

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
August 1st, 2024**

Location: Hybrid via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Attendance: _26 _

Committee members: _9 _

Groups represented: ___19 _

Guests:__ ___

Read Twelve Traditions: __Rick F.__

Read Concept of the Month: _Doug___

New GSR's Present: __Steve (Fri. Big Book Burton's Bridge) /

New attendees present: _____

Anniversaries: _____

OFFICERS' REPORTS

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

Let's keep suggestions to topic with different committees. If you would like to be more involved with a specific committee, please volunteer as your assistance will be appreciated.

QUESTIONS:

- Steve - Answering service changing contact # - are we not going to have a conversation here about that? Concern that it will effect many people
 - There are no plans to change at this time. This was based off of

Alt DCM Report: OPEN POSITION

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

- **Zoom Attendees Please enter your name, position and group information into the chat**
- Nothing to report request to approve minutes as submitted

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer - OPEN / **Alt. Treasurer** - Bud

District 11 Treasurer's Report July 2024

Delivery date 7/4/24

At this point I have re-established payments for the website hosting and have questions out to the webmaster to potentially save 2 months of website fees.

Over the past month our Alt Treasurer was out of town and then visiting with our previous Alt. Treasurer during his last days and was unable to deposit checks received. They will be on next month's report. We had Expenses of \$655.35. This puts our available funds at \$6,914.70 based on current Prudent reserves.

Any questions?

Motion to accept July report?

Thank you!

Yours in service

Angelo Gallegos

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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.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- NA

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

June	July	
Delivered Rate	76.60%	87.50%
Total Calls	47	32
Wrong Number/Hang up	11	4
Delivered Calls	36	28

In July, I went over the list of volunteer Phone numbers and updated it. I added people who were looking to volunteer. I also updated some of the volunteers' time frames for availability / time slots.

If you are a volunteer and wonder why you get calls outside of your time slot, it's probably because it wasn't properly programmed. I'm working to update that. If you have any concerns with your call slots or want to update your availability, please let me know.

No plans currently to change services. Current company is doing a great job and now that I have been able to get deeper into it, found they are doing their job as specified.

I did find that our volunteers are not set up appropriately for time slots and dates. We will get this fixed and for those that need a change or want to get involved please contact me to make these changes.

We can also take spanish speaking calls for those willing to volunteer.

Thank you

Mike Mensinger

D11 Answering Service

QUESTIONS: Q- LAURA- how long ago were the numbers added? How will i know when i'm getting a call because if I don't recognize it i figure it is spam.

A-17th or 18th of July 2024 / We have a "HOW TO" sheet and it should come up as AA Hotline when the call comes over for you.

Q - CHRIS - How well staffer are you and do you need participants still.

A - I believe we have aprox. 25 but we are looking for volunteers.

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

- **Spent \$90 on 3 year subscription to Grapevine**
- **Will send receipt with report for reimbursement**
- **New manager @ Wauconda American Legion - reserved - rent is up but still reasonable**
- **Will be putting on display at soberfest**
- **Visited Arkansas and got some new ideas for tabletops and other displays**
- **27th AA Archive wkshp in Iowa - may not be able to attend but will try**

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

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

Volunteers:

1. Two new women in the works and one stepped down.
2. One new man added just this week. One backup made weekly commitment, but we must reactive.
3. Please continue to let your meetings know we have the need.
4. We cover the women pretty well and they do a very nice job self-managing. We have three volunteers committed to each week and one cellblock.
5. We are doing well with the men but spread much thinner. We have three cell blocks.

Books:

When I met with Lt. Brooks and Sgt. Weinacht 6 months ago, I left thinking we would get back on the policy of letting those leaving the jail take Big Books with them, but I have not been able to confirm that as policy. I think it is happening in practice because we are not getting them back. The have added 40 books to the inventory this year and I just purchased another 24.

Motion to adjust District 11 Corrections Budget:

It has been recommended that I attend the National Corrections Conference in 2024.

Other pending issues:

1. Work steps in a series of Friday nights.
2. Visitation by sponsor

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

- No recent activity to report. I will be attending Area 20 Committee Meeting on 8/3/24 in Elburn and will report any new information next month.

In Service,

Karen W.

