



MINUTES
 DISTRICT 10 (AREA 20) MONTHLY MEETING
 December 7, 2014 - SERENITY HOUSE OF LIBERTYVILLE, IL

ATTENDANCE: 51

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

INTRODUCTION OF 1ST TIME ATTENDEES:

Susan	GSR, Mon 6:30p Kirk of the Lakes Early Birds	David J.	Guest
Dave W.	GSR, Mon 5p Big Book ARC	Chris F.	Guest
Dan S.	GSR, Wed 7:30p Stools & Bottles	Tim K.	Guest
David B.	Guest		

ANNIVERSARIES:

Chuck D.	Nov. 1 (21 years)
Susan N.	Nov. 11 (35 years)

SECRETARY REPORT (Kim T., Mike B.) December 2014 meeting minutes emailed to GSRs, district committees and select Area representatives. Minutes could not be posted to district10nia.org website due to lack of disk space. Webmaster has previously been notified. Motion made by Beau J. to accept the minutes, seconded by Steve B. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT (Earl N., Alternate OPEN.): Current balances are as follows:

	<u>November 30, 2014</u>
Checking account balance	\$1,985.69
Prudent reserve	\$2,000.00

\$2,500 in group contributions has been received by the District since the October 2014 District meeting.

Fall breakfast: \$280 came in from District 12 resulting from their groups' ticket sales. Two D10 groups specified that their District contributions be allocated to reduce the Fall breakfast deficit. As of the December 2014 District meeting, however, the fall breakfast had a \$1,259 shortfall in expenses vs. contributions.

2015 budget: "Plan A" budget includes +\$250 for the new Bridging the Gap committee and +\$200 for Fall breakfast tickets, decorations etc. Total budgeted spend for "Plan A" is \$9,050 (-4.4% vs. initial 2014 budget of \$9,450). Motion to approve Plan A budget made by Bob P, seconded by Steve K. Motion passed.

Please note that Committees and members can bring forth suggested budget changes at any time for voting by District 10 members. Michael L. requested to see spending trends for the previous few years in order to gain insight on budget and expenditures. The Treasurer will prepare this trend report for the January 2015 District meeting.

Motion to accept the December 2014 Treasury report made by Mark H., seconded by Wally Z. Motion passed.

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES (GSR) REPORTS:

- Kimberly T. on behalf of Les H., GSR Tues 7 PM Spiritual Kindergarten, Grayslake: Last Tuesday of the month is an open speaker meeting.
- Kevin A., GSR Fox Lake intergroup: Fox Lake will reduce frequency of meetings to three per week: Monday 7pm, Wednesday 7pm, Friday 6:30pm. The Group is looking for a new facility to hold its meetings because the current facility will be closing in July 2015.
- Steve B., SH Fri 5:30pm meditation meeting needs support.
- Steve B., Saturday morning BB meeting donated \$100 to the District.

OLD BUSINESS:

District Bridging the Gap (BTG) committee: Motion made by Steve B. to create a BTG committee. The motion is as follows:

I am submitting this motion to the District 10 NIA 20 members on behalf of the same group to form and operate a "Bridge the Gap" committee.

The purpose of this committee will be basic 12 step work. This committee will maintain a database of AA individuals that are willing to assist those coming out of any institution, including but not limited to treatment center, jail/prison, hospital, special needs facility, etc., and help them get into the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous should they want it. Participation in this committee, both from an AA and a "customer" base is strictly voluntary.

This committee will work closely with the Treatment, Corrections, Special Needs, CPC/PI, and Literature committee chairpersons to maintain the database of BTG contacts for "temporary" sponsorship and set up the structure to help those interested in the program of Alcoholics upon exiting one of these facilities.

The budget recommended for this newly formed committee stands at \$200. This money is to be used to purchase the Bridge The Gap AA-approved pamphlet, any other AA-related literature as deemed needed by the BTG chairperson, and to make and distribute the BTG sign-up sheets for BTG volunteers (AA people) and BTG "customers" (those coming out of a facility).*

*Budget amended from \$100 in the motion as originally written to \$200 during the District 10 meeting.

Motion seconded by Bob P., motion passed.

Committee chair and alternate chair were elected. BTG Chair: Jay D. Alternate BTG Chair: Steve B. Jay D resigned as Newsletter chair, which reopens this position for 2015-2016.

