

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
April 4th, 2024**

Location: Hybrid via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Attendance: _37_, in person _23_

Committee members: _14_

Groups represented: ___22_

Guests: _3_

Read Twelve Traditions: __Christa__

Read Concept of the Month: _Georgene___

New GSR's Present: Sarah Nelson Fisher - 4th Dimension / Nate - Vision for us Men's Huntley / Mike F - Peace Love and Joy Mchenry__

New attendees present: __Ben - Remnant Group (Woodstock) / Jim Remnant Group (Woodstock) / Dave (Ans. Svc Chair - Streamwood)___

Anniversaries: __Scott Y. (5 Years) / Angie (31 Years) / Jenny (3 Years) / ___

Visitor - Dave - Answering Service Chair (Streamwood) - District 23

- Introduced to Mike (Our Answering Service Chair)
- Brought their answering service board to share info.
- Who are we using and how is it working for us?
- Their District moved over to Google voice (From TAS United) a few years ago and have saved aprox. \$108 - \$110/mo.
 - Question - How much is Google voice
 - A: Zero \$\$\$\$ for basic service
 - Question - (Margaret) - If we have to download to multiple peoples phone, how do you manage that?
 - A: First 6 numbes are free?
 - A: After that you can upgrade to business for \$\$
 - Question - Scott
 - How many calls do you take a month on average?
 - A: 12
 - Question - Would we be able to use the same phone number?
 - A: Contact current provider to see if we can get that number. If not layover both lines for 6 months while transition to new number.
 - A: When soemone calls TAS, we get charged per minute for them taking that call before it even comes to us.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DCM Report: DCM: Dan P. / Alt. DCM: OPEN

DCM Report 04/04/2024

March 13th – 23rd I attended all of the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop breakouts and the Workshop itself. I won't say that I read every page of background information, but I did read most of it. I really tried to have the district in my mind, but there were a few times I heard some other views and had my mind changed. I was not shy to go to the microphone and ask questions, make comments, or express opinions: even if I did shake a time or two, or make a mistake. Overall, it was an amazing experience and I appreciate everyone who was able to attend any of the breakouts or the workshop itself.

If you really want to know what We (A.A. as a whole) are up to it's being discussed at events like this. After the event I spoke with our Delegate, Erik L., and planned for him to give his report-back on the General Service Conference at our meeting on June 6th.

On March 14th I hosted the Legacy of Service: A.A. Service Manual and 12 Concepts Study. Attendance was up. I would encourage any new GSRs to attend and learn more about our Service Structure and Concepts.

Throughout the month I worked on finding a location for the NIA20 Summer Assembly hosted by District 11 on June 22nd. I made some phone calls and sent some emails and ultimately found a location that will fit our needs and has the date available. We will be hosting this event at First Congregational Church in Crystal Lake (461 Pierson St., Crystal Lake, IL 60014). If any groups are interested in helping, please speak to me after the meeting or reach out to me via email or cell. I will be reaching out to groups this month to ask for some help.

Thank you,

Dan P

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QUESTIONS:

Alt DCM Report: OPEN POSITION

Secretary's Report: Secretary - Ryan D. / Alt. Secretary - OPEN

- 1) Please fill out New Sign in Sheet
- 2) Zoomers asked to please put their Name/Home Group/Position in comments so they can be accounted for in attendance
- 3) Committee members, please send me your reports prior to the meeting in WORD format (NOT PDF). If you cannot beforehand please try to send shortly after so as not to hold up the distribution of current meeting minutes.

QUESTIONS:

****Motion to accept the minutes as sent. Passed and Second.**

Please send written committee reports to the secretary to be submitted in minutes.

Email: secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer - Angelo / Alt. Treasurer - Bud

District 11 Treasurer's Report Jan-March 2024

Delivery date 4/4/24

Over the past month I was able to get set up as an authorized person on the checking account.

The printer service monthly payment has been reestablished. We are currently underusing the print service so if a committee has things to be printed off for our meetings or our service work, I would suggest kindly asking our secretary to print them off for you. Maybe he could bring them to the following meeting.

I established a check register due to not having one.

I revised our District 11 Reimbursement form and sent it to the webmaster for updating the file on the website.

