

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
December 4th, 2025**

Location: Hybrid via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Attendance: 40__ , zoom _13__

Committee members: _12__

Groups represented: _22__

Guests: __0__

Read Twelve Traditions: _Bill__

Read Concept of the Month: __Rob__

New GSR's Present: __0__

New attendees present: _0__

Anniversaries: _Rick (40 yrs) / Jerry (24 yrs) / Bill (3 Yrs) / John (18 Yrs)_

OFFICERS' REPORTS

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

Good Evening District 11,

I hope everyone had a Happy Holiday.

On the 13th I hosted the Legacy of Service: GSM/Concepts Study. No attendees present.

On the 15th I attended the Illinois State Conference. I chaired a panel on Traditions 10, 11, and 12. It was a very good panel and we had a really group discussion during the questions portion. I had some good conversations after the panel and got to have some great fellowship at the banquet.

With my remaining time I worked on finishing my Location Rotation report, answering emails, and beginning to work with Natae to transfer responsibilities. I will continue to transfer duties this month and be available for any questions/help in the future.

I would like to thank everyone for trusting me with the responsibilities of the DCM position this rotation.
Dan P.

224-605-1673 dcm@aa-nia-dist11.org djpiepl93@gmail.com

Alt DCM Report: OPEN POSITION

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

- Not present, Natae filling in for minutes.

QUESTIONS: None

****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 \$ \$1,015.34 and Expenses of \$2,724.81. This puts our available funds at \$ \$3,639.44 based on our prudent reserves. I have attached the Actual VS Budget YTD sheets for 2025-2023 and a comparison spreadsheet for informational purposes. I have also attached the proposed 2026 Actual VS Budget for later discussion.

Thank you!

Yours in service

Angelo G

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

QUESTIONS:

Q: Rich H asked to increase Archives budget to \$500 versus \$300 because it got very close in 2025 and there are more activities for 2026.

A: Angelo will adjust and send revised.

Q: Rick and Brian asked why the Corrections budget went down to \$500.

A: Angelo explained that is because the last two year's expenses for corrections included costs for attending the corrections conference which is brought to the District for vote every year instead of included in the budget. Corrections Conference cost in 2024 was \$671.58 and in 2025 it was \$1,391.00.

Q: CPC may want the budget increased.

A: Angelo said to send the requests to him, and he will include in the revised budget for groups to review.

Q: Angelo asked about decreasing the budget for schedules to \$2,000. Costs were 2023 \$1,860, 2024 \$533, 2025 \$1,100.

A: Group discussed that we need schedules and that half the year we didn't have them, so to put the budget at \$2,500.

Q: Doug wants to upgrade Wordpress and is proposing a \$400 increase in the Webmaster budget.

A: Angelo said to send the requests to him, and he will include in the revised budget for groups to review.

Q: Lisa asked about sending off excess funds to the area and how often the District makes the determination, isn't it quarterly?

A: Angelo said the last time we did it we put the District in the red so we should wait until Q1 2026 has passed to ensure we cover our expenses before sending funds. Angelo will add the quarterly review to the Treasurer's reports every quarter reminding the body to consider if it is prudent to do so.

****Motion to Accept December Report: Passed**

GSRs should send the revised budget to their groups once Angelo sends it out.

*~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.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Not present

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

Hi guys,

	November
Answer Rate:	83.33%
Total Calls	36
Wrong Number/Hang up	6
Delivered Calls	30

Thank you to everyone of our volunteers who help with picking up these calls. I will work with Rob this month to transfer resources to his ownership.

We have a Draft Answering Service Info document created (PPT). Still needs some work to complete it, we will complete this prior to my departure.

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

So, please let your groups know we need help.

Yours in Service,
Mike M

QUESTIONS:

Q: How do I get people signed up for the answering service to get calls?

A: Contact Rob or Mike M.

