



MINUTES
DISTRICT 10 (AREA 20) MONTHLY MEETING
[April 26], 2015 - ST. GILBERT'S CHURCH, GRAYSLAKE, IL

AMENDED

ATTENDANCE: [49]

CALL TO ORDER: DCM, Chuck D., called the meeting to order with a quiet time followed by the Serenity Prayer.

INTRODUCTION OF 1ST TIME ATTENDEES:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Robin B.	April 12 (7 years)	David	April 6 (5 years)
Janet C.	April 25 (11 months)	Dawn O.	(Visitor)

Motion was made by Kevin A. to accept the March minutes, seconded by Beau J. Motion passed.

DCM (Chuck D.) Districts 10 along with Districts 11 & 28 have submitted a bid for the 2016 State Conference. It was accepted by NIA Area 20. It won't be long before the wheels start rolling and the planning meetings begin. I attended the Assembly at the Spring Conference. But I have misplaced my notes. I also attended the Pre General Service Conference Workshop. The body of Area 20 discussed all the items on the agenda for the General Service Conference workshop. We as a body instructed our Delegate, Cheryl V. on how we feel about each item on the Agenda. She will in turn take our discussion to the General Service conference when she attends the General Service Conference. I do have a copy of what we discussed and what our recommendations were if anyone is interested District 10 is hosting the May 9th committee meeting. We are in need of a few more people to help with the setup, registration at the event, and other minor duties.

Alt DCM (Bob P.) Working with Steve R. to produce two easel backed (table top) posters. One will be the "inverted triangle"; the other will be the A.A. Service Structure. Area 20 "Service Handbooks" (spiral bound version) should be available in May. Will order 25 at a cost of \$5.00 each; working in an advisory capacity with Event Committee on Fall Breakfast. In the period dated 1/14/2015 – 2/28/2015, Area 20 received \$3236.12 in group contributions. Of these monies, a total of [9] District 10 groups contributed \$470.00. During this same period, the Area had an operating income of \$202.85. Checking account is \$4386.04 with a prudent reserve of \$16,500.00.

TREASURER REPORT (Kim T., Alt position OPEN):

Please fill out the new Check Request Form when seeking reimbursement, and submit along with your receipt/s. Forms will be available at the District meeting. Groups, please ensure that your group information is complete and accurate when sending your contributions to the District. Pre-printed contribution envelopes are available at the district meeting. When contributions are received, a new envelope is mailed to the group contact along with your receipt.

Current balances are as follows:

March 22, 2015 Checking account balance	<u>\$3,338.05</u>
March 22, 2015 Prudent Reserve	<u>\$2,000.00</u>

Motion by Earl N. to accept the Treasurer's report; seconded by Kevin A. Motion passed.

April 25, 2015 Checking account balance	\$3,409.94
April 25, 2015 Prudent Reserve	\$2,000.00

Motion by Earl N. to accept the Treasurer’s report; seconded by Kevin A. Motion passed.

OPEN FORM: Sid from ISPOP was not able to make it tonight. He would like to start a monthly Beginners Meeting and will be looking for volunteers. I do not know all the details Sid will share when he visits, hopefully we can get him here in the next few months. The Condell Thursday night 6:30pm Mediation meeting needs support.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **May 9** District 10 has volunteered to host the Committee Meeting Lord of Life Church in LaFoxa, IL
- **May 17** 2016 State Conference Planning Meeting Lake Zurich Police Department
- **May 30** Soberfest Fundraiser McHenry Township Hall
- **July 3 – 5** International Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous Atlanta, Georgia

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES (GSR) REPORTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ANSWERING SERVICE (Bill J. Alt Answer Dave J.) Dates of calls are March 22, 2015 – April 25, 2015.

	Apr.		Apr.		Apr.
Total Calls	63	General Info	10	Solicitor	0
Meeting Info	15	Treatment Facility Info	0	Hang-up	6
12-Step	11	Halfway House Info	0	Will call back	4
Wrong Number	0	Alanon	1	Website	3
Other Districts	12	Spanish	1		

BRIDGING THE GAP (Jay D., Alt. Steve B.) Gillian O. (past corrections) helped me to schedule a meeting at the Lake County Jail. Our meeting was with G. Mark McCorley, Inmate Programs Manager and Todd Fletcher, Re-Entry Specialist. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce Mark and Todd to the Bridge the Gap program and to see if our program could be implemented in the jail for inmates that are being released.

The Lake County Jail has a “Mentoring Program” that was introduced to the jail by Mark and Todd around 2006. That was around the same time I tried to introduce Bridge the Gap. At that time Rick Riddle would not approve of Bridge the Gap. After reviewing our Bridge the Gap proposal, both Mark and Todd felt the Bridge the Gap program could work alongside the Mentoring Program. The both felt positive that Bridge the Gap could be approved for the Lake County Jail. Although they also stated that that our pamphlets would have to be edited to meet their standards and that some rules would have to apply to volunteers.