Grapevine donations (Chuck D.): Discussed purchasing a 30-pack of old Grapevine issues from GSO and donating these Grapevines to Southern Illinois Area 21 for use in Corrections. The cost is \$54 per pack; purchasing a pack four times a year would total \$216 annually. GSRs took this back to their groups and groups were in favor of Chuck's proposal. Motion made by Chuck D. to purchase the 30-pack of old Grapevine issues as described above, seconded by Steve B. Motion passed.

District Elections (Mike M.): Positions elected for 2015-2016 are as follows. Officers, Alternate Officers, Committee Chairs and Alternate Committee Chairs were elected, with results as follows-

2015-2016 District 10 Officers:

DCM: Chuck D.
 Alternate DCM: Bob P.
 Treasurer: Kimberly T.
 Alt Treasurer: OPEN
 Secretary: Victoria H.
 Alt Secretary: Robin H.

2015-2016 District 10 Committee chairs:

Directory: Mark H.	Alt. Directory: OPEN
Answering Service: Bill J.	Alt. Answering Service: Dave J.
Treatment Facilities: Michael L.	Alt. Treatment Facilities: Steve R.
Archives: OPEN	Alt. Archives: OPEN
BTG: Jay D.	Alt. BTG: Steve B.
CPC: Rick S. (continuing)	Alt. CPC: Jim L. (continuing)
Corrections: Beau J.	Alt. Corrections: OPEN
Events: Christina K	Alt. Events: Dana T.
Grapevine: OPEN	Alt. Grapevine: OPEN
GSR Contact: Robin B.	Alt. GSR Contact: OPEN
Literature: Kevin A.	Alt. Literature: OPEN
Newsletter: OPEN	Alt. Newsletter: OPEN
PI: Tom M. (continuing)	Alt. PI: OPEN
Special Needs: OPEN	Alt. Special Needs: OPEN
Website: Earl N.	Alt. Website: OPEN

NEW BUSINESS: None to report.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 2014 Winter Assembly will be held at Lord of Life Church in La Fox, IL. Lord of Life Church is located at the southeast corner of IL Rt. 38 & La Fox Rd., 3 ½ miles west of Randall Rd. and 3 ½ miles east of IL Rt. 47. Registration begins at 8am and the Assembly begins at 9am. GSRs, please attend the Assembly and let your group’s conscience be heard!
The agenda is available online at http://www.aa-nia.org/pdf/agendas/2014_Winter_Assembly_Agenda.pdf
- District 10 to host the May 2015 Area Committee meeting to be held at Lord of Life Church in La Fox, IL. Nine volunteers are needed to support hosting the meeting. Hosting activities include registration, coffee, lunch hosting, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS *(please note that the chairpersons and alternate chairpersons named are the trusted servants holding the position as of December 2014):*

DIRECTORY (Steve K., Alt. position OPEN): 750 copies of the Directory were printed. Please send changes to directory@district10nia.org at any time. The committee will make the changes in the printed copies as-needed. Transition of printing equipment to incoming Directory chair has been completed. The Committee thanks Nick and Natalie for their help.

ANSWERING SERVICE (Robin B., Bridget M.): 2015-2016 Alternate Answering Service chair elected: Dave J.
Answering Service Calls, November 2014

	Nov		Nov		Nov
Total Calls	55	General Info	1	Solicitor	1
Meeting Info	17	Treatment Facility Info	0	Hang-up	6
12-Step	9	Halfway House Info	0	Will call back	2
Wrong Number	1	Alanon	2	Website	2
Other Districts	9	Spanish	0	Other:	

TREATMENT (Keith F., Nick L.): Not present, no report.

PUBLIC INFORMATION (Tom M.; Mike L.): 2,500 "If you don't want to drink . . ." wallet cards were ordered for continued distribution. Twelve plastic cardholders were also ordered for new distribution sites in District 10. District 10 GSRs who have volunteered to monitor and restock the supply of wallet cards located at various public/private service locations are encouraged to check the lists generated at D10 monthly meetings to ensure commitments are being maintained and locations are being checked on a regular basis. Two display racks of AA pamphlets have been restocked and are on hand at each D10 monthly meeting. GSRs who have recently engaged in distribution of wallet cards to various service locations are encouraged to select pamphlets that may support their distribution site. The display racks will be restocked between monthly meetings.

