

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**District 11**  
**April 7, 2016**

**Location:** First Congregation Church

421 Pierson St, Crystal Lake

**Meeting time:** 7:30pm

**Attendance:** 26

**Committee members:** 6

**Groups represented:** 19

**Guests/Alt GSRs:** 1

**New GSRs present:** 0

**Anniversaries:** John 4 yrs.

**Guest Speaker**

Ray M. Area 20 archivist

Ray shared his background and how he became the archivist for the area. What archives is about: Collection, gathering, ordering, preserving and making available the stuff we got. We have somewhere around 50 or 60 boxes of material. We have 40 or more binders like this that have been put together by me and a couple of other people prior to that. This material really needs some sort of organization because it gets stuck in a box and has all of the service stuff. This material has been gathered by secretaries, and registrars and finance people and it's largely from 2000 on and a lot of this is material that I've collected and it's a large range of material. Our main focus in archives is to the men and women who serve in Northern Illinois in the districts and the groups and should have their own archives or somebody doing that sort of stuff. One of things we want to do is supplement the stuff that you have. District stuff is not our primary focus, group stuff is not our primary focus. Now we have a set of policies and procedures and a committee that decides how we're going to do this and how we're going to interact with the districts. We're moving everything to digital because it makes things easier to find and easier to store. We are working toward digitizing and preserving. (Ray shared some of his more interesting material that he has with us). In 1950 we had our first International Convention. The related material was found in a box of Texas material. He discussed the people and influences in A.A. in relationship to the archives. I love what I do and this is the best service position that I've been in.

**Officers Reports:**

**DCM Report:** Laura M. DCM, Kelly B. Alt DCM

I attended the Spring Conference in Rock Island this past weekend where the Spring Assembly was held. During the assembly Area 20 asked for districts to announce their interest in bidding the next spring conference. After extended discussion two districts begrudgingly agreed. The next event up for bid will be the State conference currently being hosted by districts 10, 11 and 28. Since we are already hosting this conference I'm not going to suggest that we host the next one in 2017. That leaves us with potentially hosting the Big Book Conference in 2017. If we have enough enthusiasm for this in our district I will announce our desire to host this event in October 2017.

We will need about 50 people willing to perform some work and be on committees to get the conference done properly.

I have asked Ray M. to give a brief talk at the April meeting about archives and what history is significant to the work we do as GSR's and District committee members.

Next month I have invited Carl, DCM from district 28 to come and talk about the State conference being hosted by districts 10, 11, and 28.

The next assembly is June 11. I will be attending it at Lord of Light Church in La Fox, IL.

The committee meeting is April 9<sup>th</sup> and Kelly will be attending to vote.

Thank you for your service,  
Respectfully submitted,  
Laura M  
District Committee Member

**Secretary's Report:** Mary C. Secretary, Alt Secretary OPEN

Motion made to accept minutes, seconded. Motion to accept minutes passed.

**Please send written committee reports to secretary to be submitted into minutes.**

**Email:** [secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org](mailto:secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org)

**Treasurer Report:** Carol H. Treasurer (absent), OPEN. Alt T

No Report

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Answering Service Report:** Dale H. Chair (absent), Dan M. Alt Chair

**Archives Report:** Clarence J. Chair (absent)

**CPC Report:** OPEN Chair(absent), OPEN Alt Chair

Nikki O. is relocating and resigning her position

**Corrections Report:** John. Chair, Cat Mc. Alt Chair

John gave a brief report.

**Grapevine Report:** Erika O. Chair, OPEN Alt

Not much to say this month.

**Literature:** Bob M. Chair, OPEN Alt Chair

If anyone here or in their groups has any conference literature in their basement or trunk that they are not using, please bring it to the meeting and give it to me.

**LCM Report:** Mary F. (McHenry) Brenda O (Harvard) Pat C. (Cary & Fox River Grove) Bob M. (Woodstock)

We are working with the Secretary and Schedule Maker and Webmaster to update the meeting schedules in time for May meeting.

We need someone to go to Antioch to pick up the printed schedules And bring them to the next GSR meeting. Marge Moeller and I used to do it. She has a broken vertebra and ribs. I am recovering still from My broken hip.

