

Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
December 3, 2015

Location: First Congregation Church
421 Pierson St, Crystal Lake

Meeting time: 7:30pm

Attendance: 32

Committee members: 12

Groups represented: 15

Guests/Alt GSRs: 5

New GSRs present: 0

Anniversaries: Nick C. 1 yr., Glen R. 15 yrs., Dave G. 21 yrs.

Officers Reports:

Secretary's Report: Kelly B. Secretary, Mary C. Alt Secretary

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

DCM Report: Carol H. DCM, OPEN Alt DCM

I attended the East Central Regional Forum on November 13th – 15th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Milwaukee. Meeting the new Office Manager for the General Service Office (GSO) was really exciting and getting firsthand information about the current activities and AA business being conducted by our East Central Regional Trustee Bill F. was very exciting. What I get from a forum is the feeling that I am really a part of the process and knowledgeable about how things get completed, including the reconstruction of GSO and the responsibilities of the Class A and Class B Trustees. This is the one place where you can get all your questions answered and learn about the goings on of our AA business from all aspects of representation.

The 2016 State Conference Planning Committee held our last meeting on 8th at the Pheasant Run Resort, the location for the conference next year and gave everyone an opportunity to ask the questions that were on their mind and also provided a tour of the facility and all the rooms we have available to us for the conference next year. We will be finalizing the registration flyer at our next meeting at the Lake Zurich Police Department on December 13th and did finalize a "Save the Date" flyer to be districted until we determine what the final one will look like. We basically voted to include the best parts of both flyer options submitted and agreed that the Logo would include the outline of the state and mark of the hotel location in St. Charles as well as an open Big Book with our selected slogan, "OUR REAL PURPOSE" from page 77 of the Big Book. Our program committee has a great line-up of speakers and panel and will soon begin the selection of topics for the alcahans.

Hopefully you will all be attending the Winter Assembly on December 12th at the Lord of Life Church, La Fox, 60119 which is located at the southeast corner of IL Rt. 38 & La Fox Rd., 3 ½ miles west of Randall Rd. and 3 ½ miles east of IL Rt. 47, registration starts at 8:00 am, and meeting at 9:00 am. The GSR's and committee chairs and alternates for all the districts in Northern Illinois Area 20 will be voting on the following two motions:

1. Bridging the Gap Committee Motion:

Motion:

To have Cheryl V., our current Area 20 Panel 64 Delegate, submit this motion to the General Service Office-Conference Coordinator and to the staff at the desks of Treatment/Special Needs and Accessibilities, Corrections and Literature, prior to the December 15, 2015 deadline, to revise the pamphlet P-49 (Bridging the Gap) and add this item to the 2016 General Service Conference Agenda. This pamphlet currently addresses

Bridging the Gap only in terms of Treatment Facilities. The desired revisions would be to update this pamphlet to sufficiently encompass all areas where this activity may occur and to include "Treatment Facilities, Correctional Facilities and Institutions" where Bridging the Gap may apply.

2. Corrections Committee Motion:

Motion

The Corrections Committee moves to allocate funds from the NIA 20 treasury to provide needed literature to SIA 21. This literature will be used by the SIA 21 Corrections Committee. The literature will go to Jails, Prisons, and Penitentiaries that they currently take meetings into.

Item #	Activity	Description, expected outcome and execution guidelines	Example expenses	Reimbursement Guidelines	Projected cost
Unsure	Provide	25 – Cases of Soft	NIA 20 Corrections	Reimbursement	\$ 5,529.40
	Literature for	Cover Big Books	Committee will order the	authority: NIA 20	
	SIA 20 Corrections	25 – Cases of Inmate to Inmate	literature and have NIA 20 Treasurer pay for the	Treasurer upon approval from the NIA	
	Committee	4 – Cases of Spanish	order	20 Assembly	
		Soft Cover Big Books			

This December 3rd meeting is one of the most important ones held every two years, the election of the 2016-2017 officers and committees. It is with great pride and excitement that I personally look forward to those of you that will stand for the positions that will continue to assist the still suffering alcoholics for years to come. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as our DCM for the past two years. This position has provided me with many opportunities for growth and to obtain more experience in service to enrich my life. I will never forget the help, understanding and love that I have experience from all of you. Thank you for your service.

Treasurer Report: Pat C. Treasurer, OPEN. Alt Treasurer

Contributions

Group	Name	Town	Amount
	Serenity Seekers No. 8		\$ 264.00
675712	Attitude Adjustment Dawn Patrol	Crystal Lake	\$ 98.40
104182	Tuesday Night Big Book	Johnsburg	\$ 75.00
699065	Men's Priority Big Book 5C	Crystal Lake	\$ 53.00
699065	Men's Priority Big Book 5C	Crystal Lake	\$ 60.00
699065	Men's Priority Big Book 5C	Crystal Lake	\$ 60.00
119600	Thursday Night St. Paul's	McHenry	\$ 180.00
708649	Rainbow Connection	Crystal Lake	\$ 118.00
		Total	\$ 908.49

