

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
October 4, 2018**

Location: First United Methodist Church
201 W. South St, Woodstock

Meeting time: 7:30pm

Attendance: 26

Committee members: 10

Groups represented: 14

Guests/Alt GSRs: 3

Read Twelve Traditions: Sam K.

Read Concept of the Month: Concept 10, Dominick A.

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: None

New attendees present: Maureen O. and Dennis D.

Anniversaries: Bob K. 9/11/18 (14 years), Chris H. 9/13/18 (26 years) and Carrie W. 9/24/18 (2 years)

Presentation by Carmela R., Northern Illinois Area (NIA) Alternate Area Chair – Panel 68: Carmela shared her experience in the world of AA service that began when she was a General Service Representative (GSR). This eventually led to her being fired from this position as the group that was not used to having business meetings and hear from a GSR. She learned not to lose her enthusiasm, build on that experience and look for opportunities to be of service. She did find opportunity to serve for another group. As a GSR she shared some of her early experience when a vote was called to support District 10 in planning an NIA Spring Conference.

Once thing she has found is that no matter what happens in the discussion, in the end it truly does come to a group conference. Although her group did not support that vote, she individually participated in planning several conferences in the following years. She offered many suggestions about how one might overcome some of the obstacles they might encounter in this role and further encourage others GSR to be the voice of her group conscience. Through activities at their business meetings they participated in AA service including taking a group inventory using the Traditions Checklist. Carmela suggested for groups that may be indifferent to listening to the GSR report, giving them one piece of information at a time.

Then she got involved in the district and became the Events Chair, planning District 10 picnic and went on to be the Public Information (PI) Chair. She found that she needed to learn about how to talk about Alcoholics Anonymous to Non-alcoholics. She shared some of the ways that that committee provided information to the public about AA, she didn't have to recreate the wheel as there is already literature available that can be used for any activity. She eventually went on to be the District Treasurer and then became the District Committee Chair (DCM). After that ended she had a year off was asked to join one of the administrative committees, the Finance Committee for NIA. Through sponsoring someone involved in Drug Court she found that she had a passion for the work done by Cooperation with the Professional Committee (CPC) so that was her next service opportunity at the area level of service.

She went on to stand for NIA Registrar and NIA Secretary and is now the NIA Alternate Chair and as a privilege she gets to chair the GSR break-out session at the area assemblies that are held four time a year. There is a break-out session for every service committee and you get to brain storm ideas and share and learn what is happening in other districts. She encouraged all to find their passion, once service commitment at a time. Service is not secret that this alcoholic and we look forward to seeing her inspiration and enthusiasm in many ways in the future. Thank you, Carmela!

OFFICERS REPORTS

DCM Report: Kelly B., DCM

Area Fall Assembly

I attended the Area Fall Assembly this past month on September 15, 2018. There were 11 GSRs present from District 11, which was great to see. The following is a summary of some of the reports given and business conducted:

Delegate's Report: Our delegate's full report can be found on the following webpage - <http://aa-nia.org/delegate-reports/>. It is being encouraged for groups and individuals to make contributions to GSO online through the website aa.org. This decreases cost of labor for check deposits. The LinkedIn page is slowly and mindfully being developed. This page is for professionals and is meant to be utilized as a CPC tool. The 2019 General Service Conference will be held May 19th -25th. This is later than usual and will provide us with more time to go over all the agenda items. At this time, a list of proposed agenda items can be found on the NIA website under Other AA Tools and Resources (aa-nia.org). If you want to start looking at the proposed agenda items, you can start discussing some of these with your group now. Not all of these items may appear on the final agenda. Our GSB hired a company to evaluate the communication system within our fellowship and organization. The summary of the report from the company can be found at <http://aa-nia.org/delegate-reports/>. The report is called the [A.A. Internal/External Communications Audit Report \(ABRIDGED\)](#). Some points from this report brought up from our delegate was that it was suggested that we use language that more people understand instead of "AA jargon", more input about what items go on the final agenda should come from the fellowship, and most groups are not represented in our service structure. For much more information, please look at the report.

Area Inventory Report: A report on the Area Inventory was given. This will be available on the Area website at <http://aa-nia.org/area-inventory/>. If you are interested in receiving the document, please reach out to me and I can email it to you.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance as of 08/31/2018 was \$40,835.69. This includes Restricted Funds (Pink and Green Can) of \$8,402.80, Prudent Reserve of \$16,657.05, and Conference checking account of \$2425.91. Income exceeding expenses and liabilities was \$18,201.75.

The 2019 NIA Big Conference will be hosted by Districts 23 and 40. No bids for the 2020 NIA Spring Conference were heard.

Motion 1 - It is moved by the Northern Illinois Area 20 Finance Committee that in the spirit of the 7th Tradition, we forward \$10,000.00 of our excess funds to the General Service Board. Motion passed with substantial unanimity. I voted in favor of this motion.

Motion 2 – The Bourbonnais Terrace Group requests for Area support on a letter requesting a fifth edition Big Book. Motion passed by majority vote. I voted in favor of this motion. Our delegate wrote and sent the letter to the agenda committee at GSO.

Floor Motion – That the Area allows for translation of *Concepts* for publishing on website. Some of the discussion on this motion was a question as to the cost of a Spanish translator, which was not provided at the time of the floor motion. It was also questioned what the urgency for this motion was and why it was being brought up as a floor motion rather than going through the regular chain of voting on a motion so it could be presented to the groups. A motion to table this motion was made. The motion to table passed. I voted in favor of tabling the motion.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Area events. These are all events which GSRs participate in and carry their groups' voices to the Area. Please plan on attending the following:

- Corrections Workshop – October 27th, Doors open at 12:30pm @ Bartlett Nature Center at James Phillips State Park
- Big Book Conference – November 3rd, Doors open at 8 am @ Bethel Baptist Church, Galesburg, IL
- Winter Assembly – December 8th at the Lord of Life Church in La Fox

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Kelly B.
D11 DCM

Alt DCM Report: Guy R., Alt. DCM
No Report

Secretary's Report: Rich H., Secretary, Alt., Secretary - OPEN
Motion to accept September Minutes was made by Brendan K., seconded by Joe S. and passed.

