

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**District 11**  
**October 6, 2016**

**Location:** First Congregation Church

421 Pierson St, Crystal Lake

**Meeting time:** 7:30pm

**Attendance:** 27

**Committee members:** 13

**Groups represented:** 8

**Guests/Alt GSRs:** 3

**New GSRs present:** 3

**Anniversaries:** Sean T. 15 yrs. Clarence J. 17 yrs. Bob 12 yrs. Mary F. 29 yrs.

**Guest Speaker**

Cheryl V. – Past Delegate to Northern Illinois Area Panel 64 – Cheryl is the current nominee for Trustee at Large – Cheryl shared her progression of service work. You are all invited to attend the Assemblies and it's a good way to get involved. The Area has a lot of positions if you're interested in getting involved past your District. She discussed how she grew by being involved at the District and the Area level. She learned how to have discussions with someone who has a different point of view. She shared how these positions have changed and expanded her life. The service work has helped her developed professionally. Cheryl discussed the hierarchy of A.A. in regards to the inverted triangle and the positions within the hierarchy. She discussed the At Large and their place in the structure and what they do.

**Officers Reports:**

**DCM Report:** Laura M. DCM, Kelly B. Alt DCM (absent)

Going to the committee meeting on a week from Saturday at La Fox. If interested please let her know and she'll give you the correct information and you are invited to carpool. The Big Book Conference is on the 29<sup>th</sup> and that's going to be in West Chicago. Laura will be going to North Carolina to attend the National A.A. Technology Workshop in order to share her I.T. knowledge. Let her know if you're interested in going.

**Secretary's Report:** Mary C. Secretary, Mary E. Alt Secretary (absent)

**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

## **Committee Reports:**

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

No report submitted.

**Archives Report:** Clarence J. Chair

Tentative date of Feb 19 for the Old Timer's Brunch.

**CPC Report:** McKenzie Chair, Mitch Alt Chair

No report.

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

Male volunteers are on the increase as well as on the women's side. If anyone is interested in doing this go to the internet. Don't submit to the Sheriff online. Download the PDF and send it in, otherwise it gets lost in the cloud.

**Grapevine Report:** Erika O. Chair (absent), OPEN Alt

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**Literature:** Bob M. Chair (absent), OPEN Alt Chair

I brought newcomers packets and handed them out to everyone.

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

Continuing to work with Chris DeGrane to update the database.

**Newsletter Report:** Open, Newsletter Chair

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

One last box of the A.A. business cards and she will be ordering more.

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

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

Since my term of Special Needs chair ended nobody has accepted the position. After careful consideration I have decided to take on this responsibility again if nobody wants it. Due to the fact that my name and phone number is still on the schedule and within the past month I have received three calls regarding Special Needs, I feel it would be an easy transition.

To qualify myself, I have been Special Needs Chair in the past for District 11 two times, totaling four years. I also was the Area Special Needs Chair.

It seems that Special Needs always been an afterthought as far as service is concerned. Therefore, I would like to include that we need a committee and communicate with CPC, PI, Treatment and LCM to get this off the ground.

The whole purpose of this is to let people know we are there. Within a seven mile radius we have ten assisted living facilities that can be served. We just have to let them know we are there for them. As we "baby boomers" age we have more need for our [services.in](#) these facilities but I cannot do it alone.

I will be out of town for the September 1 District Meeting. But I sincerely hope we can form a committee and get this service position off the ground.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob K

**Hospital & Treatment Report:** Chair OPEN, Nikki S. Alt chair

Bob – on the committee and is bringing up that if people are interested it's not going to a meeting and you have to prequalify. You don't stop by, you are hosting a meeting. They need you to host these meetings and you must do the preliminary work first. You need to commit to the same time every week at Centegra.

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

I completed several minor updates and a couple major changes to the website – if interested you can see a list of the changes on the "What's New" page on the website. The most prominent change was adding the District Meeting Minutes & Reports page which will be used to post Monthly minutes, agendas, and committee member reports (if provided to me) and any other meeting related documents as needed/desired. Other changes were basic updates removing some outdated info and updating names of chairpersons and the two renamed committees - Accessibility Committee and Treatment Committee. I also updated the email settings as needed to forward chair email messages to the correct personal email accounts based on contact information in the FNV database. Forwarding changes as follows: 1. Added Bill B to Answering Service 2. Deleted Tina M and Bob M from Treatment Committee and Bridge The

Gap. added Niki S to Treatment Committee forwarding. 3. Deleted Kate O from CPC and added Mitch P (Should I add Mykenzie C email as Alternate?) 4. Deleted Randy W from Newsletter. 5. Added Mary E to Secretary. 6. Added Bob K to Accessibility (Special Needs) 7. When there are no chairpersons I forward to webmaster for monitoring the accounts myself.

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

**GSR Report:**

Jackie – Soberfest is coming up.

**Old Business:**

Proposal to host a service workshop with their group.

**Open positions:** Alt. Treasurer, Grapevine Alt Chair, Literature Chair, Alt Lit Chair, Special Needs Alt. Workshop Chair, Workshop Chair Alt., Alt Web Administrator.

Harry G. stood for the Alt Web Administrator position and was voted in.

**New business:**

**Emily** – Proposal to move the Alano club information from the front page of the District 11 meeting schedule pamphlet to somewhere else inside of the pamphlet upon the next scheduled printing of the District 11 meeting schedule.

**Open Mike:**

Pat – Flying Geese is hosting a workshop on Friday from November 4<sup>th</sup> 7-9. Doors will open at 6 for coffee and homemade dessert.

Brandan – ISCYPAA is hosting the spookiest Halloween party on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at the Zion Benton Alano Club. Dancing and costume contests. Bonfires and snacks, too!

The ISCYPAA Conference is going to be Feb 24-26 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Gurnee. Rooms can be booked for \$95 a night.

**The next district meeting is November 3, 2016 at 7:30pm at First Congregation Church, Crystal Lake.**