Expenses

Treasurer	\$ 91.74	Printing Supplies Postage
DCM	\$ 26.63	Candy
Answering SVC	\$ 185.00	
Treasurer	\$ (12.00)	Bank Correction
Total	\$ 291.37	

Cash Position

Bank Balance 11/30/15	\$5883.28
Add Outstanding Deposits	\$ 830.00
	\$ 908.49
Total	\$7621.77
Less Prudent Reserve	(6000.00)
Cash Position 11/30/15	\$1621.77

Advance to Clarence J. for Old Timer's Brunch \$800.00

Committee Reports:

Answering Service Report:

The month of November we had 47 total calls which included 18 Meeting Info; 14 First time callers wanting to speak to a volunteer; 4 hang up calls and 5 calls referred to al-anon. We had eight (8) days with zero calls. Up dated volunteer list sent to District 11 Answering Service Volunteers, District 11 Secretary and DCM for District 11's records. We are still getting sign-ups for local response calls. Please keep circulating the sign*up sheets. Thanks.

Call Type

Meeting Information-18
 Open Me Information-0
 Adding Meeting to Web-1
 Speak AA Member -14
 Referred another Dist. -1
 Speak to NA - 0
 Alano Club WAC;MAC;HAC-0
 Al-Anon - 5
 How to get D. License-1
 11 Hour Class Info -0
 Shopaholic Info -0
 Spanish Speaking -0
 Student Nurse -0
 Hang Up/Will Call Bk -4
 Web-site -0
 Where send Contributions-1
 Needs Ride -2

TOTAL CALLS - 47

Call Response Times

0-10 Minutes - 37

11-20 Minutes - 3
 21-30 Minutes -1
 Over 30 Minutes -6
TOTAL CALLS - 47

Calls per Day

Monday Day-16
 Monday Night-1
 Tuesday Day-7
 Tuesday Night-2
 Wednesday Day-6
 Wednesday Night-2
 Thursday Day-3
 Thursday Night-1
 Friday Day-1
 Friday Night-0
 Saturday Day-7
 Saturday Night-0
 Sunday Day-1
 Sunday Night-0
TOTAL - 47

Archives Report: Clarence J. Chair

The Old Timers Brunch is 2/21/16 at the Wauconda American Legion. Doors open at 9:00am; brunch starts at 9:30am; Speakers tart at 11:00am. Speakers are Lynn B. and Bill D. I will get flyers out ASAP.

Corrections Report: Bob D. Chair, Cheryl B. Alt Chair (Absent)

Thank you for allowing me to serve for the past 2 years and I've learned a lot and gained a lot of information and perspective.

The Big Book supply is in good condition and I have 1 case of books in my car. I had a meeting with Chuck, the liaison from the jail and he says that the electronic format for the form for the jail is having problems and they don't know why. Chuck suggested that the person print and give to the chair or alt who will then give it to the jail. The volunteers are low. It's picked up but needs more ladies. The step program is available but they need a request from the inmate and the #. They can do it as often as we like but we just need to know for sure.

CPC Report: Nikki O. (absent) Chair, OPEN Alt Chair

Grapevine Report: OPEN Chair, OPEN Alt

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

Need big books and volunteers for 10 am on Thursday and on Sunday for the Woodstock Centegra Hospital. There is a process to attend. First you need to go in to get a book and a tb test. You will also need a flue shot in the winter, which is paid for by them.

Literature: Bob M. Chair, OPEN Alt Chair

LCM Report: Mary F. for McHenry, Brenda O. for Harvard (Absent), Pat C. for Cary & Fox River Grove, Bob M. for Woodstock (absent), Karrie T. for Crystal Lake (Absent).

1. Marge M. donated her time and car to pick up from Antioch and deliver the new December 2015 meeting schedules to the December 3rd meeting in the new format, by day.
2. We have forwarded to Kelly any group information changes to Kelly via the FNV data base and group change information forms. Upon receipt of the updated FNV file, we will double check that all changes were properly updated.
3. We will begin gathering information for the next schedule update, visiting meetings and making phone and/or email contacts with the District 11 groups.

Newsletter Report: OPEN. Chair

Public Information Report: OPEN Chair, Alt Chair OPEN

Schedules Report: Esther M. Chair (Absent), OPEN Alt

Special Needs Report: Bob K. Chair, OPEN Alt

Thanks for your support and we've moved ahead. It's been a pleasure.

Webmaster: Sean T. Chair, OPEN Alt

I made a couple event changes including announcing this month's meeting voting. My main focus was updating the Schedule page. I removed pdf and non-pdf pages and combined them into a single page that includes list of meetings sorted by town AND by day of the week – changes were based on last months approved hard copy. I then updated a few meetings that had changed since then (Some on 1st of December) as well as posting the

newer December version of the PDF file for downloading (with edit to match known update for Spirit Center in Woodstock) – that file is currently named DEC2015scheduleWEB120115.pdf.

I posted a couple new events and received a couple other email requests to post events, which will be posted in the near future. Email forwarding for Secretary updated to include Mary C (Alt secretary) and Newsletter Committee now forwards to me as Webmaster since we no longer have a Chairperson.

