

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
May 7th, 2026**

Location: Hybrid via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:08 pm

Attendance: zoom: _8_, in person: ____

Guests: _____

Read Twelve Traditions: _Bill H ____

Read Concept of the Month: _Georgene R. ____

New GSR's Present: Jim M., Wanderer's Group, Kevin 7:30 stateline saturday morning Richmond,

New attendees present: None

Anniversaries: Rich W. - 4, Rich H. - 38, Dan P. - 9

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DCM Report: DCM: Natae S. / Alt. DCM: Amy B.

DCM Report – May 7, 2026

Greetings District 11,

Apr 11th, I attended the Pre GSC Workshop in Rockford. There was great discussion about the agenda items which provided valuable insight for our Delegate Lisa who is preparing for the General Service Conference in New York at the end of April.

Toured the new location for the district business meeting. The room size is much smaller than we are used to, but it should be able to accommodate us.

We could use your help spreading the word about the Big Book Conference, and if you are planning on attending, please register soon.

Will begin working on the District's Group Roster information and getting it up to date.

Thank you,

Natae S.

dcm@aa-nia-dist11.org

847-903-6219

QUESTIONS: Which entrance do we use at The New Location? The one that is open, probably the main entrance.

Secretary's Report: Secretary - Dan P. / 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.

Please be sure to fill out Group forms accurately and fully to ensure they can be submitted. Marking "same" with no other information may impede your group information from being input or changed.

Motion to accept the Minutes from April Jerry 2nd Bill unanimous

QUESTIONS:

****Motion to accept the minutes as sent. Passed. Karen/Georgeen. Motion carries unanimously.**

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 - Bill H..

District 11 Treasurer's Report April 2026

Delivery date 5/7/26

Thank you Bill H Alternate Treasurer for presenting this report tonight during our last meeting here for this rotation

I, Bill looked into the contribution labeled Villa Desiderata and found the information for the groups and have recorded their contributions as below.

000113075	12 & 12 (Villa Desiderata)	McHenry	\$ 249.00
000121904	Thursday Night Big Book (Villa Desiderata)	McHenry	\$ 249.00

I created a new form for expenses that is fillable. It was a good day. I had no idea how to create one when I start and I learned how to. There are a few copies in the back.

Over the past month we have had Income of \$477 and Expenses of \$574.49. This puts our available funds at \$5,571.44 based on our prudent reserves.

Any questions about the report? (Please take notes if necessary)

Motion to accept March report?

In keeping with our 7th Tradition, we are self-supporting through our own contributions. The suggested contribution is \$2 for this meeting. I will be coming around to collect the contributions.

Thank you!

Yours in service
Angelo Gallegos

Treasurer@aa-nia-dist11.org

Lomaster1313@aol.com

815-678-4034

NORTHERN ILLINOIS AREA 20 - DISTRICT 11			
APRIL 2025 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY			
BALANCE FORWARD			\$ 11,668.93
	TOTAL INCOME		\$ 477.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE		\$ (574.49)
ENDING BALANCE			\$ 11,571.44
LESS PRUDENT RESERVE			\$ (6,000.00)
AVAILABLE FUNDS			\$ 5,571.44
INCOME			
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS			
GSO Group ID #	Group Name	Meeting Location	Contribution \$
000090073	1:00 PM Discussion Group	Huntley	\$ 100.00
000111102	How And Why Meeting Group	Island Lake	\$ 300.00
000106706	From The Book Group	Woodstock	\$ 40.00
000014384	Womans Broad Highway Group	Woodstock	\$ 37.00
YTD	\$ 9,192.88	Current	\$ 477.00
EXPENSE			
		Description	
		Answering Service	\$ 357.95
		District	\$ 17.35
		Webmaster	\$ 24.19
		Schedules	\$ 175.00
YTD	\$ 4,928.49	Current	\$ 574.49

2026 Actual versus Budget YTD - NIA 20, District 11

Account Number	Description	YTD 2026 Actual	Annual 2026 Budget	Remaining Budget \$	Remaining Budget %
1000	Answering Service	\$ 1,789.75	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,210.25	64.21%
1100	Archives	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	100.00%
1200	Corrections	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	100.00%
1300	CPC	\$ 32.43	\$ 350.00	\$ 317.57	90.73%
1400	District	\$ 95.05	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 904.95	90.50%
1500	Grapevine	\$ 72.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 728.00	91.00%
1600	LCM	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	100.00%
1700	Literature	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	100.00%
1800	Newsletter	\$ -	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
1900	Public Information	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	100.00%
2000	Schedules	\$ 903.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,597.00	63.88%
2100	Accessabilities	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	100.00%
2200	Treatment Settings	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	100.00%
2300	Webmaster	\$ 96.76	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,303.24	93.09%
2400	Workshops	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	100.00%
2500	Old Timer's Brunch	\$ 1,739.50	\$ 1,700.00	\$ (39.50)	-2.32%
2600	Contributions from Dist. 11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
2700	GSRO	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	33.33%
TOTAL		\$ 4,728.49	\$ 19,850.00	\$ 15,121.51	76.18%

Old Timer's Brunch budget is the seed money that comes back to the district after the event.