District 10 Chairpersons for CPC, PI, Treatment Facilities and two additional volunteer GSRs met on November 17, 2014 at Serenity House to continue development of a spring 2015 Connecting with the Professional Community Conference. The conference date is now set for Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Condell Hospital in Libertyville, IL. Next meeting for continued planning will take place on Monday, December 15 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Serenity House. District 10 GSRs that would like to support the development of the conference are encouraged to attend the next planning meeting on December 15.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC) (Rick S., Jim L.): Open Forum will be held Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Condell Hospital in Libertyville, IL from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. During the December 15 planning meeting, the committee will "discuss selecting panel members from the various professional fields to join us to present what we hope will be an interesting exchange of knowledge and ideas about what AA is and is not, what AA does and does not do, and how professionals can refer people to AA and how they can help support those recovering in our rooms."

GRAPEVINE (Mark D., Alt. position OPEN): Not present, no report.

LITERATURE (Mark G., Kevin A.): Newcomer packets are available for 85 cents apiece. Contact Mark G. or Kevin A. to order.

CORRECTIONS (Steve G., Gillian M.): Thank you, volunteers! The Jail has been on lockdown for the past 6 weeks, so the Committee has been unable to take meetings into the facility during this time.

NEWSLETTER (Jay D., Jaci A.): Seeking submissions. Next deadline for submissions: January 21, 2014. Email your event flyers to Jay in PDF or JPEG format and he can add them to the newsletter. If your group doesn't have a representative at the District meetings to retrieve copies of Conscious Contact, contact Jay and arrange to pick up issues.

ARCHIVES (Steve B., Alt. position OPEN): Steve B. maintained the District 10 Archives display at McHenry's Soberfest.

SPECIAL NEEDS (Pete B., Lisa B.): Not present, no report.

WEBSITE (Tim M., Bob M.): Not present. Earl N., incoming 2015-2016 Website chair, and Mark D. prior Website chair agreed to work on the website through the end of 2014. Update as of Jan 2, 2015: The new District website, running on the new software platform, is going live at district10nia.org. Please note that functionality is still being activated on the website into January 2015. The new site is viewable in a temporary location - district10.amosoftware.com - during the transition.

EVENTS (Andrea H., OPEN): Not present.

GSR CONTACT (Bob P., Beau J.): Updating contact information for FNV database in collaboration with Dana T.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Alternate DCM (Chuck D.): Thank you to the outgoing committee chairs and alternates for your service!

Grapevine Drive: Groups can collect and send their old Grapevines to Chuck for distribution to SIA Corrections. Thank you to Tom for your contribution of old Grapevines.

Reminder: When disposing of outdated AA materials such as meeting directories, Conscious Contact newsletters and similar material containing names and telephone numbers, please shred the material to protect anonymity.

DCM (Mike M.): It has been a pleasure working as your trusted servant. Mike will continue in service at the Area level.

DISTRICT 10 ROSTER 2013 – 2014 (OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS):

District Committee Member (DCM): Mike M.

Secretary: Kim T.

Treasurer: Earl N.

Directory: Steve K.

Answering Service: Robin B.

Treatment Facilities: Keith F.

Archives: Steve B.

Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC): Rick S.

Corrections: Steve G.

Events: Andrea H.

Grapevine: Mark D.

GSR Contact: Bob P.

Literature: Mark G.

Newsletter (Conscious Contact): Jay D.

Public Information: Tom M.

Special Needs: Pete B.

Website: Tim M.

Alternate DCM: Chuck D.

Alternate Secretary: Mike B.

Alternate Treasurer: OPEN

Alternate Directory: OPEN

Alternate Answering Service: Bridget M.

Alternate Treatment Facilities: Nick L.

Alternate Archives: OPEN

Alternate CPC: Jim L.

Alternate Corrections: Gillian M.

Alternate Events: OPEN

Alternate Grapevine: OPEN

Alternate GSR Contact: Beau J.

Alternate Literature: Kevin A.

Alternate Newsletter: Jaci A.

Alternate Public Information: Mike L.

Alternate Special Needs: Lisa B.

Alternate Website: Bob M.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: St. Gilbert's Church in Grayslake, IL on January 25, 2015 at 5:30 PM, with Traditions Meeting at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly T., Secretary
District 10, Area 20