

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
April 3rd, 2025**

Location: Hybrid via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Attendance: _32_, in person _23__

Committee members: _10__

Groups represented: _19__

Guests: _____

Read Twelve Traditions: _Rob__

Read Concept of the Month: __Ryan__

New GSR's Present: _Rob (Simply Begin) / Rick (Faiths Way) / Ryan (Living in the Solution)_

New attendees present: _Charles__

Anniversaries: _Scott Y. (6 Yrs)_____

OFFICERS' REPORTS

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

DCM Report 4/3/2025

Good evening District 11. I hope everyone had a good month.

03/10/25 – Winner And Beginners

Attended Winners and Beginners and gave a couple of talks about service and it's importance and sat in on their joint business meeting and reiterated the same information.

03/13/25 – Legacy of Service: Concepts Study

Another month of no attendees. Considering ending study.

03/23-03/27/2025 Pre General Service Conference Workshop Breakout Sessions

I attended the breakout sessions that I was available for and was as present as I could be with Willow using me as a jungle gym most of the time. I gave some input when I had something to say. Overall it was a good way to familiarize myself with a lot of the things that will be discussed Saturday.

If any groups would like to get in my ear before about how I ought to vote at the Pre General Service Conference Workshop Saturday, about any of the Agenda Items, I would be glad to hear them. I am available via phone, text or email and could be more available upon request. If not, I hope to see you all there in person or virtually so that we may inform our Delegate about how our Area feels about the agenda items.

Thank you,

Dan P

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djpiepl93@gmail.com

224 605 1673

QUESTIONS:

Alt DCM Report: OPEN POSITION

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

Zoom Attendees Please enter your name, position and group information into the chat.

If anyone has a new/change group form to submit, or a question on previously submitted form please see me after the meeting.

QUESTIONS:

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

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

Email: secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org

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

Over the past month we have had Income of \$1,224.00 and Expenses of \$950.28. This puts our available funds at \$4,340.23 based on our prudent reserves.

In keeping with our 7th Tradition, we are self-supporting through our own contributions. The suggested donation is \$2 for this meeting.

Thank you!

Yours in service

Angelo Gallegos
Treasurer@aa-nia-dist11.org
Lomaster1313@aol.com
815-678-4034

QUESTIONS:

Q; CHRIS - Budget and YTD has \$50 discrepancy - POSSibly something from Old Timer's brunch?

A: Old timers went over \$55 - which may be the discrepancy. It is accounted for on their documentation.

****Motion to Accept Last Month's Report:**

***~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.***

**** ALT TREASURER - Bud** - he will be moving to NM and will not be able to be ALT any longer. Will speak with Angelo

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Hello!

Finished reviewing the accessibilities workbook

Attempted to build the committee – looking for service workers to attend meetings that have not been reported on in some time

First project is ensuring our online meeting information is accurate and current.

No new accessibility requests received via email – please email me if there are any accommodations are requested!

thank you

Craig D

Answering Service Report: Chair: Mike M. / Alt. Chair - Rob R.,

- March - 38 total calls - 27 delivered / 11 hangups
- Has 2 open time slots available (mon and sun 7 p - 7 a)

QUESTIONS:

Q: If i'm on answering but not sure how to handle calls, what do I do to learn the process.

A: Give Mike a call and he can walk you through it

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

Hello District 11

I will not be joining you tonight. I will be with my wife Donna practicing these principles in all our affairs. Date night.

Since returning home a little over 2 weeks ago, I have consolidated, inventoried and stored all our Old Timers Brunch supplies. Stored our archival interviews and recordings to my One Drive. Started scanning and storing, onto my One Drive, our oldest District 11 minutes. My fear of doing something I have never done had me blocked. Getting started was all it took. I have done 1977 – 1982 when we were District 1A. Then I did 1983 and 1984 and got to where possibly somebody else was storing documents and I am doing some organizing before I move forward. Some of these minutes were type written and some hand written. Possibly meaning if our secretary had a typewriter they were typewritten, and if not they were handwritten. Meaning we and I have come a long way because of our involvement in AA. It was also easier when everything was on one side of each page, now moving into where some reports are on both sides of each page. There are some attempts at anonymity and some full names in our minutes. We have moved from names I never heard, to names I heard, to names I participated in AA with. I look forward to reporting my progress on this project next month.