I will pass on all the information about Biller Press. We will have finished schedules by last week of April. Someone can pick the boxes up in the first week of May.

A question to Laura. Are we going to reprint all the schedules including Open meetings and the schedules for institutions which have no contact names and numbers?

**Newsletter Report:** Open, Newsletter Chair

**Public Information Report:** Emily B. Chair, Isidro B. Alt Chair

Emily: I wasn't at the last Dist. Meeting and we have been compiling a list of police, court houses, hotels, motels, etc. We have put it on an excel document. Passing it around, please add any missing institutions by just writing it in. Also passing around mock business card for dist. 11. Copied the previous one that had been used. Passing it around and if you have any additional information and let them know what you think. The phone # on it is the answering service. Also passed around a mock business card they would like to make up. Sid: If your group is interested in dispersing public information please bring this back to your group and I will give you my phone #.

**Schedules Report:** Esther M. Chair, OPEN Alt

**Special Needs Report:** OPEN Chair, OPEN Alt chair

**Hospital & Treatment Report:** Tina M. & Bob M. (Absent) Chair, OPEN Alt

**Webmaster:** Sean T. Chair, OPEN Alt

**Workshop Report:** OPEN Chair, OPEN Alt

**GSR Report:**

**Jackie:** The Soberfest fundraiser fliers are on the table. It's \$5. You'll be entered into a raffle for conference registration.

**Emily:** I have a Design for Living question: The meeting will be changing days of the week in July. I don't know how frequently the schedules get printed. **Laura:** Once a quarter, but we have a live schedule on the website.

**Emily:** for the next month it will be the same and it will be changing days of the week in July.

**Barry:** Winners and Beginners anniversary party is May 14, at (?) Lutheran Church. The fliers on the website.

**Bob:** Burton's Bridge Sunday, open meeting 8-11 all you can eat.

**Old Business:**

**Prudent Reserve Vote: favor 16 opposed 1**

**Emily:** It would be on 2 treasurer reports that was brought to the group. The numbers didn't add up right and they felt like it was accurate information and they didn't want to make a decision on information that was not accurate.

**Laura:** The treasurer did pull back information and there is confidence that we would be fine at that level. Does anyone feel a need to change their vote?

**Motion carries. We are reducing our prudent reserve to \$4000.**

**Open positions:**

**Alternate treasurer. Grapevine alternate. Special Needs Chair. Treatment alternate:** Nikki Qualified herself for the treatment alternate. **Workshop chair and alternate chair. Alternate Secretary.**

**New business:**

**Agenda for General Service Conference.**

**Kelly:** I am going to the Pre-General Service Conference where I am talking to our delegate about what you want her to say when she goes to New York. What she's going to say about certain issue like considering a plain language Big Book. I want your opinion and not my opinion. Let's talk about an agenda item that was talked about. The plain language Big Book. Would one of the GSR's like to talk about what that was if you read the background information or I can do that; do a little summary based on what my GSR forwarded me.

**Sean:** I brought it back to my group and they are opposed the change because it's worked here that long.

**Nick:** His group was around for the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition and they feel the first 164 work and if we convert the first 164 to a plain language that no alcoholic has followed that path at this point in time. No alcoholic has taken another through that path. We understand how some of that language like John Barleycorn, juggernaut and steamboat captain is difficult but it forces us to become disciplined and study the book and learn and understand it. Instructive tools would need to change and changing it would diminish the structure. If the language is driving conversation then it's better not to change it. Sponsors and sponsees working in different language books can cause a disconnect in the communication. **John:** The reason we have sponsors is if we don't understand something they help us. If your sponsor doesn't understand it that's why he has a sponsor. Our group consensus is to not change it.

**Sid:** This is an additional book. It's a supplemental book and they're not changing the Big Book.

**Emily:** This is to bring in new language ... that reaches to everyone.

**Ray:** The Pre-General Service workshop is important because it gives people in New York insight into what the people in our area are thinking. Any GSR can go there and express their voice. If you're a GSR and you can't make it go on the GSO website. And if you want to send your opinion, send it to Kelly because you can't make it to the conference. Find it on our Dist 11 website.

**Open Mike:**

**Sid:** Made an announcement

**The next district meeting is May 5, 2016 at 7:30pm at First Congregation Church, Crystal Lake.**