

## Monthly Meeting Minutes District 11 March 7th, 2024

**Location:** Hybrid via Zoom

**Meeting time:** 7:00 pm

**Attendance:** \_31\_, in person \_25\_

**Committee members:** \_13\_

**Groups represented:** \_14\_

**Guests:** \_2\_

**Read Twelve Traditions:** \_Scott\_

**Read Concept of the Month:** \_Brian\_

**New GSR's Present:** \_David - GSR (Supper Club Algonquin) / Jenny - Alt. GSR (Supper Club Algonquin)

**New attendees present:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Anniversaries:** \_Margaret (13 Years) / Bud (41 Years)\_

### OFFICERS' REPORTS

**DCM Report:** DCM: Dan P. / **Alt. DCM:** OPEN

On February 8<sup>th</sup> I attended the Legacies of Service: A.A. service Manual and Concepts Study.

On February 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> I attended the East Central Region Conference of Delegates Past and Present. This is an event geared towards getting our incoming Delegate's up to speed on what they will have to do at the General Service Conference in April.

On February 17<sup>th</sup> I hosted (and attended) the first District 10, 11, and 12 Service Workshop. The next Workshop will be geographically in District 12 and it is looking like June 15<sup>th</sup> will be the date. Corrections and Treatment will be the topics.

On March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> I attended the NIA 20 Spring Conference and Spring Assembly. District 11 was able to host the Assembly on short notice with the help of District 61. Everything went smoothly there. At the Assembly the Treasurer's report noted that for 2024 we are currently \$15,930.53 in the red so any group contributions would be helpful. During Old Business we elected several positions (Archives Chair: our very own Carol H., CPC Chair: our very own Lisa G-K, and PI Chair: Tina R). During New Business District 10 stood to host the 2024 Summer Committee Meeting. Afterwards we moved onto the 4 motions:

1. Motion to Create an Appointee Position for Linguistic Translation Coordinator(s)
  - a. No Discussion or Questions. Passed unanimously (I voted in favor)
2. Motion to amend voting procedures for Area Elections
  - a. Amendment: 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph after "Area Elections" added portion from background article "3." To now read "The past Delegate should review the qualifications for each position from the NIA Service Manual's duties & responsibilities for that service position before the nomination procedure and election for that position.
  - b. Motion Passes 76:6, no minority opinion came to the mic. (I voted in favor)
3. Motion to amend the list of the Area Assembly and Area Committee

- a. With the addition of the Linguistic Translation Coordinator position Chris E. changed The Area Committee page 26 to now include that position as well.
- b. Motion Passes 92:3, no minority opinion came to the mic. (I voted in favor)

4. MOTON FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD

- a. Second sub-bullet point is incorrect as we sent \$10,000.00 in the Fall of '23.
- b. Motion to Table: 33:57 FAILS
- c. Further Discussion:

i. Those against have the opinion that GSB is drawing in total \$2M on the reserve fund, that the reserve fund may not need to be at 9-12 months operating expenses, and that the Spring Conference may come up largely in the red due to Room nights and Food and Drink minimums not being met.

ii. Those for have the opinion that we are holding onto too many funds, even with potential losses. There is no stated purpose or motions to use our excess funds currently and GSB is in need of contribution per their request.

- d. Amendment: Amend the amount from \$15,000 to \$10,000

i. Motion passes 79:3, no minority opinion

In Service, Dan P, dcm@aa-nia-dist11.org, djpiepl93@gmail.com, 224-605-1673

QUESTIONS:

**Alt DCM Report: OPEN POSITION**

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary - Ryan D. / Alt. Secretary - OPEN

- Please fill out the Attendance sheet going around.
- Asked Zoom attendees to enter their name/Group/Position into chat to properly update attendance
- Motion to accept February Minutes.

QUESTIONS:

**\*\*Motion to accept the minutes as sent. 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:** Treasurer - OPEN / Alt. Treasurer - Bud

*Alternate Treasurer Report:*

Once again all Tradition 7 contributions came in with enough information to properly credit your groups.