GSR Orientation:

Literature: Chair: Christa C. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

- Chair had a work event and cannot attend but will be here next month
- She did send newcomer packets for anyone who needs them.

LCM Report: Chair: Open

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

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Unable to attend but plan to attend on zoom.

Here is what needs to be ordered:

Pamphlets, A Newcomer Asks, This is AA, Is AA for you?, Is AA for me?, Young People in AA, Women in AA, Frequently asked questions about AA, Do you think you're different?, Big Books, Little BB, AA Cards

I will be placing an order when I get back on Aug 7th.

In service,

Georgene/PI Chair

Mark/Alt PI Chair

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

- I am getting e-mails currently. Only 2 - 3 in the past few months so not many changes.
- Considering doing another printing since it's been about 6 months

Q-Randy - how soon will this information I sent you be into print and online.

A- Meeting website updates from district webmaster then to schedulemaker - so send to webmaster

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

Jake Delivered Report

District 11,

Hope everyone had a safe, happy and healthy 4th of July holiday! A lot has occurred over the last two months with the treatment settings. We will keep the report brief and specific.

Anyone with a desire or passion or more importantly knows someone with a desire and passion to help out in any capacity is encouraged to discuss it with Natae or myself. Please take the opportunity to fill out the Northern Illinois Area District 11 AA treatment settings participant sign up form. The intention is to create a list of willing and able members to carry the message into treatment settings or aid and assist the treatment committee in the role of serving District 11 and its groups.

We have been focused on but not limited to 3 treatment facilities.

- NIRC mainly detox and inpatient also offering IOP
- Rosecrance which offers IOP in our district and sober living
- Northwestern Behavioral in Woodstock - where we are looking to serve the inpatient residents

Also helping out at one of the sober living facilities in Woodstock (New Directions). And we've recently begun to consider serving at Valley Hi Nursing and Rehab in Woodstock as well. All of the facilities have opportunities for members to go and offer assistance to men and women who are struggling with alcohol.

Currently our main focus is the commitment at Northwestern Behavioral. 2 members have completed the volunteer application and received orientation, which we are very thankful for. We do want to continue to expand the list of members that are approved to attend so they too can experience the joy and freedom from bondage that comes from serving God and His kids. The current commitments at Northwestern are Thursdays and Sundays @ 1030am and every other Friday @ 230pm. It is important to mention the commitment the hospital offers is not necessarily the commitment we are looking for. For example, we have opportunities to go every Sunday but if you can commit to 1 or 2 or 3 Sundays a month that's great! This will provide some variety to the residents and limit carrying the responsibility to only a few members.

At Rosecrance we did have 2 members go and give an intro to AA 'presentation.' The facility is recommending we do this every 2 to 3 months. With our next presentation coming in late August or September. Rosecrance did mention it would need to be on a Wed or Thur sometime between 930 and 1230. We are still looking to commit a specific date and time along with a couple of members committing as well.

During the July Area treatment meeting there was some information shared from district 10. A need for members to visit a couple of facilities in Lake county.

- ATP in Waukegan Mon. and Fri at 730pm and Sat at [10am](#)
- Women's residential facility in Vernon Hills on Thursdays at 730pm

We do not have a lot of information regarding these meetings however there is contact information available for anyone interested. We will follow up and continue to report as needed.

We are also pleased to announce that we were given the opportunity to serve one of our local groups of district 11. We were contacted and able to assist the group with fulfilling a commitment at a couple of treatment facilities. We will continue establishing contact with groups in district 11 and offering any assistance to help the groups effectively carry out our primary purpose.

And finally,

We are continuing to grow in understanding and effectiveness, build relationships and share experience with other members in Area 20 regarding the treatment settings role in Alcoholics

Anonymous. We hold an open committee meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month at 8pm in the district 11 zoom room. We have attended the NIA20 treatment zoom meeting and I close with thanks to the committee chair for attending the BTG corrections and treatment workshop in June.

Thank you for the service opportunity,

- TS

QUESTIONS:

Q-Lisa - is Rosecrance meaning corporate or one specific?

A- Crystal Lake IOP is the one we are working directly with. We are focusing in our district but are open if it should lead to a need in other districts.

Webmaster: Chair: Doug / Alt. Chair: OPEN

District 11 Webmaster Report

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Greetings. I assumed the position of Webmaster on 6-24-2024. I am grateful to Carol H. and the committee for the opportunity to be of service. I will do my best to "fill her shoes".