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

Good Evening District 11

I believe we had a successful collaboration in the Soberfest Archives Room with Soberfest Archives and District 10 Archives. I was easily able to get our 6 tri-fold display boards into the room when it was opened to us at about 2pm on Friday and removed those display Boards about 9am on Sunday morning. During the day on Saturday while I was in the room all day I had available for viewing 6 binders of our minutes beginning in 1977 when we were District 1A. And also 11 binders that have District 11 Into Action Newsletters, District 11 Directories, Photographs of Past and Present District Meeting Places, Old Timers Brunch Flyers. And not necessarily District 11, Old Flyers, Area 20 Concepts Newsletters, Box 459, Various Surrounding Newsletters, Old Pamphlets, and Historical Documents. I am still looking for GSRs to submit their Group Histories, possibly accompanied with a picture of your meeting building or meeting space.

I submitted my expense Report which includes last month's expenses for items to build display IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92.62, and this month's expense for Old Timers Brunch home printing of flyers for

\$169.02. I was able to print 1000 flyers from this ink and paper. Office Max in Crystal Lake gave me a phone quote of \$830.00 per 1000.

I have been requested to search for any type of Documents regarding legal incorporation of District 11. I don't recall ever seeing anything like this, and so far have not found anything in my manual search. In those early years I found what was called a District 11 Visitation Committee, that would visit other District Meetings.

I found an announcement for a new Young Peoples Meeting in our June 1, 1980 Minutes on Tuesdays, at 65 N. Williams St. Crystal Lake.

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

QUESTIONS:

Q: Lisa asked what year did the Northern IL districts split up between Lake and McHenry County?

A: It happened about 40 years ago at least.

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

Laurie not present. Mary is the incoming chair, and they have signed up for People in Need Forum at McHenry County College on Sat Jan 31 from 8:30-1pm. Need volunteers to be at the table.

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

"I will not be in attendance at this, my final meeting of my term as I will be at the jail helping with meetings there. I will have transferred all of the supplies to Brian by the time you are reading this.

I attended the national corrections conference the first weekend in November and appreciate the opportunity to go. Once again, I was inspired by the good that has been done in this kind of service work. I also felt like there was perspective in the good parts of our program which include a nice relationship with the Sheriff and his staff and all of our volunteers. We really do have a good thing going here.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service at the district level these past two years in corrections. I will continue as a volunteer at the McHenry County jail.

Clint Kenner outgoing, corrections chair

Brian is working on exiting pamphlets with info on AA. Jail doesn't allow staples.

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

1. In November, we staffed the Illinois State Conference with a great Grapevine/LaVina display. A Picture is below. We helped carry the message about Grapevine. Thank you to Steve K., and the CL Alano Club, who helped provide some back copies of GV for our display.
2. Our NIA Delegate, Erik L., sent some financial updates about GSO Quarterly literature/Grapevine status. I will detail it here, but more people are interested in the App and digital versions of Grapevine rather than the print version. Two points related to Grapevine:

*Total Grapevine and LaVina subscriptions are are down: Digital is up 3, 286 subscriptions but Print is down 3, 849 subscriptions.

* There was a drawdown from the GSO prudent reserve fund of \$350K for Grapevine.

3. This month, we helped the sober living homes of New Directions with 4 subscriptions, using a special coupon of discounted subscriptions offer. I can offer this coupon to others too. If you get GV, you may have received the coupon in October and November issues.

4. It has been a pleasure working with District 11 groups and Area 20 representatives for the past few years. I will be handing over the District records, materials and GVR poster within the next month and willing to help be a district representative. Also, Carrie K of C.L., is also available to help for a Huntley women's group. We would be looking for others to help out in Woodstock, McHenry, Marengo, and other groups to build a committee.

QUESTIONS:

Q: Wally asked if Grapevine is struggling because of hard copy subscriptions?

A: Karen said yes, digital has been popular but that everyone should be promoting subscriptions either print or digital to try and save it. This has been an issue for 3-4 years and it will be given another year to determine next steps. Angelo said LaVina is struggling and losing money too. Rich mentioned yes, that is true, but LaVina is funded separately from the Grapevine.

Q: Mary asked about the committee, how to join, and what will they be doing?

A: Karen said the committee will be a resource for groups and how to promote Grapevine subscriptions.

