

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
October 3rd, 2024**

Location: Hybrid via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Attendance: _35_, in person _25_

Committee members: _13_

Groups represented: _22_

Guests: _0_

Read Twelve Traditions: _Rich H._

Read Concept of the Month: _Ryan D._

New GSR's Present: _Luke (Wed. 8:30 CLAC Beginners)_

New attendees present: _____

Anniversaries: _Georgene 5 yrs / Mark 5 yrs / Chris 3 yrs_

OFFICERS' REPORTS

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

Good evening District 11,

I hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful weather.

On September 7th I attended the Fall Assembly.

- **Area Finance:** PPR 25.2% remaining budget PPM: 44.2% remaining budget.
- **GSB Finance:** Contributions up, literature sales down, but margin up than. Operating costs down. Prudent Reserve: 6.2 Months Operating Expense.
- **Founder's Literature Motion:** Substantial unanimity needed: **Failed 64%/36%** (56:32). I voted in opposition of this motion.
- **Archives Chairperson Motion:** Substantial unanimity needed: **Failed 45%/55%** (38:46). I voted in favor of this motion.
- **Accessibilities Motion:** Simple majority needed: **Passed 88%/12%** (72:10). I voted in favor of this motion.
- **ERC Trustee Nomination:** Rich H. elected as candidate after 5 rounds of Third Legacy procedure and being selected from the hat.
- **Trustee at Large (US):** Robert S. stood unopposed and was elected as candidate in one vote.
- Physical copies of the 2024 Conference report are available. There is a box on the table in the back. If we need more, I will contact Erik and get them to any group who wants one.

On September 12th I hosted the Legacy of Service: AA Service Manual and Concepts Study. I waited 15 minutes, and no one joined, I've heard interest from a few parties and will be texting them the week of October 10th in an attempt to boost attendance. If you or anyone in your group is interested in learning about our service structure and concepts, I would recommend they join us the second Thursday of each month.

On September 28th we hosted D10/11/12 & NIA20 CPC/PI Workshop at Shepherd of the Prairie. Thank you to all who were able to make it out. The event was well-attended with about 40 members. Special thank you to all volunteers and for Lisa, who put a lot of work into making the event the best it could be, above and beyond.

Thank you,
Dan P
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QUESTIONS:

- Q: Georgene - Are there spanish copies of 2024 Conference report available?
- A: Yes, i can get some

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*
- New GSR please submit change form

****Motion to accept the September minutes as sent. Passed.**

QUESTIONS:

- ***Please send committee reports to the secretary to be submitted in minutes.***
Email: secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer - Angelo Alt. Treasurer - Bud

Delivery date 10/3/24

I have questions out to the webmaster to potentially save 2 months of website fees. This is currently being looked into. I am hoping for a decision before our next meeting.

All expense reports received have been processed and checks issued.

All donations have been deposited.

Our Alt. Treasurer Bud is out with a broken ankle. When he is mobile, he will be taking care of sending the receipts to the donating groups.

Because every check that is written has to be accounted for on the expense budget, I added a line to the 2024 budget for the Old Timer's Brunch. This reflects a negative \$200 for the hall rental. This OTB line will be added to the future budgets so the transactions can be properly documented. I recommend for the 2025 budget OTB is earmarked \$1,700 based on \$1,500 seed and \$200 hall rent. If not, their budget will show a \$1,700 deficit at the end of 2025. Money received from the event will continue to be tracked on the income report.

Over the past month we have had Income of \$774.00 and Expenses of \$2,684.22. This puts our available funds at \$7,186.04 based on current prudent reserves.

Thank you!

Yours in service

Angelo Gallegos
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 815-678-4034

QUESTIONS:

****Motion to Accept November Report: PASSED**

~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

Answering Service Report: Chair: Mike N. / Alt. Chair - Rob R

Hi Guys,

	September
Answer Rate:	86.96%
Total Calls	46
Wrong Number/Hang up	6
Delivered Calls	40

Rob, my new alternate, is anxiously chomping at the bit!

- He has begun reaching out to existing volunteers and determining if there's any updates.
- I have reached out to TAS to get Rob access to the account.

We've determined a plan to move forward to update the TAS schedule:

- Contact existing volunteers/update phone numbers.
- Determine open time slots.
- Get some help with the TAS Portal Calendar.
- Update TAS Portal Calendar to reflect the actual schedule.

Thank you,
 Mike Mensinger

QUESTIONS:

Q: Did Rob start to call or going to? Is he calling from personal phone?

A: He has started to call on the list to update and is calling from his phone to get the list fully up to date.

Q: Chris - Can we have a commitment on when the list will be sorted out?

