29

2023 = \$16,927.98

I did not scrutinize these figures. I just used auto-sum on the spreadsheets I have access to.

Sincerely,

- Keith B. ~ NIA District 11 Outgoing Alternate Treasurer

~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 - Read by Mike - Chair, OPEN - Alt. Chair

Most calls, like always, were about where meetings are, a couple for gen info about AA. one Alanon, and a couple no messages.

38 calls total came in

33 were delivered

5 were undelivered

the undelivered calls were reached out to by volunteers, or myself.

thank you again to all the volunteers!

Mike Noerper

- 1) Question: Don't they go through volunteer list?
 - a) Answer: They do go through multiple times and will go back to Mike
 - b) Mike will look into why a volunteer had not received a call

Archives Report: Rich H. - Chair

- Rich will remain as archivist for D11

Hello District 11

I requested and received \$1,500.00 Seed Money from Treasurer Clint before the end of the year. It was \$1,000.00 last year but Clarence and I spent more than that on supplies before the event started. Those purchases will take place in February.

I have contacted Old Timers Brunch Volunteers. Dan and Michael – Kitchen, Rebekah and Friends – Door, Treasury, and 50/50, Harry and Friends (Remnant Group) – Coffee. All looks good and will do follow up.

Space is getting tight at the Legion Hall and I will cut down on Archives Display so we are not occupying needed table space.

Rich H.

District 11 Archivist

CPC Report: OPEN

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

January 2024 District 11 Grapevine/LaVina Report

1. We have 2024 Carry the Message flyers for you. More information and current Grapevine information is available on <https://www.aagrapevine.org>. Once on the site, look for the Carry the Message project and Grapevine Resource areas.
2. A permanent Grapevine display is planned for St. Mary's Episcopal Church in CL. There will be a planning meeting on January 13 th , to discuss a movable cart that will be available for the 8 meetings there per week.
3. We will plan on a GV display at the Oldtimers Brunch in February.
4. Please ask your groups if you would like me to visit your meeting and your group will receive a free annual subscription of the print magazine.
5. Please share any new ways your groups are using GV or LV literature or readings during your meetings. I will be able to share this information at the Area 20 Winter Assembly with the Area GV/LV committee.

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Submitted Karen Watkins

1/4/2024

- <https://www.aagrapevine.org/>

GSR Orientation Chair: OPEN - Chair

Literature: Christa - Chair, OPEN - Alt. Chair

- Christa - Received feedback on newcomer packets - req to include a wallet size card (acceptance or serenity prayer)

LCM Report: Open - Chair

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

- Georgene will get with Randy
- Nothing other to report

Mark - Alt. PI

- New Year nothing to report currently

Schedule Maker: Scott - Chair

- Dan P. Nominated Scott Y.
 - \$799 spent on box of schedules
 - Scott will get files from Natay
- 1) Questions: Mike - Wauconda meeting is not happening any longer - needs to be updated. Mike will send to Harry and Registrar for update on schedule, website and app.
 - 2) Question: Chris - Was there a format error in schedule (Open meeting schedule) phone numbers were to be taken off of next run?
 - a) To Scott - Natay will forward changes so Scott can have these taken off for next run

Hospital & Treatment Setting Report: Natay - Chair, Jake - Alt Chair

NATAY - Jake and I have met to discuss ideas and a plan. We are in the process of researching materials and gathering information about facilities that have meetings and will document the findings. We are asking anyone who has information or contacts for meetings at facilities, or if they know groups or members who are currently volunteering, to assist us with filling in the blanks.

As we get organized, we are seeking help on our committee to ensure each facility in our area has a point of contact, meetings and volunteers carrying the AA message.

Naté Shreeves

- Looking for help from anyone with past experience for guidance.

JAKE -

- Ordered Treatment Committee Materials
- Has a call scheduled with Rosecrance 1/5/24

Webmaster: Carol - Chair, - Alt. Chair

- There is a technology committee for the area now
 - Carol will be attending their monthly meeting
 - Carol is working with Harry to transfer all info to her
- 1) Questions: Have the DCM/Secretary emails been switched over
 - a) Answer: not yet but will be done soon

Workshop: - Lisa - Chair / Kelly - Alt. Chair

- The workshop committee will be presenting the Sandy B/Carl Jung PP at the Spring Conference
- scheduled for the first weekend in March.
- If anyone is interested in joining our team the day of the event please contact us.
- Also, as we look ahead to summer, please ask your groups about possibly hosting a workshop/cook-out. Summer is the perfect time of year to introduce new members to your group, enjoy yummy food, participate in outdoor activities, and share your experience, strength, and hope.
- In Service,
- Lisa GK

GSR Reports:

- Amy (DFL) - 21st Anniversary Pizza January 24th @ 7 p.m. - After Meeting

Old Business:

- Open Positions.
- Alt. Dist Committee
- Alt. Secretary
- Treasurer - Natay nominates Chris for treasurer or GSR
 - Will bring it up again next month
 - Dan P. Has nominee who is interested and will report next month
- Alt Treasurer
- Accessibilities
- Alt. Answering Service
- Coop. w/ professional community chair
 - Jeff inquired in what this role is - is interested but has 90 days.
 - Dan advised this reaches out to local professionals. Jeff should read qualifications and come back if interested.
 - Request to send out all JD
- Alt. Grapevine
- Alt. Lit. Chair

New Business:

- Review proposed 2024 budget
 - Answering service \$4k -up to \$4,500
 - Archives - No Change
 - Corrections - \$500 NO Change
 - CPC \$200 Up to \$350 (for Mileage)
 - District - \$500 Up to \$1000
 - Grapevine - \$800 No Change
 - LCM - \$400 Up to \$750 (for Mileage)
 - Literature - \$600 Up to \$750
 - Public Info - \$1500 Up to \$2000

- Schedules - NO Change
- Special needs - NO Change
- Treatment - NO Change
- Webmaster - \$500 Up to \$1000
- Workshops - NO Change
- Travel - \$2500 NO Change

- **Overall Annual Increase \$17,600 To \$20,250**

Motion to accept by __Carol__, seconded - all in favor - Passed

- 1) Question: Jake - List of Proposed Preliminary agenda items - Q? when will we get a more detailed list of the items
 - After January board meeting final will be distributed - Roughly Feb. 14th - then once translated.
- 2) Last years agenda items for changes to preamble and 12x12 are not listed. Presumed to be released.
- 3) Glen (Zoom) wants to contact natay
 - Advised Glen to send request to webmaster and they will put them in touch

Open Mic:

- Rich - Feb. 18th Old Timers Brunch - American Legion Hall - Speaker - Paulette A (Mchenry) - Matt S (Wauconda) Starts 9 breakfast - speakers @ 9:30 - 11 - \$7 Contribution
 - Cover letter and questions for groups to input opinions on changing of founders wording Send to: literature@aa.org
- Lisa - Hospitality for Spring Conference - Please talk to your groups for slots to be filled.
- Jim - GSO email re: literature office in changing of words. Lit office: Reading of e-mail from GSO: Responses should be submitted by mid-January 2024. They want to widen the discussion among the fellowship. Group/Dist./Area level and bring back to April Conference. Come up with your own questions or use distributed questions to send your opinions.
- Jan 18th legacy
- 20th committe

Meeting Closed at: __8:25__ p.m. , _____ seconds.

The next District Meeting is Thursday, February 1st, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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)