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,  
Bud S. ~ NIA District 11 Alternate Treasurer

QUESTIONS:

**\*\*Motion to Accept November Report:**

**~Pass the 7th Tradition Basket~** \* Rent is \$1.00/per person/per hour - we typically occupy 2 hours.  
*Requested Donation of \$2.00 Per Person.*

**\*\* 7th tradition contributions can be made to Clint Kenner via PayPal at  
[clintkenner@yahoo.com](mailto:clintkenner@yahoo.com) \*\***

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Accessibility Report:** Chair: OPEN / Alt. Chair: OPEN

- NA

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

- I now have all logins and working with the past chair.
- Will submit report within the next week
- Included will be tally of incoming calls and actions

**Archives Report:** Chair: Rich H. / Alt. Chair:

Thank you to all that attended the 2024 Old Timers Brunch on February 18. It sure appeared that a good time was had by all. And I enjoyed doing what it takes prior to the event, and all the day of event activities to bring this event together.

The contract with the American Legion was signed and rent of \$150.00 was paid in August. I asked for and received \$1500.00 Seed Money from Treasurer Clint, before the end of the year, and before rotation. \$1500.00 because our expenses are getting greater. \$7.00 suggested contribution worked well, as the door made us self-sufficient. We did look into other location options, but the Wauconda American Legion still fits our needs best. We will continue the search this year. There are options being discussed. A woman approached me about negotiating a deal with the Fox Lake American Legion and gave me her phone number. It was on the podium, and ended up getting lost in afternoon clean-up. If this sounds familiar to anybody, please get me her number.

The THANK YOUS are very important, but I always have concerns about forgetting somebody. I did some of the shopping the week before.

Thank you to Clarence and Taz for helping with the day before shopping.

SET-UP – Rick, Mark, Georgene, Bob, and anybody that was there early that helped out.

KITCHEN – Led by Dan with Michael and Rich.

COFFEE

– Led by Harry with Anil and Rick.

SERVING LINE – Led by Taz with Bob and Georgene.

FINANCE – Led by Rebekah with Amy, Michelle, Diane, and Kelsey selling 50/50 tickets, and Natae and Nikki working the Door.

CLEAN-UP – Was done by a cast of many that stayed and did an awesome job of fellowshipping and getting us out of there.

BIG THANK YOU - To Mark and Rick who were with me through the whole day.

Some of us got there at 6:00 to set up. The American Legion had an entire rack of chairs we couldn't use because they were defective. Mark, Rick and I ran to my house to get 30 chairs. We got back before 9:00 and the room was already almost full. Mark and I went to Ed's Rental and rented 40 more chairs. Seating was about perfect after that. Attendance was approximately 225. Coffee, Kitchen and Serving Line all ran smoothly. The room was full and looking at it from the podium, everybody seemed seated comfortably.

Big THANK YOU to Paulette and Matt for two great AA Talks.

Thank you to our readers.

After the event, I did some shopping for some obvious, easily stored items for next year. Totes, plates, aluminum foil, 50/50 tickets, and cash boxes. Spending \$128.94

#### ASSETS

Seed Money	\$1,500.00
50/50	\$977.00
Brunch	\$1,573.00

Total Assets	\$4,050.00
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#### EXPENSES

Rent (Paid in August)	\$150.00
Wal Mart (8 Receipts)	\$512.19
Sam's Club	\$411.14
Jewel	\$145.37
Ed's Rental (2 Receipts)	\$113.50
Amazon	\$9.61
U.S. Foods (3 Receipts)	\$261.85

Total Expenses (Less Rent)	-\$1,453.66
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Total Assets	\$4,050.00
Total Expenses (Less Rent)	-\$1,453.66

Net	\$2,596.34
Return of Seed Money	-\$1,500.00
Return-Excess Funds	-\$1,096.34
Check to District 11	\$2,596.34

Once Again. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU  
Rich H.  
District 11 Archivist

**CPC Report:** Chair: OPEN / Alt. Chair: OPEN

**Corrections Report:** Chair: Clint / Alt. Chair: Brian

The inmates from Lake County seem to have been integrated into the system. We are now at a steady 3 cell blocks with the men, so our resources are tight some weeks, but we are getting it done!