The Bridge the Gap program now needs to go to the next level for approval. Todd said he would have an answer in a few weeks. Bridge meetings: Our biggest hurdle with volunteers for bridge meetings is age. We have plenty of old timers for those types of meetings, but not that many younger A.As. I made contact with ISCYPAA and have a contact name and contact information is anyone needs to bring the younger A.As to bridge meetings.

CPC (Rick S., Alt Jim L.) The CPC Open Forum is less than a week away. The committee continues to meet and will have its last meeting tomorrow, April 26 in the basement of Serenity House. It looks as if this is going to be a great event and only because of the hard work from a great committee.

Please take more flyers for last minute distribution if you are going to be in contact or can think of any places where the information of the event would be useful. Volunteers and AA members are invited throughout the day, set up starting at 6:45am Saturday morning. Let’s all remember that service is our third legacy!!

CORRECTIONS (Beau J. Alt. Caryn C.) We are in need of volunteers. I will be writing up hand written contracts for sign up. We were not able to go last Monday because we did not have enough volunteers. We need young, old and women and men. We really have a shortage of male volunteers. There are a few requirements no felonies in the last five years. There really isn't a requirement for sobriety we ask for at least one year. To find out information you can go out to the Lake County Sheriff department website helpline to find out more information.

DIRECTORY (Mark H, Alt. Janet C.) We contacted the directory committees for district 11, 12 and 28, making 30 copies of each for distribution. Five updates were made to our directory and about 370 copies were printed and assembled. Our directory will be put out at the Spring Conference this weekend. The long version of the "Serenity Prayer" and "Why We Were Chosen" were used to fill the empty space on the back page. Janet will take custody of the extra printer.

EVENTS (Kristina K., Alt. Dana T.) We have booked the Holiday Inn for the Fall Breakfast. The breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 4th. Please save the date.

GRAPEVINE (Elizabeth W. Alt. OPEN) No report submitted.

GSR Contact (Robin B. Alt. Gloria P) My committee continues to update information on "active" groups in our District. As soon as they have completed their assignments the updates will be sent to Dawn, the Area Registrar to revise the Information for Groups Sheets and revise the GSO Directories. We are also working on groups that our "inactive", "merged" or "unknown" and, if there is a contact person for any of these groups, we will contact that person to determine if they are still meeting. If any of these groups are meeting, (and they do not have a GSR), we will eventually attend their meeting to explain the importance of a GSR.

All new GSRs from the March 2015, who completed Group Information Forms; the forms were sent to the Area Registrar. Any new GSRs who are here today; have you received your "GSR kits?"

As we have been working on this committee, I have a couple of observations/suggestions for the Directory Committee. Some meetings are listed as "men only" or "women only" but not all meetings that are "men" or "women" only are listed as such. Also, contact persons phone numbers listed; some are listed with an area code and many are not.

Are there any new GSRs here since our last District Meeting? If so, can we quickly go over filing out Group Information Change Forms or New Group Registration Forms?

LITERATURE (Kevin A., Michelle H.) Hi all we are putting our literature display up at the district meeting Sunday April 26th. This is so you can see what has been done so far. Also I have run out of beginner packets. I will try to have more by the weekend of the workshop.

NEWSLETTER (OPEN, Alt OPEN) OfficeMax was bought out by Office Depot and they are combining accounts. This month's Conscious Contact was printed in Round Lake however in the confusion our pricing schedule changed and our tax ID was missing from the Merchant's Account information. I went to the Gurnee Office Depot to clarify the increased charges and the tax exempt status. The manager (Kevin) decided it was better to create a new account with Office Depot. This way our tax exemption would be noted on the account and when the UPC is scanned that information would be readily available to anyone that has printing needs.

The cost to print the Conscious Contact was \$75 for 600 copies. In the past there was no folding charge but that has changed. Our new cost to print the same newsletter will be \$86.38; an increase of \$11.38. The D10 Treasurer provided a check for \$75 and I paid the remaining balance of \$15.27. In reviewing our account, the manager at the Gurnee store refunded \$3.89 as we were overcharged. I will submit a refund request for the \$11.38.

PUBLIC INFORMATION (Tom M., Alt. Pat M.) District 10 wallet card distribution continues. Refills are available at tonight's meeting. Please check the distribution lists. Display racks of AA pamphlets are available at tonight's meeting. Please take what you desire to distribute at various sites maintained by GSR's.