I updated our budget workbook to have a dedicated sheet for each group's submitted expenses. If a committee chair would like to have a copy of their group's submitted expenses I can email it to them upon request.

Bud and I worked together to update the Annual Contributions to D11 workbook.

At this point I still need to reestablish payments for the Answering Service. I will get together with the answering service chair to get all the pertinent information.

Over the past 3 months we have had an income of \$5,586.32 from groups and the OTB and Expenses of \$2,462.62 which included the \$1,500 OTB seed money. This puts our available funds at 4,042.59 based on current Travel and Prudent reserves.

Thank you!

Yours in service

Angelo Gallegos

Treasurer@aa-nia-dist11.org

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QUESTIONS: Georgene - where do you get a reimbursement?

A: you should be able to get this on the website or you can get them here at district meeting.

Q2: If/When I make a purchase do I need to fill out an expense form to be reimbursed?

A2: Yes, that works, ALSO, you can print the form and make request to have the treasurer cut the check to the vendor

NATAY: We ordered dist. Schedules late last year - I'm hoping to see the expense from last years budget.

December A: I have not seen anything extraordinary from last year. It could have gone through in

for: Q: LISA - IF people put mileage in committee money, what is the separate travel budget

A: Believe it is for Central Regional Conference from 2023

- Should we not have a travel budget for 2024
- Angelo questions if he should make an adjustment to that budget was approved with it in. We would have to make a new motion to remove it.
- We can let it fall off.
- Clints recall was that this was for a specific trip in 2023. Anything left over will fall off.
- Request to check minutes from when it was approved for 2024
- There was no note to remove for 2023 only so it carried over. If it doesn't get used in 2024 it just stays in the budget.
- If our budget dictates our prudent reserve, we could utilize that money in other areas.
- July 6th Dist. Meeting MInutes shows what those funds were for.
- MOTION: Based on July 2023 minutes motion made to remove the travel budget from 2024 budget.
 - IN FAVOR to remove \$2500 / 25
 - OPPOSED / 1 - Hear from minority - Jake request to make further inquiry into when it was put into 2024 budget to be sure it was not overlooked and we have done our due diligence.
- Motion passed

****Motion to Accept January-March Report: Accepted and 2nd - Passed**

*~Pass the 7th Tradition Basket~ * Rent is \$1.00/per person/per hour - we typically occupy 2 hours. Requested Donation of \$2.00 Per Person.*

**** 7th tradition contributions can be made to Clint Kenner via PayPal at clintkenner@yahoo.com ****

ALT. TREASURER:

- Bud - On behalf by Angelo - The incoming information was from Bud on his behalf as he is out with shoulder surgery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Answering Service Report: Chair: Mike N. / Alt. Chair - OPEN

- created a script to process the email reports to generate more useful reports.
- got login information from previous chair.
- reached out to TASunited to get login corrected.

	January	February	March

Total Calls	43	52	43
Wrong Number/Hang up	7	6	10
Delivered Calls	36	46	33

Questions: Mike - what do you mean when you say a call is delivered?

A: That means, based on notes from answering service, the call was dispatched to someone who is on call - eliminates hang ups, wrong numbers, etc.

Archives Report: Chair: Rich H. / Alt. Chair:

- NO Report / No Activity
 - Had surgery and is still recovering and is expected to have more next month
- Received literature from CARol and is going to go through it and will know more next month

Corrections Report: Chair: Clint / Alt. Chair: Brian

- We've added new people as a result of the efforts of Steve and Michele. We need more because we have an additional cell block of people from Lake County.
- Brought the go to Jail flyer I plagiarized from Michele.
- Pending items with the jail include:
 - resolving whether the inmates can take books out
 - resurrecting the old Friday series of taking inmates through the steps
 - possible visitation opportunities.
- New sergeant at the Jail has been very very cooperative and we're off to a good start.

QUESTIONS: Brian - do we have lake county schedules now that there are Lake County Inmates here in McHenry

A: Clint is working on that. Short answer - NO - But now that we've thought of it we will work on getting some

Q2: Natay - Have you heard back on status of applications in progress

A: Yes - process goes pretty quickly. Once county approves they notify Clint. Has no formal process for keeping track.