Since the last business meeting, I've worked, in conjunction with the DCM and Treasurer, to update the billing process with HostGator for the website. I am investigating Payment options which could save the district money. That work is on-going,

I have been doing housecleaning on the site. This includes working toward archiving past district reports on the website. Currently we have nearly 10 years' worth of reports. This would reduce the clutter on the District Meeting Minutes and Reports page. More to come on that. There is also an archival District Meeting Schedule page. I need to discuss with the committee during the next 30 days what need, if any, there is for maintaining a schedule page that hasn't been updated since May of 2017, and has been superceded by the current, updated meeting schedule page with links to the Meeting App. Also, we currently store several years worth of event flyers on the site. There is a place on our Google Drive to put those, I will make that happen. As always, please send any event flyers to either the Secretary or me at secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org or webmaster@aa-nia-dist11.org. Please send me either a .pdf file if possible, a .jpeg, or Word document which I can convert.

Lastly, I have registered for, and will be attending the National AA Technology Workshop on September 13 – 15, 2024. I will report on that at the October business meeting.

Thanks for allowing me to be of Service,

Doug W. Webmaster, District 11

Workshop: Chair - Lisa / Alt. Chair - Kelly

- Lisa Gave report as stand in. Re-iterated need for people to be of service in this position.

GSR Reports:

- **Rick - How and Why annual cookout - 9/28 - 5:30 doors - speaker from WI.**
- **Rebecca - Flying Geese - women's retreat 8/23/24/25 in Oregon, IL still accepting sign ups**
- **3 Legacies speaker meeting Open AA speaker on zoom DATE: 9/29 @ 7 p.m. - Zoom ID and PW are same**

- **Matt - Men's suggested step study - 5th friday in Aug. - 1st united methodist in Mchenry - Doors 7 / Meeting @ 7:30**

Old Business:

Officer and District chair positions available. Anyone who would like to stand or nominate for these positions.

New Business:

MOTION from Corrections Chair -

Corrections Chair moves to request approval of additional funds in the amount of \$700 to attend the National Corrections Conference in 2024. (Recommendations for future years will be made in the normal budgeting process after attending this year).

*Estimated cost of the trip:

Room	\$160.00
Airfare	400.00
Registration	140.00
Total	\$700.00

Background

To my knowledge this is a well attended conference that has not had a representative from District 11 attend for some time, perhaps ever. It would behoove District 11 to learn from other districts and also consider the price/value relationship for the future years.

The present budget will, at the very least, be consumed with the purchase of books as the meetings at McHenry County Jail continue to gain traction

Motions 23 FOR - MOTION PASSES

Questions - Q - LISA - is the \$700 going to budget for this year only or for future years to come also?

A- only for 2024 -and if it seems like something we want to continue then we will request budget for future years.

ANGIE - Is this available for zoom also or only in person?

A - I did not see a zoom option.

Q - Location:?

A - Sheriton North Carolina

District 61 Questionnaire (DAN P)- Sent out - please review and take it to your groups and vote.

- Extended through 9/22/24
- This is about Big Book / 12x12 / Dr. Opinion / Dr. Bob nightmare - looking for 75% majority from groups in US and Canada

QUESTIONS:

Open Mic:

- **Natae - Keith B. Alt. treasurer last year recently passed away. His service is 10a.m. this saturday.**
- **Steve - Camping Convention 11 - TN - SMAACC.org - S/E of Nashville 8/22 - 25**
- **Doug - Accessabilities - meeting schedule and app has a space for noting accessabilities. GSR's please let doug know what is available so he can update on meeting schedules.**
- **Bill - Winners and Beginners - this saturday - road trip to Reliance Group in Milwaukee - Sat. 10 a.m. - Then to Harley Davidson Museum \$24 - flyers in back.**

UPCOMING SERVICE EVENTS: (Enter from Agenda)

- **Sat. 8 a.m. doors / 9 a.m. Meeting - lord of light church**
- **Proposal to move locations at the end of next year since our lease is up. Typically we rotate to Woodstock or Mchenry or Crystal Lake every 3 years.**

Meeting Closed at: _8:14 p.m.

The next District Meeting is Thursday September 45h, 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)