

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**District 11**  
**Aug. 4, 2016, 2016**

**Location:** First Congregation Church  
421 Pierson St, Crystal Lake

**Meeting time:** 7:30pm

**Attendance:** 29

**Committee members:** 11

**Groups represented:** 13

**Guests/Alt GSRs:** 4

**New GSRs present:** 1

**Anniversaries:**

**Guest Speaker**

**Rich** - Discussed the upcoming 2016 Illinois State Conference & East Central Regional Conference. He shared information about the speakers and activities. He invited everyone to attend.

**Larry** – Shared information about the service structure. He discussed the history of the service structure and how the board was formed by Bill and the division between the board and the fellowship in the beginning. The purpose of the General Service Council is to provide direction to the board. Many of the board people are disconnected from the fellowship and the council facilitates the connection. The General Service Board handles all of the money that goes to GSO and can spend the money as they see fit. He discussed how actions are voted on and then implemented. Larry demonstrated how a motion flows to the groups and back up the chain to the council delegates and then the board. None of this works if there is not a GSR involved and it's important for getting the vote from the individual groups. We as a fellowship get to have control of our own program, service structure, and money.

**Officers Reports:**

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

I will be attending the Summer Committee meeting August 6 in La Fox. I encourage anyone interested in learning more about Area 20 to attend. It will be held at Lord of Life Church in La Fox. 40W515 Illinois 38 Elburn, IL 60119

The State Conference is a week away. I will be serving on a Panel and am the Alternate Registration volunteer. <http://www.aailcon.org/> is available 24/7 to take your registration. Volunteers are still needed.

I have asked Larry S. to give a brief talk at the August meeting about the AA service Structure and where the GSR's fit into the structure.

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

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

**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, OPEN. Alt T

Carol discussed expenses and costs. She had send thank you notes with contribution envelopes. She shared how to contribute to the Pink Can Fund. She requested volunteers to help out in the hospitality room at the State Conference. She will be sending \$1000 split between the area and GSO that should have been sent the previous month.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Answering Service Report:** Dale H. Chair, Bill B. Alt Chair

Carol and I have been working on the answering service to get a different plan and they keep getting the same answer. We took 59 calls this month and we're paying for 150 or 170 or something.

July we took 59 calls:

- 15 for meeting information
- 10 wanted to speak to an AA member
- 4 were referenced to another district
- 1 was needing Spanish
- 6 were referred to Al-anon
- 13 calls for schedules
- 1 person out of rehab and looking for assistance
- 9 hang ups

Dale's gotten emails requesting assistance that is basically a 12 step. Answer call is handling more of the calls. Dale covered his process when he gets a call and the answering services part in that.

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

**CPC Report:** McKenzie Chair (absent), Mitch Alt Chair

No Report

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

If you are sending an application to the jail it is not necessarily getting to the person who needs to see it. You should physically take it in order to make sure that they get it.

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

There are registration forms on the table. If anyone is interested in becoming a rep for a meeting there are registration forms.

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

He is seeking some grapevines and conference approved literature. If you want to begin a literature library for your group he has some literature that he can share.

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

We have new schedules available. We have 3 different types of schedules.

I am continuing to work with the Area 20 Registrar to keep our GSO Fellowship New Vision database.

I need to find out if we need an additional sort on the Meeting Schedule by time or by location.

Do we need an additional GSR vote from the groups? Or is an additional sort just the next logical step in the process of putting the schedules in the best format?

I need guidance on this issue while we have time to get the thoughts of the groups before we update the schedules again for November?

A discussion about the format of the schedules was launched. The recommended course of action was to take the question to the groups as to whether they found it difficult to locate meetings by place and time.

**Newsletter Report:** Open, Newsletter Chair

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

No Report

**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

- 1. Website Updates/Meeting Schedule:** Updated the Meeting schedule online to match the revisions of August 2016 printed schedule.

I updated the addresses of each meeting location to include town name and Illinois, and also added missing street designations (Street, Road, Drive, Lane, etc) so that smart phones and browser searches will more readily import information into Map applications.

Also to help improve search results, I spelled out full words in place of the abbreviations for street names and location names and corrected misc typos – particularly some misspelled street and town names that were mistakenly listed as 2 words when they should have been 1 word (or vice-versa, examples Wonder Lake instead of Wonderlake and Bayview Lane instead of Bay View).

I had tested out a direct link to Google Maps with the Alano clubs over the past few months, and still have those links intact, but with the ability of smart phones and browser searches to recognize street addresses, the direct link really is not necessary.

2. **Website Visitor Stats** – I didn't bother copying all the blah blah. The use of the site has been pretty consistent over the past year. As noted in the past, mobile visitors continues to be a growing trend with IOS being the 2<sup>nd</sup> most popular Operating system (meaning Apple mobile devices), the most popular is still Windows OS and browser is Internet Explorer. Google is 2<sup>nd</sup> most popular browser and Safari is 3<sup>rd</sup>. Logically the web schedule and events pages would get more mobile attention when people are looking for things to do when they are mobile.
3. **As a reminder, like some other Chair positions – Webmaster Alternate is still open. I'm hoping to find an alternate Webmaster to ultimately take over the Webmaster chair duties in the future.**

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

**GSR Report:**

Jackie – This Saturday is the Al-anon McHenry Soberfest fund raiser.

**Old Business:**

**Proposal to host a service workshop with their group** – No one took them to their groups

**Open positions:** Alt. Treasurer, Alt Secretary, Grapevine Alt Chair, Alt Lit Chair, Special Needs, Special Needs Alt. Workshop Chair, Workshop Chair Alt., Alt Webmaster.  
Phil stood for Alternate Corrections.

**New business:**

**Dale** – I hear a lot of talk of newer people coming into the program and hitting the clubs and jumping on club boards. I've been telling them to come give service to the District.

**Open Mike:**

**Sid-** ILSCYPAA – registration available for their conference. He has fliers for help if anyone is interested in some service work.

**The next district meeting is September 1, 2016 at 7:30pm at First Congregation Church, Crystal Lake.**