Application process at McHenry County Jail

<https://www.mchenrysheriff.org/corrections/about-the-jail/>

1. **Log on to McHenrysheriff.org (Above)**
2. **Click on corrections tab**
3. **Find and click on "About the jail"**
4. **Click on Inmate Programming.... Then scroll to the bottom where it says "Jail Volunteers"**
5. **Read the handbook and take the test....**

Grapevine : Chair: Karen W. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

April 2024 District 11 Grapevine/ LaVina Report

1. This was a quiet month. There were not any invitations to visit any groups this month. A reminder that if your groups listens to a review of all of the literature of Grapevine and LaVina, your group will receive an annual subscription of the print or digital magazine.
2. I attended 2 zoom workshops on the Pre-Conference Delegate Report in preparation for the 2024 GSO Conference in mid-April in NYC. Information regarding rising print costs, supply chain problems, and values of current print magazines were discussed. There will be no increase in Digital or literature prices on April 15th.
3. I will purchase literature later this month in anticipation of the 2024 Retreats and any other events in the district. There is a discounted price (20% OFF) for orders of 500\$ and we have not purchased anything this year.

QUESTIONS:

Literature: Chair: Christa C. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

In the month of March:

- 1.) I attended the Area 20 breakout session for literature review on March 30 and the Pre General Service Conference Workshop on March 23. An informal show of hands at the workshop revealed district support for the creation of pamphlets for the transgender alcoholic, the Native American alcoholic and the homeless alcoholic. Arguments in support included making information to every alcoholic and supporting the AAs requesting this literature. Arguments against included the cost of printing and that current literature is intended for every alcoholic, regardless of background. I will keep the district updated in further review.
- 2.) I completed newcomer packets with remaining available brochures and previously ordered envelopes. These were dispersed to Natae and area meetings.
- 3.) I had a phone meeting with the former Literature Chair, Jake Rogers, regarding protocols for ordering and assembling new packets.
- 4.) I have put together an order to process as soon as I receive instruction from our new treasurer. I also collected names of volunteers to assemble packets to be systematically delivered to all registered district meetings.

Thank you!

Christa Cruz

Literature Chair, District 11

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QUESTIONS: Jake - Status of envelopes?

A: Need to put order in and envelopes are coming.

JAKE: Envelopes have District phone number on them. In consideration of "Possible Changes to Answering Service" -

If we do change phone numbers please take note that the phone number will also need to be modified on any newly printed envelopes.

LCM Report: Chair: Kevin K.

- NO REPORT

Public Information: Chair: Georgene / Alt. Chair: Mark

- NO REPORT

Schedule Maker: Chair: Scott Y. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

- No new developments to schedules. We still have quite a lot of schedules from the last printing. Please take some back to your groups. They are in boxes in the back.

QUESTIONS: Dan - Have you received any changes?

A: Not this month. . yet

Hospital & Treatment Setting Report: Chair: Nataé / Alt Chair: Jake

- Dropped off a literature rack with pamphlets to Rosecrance Crystal Lake and got contact information for the person responsible for setting up programming for patients. Currently Rosecrance holds an alumni meeting once a month, so we will contact the facility to see if they would be open to additional opportunities.
- Created business cards to provide to facilities and will be placing an order soon.
- Volunteers are needed for Northwestern Medicine Behavioral Health (Doty Rd in Woodstock) to bring in meetings on Thursdays at 10:30AM and Fridays at 2:30PM. If anyone would like to consider volunteering on this unit, please get a hold of us for information.
- Our committee meets to discuss treatment setting action items on the 4th Thursdays on the district's zoom. If anyone would like to join our committee, please let us know.

Thank you for the service opportunity

Nataé and Jake

QUESTIONS: Is there an application for doing meeting at Doty

A: Yes - contact Natae

Q: Keith - Pamphlet at Rosecrance please clarify where?

A: Crystal Lake

- How will that be maintained?

A: I will go back every once and a while and drop more

Keith offered help to deliver these

Web Administrator: Chair: Carol H. B / Alt. Chair: Doug

April 04, 2024

- Props to our DCM who is showing up and involved in everything in our district and area - Group love given to Dan!

Since our last meeting, I participated in many of the pre-general service conference (PGSC) breakout sessions and then the culmination of that work on Saturday March 23rd at the PGSC workshop. Hearing the different perspectives of other members in the fellowship and learning from the experiences shared is always invigorating, not to mention seeing our delegation process in motion.