Rich H.

District 11 Archivist

richh925@msn.com

815-353-7850

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

- Ad in woodstock Independent yesterday - AA with logo and info - presented for professionals and informational. Got good coverage locally.
- Planning to reach out to community colleges to provide them info on AA
- Planning on fire stations / Village Hall and Police

QUESTION:

Q: Did the ad talk about zoom meeting on the 8th?

A: Yes

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

- 3 mos ago mens expanded cell blocks from 3 to 4 so coverage is thin
- We could use more volunteers Men and Women

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 Grapevine Report

1. We were represented at an area and a District 90 Grapevine/Literature Assembly/Conference in March. Among the District 90 participants, there were great ideas shared about an area-wide newsletter. More news to follow.
2. We have a list of 6 in person and online Grapevine meetings. We will list them in the banner of the District 11 Web Page.
3. The topic of the April 2025 Grapevine is on Making Amends.
4. There will be a discussion of LaVina at the GSO Annual Conference later this month. A final report will occur at a pre-conference assembly this Saturday in Dixon, IL. Currently distributed 6x/yr. Will discuss how fellowship can help change the format which it is produced to be more cost effective.

Thank you!

Karen

QUESTIONS:

Q: The list of 6 meetings - are they hybrid

A: 5 in person and are existing meetings. (ex. It's one per month at established meetings) info will be at website banner

GSR Orientation:

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

LCM Report: Chair: OPEN

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

April Report

McHenry- Library PLBB and Literature
Lake Moor- Library PLBB and Literature
Lake Moor Police- Literature and Small BB
Wauconda- Library PLBB
Spring Grove Police- Literature and Small BB
Richmond – Library PLBB and Literature
Richmond Police- Literature and Small BB
Hebron Police- Office Closed
Harvard- Library PLBB and Literature
Harvard Police- Literature and Small BB
Harvard Social Worker- Literature
Woodstock- Library PLBB and Literature
Woodstock Police- Literature and Small BB
Crystal Lake- Library PLBB and Literature
Crystal Lake Police- Literature and Small BB
Cary Police- Literature and Small BB
Cary- Library PLBB and Literature
Fox river Grove- Library PLBB
Fox River Grove Police- Literature and Small BB
Delivered on 3-28-25

City of McHenry Police- Literature and Small BB
Prairie Grove Police- Literature and Small BB
Johnsburg Police- Literature and Small BB
Johnsburg – Library PLBB and Literature
McCullom Lake Police- Literature and Small BB
Wonder Lake Police= Literature and Small BB
Bull Valley Police- Literature and Small BB
McHenry County Sheriff Office- Literature
Delivered 3-31-25
Total Miles Traveled 106

In Service
Georgene/PI Chair
Mark/ Alt PI Chair

- Needs more AA cards and will be ordering more

QUESTION:

Q: Has the wording issue brought up from last month been addressed?

A: Yes it was changed at some point and is being addressed

Q: Do we provide Only english info, or do we have Spanish also?

A: Only english at this time but will look into it?

Q: Does spanish community have their own district and are they in our area?

A: they do not have a separate community and they are in D20

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

- Putting order in this week for more schedules

I'm a new Dad as of last week!!!!

Q: Will the new printing have new info?

A: Yes all changes will be included

Q: We've received and paid the bill. Can we get printing company to e-mail it to treasurer@aa-nia-dist11.org

A: Yes, I will speak with them

Hospital & Treatment Setting Report: Chair: Nataé S. / **Alt Chair:** Jake R.

Northwestern Medicine Behavioral Health in Woodstock on Doty Rd needs volunteers to cover meetings at this facility. Meetings are held Thursdays at 10:30AM, Fridays at 2:30PM, and Sundays at 10:30AM. Please let us know if you would like to apply and we can share the information.

We continue to work with Rosecrance in Crystal Lake and New Directions and the groups who bring meetings to their facilities.

We are always looking for people who want to help on our committee, so please see either Jake or myself to get involved.

