

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**District 11**  
**March 3, 2016**

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

**Meeting time:** 7:30pm

**Attendance:** 34

**Committee members:** 11

**Groups represented:** 16

**Guests/Alt GSRs:** 5

**New GSRs present:** 2

**Anniversaries:** none

**Officers Reports:**

**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)

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

I have received the Pre General Service Conference Workshop Agenda and background information.

I have asked Richie H. to give a brief talk at the March meeting on the purpose of this and what GSR's might hope to gain by attending.

For those wishing to receive the full background information please let the secretary know and I will make sure to send it to you this week.

I encourage anyone interested in finding out more about how our Area functions to attend the assemblies and committee meetings.

I have made reservations for the assembly on April 1, in Rock Island.

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

**Treasurer Report:** Carol H. Treasurer, OPEN. Alt T

When sending your group's donation to Northern Illinois Area 20 please be aware that

There is a new mailing address for the treasurer:

Northern Illinois Area 20 Ltd.

PO Box 1056

Yorkville, IL 60560

When we discuss whether we want to reduce our prudent reserve we need to think about the following:

7th Tradition, long form states: "The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the

voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics

Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for not stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money and authority."

The thank you letters for group donations to District 11 have been rewritten to include a few words about how the funds received are used in the district. I am also comparing the information provided by the contributor to the group information provided by the FNV to be sure that information is accurate and will provide any updates to the LCM and Secretary. I am also including a return envelope with the thank you note for future contributions.

We still have two donations outstanding from the ones that were lost in October and I will continue to follow up with those group contacts to see if the funds can be replaced.

<b>Group Number:</b>	<b>Group Name:</b>	<b>Town Name:</b>	<b>Donation:</b>
	K. Malchow	Lake in the Hills	66.00
	Sunday Night Beginners	McHenry	50.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Hubner, District 11 Treasurer



**Committee Reports:**

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

I am unable to make the meeting this month as to a family medical issue. Please submit this report for me.

This month we had 57 total calls. The results were as follows,

We had:

I am doing a lot of research into the billing schedule and call volume from previous years. Will have a more detailed report from such info at next meeting I hope.

My Co-Chair Dan Michaels Is moving out of state and has to step down. Answering service is in need of new Co-Chair. If someone would like to stand for this please give them my contact info. Dale Hunt 1-815-585-3719 e-mail [djtmhunt@yahoo.com](mailto:djtmhunt@yahoo.com) please have them contact me.

Thank You for allowing me to be of Service:

Answering Service	TOTAL
<b>District 11 February 2016</b>	
	20
Meeting Information	0
Open Meeting Info	7
Speak AA Member	0
Meeting at Dole?	5
Refereed Another Dist	0
Spanish Speaking	0
Alano Club <b>CLAC</b> WAC;MAC;HAC	5
Al-Anon	4
Wants Schedule	0
Just Got out of Rehab	1
Student Nurse	0
Web-site	0
Where send Contributions	10
Hang Up/Will Call Back	2
Needs Ride	3

Committee call for billing	0
	57
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	
<b>Call Response Times</b>	43
0-10 Minutes -	5
11-20 Minutes -	1
21-30 Minutes -	4
Over 30 Minutes -	53
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	
<b>Calls Per Day</b>	3
Monday Day	10
Monday Night	3
Tuesday Day	3
Tuesday Night	3
Wednesday Day	8
Wednesday Night	1
Thursday Day	0
Thursday Night	3
Friday Day	2

Friday Night	4
Saturday Day	4
Saturday Night	1
Sunday Day	9
Sunday Night	
	54
TOTAL	

**Archives Report:** Clarence J. Chair

<b>Old Timers Brunch</b>			
<b>Assets</b>		<b>Expenditures</b>	
Seed Money	\$ 800.00	Rent	\$ 150.00
50/50	\$ 208.00	Sam's Club	\$ 569.93
Brunch	\$ 800.00	Walmart	\$ 124.24
		Jewel	\$ 96.65
Total Assets	\$ 1,808.00	Total Exenditures	\$ 940.82
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Exenditures	\$ 940.82		
Total Net	\$ 867.18		
Total Seed Money	\$ 800.00		
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>\$ 67.18</b>		

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

**Corrections Report:** Bob D. Chair, Cat Mc. Alt Chair

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

-There are packets up front with order forms and information on how to become a Grapevine Representative at meeting levels.

-Have picked up a display board, will have it available for viewing at next meeting.

-I am currently waiting on additional materials to be sent from Grapevine main offices. Will hopefully have this available at the next meeting.

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

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

We purchased some big books and we talked about not handing them out at the hospital, so now they are going to purchase their own from us. I would like to use the big books for newcomers. A cd was ordered for Hope that talks about sponsorship and meetings once you leave treatment. It's an awesome CD, it's very short and not boring and talks about what A.A. is and isn't. The hospital can show it to people any time that they want. I am working with a new woman who is head of the inpatient treatment at Centegra. A sign-up sheet for hospital program and 5 new people showed up. Question: Do you do whatever you want with the books? This could be considered misallocation of the funds. A discussion of the use of big books and who distributes and who receives. There was discussion around the communication needs between hospital treatment and Bridge the Gap. The big books have been in Woodstock. Rosecrance gets donated books.