This has also been a busy month, which is great! New committee chairs are looking at what they have on the website and reporting what does not work or what they would like changed. Hopefully every individual chair as well as anyone using the website will take it upon themselves to make sure the information on our website is accurate and in the best form of service to the fellowship. I look forward to hearing more updates.

So far, the link for volunteers to connect with the McHenry County Sherriff's website to begin the process of applying to be a corrections volunteer has been reestablished, but there are a couple more issues with Clint, our Corrections Chair, getting email from all links on the website. If there are other chairs having issues receiving emails, please let me know.

Our treasurer found that the expense form on the website was not working and despite my attempts it has not yet been resolved. I have enlisted the help of Doug W., one of our previous web administrators to help. We will be meeting next week and putting our heads together to determine the best option. Doug recently volunteered his expertise which is invaluable. It will be good working with Doug again since he was the alternate DCM when I was the DCM in district 11. He also helped with Dave G. and I when we created the district job descriptions that we are currently using.

Hopefully all the new committee chairs are looking at that document as well to make sure the job responsibilities documented are consistent with the work they are doing. I am sure there are many updates that can improve that document as it has been distributed for many years without suggestions or changes.

The meetings are being updated on the website which then feeds into the Meeting Guide App overnight. There are many meeting updates that need to be completed. When Natae' was the District 11 Schedule Maker she did a lot of research and updated the spreadsheet that she received from our DCM via the Area Registrar last year. She recently passed that on to me, but this is a long tedious process as we need to do a one-to-one comparison. I would like to see us set up a process for sharing the information that the secretary receives from the groups so it can be shared with Scott, the Schedule Maker and myself.

I attempted to join the area technology committee meeting on March 14th when the treasurer's PGSC breakout session was completed that night, but they were in discussion about new area equipment which was no my focus, so I requested a call from Bryan the chair of that committee so that we can discuss more of the updates being completed at the area level that could also be valuable for us as well.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol H., District 11 Web Administrator

QUESTIONS:

Workshop: Chair - Lisa / Alt. Chair - Kelly

- NA

Accessibility Report: Chair: OPEN / Alt. Chair: OPEN

- NA

CPC Report: Chair: OPEN / Alt. Chair: OPEN

GSR Orientation:

GSR Reports:

- Margaret - How and Why - Island Lake - See flyers - Being held in Elgin
 - Click on QR Code and register online
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Old Business:

- Open Positions
 - OFFICER POSITIONS
 - Alternate District Committee Mmember (ALT DCM)
 - Alternate Secretary
 - COMMITTEE POSITIONS
 - Accessibilities (ACC) Chair & Alternate Accessibilities (ALT ACC) Chair
 - Alternate Answering Service (Alt AS) chair
 - Cooperation with the professional Community (CPC) Chair & Alt. CPC
 - Alternate Grapevine Chair
 - Alternate Literature Chair
 - Alternate Workshop Chair
 - APPOINTED POSITIONS (If you have an interest please speak to Dan)
 - GSR Orientation Chair

New Business:

QUESTIONS:

Open Mic:

- Steve - Flyers to be sent out with minutes
 - MMAAC - Green Lake WI End of May - Bikers and Cars welcome - Green Lake Conference Center
 - End of August SMAACC Southern Motorcycle Convention in Tennessee
 - April 20 - Night out at the Dole - Doors @ 7 - program @ 7:30
- Lisa - Looking for help for CPC - made a flyer so people can understand what this position entails. Someone is needed to reach out to local community businesses
 - DUI School list
 - Townships for financial assistance list

- D10 and 12 - april 21st Breakfast

UPCOMING SERVICE EVENTS: (Enter from Agenda)

- 4/11/24: Legacy of Service: General Service Manual & Concepts Study
 - 7:30 p.m. via zoom
 - Meeting ID: 819 5925 86250 / Passcode: 639187

Meeting Closed at: _8:34__ p.m.

The next District Meeting is Thursday May 2th, 2024 at 7:00pm in person and via Zoom:

Zoom Meeting ID: 959 6776 4900

Passcode: District11

First United Methodist Church of Crystal Lake (236 W Crystal Lake Ave, Crystal Lake, IL 60014)