

Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
May 7, 2015

Location: First Congregation Church
421 Pierson St, Crystal Lake

Meeting time: 7:30pm

Attendance: 23

Committee members: 9

Groups represented: 14

New GSRs present: (2) Beth G. GSR & Gerri N. Alt GSR for the Attitude Adjustment group

Anniversaries: Gerri N. celebrated 5 years and Bill B. celebrated 33 years

Officers Reports:

Secretary's Report: Kelly B. Secretary, OPEN Alt Secretary

Motion made to accept minutes, seconded. Motion to accept minutes passed. Currently in need of an Alternate Secretary, please pass the word around.

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

The Pre-General Service Conference Workshop was held Saturday April 11th at the Lord of Life Church in LaFox. District 11 hosted this workshop by providing volunteers to sit at the registration table to offer lunch to participants for the minimal cost of \$8.00. Mary F. and Margie were nice enough to volunteer their time and collect and account for almost 60 lunches while Pat C. and Bob M. help set up coffee and a continental breakfast. Since we were low on volunteers a few members from District 12 offered to help by acting as guides to the many breakout rooms where each NIA service committee met to discuss a particular agenda item usually relating to their area of service. Lunch consisted of chicken tetrazzini, salad, a pasta primavera, rolls, and dessert. The reason that I give you all this detail is because most of you were not there to find this out yourself. To me this is one of the most important NIA or district meetings of the year, the one time we are asked to share our group conscience and be a part of AA and out of the 150 meetings that are held in McHenry County and District 11 there were the same 4 to 5 groups that were represented. We planned for 100 lunches and barely paid for 60, last year we planned for 130 lunches and had 100. The number of alcoholics doing the suggested service responsibilities for OUR groups is dwindling. Pat C. led the Corrections session and not one Corrections chair from the whole area attended. That is sad. So ask yourself, are you a part of AA and how do you see this fellowship and organization continuing.

Unfortunately I was so busy setting up rooms and lunch that I did not get to participate in much of the discussion, only sitting in on the break-out session for Treatment and Special Needs. Although there were just a handful of us we had a lively discussion about a recommendation that we made to clarify in the Treatment workbook the difference between a Bridging the Gap (BTG) program and a meeting held in a Treatment center which is commonly referred to as a Bridge the Gap meeting.

Fortunately I know that first hand as I was privileged to attend the first Bridge the Gap meeting a Share in Hoffman Estates on Monday and help provide temporary contact to a woman returning to her home town in Equality, IL the very next day. Our own District 11 member and past delegate Rich H. has been very active as the newly appointed BTG Chair for Northern Illinois and was contacted by this facility to start a program that has been absent for 11 years. Fortunately the Treatment/BTG committee from District 22 will be sponsoring this on a bi-monthly basis and have worked out the details of providing assistance to the current treatment patients

when leaving the facility.

I attended the 2016 State Conference pre-planning meeting on Sunday April 26th with the DCM for District 10 Chuck D. and the DCM Bill E. and Alt DCM Carl T. of District 28. Basically we discussed the agenda for our first planning meeting to be held at the Lake Zurich Police Department on Sunday May 17th at 1:00pm. We will be discussing the duties and responsibilities for each committee and electing chairs and their alternates chairs to begin our year and half-long journey. We are very fortunate to have the experience of being part of many conferences just between the four of us DCM's and others that we have worked with on prior planning committees have expressed their intent to get involved with next year's event. In addition to that we also have the area advisory committee to assist with hotel selection and contract negotiations so our past delegate, Ray M. and Marcia S. will share prior experience with the planning committee. Cheryl V., our current delegate, and Robert S., our current Area chair, will also be part of the planning process and provide their expertise and help in any way necessary. But we will need many hands to effectively plan this statewide conference. I hope you will be a part of this event and would like some of you to be there when we begin by attending the first planning meeting of the 2016 Illinois State Conference. Planning meetings will be held once a month on Sunday. Location and week to be determined.