Here are some website stats for October (Using AwStats in Cpanel)

Similar to last month, the most visited URLs besides login pages is the District 11 Meeting schedule page, Events page, NIA20 Meetings, Forms, and Contact Us.

The stats show the overall bandwidth for our website decreased (1GB vs 1.77GB) and the hits for meeting schedule pdf file dropped to roughly 30% (287 vs 1017) while the page views for the schedule page was about the same (975 combined for current page and the previous nonpdf page vs 963 hits combined for the 2 previous pdf & non-pdf pages available in October). I'd like to think that means the change in the meeting schedule page is more efficient and has caused the decrease in need to download the PDF file, but it may just be coincidence.

Average # of visits per day 70 (November total 2128)
Pages per day 243 (Total 7290)
Hits Per Day 823 (Total 24702)
Bandwidth per day 32.43 MB (Total 1.00 GB)

Top 5 Total Search Strings (Key Phrases)

#	Hits	Search String
1	9.2%	district 11 aa meetings illinois
2	5.5%	district 11 aa
3	5.5%	crystal lake il aa meetings
4	5.5%	aa meetings near spring grove
5	5.5%	aa meetings near me

Top 5 Keywords – 1) AA 2) Meetings 3) NIA 4) district, and 5) 11

Top 5 downloads

#	Hits	File
1	287	JULY2015WebScheduleDist11.pdf
2	41	southern-wisconsin-fall-roundup-day-of-poster.pdf
3	40	district10-GSRWorkshop102515.pdf
4	38	26_34_JUNE_JULY_11_WEB.PDF (IntoAction from 2011)
5	38	2013GroupInformationChangeForm.doc

Workshop Report: OPEN Chair, OPEN Alt

GSR Report:

Mark:GSR Mchenry Soberfest- It has been very enjoyable and I thank everybody for their support. We were an unmitigated success. People who were new to the program got to experience the enjoyment for the first time. The numbers were down related to the snow that fell on Friday night. 1800 people attended. The Soberfest elections are being held Jan. 13 on Wed. at the Township hall on Johnsburg Rd.

Old Business:

2016-2017 Elections
Web administration: Sean T.
Newsletter chair: Randy W.
Archives: Clarence J.

Position	Nomined/standing	Qualifications
Corrections	John B	nominated Sobriety date: March 8 2005\Service work in corrections
Alt corrections chair	Cat Mc	Sobriety date Feb 1, 2013/Service work in corrections
Treatment chair	Tina M	Standing
Alt treatment chair	Open	
DCM	Laura M	Sobriety Date May 1992
Alt DCM	Kelly B	Sobriety Date June 16, 2010 dist. sec for 2 ½ years
Secretary	Mary C	Sobriety Date June 2011
Alt secretary	Jenny	Sobriety date Dec. 30 1994/Special needs in Barrington and helped start the chair here
Treasurer	Carol H	Sobriety Date Jan. 2, 1999/Previous DCM
Alt treasurer	Open	
CPC	Nikki	
Grapevine	Erika O	Sobriety Date Oct. 31 2013/GSR experience
Lit chair	Bob	
Alt lit chair	Open	
Special needs chair	Open	
Alt special needs	Open	
Pi chair	Open	
Alt pi	Open	
Workshop chair	Open	
Alternate workshop Chair	Open	
Answering service	Marge-nominated	giving consideration
Answering service alt	Open	

Open Mic:

Glen R: Over X-mas fliers and schedules for the academy hosting 12 24 – Saturday
 Cat Mc: Night out at the Dole Mansion Sat Dec. 1; Fliers available
 Clarence J: Thurs night burtons & needs support

New Business:

Motion: Kim: Winners and Beginners thinks prudent reserve should be reduced from \$6000 to \$3000. They are also concerned about the lack of a newsletter. Motion seconded (re: prudent reserve).

Carol: Prudent Reserve should cover our expenses

Bob: We did some calculating and they agree 6000 is excessive he came up with 4500 with monthly expenditures. There is a lot of cash in the budget that was never spent. 6 is too much but 3 may not be enough.

Dave: schedules are a big expense so keep that in mind. Do we have the \$\$\$ for schedules. Schedules was 3000 per year budget.

Pat: We are below budget in all categories. The money sitting in the bank does not help the suffering alcoholic. We are helping no one by sitting on it. GSO helps us so much and if they had more money could do more.

Bob: Historically have we had an issue where the income was deficient?

Carol: Not for years.

Bob: It's silly to be sitting on it.

Kim: Is a dist. officer treasurer and their prudent reserve is 2000. And they put the call out to groups

when they need money they always receive the assistance that they need. Don't cut so we can't make our expenses. We don't want to hoard money.

Vote next month –send to the groups. We will be voting bring your group consciences back.

Send some #'s to the GSR's to take to their groups.

Dave: Prudent reserve for 3 months

Carol: That was the motion 3000

The next district meeting is Thursday January 7, 2015 at 7:30pm at First Congregation Church, Crystal Lake.