Thanks,
Nataé Shreeves
847-903-6219

Webmaster: Chair: Doug W. / **Alt. Chair:** OPEN

- Did some updating of the 700 some flyers that are old and on our site to free up space
- 459 news letter link has been updated
- Will be here next month if any questions please send e-mail to webmaster@aa-nia-dist11.org
- Please send flyers in PDF or word format rather than pictures

Workshop: Chair - Blu P. / **Alt. Chair -** OPEN

- Many inquiries on how to do workshop, what it looks like and how to get paid for doing one
- Putting on a workshop in MAY on how to do workshops
- June or July we are looking to put together something as well and are looking for ideas

GSR Reports:

Bill (Winners and Beginners) - annual anniversary sat may 3rd. Free open adult (no kids) Masiah lutheran in Wauconda - food provided - please bring a dish to pass

- 5 / 5:30 food / 7 speaker

Old Business:

- **OPEN POSITIONS:**

- Officer Positions
 - Alternate District Committee Member (Alt DCM)
 - Alternate Secretary
 - Alternate DCM
- Committee Positions
 - Alternate Accessibilities (Alt ACC) Chair
 - Alternate Cooperation with the Professional Community (Alt CPC) Chair
 - Alternate Grapevine (Alt GV) Chair
 - Alternate Literature (Alt LT) Chair
 - Alternate Workshops (Alt WS) Chair
- Appointed Positions (If you have an interest please speak to Dan)
 - GSR Orientation Chair
 - Local Committee Member (LCM)

- **A Motion to add Contact Numbers to Crisis Hotlines to the District 11 website**

- **PRESENTED BY: Doug** - Motion to add - moves to add various crisis numbers added to our site for visitors:
 - Suicide hotline
 - NA/HA
 - GA
 - CA
 - Alanon
- There is a disclaimer in there to decipher that these are not affiliated with AA nor represents, nor are we representing these groups, they are just for assistance for those who need it.
- Motion seconded

- **QUESTIONS:**

- Does this go against our Singleness of purpose?
 - We could limit the numbers to suicide only if its felt that strongly, because there are suicidal alcoholics
- Does this info show up on NY site
 - Not sure
- Was there a group who brought this up or was this an individual's idea
 - This came from a group discussion and was going to be brought to area
- At last meeting we were to take them to our groups so are we voting or our group or us personally
 - GSR's are representative of their group as a whole and best for AA

- **DISCUSSION:**

- 2 Huntley groups represented. Tradition 4 / 6 / 10 and affiliation - Question raised "What does GSO say about it"? We are in favor provided there is a limitation, also should we consider homeless, diabetes, etc. We need to create a limit of sorts.
- DFL - Not in favor and does believe the info would be available for people who answer phones. This would be more anonymous than putting it on our site
- About 10 years ago, the suffering alcoholic has many suicides. Has 3 he knows of in the past year and thinks we are here to help the suffering alcoholic

- Answering service would be happy to accept this information and supply it to those on call.
- In past when on answering service we had a binder to use. What to day, what not to say, and resources.
- Recommended again to contact GSO to find if they have guidelines.
- Tradition 4 - not affiliate itself with anyone else. We would love to help everyone but once we start it will get so big and we would soon die.
- **VOTE:**
 - **FOR - 1**
 - **OPPOSED - All but 1**

MOTION FAIL

New Business:

- **Idea for D11 Business Meeting Rotation**
 - We have been here maybe 3 years or more. We have rotated in the past for new locations. We were in Woodstock previously and Crystal Lake prior to that. Are there any locations suitable for suggestions?
 - Keep in mind location should have a hybrid capabilities

QUESTIONS:

Open Mic:

- Mike - Soberfest Committee - May 10th @ Mchenry Township - will have flyer soon

UPCOMING SERVICE EVENTS:

04/05/2025: NIA20 Pre General Service Conference Workshop

8AM Doors, 9AM Meeting

Dixon Elks Lodge #779, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd, Dixon, IL

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/h5DwRDNwRESdQ0oYSiYDTQ>

04/10/2025: Legacy of Service: General Service Manual & Concepts Study

7:30 PM via Zoom

Meeting ID: 819 5925 86250 / Passcode: 639187

Meeting Closed at: _8:30__ p.m.

The next District Meeting is Thursday MAY 1ST, 2025 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)