I'm going to the jail, so I won't be at the District meeting March 7, 2024.

We have three new women volunteers who have been integrated and they continue to be pretty self-sustaining. The men are managing to cover all three cell blocks, but it's been a bit thin with one man per cell block last week, so if you know anyone interested, let me know. We have plenty of room/need for both men and women.

Michelle volunteered to update the "Go to Jail" flyer she created so we can use it again.

I'm working with the Sergeant on three things right now:

1. Letting inmates keep the books we provide. I think this will be approved.
2. Resuming the series of Friday nights we used to have to take motivated inmates through the Steps.
3. Exploring ways we can sponsor inmates through visitation. This has not been done before to my knowledge, but I think it is worth exploring.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve this community.

Clint K and Brian H

Corrections Chair and Alternate Chair

March 5, 2024

***Application process at McHenry County Jail***

**<https://www.mchenrysheriff.org/corrections/about-the-jail/>**

1. ***Log on to McHenrysheriff.org (Above)***
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"***
5. ***Read the handbook and take the test....***

**Grapevine : Chair: Karen W. / Alt. Chair: OPEN**

1. I circulated the Grapevine Price Increase announcement on February 16<sup>th</sup> to our DCM. Dan sent it to the membership. Please contact me if you would like an explanation of the \$6 price increase for the PRINT annual subscription price. The increase goes into effect on April 15, 2024. There is no price change in LaVina or online/APP formats.
2. I will follow up with the groups that have a GV raffle at their meetings to suggest they increase the amount from 28.95 to 36.00 per year.
3. I attended the March NIA Spring Conference and Assembly to meet the Area 20 GV representatives and any other District Reps. I assisted in the Literature GV room with purchases and information. I also attended a bilingual panel presentation about LA Vina during the conference.
4. Please consider that I visit your groups to carry the GV/LaVina to others!

Gratefully Submitted,

Karen Watkins

**GSR Orientation Chair: OPEN POSITION**

**Literature: Chair: Christa Cruz / Alt. Chair: OPEN**

- 3/13 - Secretary sent E-mail to Christa requesting report for minutes entry

**LCM Report: Chair: Kevin K.**

- Spoke with Sue - Past chair - not much information received.
- Is working to compile information for a smooth hand-off when his term is up

**Public Information Report: Chair: Georgene / Alt. Chair: Mark**

Report for 3/7/24

- Re-stocked Literature at Police Depts.
  - Richmond
  - Hebron
  - Harvard
  - McCollum Lake
  - Bull Valley
  - Prairie Grove
  - Wonder Lake
- 1st time drop off of Literature Only (Gave to Public Service Officer
  - McHenry County Sheriff Department
  - Both Algonquin Libraries
  - Holiday Hills

In Service,

Georgene/PI Chair

Mark/Alt. PI Chair

**Schedule Maker:** Chair: Scott Y. / **Alt. Chair:** OPEN

**Hospital & Treatment Setting Report:** Chair: Nataé / **Alt Chair:** Jake

- Last month was more information gathering and discussion regarding our responsibility within the district. Natae and I met together several times in our efforts to carry the message to the sick and suffering alcoholic in the treatment setting.

- Our communication commitment to each other and the position involves a phone discussion on the 2nd Thursday and a zoom call on the 4th Thursday of each month. The 2 zoom calls we've had have been helpful in gathering facts and best practices from other members of the district, we thank all who have attended. If anyone would like to join our committee meetings and help out with treatment settings, please let us know.

- We attended the March NIA Spring Conference/Area Assembly and made connections with representatives for Treatment, Bridge the Gap, and CPC for NIA and other districts.

- The treatment setting position had been vacant when we joined, and we haven't come across any current documentation from past chairs, so we will start fresh with our findings and create a Treatment Settings Manual for our district and make it available so future trusted servants can quickly get up to speed.

