



MINUTES
DISTRICT 10 (AREA 20) MONTHLY MEETING
March 27, 2016 - ST. GILBERT – GRAYSLAKE, ILLINOIS

ATTENDANCE: [49]

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ashton 2 years	(March 11)	Dave J. 2 years	(March 27)	Earl N. 12 years	(March 16)
Mark H. 14 years	(March 19)	Steve 24 years	(March 18)		

INTRODUCTION OF 1ST TIME ATTENDEES:

Kathy (visitor) Janet (visitor) Dave (New GSR for Monday 5:30PM)

Motion was made by Kevin A. to accept the February minutes, seconded by Sporty Rob Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT (Kim T., Alt position Cori S.): 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:

<u>February 27, 2016 Checking account balance</u>	<u>\$6,586.07</u>
<u>February 27, 2016 Prudent Reserve</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>

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

<u>March 27, 2016 Checking account balance</u>	<u>\$5,923.74</u>
<u>March 27, 2016 Prudent Reserve</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>

DCM (Chuck D.) The 2016 Spring Conference is April 1-3rd in Rock Island, IL. They are a little behind on registrations. Please consider attending the conference. The 2016 Spring Assembly is April 2nd it’s part of the 2016 Spring Conference. There is no registration fee to attend the assembly; but if you want to stay and enjoy all that the conference has to offer, you will need to register for the assembly. There will be onsite registration at the conference.

I have been in contact with the 2016 State Conference planning meeting. They/we have some alternate positions that need to be filled. The open positions are: Alternate Secretary, Alternate Treasurer, Alternate Registration Chairperson, Alternate Printing Chairperson, Alternate Hospitality Chairperson, Alternate Coffee Chairperson, Alternate Decorations and Dance Chair* and Alternate. I did receive a thank you from the 2016 Spring Conference chair for the \$100.00 donation to the Hospitality room. He also thanked District 10 for the commitment to host the 6am – 8 am timeslot at the hospitality room. (Thank you, Akhil and Brandon.) Please remember that if you and or you group would like to be of service at the conference, hospitality room, Greeters, Alcathon chair, there is still time to step up and I am sure plenty openings are available.

I have a few kick back emails.

Alt DCM: (Bob P). As per the February District 10 meeting, (20) "A.A. Service Manuals" were purchased from the Chicago Area Service Office for a cost of \$80.00. Judd W., NIA 20 Treasurer, reported a price increase for copies since the merger of Office Max and Office Depot: In the past, single sheet copies cost \$.035 per copy with double sided copies costing \$.07 each. Since the merger, double sided copies cost \$.28 each, with the single side copy cost remaining at \$.035 each. Judd is trying to negotiate. He suggests Area 20 districts be aware of this increase.

Through the months of January and February, 2016 7th Tradition group contributions totaled \$13,343.00. Of this, District 10 contributions were \$805.00 with 11 groups contributing. The grand total of contributions to NIA 20 was \$15,405.00. NIA 20 expenses were \$8981.00.

VISITOR PRESENTATION: Cheryl V. Service Sponsors: *A service sponsor is* usually someone who is knowledgeable in A.A. history and has a strong background in the service structure. The A.A. member is introduced to a new language: G.S.R., D.C.M., area assembly, minority opinion. They will become familiar with the Traditions, Concepts and Warranties, as well as [The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service](#), Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age and other A.A. literature.

Service Sponsor encourages the individual member interested in this form of service to attend district meetings and to read about the history and structure of Alcoholics Anonymous. At this point, the individual beginning this work should begin to understand the responsibilities of service work, as well as feel the satisfaction of yet another form of Twelfth Step work. Such individuals should be encouraged to take an active part in district activities and consider being elected to alternate positions in the district so as to learn about the responsibilities of various jobs in the [service structure](#). During this process it is important for the individual to continue to learn about the Three Legacies — Recovery, Unity and Service, and to understand that the principle of rotation not only allows them to move on in service, but also gives newer members the privilege of serving. Rotation also allows them to understand that no one should hold on to a position of trust long enough to feel a proprietary interest and thereby discourage newcomers from service.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 9 Pre General Service Conference Workshop LaFox, IL
- April 10 – District 10/12 Spring Breakfast Bonnie Brook Country Club Waukegan, IL
- April 24 – Ladies Annual Sereni-Tea 1:30PM Antioch Township Lake Villa, IL
- April 29-May 1 – AA Women’s Retreat Villa Desiderata McHenry, IL
- May 7 – Soberfest Fundraiser McHenry Township Hall Johnsonburg, IL
- May 8 – 2016 State Conference Planning Committee meeting Lake Zurich, IL
- May 11 – AA Open House. Condell Hospital (11:00-3PM) Libertyville, IL
- May 14 – Spring Committee Meeting La Fox, IL
- May 14 – Spring Clean up at Serenity House 9AM Libertyville, IL
- May 14 – Winners and Beginners Anniversary Party Speaker Meeting (Adults only) Wauconda, IL
- Aug. 12-14 Illinois State Conference St. Charles, IL

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES (GSR) REPORTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ANSWERING SERVICE (Bill J. Alt Answer Dave J.): Dates of calls are **February 22, 2016 to March 25, 2016.**

	March		March		March
Total Calls	56	General Info	14	Solicitor	0
Meeting Info	12	Treatment Facility Info	1	Hang-up	0
12-Step	4	Halfway House Info	3	Will call back	5
Wrong Number	3	Alanon	2	Website	4
Other Districts	4	Spanish	2		

ARCHIVES (John B., Sporty Rob): No Report

BRIDGING THE GAP (Steve B. Alt. Jeremy L.):

BTG Committee is actively participating in the planning meetings for the CPC Open House Symposium scheduled on May 11, 2016. BTG will have a presence in one of the booths at the Open House and will utilize the BTG movement to pass along to the attendees of the event. I am still in need of an alternate for the BTG committee there is nothing further to report.

