

**Monthly Meeting Minutes  
District 11  
October 2nd, 2025**

**Location:** Hybrid via Zoom

**Meeting time:** 7:00 pm

**Attendance:** \_35\_, in person \_29\_\_

**Committee members:** \_14\_\_

**Groups represented:** \_\_21\_\_

**Guests:** \_\_2\_\_

**Read Twelve Traditions:** \_Dan\_\_

**Read Concept of the Month:** \_Blu\_\_

**New GSR's Present:** \_None\_

**New attendees present:** \_James L.\_\_\_\_

**Anniversaries:** \_\_Georgene - 6 Years / Mark - 6 Years / Rick - 32 Years / Chris - 4 years\_\_\_\_

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

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

Good evening District 11,

This month I made more progress on finding possible future locations for our meeting.

FUMC McHenry – There is currently a meeting taking place the first Thursday of each month. This space would require changing the date that the business meeting takes place. They are willing to have us though. We would need to acquire TV/Stand or projector and I have not had a conversation about storage, yet.

FUMC Woodstock – The meeting space is available, and I am scheduled to test the internet speed this Friday. We would need to acquire TV/Stand or a Projector in order to keep the meeting hybrid, and would be able to store them on-site.

SOTP (Shepherd of the Prairie, Huntley) – Meeting Space is in use on the first Thursday of the month. They have a really great technology setup that would require no purchase of equipment and great meeting space and are open to having us.

COHA (The Church of Holy Apostles, McHenry) – Meeting Space is in use the first Thursday of the month. No discussion of TV/Stand or projector or storage has taken place

With my time as DCM coming to an end I will do my best to finish my findings and make a recommendation by the end of the year. If not I am willing to continue working with future DCM or continue in an Ad Hoc capacity.

On September 11<sup>th</sup> I hosted the Legacy of Service Concepts Study. There were no attendees, but I did have text communications with someone interested in attending in the future.

On September 13<sup>th</sup> I attended the Northern Illinois Area (NIA) 20 Fall Assembly & Elections. We elected a full slate of officers and most committee chairs and their alternates. There are a few positions still available. I was nominated and elected as the Accessibilities Committee Chair for the next rotation.

We discussed the motion regarding submitting a PAI to request a return to a plain blue binding for the book Alcoholics Anonymous, with or without a dust cover. The discussion focused primarily on who chooses each individual's level of anonymity and the composition of a book's binding and whether or not the spine was included, and whether or not the gold lettering on the spine of previous binding would be

asked to be blue. The motion ultimately passed as written, with substantial unanimity, minority opinion was heard, and no votes were changed.

Thank you, Dan P. 224-605-1673, dcm@aa-nia-dist11.org, djpiepl93@gmail.com

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 needs to add a group or make a change to a group please fill out a form in the back and bring it to me. I will submit it to the webmaster, registrar, and schedule maker.
- If there are any issues with a prior 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](mailto:secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org)***

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

Over the past month we have had Income of \$ \$466.49 and Expenses of \$ \$1,222.41. This puts our available funds at \$ \$4,993.96 based on our prudent reserves.

We will be discussing the updated procedures for the Treasurer and Alt Treasurer later in the meeting. I look forward to answering any questions you may have.

In keeping with our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, we are self-supporting through our own contributions. The suggested contribution is \$2 for this meeting. Our Alt Treasurer will be coming around to collect.

Thank you!  
Yours in service  
Angelo Gallegos  
Treasurer@aa-nia-dist11.org

Lomaster1313@aol.com  
815-678-4034

QUESTIONS:

- Asked when we last sent money up?
  - Aprox. This time last year - aprox \$3 - 4k

**\*\*Motion to Accept November Report: Passed**

**ALT Treasurer: Bill**

- Cubs Won
- 3 Deposits (5 groups) this month
- Receipts going out with request for e-mail addresses to phase out our manual payment methods. For those that submit reimbursements please look out for this instruction.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Hello Everyone!

I unfortunately forgot it was the first thursday of the month today so I will not be able to attend the district meeting due to other engagements.

There is not much to update from our committee this month, however the good news is we submitted the meeting information we had previously gathered to be updated on the district website and from there, the apps will scrape it to make the information available to the general public.

If anyone has any accessibility requests please reach out via the accessibility email and we will do our best to assist!