- We also met at the new Mercy hospital in Crystal Lake and had a conversation with a couple of the employees but unfortunately there is no immediate opportunity for AA to bring the message of hope and recovery into that particular hospital. We did get some leads for possible contacts who can help guide us in getting something started, and we are reaching out to build those relationships and determine the needs we can meet for the hospital.

- We did get a response from the Crystal Lake Rosecrance office and the administrator is willing to meet with us to discuss how we can get more involved at their facility. We are limited in our availability to meet with her and Natae and I are looking into alternative methods of making the first in person approach. This is exciting news and we are looking forward to seeing how this develops! There is already an opportunity for our primary purpose in place at the CL Rosecrance on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. I attended last month and I plan on being there again next week. If anyone is interested in attending please contact me and we can discuss this in greater detail.

- In discussion with Julie at Northwestern Medicine Behavioral Health (Doty Rd) to discuss the meetings at their facility and if any changes need to be made. They need volunteers to bring in meetings on Thursdays at 10:30AM and Fridays at 2:30PM. They also have a meeting on Sundays at 10:30AM that we need additional help with. If anyone would like to consider volunteering on this unit, please get a hold of us for information.

And Finally!

- A literature order was placed totaling \$565.

- 40 BBs, pamphlets, complimentary fliers and more information on the position to begin to distribute to new incoming committee members. We are looking to create a display for some treatment facilities including information on what AA is and is not and how to find us along with

other simple yet foundational information. Perhaps, even a very simple easy to read and understand treatment packet for the men and women looking for freedom from alcohol.

- We are also going to order business cards made with our personal contact information to give to contacts at facilities.

Qs/Cs?

Thank you for the service opportunity,

Nataé Shreeves

Jake Rogers

**Webmaster: Chair:** Carol H. B / **Alt. Chair:** OPEN

Thank you to all those who assisted with setting up the February 1, 2024 District meeting. I was in the process of closing on my new home and moving. It took me a little time to locate my computer, mouse and keyboard so I was not as timely updating our website, but it has been completed at this time.

Since my last report all forwarding emails for the newly elected Panel 74 District 11 trusted servants have been updated. What this means is that whenever some send an email from the district website or directly to one of our service committee chairs, this email is then forwarded to the personal email address on file for that individual. As the web administrator, I will keep an eye on incoming email to confirm that the specific chair has received them.

All event fliers have also been posted on the events page of the website. I would encourage all groups that are planning events, workshops, anniversaries etc., to [webmaster@aa-nia-dist11.org](mailto:webmaster@aa-nia-dist11.org). There are adopted guidelines for submission of fliers on the Events page of the website. Here is the link for those guidelines: [https://aa-nia-dist11.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/website\\_Fliers\\_guidelines.pdf](https://aa-nia-dist11.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/website_Fliers_guidelines.pdf)

As our DCM announced I did stand for and was elected as the Northern Illinois Area 20 (NIA) Archives Chair. Dan and I did discuss my continuing as the district 11 web administrator for now, unless there comes a time that my responsibilities are at risk for completion. My intent is to move forward with forming the technology committee, a group of people who have all levels of technology expertise, to stay on top of our fast-moving stream of technological communication and providing resources to the fellowship. But we do not need to wait until the technology committee is formed. Please let me know if you can assist in the website design and development. This is not my career path and although I love to learn something new, that cannot prevent us from moving forward with responding to the needs of district 11 members.

One of the downfalls of holding a position in the area and district is that it does not allow me to participate in the area breakout sessions at the assemblies. So, I did reach out to the NIA Chair of the Technology Committee, and he shared that one of the main concerns they are currently facing is moving their email system away from GoDaddy and implementing a new system that would be anonymity protected and prevent us from being labeled as a "dark" website. More to come on that topic as I will be participating at the monthly NIA Technology Committee sharing session held once a month. Please let me know if you have an interest in joining this call.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol H.

District 11 Web Administrator

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

The Workshop committee will be cooperating with the Area to facilitate workshops. Finding locations for local Area workshops will be the focus. In addition, the Committee will assist the District 11 DCM organize and execute a workshop in the Fall.