Please send written committee reports to secretary to be submitted into minutes.
Email: secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org

Treasurer Report: Jan C., Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer - OPEN
Motion to accept September Treasurers Report was made by Jos S., seconded by Brendan K. and passed

Treasurer's Report Summary

- Available funds, minus District 11 \$4,000 prudent reserve, are \$ 1,713.92
- Group donations to District 11 totaled \$ 482.20
- Expenses incurred for the month were \$ 236.57.
- District 11 donated \$500 to NIA 20 and \$1,000 to GSB.
- Request that Webmaster approve a \$15 auto deduct by HostGator and inform treasurer of anticipated future deductions by HostGator.

Humbly submitted in service by Jan C. on 9/30/2018
Attached Documents: Statement of Activity and Budget Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility Report: Garry S., Chair, Alt. Chair - OPEN
No Report

Answering Service Report: Bill B., Chair, Scott M., Alt. Chair
AA NIA District 11
Phone Service Report
October 2018
2018 Goal - 100% of answering service responder slots filled.
September Results - 100% filled
September call data:
40 total calls
9 calls required responder
31 calls handled by service

Archives Report: Clarence J., Chair
No Report

CPC Report: Ken M., Chair, Alt. Chair - OPEN
Ken is just getting started, reviewing the workbook and forming a committee. He already had two members that are both connected in the field and want to be active. They are ready and open to do whatever work is needed. He would like an alternate and will hopefully get one soon.

Corrections Report: Devin K., Chair, Emily B., Alt. Chair
Devin is stepping down from Corrections Chair because he is moving to Tennessee at the end of November. We need a male volunteer to help coordinate the men's side! Women's side of corrections is going strong!!

Grapevine Report: Carrie W., Chair, Mary, Alt. Chair
A Grapevine subscription was ordered for the Crystal Lake Library and Carrie visited the Hartland Meeting on Sunday night. There were 15 members at that meeting and many of them already had subscriptions. Carrie is also working with the NIA Grapevine Chair and they are planning a workshop in January. The NIA Literature Chair is also planning on participating in the same workshop.

Hospital & Treatment Report: Kevin K., Chair, John B., Alt Chair

Kevin needs more Big Books for Sunday morning meeting and will meet with the treasurer after the meeting to place an order.

LCM Report: Carol H., Chair, Guy R., Volunteer Marengo and Union

No Report

Literature: Angie O., Chair, Alt. Chair - OPEN

No Report

Public Information Report: Dale H., Chair, Alt Chair - OPEN

No Report

Scheduler Maker:

The new scheduled will be done on October 5th and will be available for anyone who needs them. Please contact Kelly and she will bring them to you if needed before the next district meeting.

Webmaster: Sean T., Chair, Harry G., Alt. Chair

Harry made some updates and added some event flyers on the website and documented them on the "webmaster updates" section on the website.

Workshops: Sid B., Chair, Blu P. Alt. Chair

Sid and the committee members, Joe S. Tina H., Carol H. and Emily P. have met and worked out the details for a District 11 workshop at Soberfest. The theme is the AA Home Group and it will be a round table discussion. We have asked several members to lead panel discussions and different table topics, using the AA Group pamphlet as a guide.

GSR Reports:

None

Old Business:

Maureen O. stood for the Alternate CPC Chair. She qualified herself, provided her sobriety date and shared that she was formerly the Corrections Chair for District 11, but had a lapse in sobriety and now has about 1 ½ years.

Open Positions:

- Alternate Secretary
- Alt. Treasurer - Job Description – Picking up checks and mail at McHenry Post Office, sending copies of the checks to Jan the Treasurer, Writing Thank You Notes to the Groups, about 4 or 5 checks per month. There is a form to fill in the blanks to make it easy. Sobriety requirement for Treasurer is 4 years, requirement for Alternate Treasurer would be 2 years.
 - 1. The alternate is a backup for the Treasurer.
 - 2. If the Treasurer resigns or is unable to serve for any reason, the alternate steps in. (Please note: the current Treasurer resigning in February 2019)
 - 3. Pick up mail from McHenry Post Office – P.O. Box 846 at least once a month.
 - 4. The Treasurer records all Group Donations and maintains a file of all checks for donations and sends a receipt/thank you letter back to each donating group.
 - 5. Deposit donation checks and cash from the District 11 meeting donations.
 - 6. Informs Treasurer the date(s) and amount(s) of deposit
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- Alt. Accessibilities Chair
- Alt. C.P.C. Chair
- Alt. Literature Chair
- Alt. PI Chair

New Business:

No new business

Open Mic:

- Dale H. – Burtons Bridge Breakfast, October 21, Breakfast 8-10:30, Speaker at 11 – FLYER ATTACHED
- Soberfest, November 16 – 18, Lake Geneva Wisconsin. Registration flyers are here and have been mailed out. On-line registration is open. - FLYER ATTACHED
- Area 20 Corrections Workshop, October 27, Bartlett 1-3pm – FLYER ATTACHED
- Area 20 Big Book Conference in Galesburg, ILL, November 3rd, - FLYER ATTACHED

Meeting Closed at 8:48 p.m.

The next District Meeting is November 1, 2018 at 7:30pm at First United Methodist Church of Woodstock, 201 W. South St., Woodstock, IL 60098. Committees will meet prior to the District Meeting at 7:00 p.m.