Thank you,

Craig D.

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

Call Types	September
Answer Rate:	81.25%
Total Calls	32
Wrong Number/Hang up	6
Delivered Calls	26

This month Rob and I met to discuss several things:

- Spanish Volunteers Flier (getting it re-translated)
- Began to compile and edit information for a Volunteers Information Packet.
  - We plan to present a Draft Packet to the committee in November.
- This Packet will serve as material to present during a Workshop or Panel discussion.
- We have an updated contact list to distribute guidance to volunteers via email or phone #.
- Lisa provided us with a Spanish Speaking Meeting directory, Thanks Lisa!
- We're still looking for English Speaking volunteers! We have 4 slots open:
  - Monday 7PM-7AM
  - Thursday 7AM - 7PM
  - Thursday 7PM - 7AM
  - Sunday 7PM - 7AM

Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

Mike Mensinger

**QUESTIONS:**

- Is there a list of volunteers
  - Yes, we have one and will work to make some of this available to all volunteers so they can reach out to one another when necessary

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

Hello District 11

I will not be at tonight's District 11 meeting. I was asked to participate in Area 21's monthly online, Delegate Roundtable. I will be doing a 10 – 15-minute talk on Tradition 10, and a long time and much respected friend of mine will be the main Service Speaker.

My current Archives thoughts are what to bring for Archives Display at Soberfest. As I said last month, a little more portable and a little more District 11.

I'd like to ask if there is anybody in attendance willing to volunteer some time slots in The Archives Room. As I'm writing this I have become aware that I was not invited to participate by Soberfest Archives. I will contact the Soberfest Chairperson

Rich H.  
District 11 Archivist  
richh925@msn.com  
815-353-7850

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

Prayers to Laurie on quick healing from her knee surgery.

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

**QUESTIONS:**

- What version of books were given?
  - 4th edition soft cover
- Does anyone have info on Joe's Garage meeting - interested in attending

***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....Applicant must get 100% to move on.**

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

**QUESTIONS:**

**GSR Orientation:**

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

**Concepts News Letter Attached**

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

- We will have english and spanish available as we are purchasing a few cases.
- How do I contact you to acquire some of these books for our young peoples group?

**LCM Report:** Chair: OPEN

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

- Received Spanish BB & 12 x 12
- Waiting on schedules
- Sent message to Scott regarding getting more schedules printed

Thank you,

Georgene

PI Chair

**QUESTIONS:**

- Where does someone get the AA cards?
  - From me I have 5,000!

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

**QUESTIONS:**

- Has anything else been ordered since the last distribution of schedules?
  - Angelo has not received any bills, so assuming not yet.
  - Dan will reach out to Scott.

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

Greetings District 11. The treatment committee is happy to share the progress that's been made since we last met in Sept:

Attended the Area Treatment and Bridge the Gap Meeting

There are plenty of opportunities to carry the message in treatment centers in our district and in other districts. Gateway is looking for both male and female participants.

Literature

Plan to place another order for Big Books before year end to cover future requests.

Northwestern Medicine Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit in Woodstock on Doty Rd

AA meetings are on Thursdays and Sundays @ 10:30 am. We also have Fridays @ 2:30pm that needs coverage. We are looking to add more badged AA members.

Rosecrance in Crystal Lake

- Intensive Outpatient presentations are held every 3 months.
- Beginner's meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6pm. All members are welcome to attend and share their experience with the first 3 steps.

Committee Participation

We are looking for someone who will step into the role of Chair and Co-Chair. If anyone would like to know more, please let us know.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service.

Nataé (Chair) and Jake (Co-Chair)

**ALT. GSR Chair:**

- Jake will not be returning to district next round of service nominations and will not step up into treatments chair position. Thank you for allowing to be of service.

**QUESTIONS:**

- Is Gateway in Lake Villa?
  - Yes
- If I want to get involved how do i get approved?
  - You can connect with the head of the individual facility coordinator through Natae
- Please connect Rich - phone - 815-236-5790
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**Webmaster: Chair:** Doug W. / **Alt. Chair:** OPEN

Greetings, District 11

Unfortunately, I spent much of the last 30 days out of commission with COVID. As a result, I didn't get nearly as much work done as I'd wanted to. Pretty much over it now.