Treasurer Report: Pat C. Treasurer, OPEN Alt Treasurer

April 2015 Contributions

Group number	Group Name	Town	Amount
	District 11 April Collection		35.00
689268	Algonquin BB Study	Algonquin	124.20
135244	Friday Night Men's	McHenry	52.50
135243	Sunday Beginner's	McHenry	60.00
708825	Spiritual Progress		60.00
675712	Saturday Dawn Patrol	Crystal Lake	62.70
	Wed. Moonlighters Wander	Crystal Lake	40.00
176778	Women's Broad Highway	Woodstock	90.00
	TOTAL		524.40

April Expenses

Rent (July 2014 thru June 2015)	360.00
Treatment	63.48
District Treasurer's Postage	19.60
District Treasurer's Printing	13.71
Answering Service	185.00
Schedules	695.00
TOTAL	1336.79

Cash Position May 6, 2015

Bank Balance 05/06/2015	6315.45
Add Outstanding Deposit	<u>524.40</u>
	6839.85
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>749.38</u>
Cash on Hand	6090.47
Less Prudent Reserve	<u>6000.00</u>
AVAILABLE CASH	90.47

Advance of \$150.00 given to the Flying Geese for Workshop

Sharing Session of Pre-General Service Conference Workshop

Bob M. – Attendance at the workshop was down. This was the opportunity for GSRs to share their group’s opinion collectively with Cheryl V. before she went to New York to the General Service Conference. Glad to see that concept five was used fully as part of the workshop as minority opinions got to have a voice. Reported learning a lot and being glad that he attended.

Committee Reports:

Answering Service Report: Dave G. Chair (absent), Bill B. Alt Chair

The month of April we had 85 total calls, mostly, 31 Meeting Info; 24 to speak to a volunteer; 13 Hang ups. We are still getting sign-ups for local response calls. Thank you. Please keep circulating the sign-up sheets.

Meeting Information	31	Web-site	2	Monday Night	2
Open Me Information	1	Contributions to	0	Tuesday Day	14
Reading Mat. Search	3	Find out if son talked to vol.1		Tuesday Night	2
Speak AA Member	24	TOTAL CALLS	85	Wednesday Day	13
Referred Another Dist	3			Wednesday Night	4
Speak to Sex Anon	1	Call Response Times		Thursday Day	7
Needs Brochures	1	0–10 Minutes	74	Thursday Night	2
Al-Anon	4	11-20 Minutes	4	Friday Day	4
Where Send Contrib.	0	21-30 Minutes	0	Friday Night	0
No One at Listed Mtg.	1	Over 30 Minutes	7	Saturday Day	10
ASSISTED LIV.	0	TOTAL CALLS	85	Saturday Night	0
Spanish Speaking	0			Sunday Day	13
Women's Meeting	0	Calls Per Day		Sunday Night	0
Hang Up	13	Monday Day	14	TOTAL	85

Carol H. – A called was received this month from a church in Lake In The Hills wanting meeting schedules for them to provide. This exemplifies one of the needs for Public Information in our district. There are numerous churches and other organizations out there who may be in need of schedules.

Archives Report: Clarence J. Chair (absent)

No report

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

More male and female volunteers can be used to go into the jails. Still waiting to hear back from the Lieutenant about going in to take men and women through the steps.

Pat C. – Last time at the jail there were none of the business cards with the Google phone number

Bob D. – More cards will be ordered.

CPC Report: OPEN Chair, OPEN Alt Chair

No report

Grapevine Report: OPEN Chair, OPEN Alt

No report

Literature Report: Bob M. Chair, OPEN Alt

If you have any old literature that is not being used, please consider donating it so it can be distributed to those who do not have literature. There are districts in the Area and in other nearby areas that do not have any literature.

Question – Is literature willing to help groups or committees order literature?

Bob M. – Any groups can contact the literature committee if they are in need of literature. There is also literature the district has that can be borrowed by any groups who are putting on a workshop or even and are wanting a literature display.

Treatment Settings: Bob & Tina M. Chair, OPEN Alt

This month three new volunteers went through the qualification process in order to go into the Woodstock and McHenry hospitals. There are currently 7 volunteers who have gone through the qualification process. In order to bring meetings into the Inpatient at Centegra on South Street in Woodstock and the hospital in McHenry a qualification process must be completed. More volunteers are needed as the staff is wanting to have AA members be available to meet with clients on more of a one-on-one basis. This is a great opportunity as this has not always been allowed due to HIPPA regulations and such. Next meeting a volunteer list will be provided for people to sign up.