A: We will contact everyone by next month, but not certain when the calendar will be completed.

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

Hello District 11

Organizing Archive Files and Reports in my One Drive.

Organized our Archives Materials so it is all in one place in my basement. What we have there is 19 totes, various unboxed display materials, 2 coolers, 1 box coffee cups. Contents of bins include District 11 Documents, and various collected flyers and reports. Most of which are in binders. A Grapevine collection that was started long ago. Various recordings, trinkets, sweatshirts, etc. Old Timers Brunch supplies

I received an email with a Night Out at the Dole flyer. I contacted a friend, and he is going to try to get me a history of that event and any past available flyers.

Plans for the next two months are, get my computer fixed, pick up some display cases near Edwardsville, Illinois, donated by Area 21 Archives Committee, put together display for Soberfest.

I have 2 volunteers for the Soberfest Archives room, are there any others here today?

Will try using a flash drive direct to computer to back up digital archives. Say some prayers for Rich.

Rich H.
District 11 Archivist
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QUESTIONS:

Q: How many people do you ideally want for Soberfest.

A: Anything is helpful, it's run on one before and other's have been involved from different areas.

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

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

Pink Can Books:

I have received 24 books from the area pink can fund. We have not yet needed to put them into service as we have books that seem to circulate back to the library and then we get them back to locker.

Volunteers:

We have room for more volunteers and modest steady interest. A few have not cleared the background check, but we are adding more than we have rotating out.

Pending:

- Friday night step work 1 thru 7 like we did in the past.
- possible visitation to allow sponsorship
- exit packages

Presently on hold or being considered to approach the jail:

- dedicated number
- adding grapevines to the literature we furnish

National AA Conference:

Will attend 11-8 thru 11-10-2024. Day after next month's meeting. Report will follow

Clint Kenner 847-922-5303 "The pleasure you get from life is equal to the attitude you put into it."

QUESTIONS:

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

Karen Watkins

1. On September 28th, I participated in a District 10-11-12 CPC Workshop. We had a Grapevine/LaVina display. There was some literature for sale. We had additional LaVina information for the first time.
2. Our very own Stefania R. from District 11 has a story published in the October 2024 Grapevine edition. This month's edition is about CPC: Cooperation with Professional Community. The title of her story is "A Deep Breath". It can be found on Page 59.
3. I will participate in an Area 20 AA Service Workshop at Northern Illinois University campus on Saturday, October 12 from 9-2pm. A flyer is available. There will be literature available.
4. In grapevine there is a gift subscription (1st is \$36/annual / 2nd subscription is \$16)

QUESTIONS:

Q: Price increase - is this the solution to LaVina not being solvent.

A: Yes, another idea is to do black and white but this is being tried first. This may or may not fix the problem. There was area committee meeting and another on Oct. 19th and I'll bring this question up at that time

GSR Orientation: Chair: OPEN

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

Nothing to report from last committee meeting

Brought newcomer meeting packets for those that need them

Flyers in back re: Plain language BB - motivation/purpose/how to order / Will be available Nov. 1st

Will bring additional BB and service manuals to next meeting

LCM Report: Chair: OPEN

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

I Did receive new literature - 200 pamphlets

20 Big Books

24 abridged versions

Mark will start restocking libraries/police/fire stations, etc.

Volunteers welcome to help PI efforts - please see Georgene

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

Reached out to printer today and sent files

Will do 700 copies estimated 3 months worth due to changes that may arrive.

Will have new schedules to hand out @ next months meeting.

Q: Will schedules come with and without

A: 250 pro / 250 regular / 200

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

District 11,

During our monthly committee meeting two items were the main topic of discussion.

- First, there may be a new opportunity to serve at MCC. Some conversations have begun discussing the possibility of bringing Alcoholics Anonymous into the facility. This is a result of some nursing students and faculty attending the AA meeting held at Northwestern Behavioral. We are excited about this and we're waiting for further developments.

- Secondly, we discussed creating a bridge the gap contact list for the treatment settings. We are hopeful this list of local willing members given to residents and patients will aid in a relatively smooth and more importantly successful transition from treatment to AA.

We are also looking to gather information regarding a monthly commitment that was also held at Northwestern by a member who recently has passed on. A staff member did inform us they currently do have a contact however no additional information was given. The committee is asking if anyone has any additional information on the commitment Kevin had at Northwestern to please let Natae or myself know. We would like to keep a record of who has this covered and offer any assistance if needed.

At Rosecrance we were able to send two members for an intro to AA presentation to the IOP patients. This is a quarterly commitment and we will be looking to visit again in December. There is also a beginners step meeting held the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm. Attendance has been good there but we're always welcoming to any AA members willing to carry the message.