Projects in process:

- Archives Page: I have a rough pattern with some files loaded in. I'm working with the Archives chair on this; on-going.
- Grapevine Page: I communicated with Grapevine.org about the use of their copyrighted images. They responded with an alternative method for displaying their imaging that won't create as many opportunities for running a-foul of their intellectual property rights. On-going.

- IntoAction newsletter: I've had conversation (on the phone...) with Dave G. about resurrecting the district's newsletter. It was suggested that perhaps the best format for the newsletter could be a bi-monthly, web-based publication. This, too, is ongoing.

- On-site Webmail: I am working toward re-establishing our Webmail links on the site. I've been a little cautious because I'm not completely sure what the risks are. More research is needed; on-going.

Thanks for your patience, as well as your input. Meeting changes need to be written – legibly, please -- on the appropriate form(s) and submitted to the secretary as well as me, so the on-line schedule can be updated. Those forms are available from the Forms link on our website, as well as the NIA website. As always, fliers etc. need to be submitted in .pdf, JPEG (or related formats) or .docx. I reserve the right to spellcheck them.

Have a great month!

Yours in Service,

Doug Wilsman

Web Administrator, District 11

Webmaster@aa-nia-dist11.org

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

- Hosting panel for Soberfest (November 22nd) - Newcomers Guide to Recovery - 4 panelists (under 1 year sober/knowledge of steps/able to speak for 15 minutes)
- Needs 1 male/1 female volunteer

### **GSR Reports:**

- Chris (Remnant Group Woodstock) - Thanksgiving Gratitude a.m. 7 a.m. open/ meeting 8 a.m. OPEN Meeting / Great Fellowship Church
- Rick F. (HOw and why) - Sat 8th annual cookout - st. johns church, island lake 5:30/7 pm. - food served - bring a dish optional
- The other Side - Oct. 11th Step workshop (1 - 12) 10 a.m. - Noon

### **Old Business:**

- OPEN POSITIONS:
  - Officer Positions
    - Alternate District Committee Member (Alt DCM)
    - Alternate Secretary
  - 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)
    - Local Committee Member (LCM)
- Motion to Update Treasurer's and Alt Treasurer's Job Descriptions
  - Angelo: After review of last month - made amendment for alt to p/u checks, deposit and report to Treasurer.
    - Issue last month of separating deposit and pay is resolved and they will be handled separately - topic is resolved.
  - Clarified - motion remains the same and only add is the 2 roles
- Seconded
- QUESTIONS: What is different in description now that the 2 roles are separated?
  - (original) Treasurer to have knowledge of software / (NEW) made streamlined system which doesn't require special knowledge - now in spreadsheet form
  - NEW - keeping check book - WASNT there prior
  - NEW - where all files are located to manage role better
- DISCUSSION: John voiced that ideally there would be 2 signatures on each check.
  - That has never been the case in the past
  - Did we do this digitally?
    - Most all are done digitally, only checks are for some reimbursement. We have enough checks to last 20 years
  - Rick found notes on segregation of duties - it sounds like we are maintaining this.
  - We try to elect trust worthy people as well.
- **MOTION PASES - 28 yes / 0 NO**

### **New Business:**

### **QUESTIONS:**

### **Open Mic:**

Steve - MMAAAC - Poker run last year was great. Sunday December 7th - 21207 W. 6 Mile Road, Franksville, WI - Chili Cookoff - Bears Packers - Fund raiser for next years convention.

Blu - Requirement - must register (\$25) for soberfest - cannot just show up. - Brian filled the male slot.

Crista - Soberfest - Please register - weekend before Thxgiving. REg will be different this year - to the left. Good meditation room, there are NO rooms available.

### **UPCOMING SERVICE EVENTS:**

- 10/04/2025 NIA20 Fall Committee Meeting – District 11 Host
  - 8AM Doors, 9AM Meeting
  - Lord of Life 40W605 IL-38, Elburn, IL, United States
  - Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/qSnDCF-nRHxKjXgxjcg5ew>

10/11/2025: Legacy of Service: General Service Manual & Concepts Study

- 7:30 PM via Zoom
- Meeting ID: 819 5925 86250 / Passcode: 639187

**Meeting Closed at: \_\_\_\_ p.m.**

**The next District Meeting is Thursday November 6th, 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)**