District 10 Chairpersons for Connecting with the Professional Community, Public Information & Treatment Facilities have been meeting weekly on Monday evenings at Serenity House in Libertyville, IL through the month of April, 2015. The AACPC Forum Committee is now up to twenty-one active members. The spring 2015 *Connecting with the Professional Community Conference* is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Condell Hospital in Libertyville, IL.

SPECIAL NEEDS (OPEN, Alt. OPEN)

TREATMENT (Michael L. Alt. Steve B.): Nothing new to report.

WEBSITE (Earl N., Alt. Steve K.)—We activated google analytics on April 15. As of today (11 days) we have had the following traffic:

298 users had 513 sessions for a total of 790 page view with an average slightly more than 2 minutes per session.

More than 60% of our visitors were under 35 (as estimated by google)

WE DO NOT TRACK NOR DO WE RETAIN ANY INDIVIDUAL USER DATA. GOOGLE ANONYMOUSLY TRACKS DEMOGRAPHICS LIKE AGE AND SEX IF USERS HAVE ENTERED THEM IN THEIR BROWERS. Other than the homepage, our meetings page had the most traffic with 236 visits averaging over 4 minutes per visit. Services page had 10 visits, calendar 8 visits, and printed directory 7 visits. Committee Chairs need to provide us with written description of what their committees do. Jay has a great example.

DISTRICT 10 ROSTERS 2015 – 2016 (OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS):

District Committee Member (DCM): Chuck D.	Alternate DCM: Bob P.
Secretary: Victoria H.	Alternate Secretary: Robin H.
Treasurer: Kim T.	Alternate Treasurer: OPEN .
Directory: Mark H.	Alternate Directory: Janet C.
Answering Service: Bill J.	Alternate Answering Service: Dave J.
Treatment Facilities: Michael L.	Alternate Treatment Facilities: Steve R.
Archives: OPEN	Alternate Archives: OPEN
Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC): Rick S.	Alternate CPC: Jim L.
Corrections: Beau J.	Alternate Corrections: Caryn C.
Events: Kristina K.	Alternate Events: Dana T.
Grapevine: Elizabeth W.	Alternate Grapevine: OPEN
GSR Contact: Robin B.	Alternate GSR Contact: Gloria P.
Literature: Kevin A.	Alternate Literature: Michelle H.
Newsletter (Conscious Contact): Dawn O.	Alternate Newsletter: OPEN .
Public Information: Tom	Alternate Public Information: Pat M.
Special Needs: OPEN	Alternate Special Needs: OPEN
Website: Earl N.	Alternate Website: Steve K.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dawn O. was nominated and elected the Newsletters chair.

I respectfully request the minutes from the April 2015 District meeting be amended to reflect the following;

That a discussion was held regarding information that the area suggests GSR's not fill chair or co-chair positions because of possibly losing a vote. That the District is independent and not obligated to abide by area guidelines, that in fact for years the district has allowed GSR's to fill chair and co-chair positions, that many of the current chair/co-chair persons are also GSR's.

That after some time in discussion it was agreed table the discussion while a clarification of the area information and existing district guidelines were researched.

General Service Representative Attendees:

Kirk of the Lakes 6:30PM Monday	Susan	N.	Men's Priority Big Book #4	Mike	B.
WmnWrking Together Monday 7PM	Mary	B.	ARC Monday 7PM BB & 12x12	Robin	H.
A Way Out	Cori	S.	SH Monday 10AM 24 Hours A Day	Gloria	P.
Father Berger Hall	Tom	M.	SHED 8:30AM Sunday	Gary	F.
Fox Lake	Kevin	A.	Tuesday #155891	David	B.
Serenity House Thurs 8:30PM	Matt	F.	Serenity House 7PM Sunday	Kevin	W.
Serenity House M-F 7AM Miracles Happen	Tim	G.	St. Peter	Bob	P.
Serenity House 5:30PM Monday	Brad	P.	Serenity House 10AM As Bill Sees It	David	I.
Road of Happy Destiny Thursday	Tom	H.	Joyful Tuesday 7:30PM	Kristina	K.
Keep It Simple Mon 7:30 Grayslake	Victoria	H.	SH Bib Book Discussion 8:30AM	Dana	T.
Sobriety Progress	John	P.	Men's Priority Big Book #4	Mike	B.
ARC Monday 7PM Big Book& 12x12	Robin	H.	GSR Tues #155891	David	B.
Serenity House 10AM 24 Hour A Day	Gloria	P.	GSR	Sarah C.	
SHED 8:30AM Sunday	Gary	F.	GSR	Leslie	D.
GSR Serenity House 7PM Sunday	Kevin	W.			

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at [7:19PM] and closed with the The Responsibility pledge.

NEXT MEETING **May 25, 2015** at **St. Gilbert's Church, Grayslake, IL**. The Traditions meeting will start at 5:30 PM. The District meeting starts at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Victoria H., Secretary
 District 10, Area 20