GSR Orientation: Chair: Jerry M.

Would like to host a Service workshop on Sat Jan 31, 2026 with a lunch at the McHenry Township Hall in Johnsburg and will be asking for money to book the venue.

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

No written report.

QUESTIONS:

Q: Georgene asked if she will get Literature as the incoming?

A: Christa said she will give her all the Literature.

LCM Report: Chair: OPEN

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

No written report.

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

Not present. Will work with Scott to get the files to order more schedules.

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

Transitioning responsibilities to incoming chair Karen and will place an order for Big Books before year end. Karen is getting badged as a volunteer for Northwestern Behavioral Health Inpatient and will be the point of contact for the facility starting in 2026.

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

1. No written report.
2. Committees should submit their changes for emails
3. Doing a complete redesign on the web page.

Thanks for allowing me to be of Service,
Doug Wilsman Web Administrator, District 11
Webmaster@aa-nia-dist11.org

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

Had a workshop at Soberfest at 1:30PM Saturday From Darkness to Duty with 35 people in attendance. It went well.

QUESTIONS:

Q: Could they help the GSR Liaison Jerry with January workshop?

A: Blu answered yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- OPEN POSITIONS (2026-2027 Rotation):
 - Officer Positions
 - Alternate District Committee Member (Alt DCM): Amy B. Stands. Sober since 12/26/2021 and served as GSR for two groups. VOTE: $\frac{2}{3}$ vote reached - unanimous
 - Secretary: Natae S. nominates Dan P. for Secretary. Gives qualifications and intent to find a secretary and train them on the duties. Lisa asked about Dan serving as an Alternate Committee Chair on Area NIA 20 and asked if her will be able to fulfill both duties. Dan said yes and reiterated his intention to fill the position and train the new person since it is a key function. VOTE: $\frac{2}{3}$ Vote reached – Unanimous
 - ALT Secretary is still open.
 - Committee Positions
 - Alternate Cooperation with the Professional Community (Alt CPC) Chair:– Martha stands. Sober since 7/12/1994. Worked in behavioral health. Home group is in Wonder Lake. VOTE: Majority received.
 - Alternate Corrections (Alt CO) Chair, Alternate Grapevine (Alt GV) Chair, Alternate Literature (Alt LT) Chair, Alternate Public Information (Alt PI) Chair, Alternate Treatment Settings (Alt TS) Chair still open
 - Appointed Positions (If you have an interest please speak to Natae)
 - Local Committee Member (LCM)
 - Schedule Maker (SM)
- Group conscience on NIA20 Motions regarding procedures and reference documents for Hosting Area Meetings. VOTE: Majority in favor of this motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2026 Budget Presentation – bring revised budget to groups once Angelo emails to District
- GSRO Motion for budget to host Service Workshop 1/31/26 -Jerry presented motion and requesting \$500 for flyers, food and venue. Venue is the McHenry Township Hall in Johnsborg and it is \$100 for rent and there is a \$50 refundable deposit. Rich seconds motion. VOTE: Majority in favor of this motion.

- New Meeting Location Report – Dan presented location options and recommendations. Dan will revise the motion due to inaccuracies in details. Would like GSRs to take the revised motion back to groups to determine whether Woodstock, Huntley or no change.
- Next Meeting Date – Dan mentioned that our next meeting would fall on New Year's Day which is a holiday and asked group if we wanted to skip January or have the meeting. Motion to keep meeting is seconded. VOTE: Motion fails to hold the January meeting.

GSR Reports:

- None

Open Mic:

- **Steve – Chili cookoff at the McHenry Alano Club for the Midwest Motorcycle event. Doors open at 2PM not 11AM.**
- **Rich – Take flyers for the Old Timers Brunch.**

UPCOMING SERVICE EVENTS:

- 12/13/2025 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/join/HVxLTm07TSOXKC3eK9TDpQ>
 - NOTE: Legacy of Service: AASM & Concepts Study cancelled for this month.

Meeting Closed at: 8:56 ____ p.m.

The next District Meeting is Thursday, Feb 5th, 2026 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)