

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
November 7th, 2024**

Location: Hybrid via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Attendance: _37_, in person _25_

Committee members: _13_

Groups represented: ___14_

Guests: _____

Read Twelve Traditions: _Mike_

Read Concept of the Month: _Rob_

New GSR's Present: _Tricia / Women's broad highway group (Woodstock)_

New attendees present: _Kevin, Lori (new CPC chair)_

Anniversaries: __Lisa (10 Yrs.) / Natea (28 Yrs.) / Ed (11 Yrs.) / Kevin (34 Yrs.)_

OFFICERS' REPORTS

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

Good evening District 11. I hope Everyone had a great month and a wonderful Halloween. If anyone is interested there are some chocolate bars by the coffee. Please take them so I don't have to eat any more.

On October 10th I hosted the Legacy of Service: AA Service Manual and Concepts Study. Again there were no attendees. I spoke about it at the Fall Committee Meeting and had a couple of people interested.

On October 19th I attended the NIA20 Fall Committee Meeting. We Discussed Area Finances and the NIA20 Primary Purpose Register (PPR) and a Motion for Area Trusted Servants to use their designated Microsoft 365 emails. A majority of comments were in support of this motion. I spoke in support citing my experience with our own DCM email and the 10 years of knowledge at my fingertips, which has been valuable from time to time. One comment opposed was whether this could bar someone from being able to hold a position due to not having the ability to access their area email. Both the proposed PPR and Motion are attached in the Preliminary Winter Assembly PDF that was attached in the District Business Meeting email.

I also grabbed Spanish copies and some more English copies of the 2024 Final Conference Report

At our last business meeting I may have miscommunicated and wanted to clear the air. As we are a hybrid meeting, zoom attendance is equitable to in-person attendance. I will accept nominations and standings for District positions from anyone attending virtually or in-person, so long as the individual is present in one form or another. If I misspoke and conveyed something other than that I apologize as it was not my intention.

Dan P.
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QUESTIONS:

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
- Please fill out sign in sheet that is being passed around
- If there are any group changes or new groups present please fill out the form and submit it to me
- When you have a flyer you want distributed, please indicate when e-mailing to me if this is to be submitted to webmaster or just for minute distribution
- Check with registrar and copy Webmaster about missing or incorrect meetings

QUESTIONS:

****Motion to accept the minutes as sent. -**

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

Email: secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer - Angelo G. / Alt. Treasurer - Bud S.

All donations have been deposited.

Our Alt. Treasurer Bud is still out with a broken ankle and will be back in business next month. He will be taking care of sending the receipts to the donating groups for September and October.

Over the past month we have had Income of \$1,726.46 and Expenses of \$542.17. This puts our available funds at \$8,370.33 based on current prudent reserves.

The webmaster is still looking into potentially saving 2 months of website fees. This will be sorted for our next budget year.

Any questions?

Motion to accept October report?

In keeping with our 7 th Tradition, we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

The suggested donation is \$2 for this meeting.

Thank you!

Yours in service
Angelo Gallegos
Treasurer@aa-nia-dist11.org
Lomaster1313@aol.com
815-678-4034

QUESTIONS:

Q - Craig: Is there any information missing fro YTD - Confirm whether the \$0.00 was accurate

A - Yes

Q - What is protocol for reimbursement?

A - go on website and obtain D11 expense report. Print and fill out, attach receipts and e-mail to treasurer. Treasurer will provide check as soon as received.

Q - Lisa, in new year Jan. 2025 - is there already a set budget?

A - we will discuss the 2025 budget at the next meeting in DEC. 2024. Request all committee members to submit if there are any increases or changes and explanation as to why. Please submit before Thanksgiving. **Secretary will send that out with this month's minutes.**

****Motion to Accept November Report: Passes**

~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 - OPEN

Answering service committee has reached out to existing volunteers and verified their availability and desired On Call schedule.

We have a few vacancies, so we'll begin filling that in. If you want to be on the list let us know and we'll show the vacancies.

Additionally, we have scheduled some time to work out the scheduling of our OC status in MiTeams Tas United system tomorrow.

Below is the call list for October.

	October
Answer Rate:	84.38%
Total Calls	32
Wrong Number/Hang up	5
Delivered Calls	27

Thank you to all those that volunteer!

There are open aprox 19 open slots we are looking to fill.

Rob and Mike will be fixing the system timing and rotation. Once complete we will send out lists to bring to your groups

QUESTIONS:

Q: What is the form?

A: we have one that you can take to your group. We are updating the template and will distribute to you all once complete.

Q: If someone from out of our district calls us, will they still get help?

A: Yes they will get a call back and asked some questions and passed on to one of our team. If we find they are in a different area, it is our responsibility to contact the person and put them in touch with someone in that area. Send them to the local website or find them a meeting.

Q: How will we get this form?

A: Once complete we will give it to secretary and he will distribute it.