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

All of the updates to the General Service Office database have been submitted to our Registrar, Dawn, along with the latest Group Change Forms and New Group Forms. Thank you to a new GSR Nikki O. and our LCM's for their assistance in these updates.

Newsletter Report: Rebecca W. and Mary C.

Carol H. – Articles have been submitted

Rebecca W. – Will plan to get together with Carol to get submitted articles and start newsletter back up.

Public Information Report: OPEN Chair, OPEN Alt Chair

No report

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

No report

Special Needs Report: Bob K. Chair, OPEN Alt

No report

Webmaster: Laura M. Chair, Sean T. Alt

Total page impressions was 8119. This chart shows those pages at the top of the list of most hit pages. During April 2015 the total visits was 3783 with the average being 126. "Meetings" was the top search term with most visits coming from google.com

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Most frequently accessed pages	Page impressions	%
aa-nia-dist11.org/default.htm	1,864	22.96 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/	1,771	21.81 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/D11Sched/D11Sched_A.htm	607	7.48 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/Documents/2014DecWebMeetingScheduleDist11.pdf	605	7.45 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/D11Sched/MeetingSchedule.csv	430	5.30 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/NIA_mtg_schedule/nia_mtg_sched.htm	167	2.06 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/Events/events.htm	155	1.91 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/information_links/information_links.htm	127	1.56 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/contact/contact.htm	124	1.53 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/Corrections/corrections.htm	121	1.49 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/district_webmail/district_webmail.htm	114	1.40 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/BTG/BTG.htm	111	1.37 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/delegate/delegate.htm	109	1.34 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/forms/forms.htm	108	1.33 %
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aa-nia-dist11.org/Into Action-Dist11 Newsletter/Into Action.htm	89	1.10 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/Is AA For You/aaforyou.htm	89	1.10 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/Into Action-Dist11 Newsletter/Into Action_Archives.htm	77	0.95 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/Documents/ZGSR-LCM-Flayer.pdf	70	0.86 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/Documents/Aug Sept Final.pdf	55	0.68 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/Documents/2013NewGroupInformationForm.doc	49	0.60 %
aa-nia-dist11.org/Documents/20 April May 2009 2 WEB.pdf	40	0.49 %

Workshop Report: Karrie T. (Absent) Chair, OPEN Alt
No report.

Old Business:

- **Election for Open Positions**

Alt DCM, Alt Secretary, Alt Treasurer, Alt Literature, Alt Special Needs, CPC Chair, Alt Grapevine, PI Chair, Alt Treatment, Alt Webmaster, and Alt Workshop

Chris J. stood for PI Chair. Majority vote passed. Chris J. is new PI Chair.

GSR Reports:

Tammie K. – The Flying Geese is hosting a women’s retreat. Scholarships are available and flyers are being passed around.

Brenda O. – The meetings in Harvard are in need of support.

The 17th Annual Friends of Bill W. Steak Fry is being held Sunday, June 14th at the Harvard Moose Lodge in Harvard. Steaks are served from 2:00 to 4:00 pm with an open speaker meeting at 5:00 pm. Speaker is Jim C. from Lake Geneva. Tickets are \$15.00 for adult steak dinner and \$2.00 for a kid’s hot dog plate. Tickets for the steak dinner need to be purchased by June 8th. Contact Mike: (847)899-2042; Chris (630)841-2353; or Billy (815)382-5543

Mark T. – The Soberfest FUNraiser is coming up on May 30th at the McHenry Township Building in Johsburg. Doors open and 5:00 pm and the speaker is at 7:00 pm. Speaker is Gary B. from Dallas, Tx. Join us for food, raffle prizes, dance, and fellowship. Tickets and entry fee are \$5.

Chris J. – The Tuesday 7:30 pm St. Barnabas meeting in Cary had doubled in numbers recently and is now an As Bill Sees It format. Come check it out.

The next district meeting is Thursday June 4, 2015 at 7:30pm at First Congregation Church 421 Pierson St, Crystal Lake.