2026 Monthly Expenses - NIA 20, District 11

Account Number	Account Title	1/22	2/22	3/22	4/22	5/22	6/3	7/22
1000	Answering Service	\$ 715.90	\$ 357.95	\$ 357.95	\$ 357.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1100	Archives	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1200	Corrections	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1300	CPC	\$ -	\$ 32.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1400	District	\$ 17.35	\$ 43.00	\$ 17.35	\$ 17.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1500	Grapevine	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1600	LCM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1700	Literature	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1800	Newsletter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1900	Public Information	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2000	Schedules	\$ -	\$ 728.00	\$ -	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2100	Accessabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2200	Treatment Settings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2300	Webmaster	\$ 24.19	\$ 24.19	\$ 24.19	\$ 24.19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2400	Workshops	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2500	Old Timer's Brunch	\$ -	\$ 1,739.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2600	Contributions From Dist 11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2700	GSRO	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 957.44	\$ 2,925.07	\$ 471.49	\$ 574.49	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

QUESTIONS: None

****Motion to Accept March Report: 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Craig - no major update. More free time coming up. Will be cataloging accessibility of meeting locations in our District. Please reach out to me if your group has any accessibility needs.

No Questions.

Answering Service Report: Chair: Rob R. / Alt. Chair - Rick F.

Answering Service & VOIP Options – Executive Summary

Evening Everyone,

Hope you are all well. I will do my best to be present Thursday evening, but a family emergency may present an issue. If I'm unable to attend, I am attaching my report below.

Total calls for April were 37, with 6 hang ups or wrong numbers resulting in 31 answered calls at a 83.78% answer rate. Those were calls where our answering service was able to complete notes and finish the call. We are still lacking volunteers Mon, Thus, Sun overnight and Thursday shift - please pass the word. I am still evaluating what a transition to another answering or VOIP service could look like. I met with David, the Answering Service Chair from Area 20 and discussed with him, he was familiar with TAS United (our provider) and recommended a transition to Google Voice. Attached is a report comparing our current options. I am still working to gain clarity on whether we own our phone number, if it can be transitioned or if we would need to start over. I will report more as I gain clarity. Thank you all!

	April
Answer Rate:	83.78%
Total Calls	37
Wrong Number/Hang up	6
Delivered Calls	31

Best regards,

Rob R

Answering Service & VOIP Options –

Executive Summary

Overview

We reviewed four replacement options for the current TAS United setup: two full answering services and two VOIP/call-forwarding platforms. The main issue with TAS United is that the platform/software has been difficult to use, slow, and not user-friendly.

Over the last three months, our usage has averaged approximately 196 minutes per month (Feb: 225.5, Mar: 136, Apr: 225.5), which sits just below our current 250-minute plan. This has been used as a baseline to estimate expected monthly costs across the options below.

Current Issue with TAS United

- Platform is slow and difficult to navigate
- Not user-friendly for day-to-day management
- Creates inefficiencies in managing calls and information

1. Specialty Answering Service (SAS)

220 mins – \$269/month | \$1.44 per additional minute

Website: <https://www.specialtyanswering-service.net>

Specialty Answering Service appears to be the strongest overall fit based on both cost and flexibility. Based on our current usage (~196 minutes), we would likely remain within or close to the base plan, resulting in an estimated monthly cost of approximately \$269–\$300. The service provides 24/7 live call handling with customizable scripts, which is important for maintaining a consistent and structured caller experience. Overall, this option offers the best balance between cost, reliability, and fit for our needs.

2. MAP Communications

\$339/month (250 mins) | \$1.28 per additional minute

Website: <https://www.mapcommunications.com>

MAP Communications is a more traditional answering service but remains a strong and reliable option. Based on our current usage, we would likely stay within the included minutes, resulting in an estimated monthly cost of approximately \$339.

The service offers 24/7 US-based agents and experience supporting nonprofit organizations. While it may feel more structured and less flexible than SAS, it is a dependable option and provides a predictable, stable service.

3. Aircall (VOIP Option)

~\$90/month (billed annually)

Website: <https://www.aircall.io>

Aircall is a modern VOIP platform and significantly more user-friendly than TAS United, directly addressing the usability issues we are currently experiencing.

While it is a lower-cost option, it is not a managed answering service. Calls would need to be handled internally or routed to team members, which introduces additional coordination to maintain consistent coverage.

4. Dialpad (VOIP Option)

~\$80 per user/month

Website: <https://www.dialpad.com>

Dialpad is a more feature-rich VOIP platform with AI capabilities and scalability. Depending on the number of users required, total monthly cost would likely fall in the range of \$80–\$160.