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

Hello District 11

On October 14, I picked up 5 used display cases at the Southern Illinois, Area 21 Central Service Office in South Roxana, Illinois. They were a contribution to District 11 Archives by the Area 21 Archivist, Carl M., from his personal collection. I will send a proper show of gratitude with pictures of the display cases in use.

I have cleaned up these cases and have purchased and installed keyed alike locks in them.

I currently have our entire archives collection laid out on many tables in my basement. I am putting together our District 11 Archives Display for Soberfest. For the first time our display will be hands off which will better preserve our collection. It will also enable me to display some of our actual original documents.

I am also taking advantage of everything being laid out like this to properly organize and archive our documents.

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

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

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

I am leaving for the national AA corrections conference tomorrow and I'll have much more to report next month.

We are still looking for volunteers. Please announce this in your groups and take a flyer with the information to contact me or Brian. We can answer questions about the process. It is taking a little longer than it used to.

We have three volunteers pending, and I'm checking regularly. Once approved i typically will speak with them and make sure they are working a program before placing them into a date.

Yours in Service

Clint K

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

Hello,

Thank you for your service to District 11. Due to a changed work schedule, I will not be able to attend either in person or on Zoom the district meetings. At least, I will not be present in November. I will be ordering literature and visiting more meetings during the last few months of the year. I will submit my budget.

After February, I will be retired, so things will change. I will bring more announcements to the church basement and place in the cabinet by the literature rack.

Thank you,
Karen

GSR Orientation:

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

Nothing to report

LCM Report: Chair: OPEN

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

PI Chair Report

Literature Delivered To:

Police Stations and Libraries

McHenry- Police Station and Library
Lakemoor- Police Station and Library
Johnsburg- Police Station and Library
Spring Grove- Police Station
Harvard- Police Station and Library
Richmond- Police Station and Library
Holiday Hills- Police Station
Crystal Lake- Police Station and Library
Cary- Police Station and Library
Fox River Grove- Police Station and Library
Algonquin- Police Station
Lake in the Hills- Police Station
Lakewood- Police Station
Wonder Lake- Police Station
McCullom Lake- Police Station
Prairie Grove- Police Station
Senior Services

I will be ordering more AA cards as I am almost out
I will also be ordering the Plain Language Big Book

In Service
Georgene PI Chair
Mark Alt Pi Chair

We will also be reaching out to libraries, police, retirement, fire stations and other.

Q: Lisa offered to help with Huntley area.

A: Yes

Q: Lauren - if we know of places that can use information who do we send it to?

A: please send to secretary and he will distribute.

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

New schedules (750 - 800) have been printed and will likely have to print again before the end of the year.

When I went to pay they said they've already sent an invoice, but were not clear where they sent it.

Bill Press - Angelo is aware of them and will check to see if we have an invoice

I am looking into more local printer for future convenience.

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

Greetings District 11. The treatment committee is happy to share the progress that's been made since we last met in October:

Literature

Replenished stock of Big Books for Northwestern Inpatient & Outpatient. Ordered 40 soft cover and 20 large print books to cover future requests.

Treatment Committee Participation Form Flyers

Please take some forms with you to your groups and complete the information so we can have a list of contacts ready to go when service opportunities arise. We will bring some flyers to Soberfest.

Northwestern Medicine Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit in Woodstock on Doty Rd

AA meetings are on Thursdays and Sundays @ 10:30 am, and alternating Fridays @ 2:30pm. We are looking to add more badged AA members for 2025. The volunteer coordinator is on medical leave, but will begin orientations again when she returns, so please let us know now so you will be in the queue. MCC representatives are often present at the weekday meetings and have expressed an interest in starting something at MCC. We are following up, but haven't made any official progress yet.

Rosecrance in Crystal Lake

Coordinating quarterly information sessions for patients and attending monthly alumni meeting.

NIA Area 20

Attending monthly meeting with Area chair and other District Treatment Chairs. There are opportunities at facilities in other districts like Gateway, ATP and Women's Residential Services. Oftentimes patients reside in our district, so it is helpful if our members carry the message at these facilities when the opportunity arises.

The treatment committee is always looking for help and anyone is welcome to join us when we meet every fourth Thursday at 8pm on the District Zoom line.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service.

Nataé (Chair) and Jake (Co-Chair)

Webmaster: Chair: Doug / Alt. Chair: Jim

Good Evening,

Since our last meeting, I've conducted research into the rate increase for our website hosting and investigated cost saving measures available to us. Our hosting package was automatically upgraded from the lowest package (Baby) to the next level (Hatchling). This happened due to exceeding the allotted storage space on the server. I enquired of HostGator if it was possible to downgrade our hosting back to the Baby Package. I was informed that there is no way to downgrade. In order to go back, we would need to run a complete backup of our site, then delete the site. Then I'd need to initiate a new site at the lower price, then overlay the backup. Given that the price difference between the two hosting packages is around \$6 per month (when paid annually) it was decided to keep the package as it is.