Thank you for supporting me in the Workshop Chair position for the last 18 months. In that role we established protocols, wrote guidelines, created resources for groups, and supported a very successful and well attended workshop in Huntley this past summer. We purchased some wonderful resources as well.

This past weekend I humbly accepted the NIA 20 CPC Chair position. As is appropriate I will be stepping down as Workshop Chair effective immediately.

Alternate Kelly D. is prayerfully considering accepting the Workshop Chair position; she is again at dog training class this evening. She will be in attendance next month.

In Service,

Lisa Gruver-Kamps

### **GSR Reports:**

- Georgene - 3 Legacies is having a virtual speaker - Sunday @ 7 p.m. (See Flyer)
- Bill - Winners & Beginners - Annual Anniversary - Sat. 5/4/24 @ 5 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. speaker (See flyer)
- Lisa - Woodstock Nooners - St. Patrick Potluck Sunday @ 4 p.m.
  - Still Water - Sunday @ 3 p.m.
- Margaret - How & Why Step Workshop in Elgin - Sat 4/27/24. Registration @ 8 a.m. / Workshops from 9 - 3:30 (See Flyer)

### **Old Business:**

- Open Positions.
  - ALT DCM
  - ALT Secretary
  - TREASURER
    - Keith nominates Angelo
      - Angelo accepts and qualifies - Sober since 1991
        - Currently Treasurer, Lit Chair, Genoa City / Treasurer - Wonder Lake Big book Stud
        - Electrical engineer - good with spreadsheets and information
      - VOTE: Unanimous YES
  - Accessibilities Chair
  - ALT Answering Service Chair
  - Cooperation With Professional Communities (CPC) Chair
  - ALT GV Chair

- ALT Literature Chair
- GSR Orientation Chair OPEN

**New Business:**

- **Pre General Service Conference**
  - **3/23 - Lord of life church**
    - Literature 3/13 6 - 9 PM
    - Trustees Committe 3/14 6 - 8
    - Corrections 3/15 6 - 7:30
    - Policy and Admissions 3/16 1 - 3
    - Finance 3/17 3 - 5
    - Grapevine 3/17
    - CPC
    - 3/18 agenda and archives 6 - 8
    - 3/19 report and charter int'l conv and regional 6 - 8
    - 3/22 treatment accabilities / bridge the gap 6:30 - 8:30

**QUESTIONS:**

**Google Drive agenda folder**

- A) rEVIEW SUGGESTIONS FOR TOPIC**
- B) REVIEW Presentation TOPIC FOR 2025**
- C) Workshop Ideas**
- D) Gen svc conf evaluation form and 23 summary**
- E) Progress rpt on conference improvement**
- F) 1/4ly communication feedback**
- G) Inventory plan 2025 conf**

**Cooperation w/ profes**

**AAWS page review**

**QUESTION: Distribution of workload concern regarding ?Has literature been re-distributed or consolidated?**

**Can background information be accessed?**

- **Some are not accessible via hyperlink but accessible on Google pages**

**Open Mic:**

- Kevin - CLAC is having clothing drive through 3/23/24 - Please support and drop off any donations

**UPCOMING SERVICE EVENTS:**

- 03/14/2024: Legacy of Service: General Service Manual & Concepts Study 7:30 PM via Zoom / Meeting ID: 819 5925 8625 / Passcode: 639187
- 03/21/2024: D11 Pre-General Service Conference Review 6:00 PM – 10:00PM (or as long as it takes) via Zoom Meeting ID: 970 049 1067 / Passcode: 639187
- 03/24/2024: 2024 NIA 20 Pre-General Service Conference Workshop In Person: Lord of Life Church - 40W605 IL Route 38 LaFox, IL 60119 / Zoom Registration Link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlIfuuhrTkqH9dOq7og8kurHWh\\_joYUQm\\_a#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlIfuuhrTkqH9dOq7og8kurHWh_joYUQm_a#/registration)

Registration and Coffee 8am, meeting at 9am

**Meeting Closed at: \_\_8:32\_\_ p.m.**

**The next District Meeting is Thursday April 4th, 2024 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)