Similar to Aircall, it would require internal handling of calls, but offers a more advanced long-term solution if we decide to build a more structured internal system.

Key Difference: Answering Service vs VOIP

Answering Services provide fully managed 24/7 coverage and reduce the need for internal coordination, but come at a higher monthly cost.

VOIP solutions are more cost-effective and user-friendly, but require internal management of calls and do not provide the same level of consistency in coverage.

Recommendation

Based on our current usage and requirements, both SAS and MAP would fall within a similar cost range to our existing TAS United plan, while offering improved usability and call handling.

At this stage, I would lean toward Specialty Answering Service as the strongest overall replacement, with MAP Communications as a solid alternative.

VOIP options (Aircall and Dialpad) remain a viable longer-term solution if we decide to prioritize cost savings and internal control, but would require additional operational setup to ensure consistent coverage.

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

In addition to report: Dave C. present and has been helping me. Potential candidate for when the rotation is done.

CPC Report: Chair: Mary E. / Alt. Chair: Open

Mary has three speaking opportunities coming up. Waiting to hear back from a few agencies.

Corrections Report: Chair: Brian H. / Alt. Chair: Open

Brian will be stepping down. Services will be taken care of in the interim, but we need a new chair as well as more volunteers. This is one of the many ways we carry the message.

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: Steve K. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

I'll be out of town next month. ran into Todd K.(former GV Chair) at W+B Cookout and he offered to help the committee.

Workshop for writing GrapeVine Articles in September.

QUESTION: You mentioned pictures last month?

You can submit pictures of your meeting room to the GrapeVine. Just no pictures of people.
AAGrapevine.org

GSR Orientation: Jerry M./ Alt. Chair: OPEN

Scoured the schedule and meeting guide app and website. Coming up with a list to visit meetings to send Meeting Buddies to meetings to explain why having a GSR is important. Did this in Chicago and doubled District attendance and increased Area participation. AA needs servants.

Literature: Chair: Georgene R. / Alt. Chair: Rachel M.

LCM Report: Chair: OPEN

Public Information: Chair: Mark R.. / Alt. Chair: Martha S.

Different locations were very grateful to have materials back

Schedule Maker: Chair: Carol H. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

Use what we have, next meeting I will have new schedules with the new address to distribute.
Please be sure to send any changes to me.

If anyone has any changes please reach out to schedule@aa-nia-dist11.org

Treatment Setting Report: Chair: Karen W.. / Alt Chair: OPEN

No report.

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

No Report.

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

GV writing workshop with GV in September, working on another with answering service, Soberfest coming up, please take that to your groups, and send me any ideas you may have.

GSR Reports:

Matt - Men's suggested steps study 5th Friday AA/AL-Anon open speaker meeting the 29th doors at 7PM. First speaker at 7:30PM

Old Business:

- **Open Positions:**
 - **Nominations: None**
 - **Stand: None**
- **Big Book Conference Update**
 - Big Book Conference Sat 10/17/26 Messiah Lutheran Church in Wauconda.

- Great location, need help with outreach and volunteers, please distribute flyers everywhere.
- QR code for Zelle
- Need Volunteer Chair
- Any information on panels?
 - The program committee picks moderators and panels. More information to come closer to the event.
- 250 attendance ish needed to breakeven
- We will be asking Area about Zoom/Hybrid option
- Next Meeting Date 6/14/26 via Zoom 2PM
- Are we giving other Districts this flyer?
 - Yes we are distributing flyers to other DCMs at Area and other Districts when able
- **Next month we will be beginning to have our Monthly meeting at Church of Holy Apostles in McHenry. We will be meeting in the Sherry Entrance.**

New Business:

None

Open Mic:

- Meeting ending May 27th - Wednesday 8:30 Fox River Grove. Church is closing, they lost their space
- Steve - MMAC.org June 5-7 in Greenlake, WI - Warmer than Soberfest, lots of fun outdoor activities. Dinner is \$15 Saturday. Josh A. from Big Book Conference and SoberFest will be there.
- SoberFest FUNdraiser. This Saturday. Flyer attached in Meetings. Roaring 20's themed dance. \$7.00
- Night at the Dole this Saturday 7PM
 - 401 Country Club Rd

UPCOMING SERVICE EVENTS:

Sat 5/16/26 NIA 2026 Spring Committee Meeting

- 8AM Registration; 9AM-3PM – Lunch is \$8
- Lord of Life Church, 40W605 IL-38, Elburn, IL
- Zoom Meeting Registration

ADJOURN: Close with the Responsibility Statement

"I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there.

And for that: I am responsible."

Meeting Closed at: _8:06_ p.m.

The next District Meeting is Thursday June 4th 2025 at 7:00pm in person and via

Zoom:

Zoom Meeting ID: 959 6776 4900

Passcode: District11

The Church of Holy Apostles, Rooms 6, 8, and 10, 5211 Bull Valley Rd., McHenry, IL 60050