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

Mary F: We are updating changes, additions and cancellations to the meeting schedules to the Secretary, the Webmaster and the Schedule Maker.

We were successful in getting the new Area 20 Registrar to put the Fellowship New Vision in group number order.

**Newsletter Report:** Randy W, Newsletter Chair

Resigned the position.

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

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

**Special Needs Report:**

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

- 1. Website Updates:** Added several events. If anyone has AA related events to post please send them to me thru [webmaster@aa-nia-dist11.org](mailto:webmaster@aa-nia-dist11.org). Adobe PDF, Word Doc, or even picture JPG of a flyer helps, but is not required – all that's needed is the basic info so it can be added to the event calendar – day/time, where it is and what it is.– who, what, when, where, how and why.

Also note the guidelines are on the website (mostly common sense, protect anonymity no last names, phone numbers are allowed, no gambling references (50/50 and such, but non-cash prize raffles ok).

I communicated with Area 20 Webmaster about posting link to their website events page in case I don't add all events directly on our page. He was ok with that and said it was not a problem per guidelines of Area website. Obviously, not wanting to use our site as a portal to find other sites, but I feel it will make our events page more complete and useful.

- 2. District email updates:**

- a. Re-uploaded the GSR/Chair contact lists that got “lost” after an automatic update or some other change that was not in our control.
  - b. Updated contact information and chairperson information for new volunteers – some additional info still needing update as I did not have all contact information of new Chairs.
3. **Website business cards:** I created business cards to help people correctly identify the district website (handed out at meeting). These were really created for my own use to give out at meetings when I mention the website to others. It’s not intended to promote AA, but for those already in AA or asking how to find AA (Attraction not promotion). I did them on my own computer/printer. The cards have been well received by those I’ve given them to - if more are needed I can print some, but it would be best done through a professional printer for higher volume and quality.

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

**GSR Report:**

Jackie: Theme for Soberfest is Experience, Strength, and Hope. There is a fundraiser May 7<sup>th</sup>: tickets on sale soon and flyers will be available. On Aug 6<sup>th</sup> there will be an Alanon fund raiser and more information will be forthcoming.

**Guest: Rich H.**

Rich discussed why you would want to attend the assembly and conferences coming up. He commented on how many GSR’s haven’t been to an assembly. It like this group only larger and talks about what affects our area. They aid our groups in doing that work. At the assembly it’s more broad based and covers a larger area. The assembly will vote on matter effecting A.A. as a whole and talks about things that affect the area and the General Service Board. Soon after this assembly is over we’ll have a preconference workshop and this will be a great time to talk to delegates about some of the agenda items. Rich listed some of the agenda items. Consider guidelines for public information on public media. We have principles and should be following them. It’s a great place to meet other people who are doing the same work. I can say what I think and I am most spiritual when I’m asking questions. Think about our inverted triangle we have the groups at the top of the pile. The group conscience is the most important thing and we need to hear from it. Rock island is a long drive but it’s nice. Laura: Flyers for the assembly are on the table and the state conference is coming up. They have good information that we wouldn’t get any other way.

**Old Business:**

**District prudent reserve:** Bob presented his motion in regards to the Prudent Reserve.

**Carol:** a years’ worth of data was available. 2 months we were short. Current PR is 6000. In May we only had .64 cents. Every month we’ve had above and beyond the PR. We’ve only had to go into it once. It fluctuates one month to the next. Were we get into months with more expenses is when we print schedules. The next biggest is treatment and corrections for Big Books depending on how much they need. Details of the budget were examined. Safe to say if we cut the PR to 4000 we would be safe to cover anything that we would need to cover. Right now we have \$10,000 in our account. Every quarter we forward out everything above our PR. Dale is looking to reduce our answering service bill. We were at the lowest amount possible to be charged. Rent is \$40 a month.

**Tina:** Do we need to increase the Big Book budget? Carol: If you need to increase it bring the proposal.

**Bob:** When I wrote the proposal I looked at A.A. guidelines. PR vs budget. PR should be 3 months of expenses.

\$4000 would be better than \$6000.

**Carol:** Make a motion to change the PR to \$4000. **Second.** Take it back to your groups. Bring back your vote next month.

**Purchasing Big Books for treatment centers:** No more discussion around this

**Scanner purchase:** Tabled

**Open positions:** Alt Treasurer, Grapevine Alt, Lit Alternate, Special Needs Chair, Alt Secretary, Special Needs Alternate, Treatment Alternate, Workshop Chair, Workshop Alternate.

**New business:**

Amount of contribution to send to GSO and area will be brought next month by Carol H.

**Open Mike:**

**Richie:** Winners and Beginners May 14 Anniversary Party. if you have a question make sure you ask someone before you leave.

**Cat:** Night out at the Dole Sat, March 12; Doors open at 7 and the meeting starts at 7:30.

**Sid:** ISCPAA March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Marriot in Normal IL. Registration is \$20.

**Sue:** Woodstock homeless shelter committee to take meeting or information there. Ask your home group to take it there. Pi could put information there but not a meeting. A lot of them attend the meetings already.

**Kelly:** There are flyers for the district meeting, please bring them to your group and other groups. We have so many meetings and great representation so please get them out.

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