Hatchling	Regular Price	Monthly Cost Breakdown*
1 Month	\$17.59	\$17.59
3 Months	\$49.47	\$16.49
6 Months	\$92.33	\$15.39
1 Year	\$158.27	\$13.19
2 Years	\$290.14	\$12.09
3 Years	\$395.61	\$10.99

Baby	Regular Price	Monthly Cost Breakdown*
1 Month	\$24.19	\$24.19
3 Months	\$69.27	\$23.09
6 Months	\$130.61	\$21.77
1 Year	\$224.27	\$18.69
2 Years	\$422.14	\$17.59
3 Years	\$593.61	\$16.49

In addition, I looked into upgrading the web development package we have with WordPress. While the current package is free, it lacks some operability features, such as Search Engine Optimization (SEO) tools, and analytics which can aid in providing the best tools for carrying the message to alcoholics still suffering within District 11. Upgrading the package with WP also gives us the ability to automatically sunset graphics files used within the Events calendar. This will result in better utilization of server storage space. The cost of the upgrade is a one-time fee of \$46.

I've been archiving the contents of the Meeting Minutes and reports page from the website. The archival files will be located on our Google drive for reference, as needed. This is a temporary solution, since the free storage on the Drive is limited.

I've been in contact with the Treasurer and DCM, as well as Harry G (past webmaster) about the upcoming District 11 2025 operating budget request. Given that the cost of webhosting is paid out of the webmaster's operating budget, as is any expense for upgrades to development tools, as well as any committee owned A/V equipment we may need to acquire NIA 20 District 11 Webmaster Report November 7th, 2024 pursuant to our upcoming move, I believe that we can continue to provide the services the district currently enjoys without increasing our budget over what was allocated last year--\$1000.

The project for updating group status and group numbers on the Meeting Schedule is on-going. I hope to be able to complete this project before the end of 2024.

As always, please submit any flyers to the secretary or myself, preferably in either JPEG or PDF format. Group changes need to be submitted to the Area Registrar, and copied to our schedule maker and the webmaster to update the webpage on our site as well as the printed schedules and the Meeting App. The forms for making changes, adding or deleting meetings can be found on our Forms page or on the forms page of the area webpage.

Finally, as some of you may know, I am navigating some life-altering medical issues. The district's tech equipment is currently in my possession. Should I be unable to attend the monthly business meeting in person, I will ensure that the equipment is available to the district. Specifics will be shared as needed. Thanks for allowing me to be of service,

Doug Wilsman, webmaster

Jim W, Alternate webmaster.

Workshop: Chair - OPEN / Alt. Chair - OPEN

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

GSR Reports:

Dominick - Remnant group woodstock. Thanksgiving Gratitude Meeting Doors @ 7 / Meeting @ 8

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)

Lisa nominated Lori L. for CPC Chair position.

- **Lori accepts / No others stand for position.**
- **All in favor YAY!**

New Business:

- Motion to Require NIA Trusted Servants to Use Designated Microsoft 365 Email Addresses for NIA Correspondence
 - All seem to be in favor
- Motion to Reimburse NIA20 for CPC/PI Workshop (*Attached*)
 - Vote taken - In favor: 25 / Opposed: None - PASSED
- Motion to Forward Funds to NIA20 and GSB (*Attached*)
 - Q: How often do we assess this?
 - A: Is to be considered quarterly and based on where we are at to make the donations. We've been doing it annually but are willing to revise if necessary.
 - Q: Can we take this to our groups for discussion before deciding?
 - Discussion had and making sure we have a standardized percentage and how often.
- VOTE TAKEN - In Favor: 27 / Opposed: None - PASSED

QUESTIONS:

Q: Please clarify if we could get flagged as spam?

A: This is currently a potential issue which would be remedied by the microsoft transfer

Open Mic:

- This Saturday, November 9th @ the other side on beardsley in Crystal lake will have a set workshop on step 10 & 11 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 p.m.
- KEvin proposal to put together a "How it Works Workshop"
- Georgene - Old Timer's brunch Feb 16th - American Legion Hall - Doors @ 9 speakers @ 11 Flyers will follow
- Also 12 step play happening Saturday the 9th - 2 evening
- The pastor here would like to speak to our group for 3 - 5 minutes - No objections

Upcoming Service Events:

11/9/2024: NIA20 Big Book Conference

- 8AM Doors open 9AM-3:30PM Conference
- First Covenant Church, 316 Wood Rd, Rockford, IL 61107
- \$15 Admission

11/14/2024: Legacy of Service: General Service Manual & Concepts Study

- 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Meeting ID: 819 5925 86250 / Passcode: 639187

12/14/2024 NIA20 Winter Assembly

- 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/join/9tZUtd-ggqz0qH9JtXLV8TWwv6uiog_p4nuXy

Meeting Closed at: _8:45__ 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)