Gateway in Lake Villa is looking for women to go and participate in their Friday night meeting. There is a contact available for anyone interested in attending.

Northwestern Behavioral in Woodstock has opportunities to serve as well. The current openings are Thursdays and Sundays at 1030am and every other Friday at 230pm. The committee is very thankful for those who have already signed up and are regularly attending, there is a need for additional men and women to bring Alcoholics Anonymous into the facility.

All of this and much more can be discussed at our next committee meeting held on October 24th at 8pm in our District zoom room. We also encourage any members who are interested or if you know anyone who is interested to please fill out the participant sign up form so we can continue building an effective and reliable treatment settings contact list. The link can be found on our flyer by scanning the QR code.

- Request for Randy to share experience @ Northwestern
 - Process is easy - gave info, natea contacted, went and got screened @ Huntley hospital. Groups range from 1 person to 6 attendees. Some are familiar some are not.

The End - Jake

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Dist 11 TS

Q: Chris - is someone signs up will you reach out to them

A: we will look @ availability and reach out. Will ask if they want to be included in Bridge the gap as well.

Webmaster: Chair: Doug / Alt. Chair: Jim

- Updatng group # and contacts on schedule - contact person
- Site hosting is in process
- Upgrading wordpress in consideration - going from free to small paid. Will discuss more
- St. Louis - Grapevine and Lavinia - site analytics discussed / Web and zoom security discussed
- Drafting budget for next year
- Any flyers you want on the website - please send Word or PDF to webmaster and secretary

Q: Chris - spent \$1300, overbudget?

A: Yes. Dan replied that it was approved for travel and we underestimated due to alternate chair going as well. We will address raising the budget for future.

- We are looking @ decreasing cost of web hosting. Hoping to balance budget out. Getting into analytics as well to see if we are spending time where needed to help with efficiency and budget

Q: Rich - Will we discuss overages?

A: It will be discussed and brought to the group

Q: CArol - why did corrections have to ask for fund increase and Web didnt'. JD and budget didn't include outside activities, so something like this should be brought up in future.

A: Webmaster did reach out to ask if it needed to have a motion drafted? It was not brought up because it was assumed we would be in budget.

Workshop: Chair - OPEN / Alt. Chair - OPEN

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

- NA

GSR Reports:

Chris - Remnant - Grace fellowship Woodstock - NOv 28th Thurs - 7 doors open (open meeting)***

Old Business:

OPEN POSITIONS:

o Officer Positions

§ Alternate District Committee Member (Alt DCM)

§ Alternate Secretary

o Committee Positions

§ Accessibilities (ACC) Chair & Alternate Accessibilities (Alt ACC) Chair

§ Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Chair & Alternate Cooperation with the Professional Community (Alt CPC) Chair

§ Alternate Grapevine (Alt GV) Chair

§ Alternate Literature (Alt LT) Chair

§ Workshops (WS) Chair & Alternate Workshops (Alt WS) Chair

o Appointed Positions (If you have an interest please speak to Dan)

§ GSR Orientation Chair

§ Local Committee Member (LCM)

New Business: NONE

- **Reaching out to service committees regarding budgets. We are sitting on excess funds and looking for motion to send to area and General Service Board. Proposal hoped for next meeting**

Open Mic:

Rich - I am on advisory board for corrections conference and will not be here next month but will submit info to Dan and Ryan

Mike - Co-chair for soberfest - weekend before Thxgiving - please come check it out. We're looking for volunteers for groups to host alcothon please let me know if interested.

Daine hospitality suite @ Soberfest - chair still has 2 slots available Sat 23rd 11 - 1 / 24th Sun 7 - 9 a.m. / link is available for sign up

D11 asked to host a panel - 3 speakers needed followed by 15 minutes Q&A - Topic - service at levels of Sponsor / Area /

Christa - block of rooms will be released in the next few days if you want to make a reservation

UPCOMING SERVICE EVENTS: (Enter from Agenda)

- **10/10/2024: Legacy of Service: General Service Manual & Concepts Study**
 - 7:30 PM via Zoom
 - Meeting ID: 819 5925 86250 / Passcode: 639187
- **10/19/2024 NIA20 Fall Committee Meeting**
 - 8:00 AM Breakfast and Fellowship 9:00 AM Meeting Begins
 - Lord of Life Church, 40W605 IL Rt. 38, Elburn, IL 60119
 - Zoom:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpdO6hpzgoH9QYw-hmUVKUCFx_-o41KKUp

Meeting Closed at: _8:10__ p.m.

The next District Meeting is Thursday November 7th, 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)