CPC (Rick S., Alt Jim L.): To use one of my least liked phrases, the CPC Symposium committee has decided to “go in a different direction” after a very thought provoking presentations by an HR Manager brought in by one of our committee members at our meeting on March 22nd.

Our new endeavor will be an early morning open house on the same date and location. We have decided to go with Facebook advertising at the cost of \$5.00 a day. This will be the best exposure for smaller employers within a 30 mile radius of Libertyville.

We plan to have tables set up of several different groups to help provide information to the HR (Human Resources) and EAP (Employee Assistance Program).

Once again, anyone who knows of individuals in the following areas of HR, EAP, Legal, Treatment, Social Services, etc. please contact Rick whose number is on the back of the Conscious Contact. Our next meeting is April 4 at 7:00PM at Serenity House.

CORRECTIONS (Beau J., Alt. **OPEN**): Still need volunteers to help at the jail.

DIRECTORY (Mark H., Alt. **OPEN**): **NEED A REPORT.** March 2016 Directory Report. We printed another four hundred directories with one hundred for Serenity House, twenty each for RLAAC, ARC and Berger Hall. We also printed fifty copies of the minutes. Thanks to Janet for her continued service and the 10 am Tuesday Red Door for participating in “Craft Day Folding” exercises. Please use the website for submitting changes, May 7th will be the last day to submit changes.

EVENTS (Dana T., Alt. **OPEN**): No report.

GRAPEVINE (Akhil, Alt Brandon): Nothing to report this month.

GSR CONTACT (Robin B., Alt. Gloria P): The GSR Contact continues to register new GSRs and Alternate GSRs for District 10 and new Groups to District 10, as well.

Our former AA Delegate, Cheryl V., gave a presentation to our District “Service Sponsorship.” For those new to “service work” and those who have and/or continue to serve, having a service sponsor helps to inform and educate.

With the great help of our Website chair, Earl N., I am developing and updating a spreadsheet of our GSRs and alternate GSRs (and their groups) within District 10. When completed, it will be very easy to keep this document updated.

LITERATURE (Kevin A., Alt. **OPEN**): Happy Easter everyone, Literature is still working with CPC to help with the upcoming Open House. Also we are working to get through Pamphlet revision’s which are currently proposed. Some of the pamphlets are: LBGT in AA, Women in AA and Working with AA’s with mental illness. I will be at the Pre-General conference workshop to work with the committee.

Lastly it is with sadness that I report that Cindy W. has stepped down as our literature Alternate. She has a new job and other service commitments. She regrets not being able to fulfill the literature obligations. I wish her well in her spiritual walk and we remain friends. So our Literature alternate position is open.

PUBLIC INFORMATION (Tom M., Alt. Pat M.): Sorry. No Public Information report this month as I am out of state with family over the Easter weekend. I am hopeful Jim L. may be in attendance to replenish any GSR needing more wallet cards. Patrick M., Alternate PI Committee Chair, may also be in attendance to get the name and phone number of

anyone who needs more cards. Should that be the case, we will get back to those in need and resupply in the week ahead.

SPECIAL NEEDS (David I, Alt. OPEN): There is no Special Needs report for March. .

TREATMENT (Michael L., Alt. Steve B): Meeting at Gateway in Lake Villa on Friday nights at 745 PM (men's meeting in the men's building; women's meeting in the women's building needs support). Also need a volunteer to chair the men's meeting; rewarding service work.

WEBSITE (Earl N., Alt. Steve K.): First, my apologies for missing the past two meetings. We have our analytics back. In the past month we have had 1810 visitors who viewed 4547pages. Our demographics of those visitors who allow Google to anonymously track them are similar to other months.

55% of our visitors are male, 45% female.

62% of our visitors are 34 and under (27% 18-24 and 35% 25-34).

The vast majority of our visitors go to the homepage first and then to a meeting day page. 62 of our visitors went to the calendar page. Our Bounce Rate (people who only visit one page and leave) is incredibly low at 1.34%.Two behind-the-scenes activities are moving forward. We are working to develop two new databases to be shared privately on the web with GSRs and chairs - the list of locations and members responsible for our business cards and a master list of all group GSRs; more on this in the next few months.

OPEN FORUM:

DISTRICT 10 ROSTERS 2016 – 2017 (OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS):

District Committee Member (DCM): Chuck D.

Treasurer: Kim T.

Secretary: Victoria H.

Answering Service: Bill J.

Archives: John B.

Bridging the Gap: Steve B.

Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC): Rick S.

Corrections: Beau J.

Directory: Mark H.

Events: Dana T.

GSR Contact: Robin B.

Grapevine: Akhil D.

Literature: Kevin A.

Newsletter (Conscious Contact): Dawn O.

Public Information: Tom M.

Special Needs: David I.

Treatment Facilities: Michael L.

Website: Earl N.

Alternate DCM: Bob P.

Alternate Treasurer: Cori S.

Alternate Secretary: Robin H.

Alternate Answering Service: Dave J.

Alternate Archives: Sporty Rob

Alternate Bridging the Gap: Jeremy L.

Alternate CPC: Jim L.

Alternate Corrections: OPEN

Alternate Directory: OPEN

Alternate Events: OPEN

Alternate GSR Contact: Gloria P.

Alternate Grapevine: Brandon B.

Alternate Literature: OPEN

Alternate Newsletter: Ingeri B.

Alternate Public Information: Pat M.

Alternate Special Needs: OPEN

Alternate Treatment Facilities: Steve R.

Alternate Website: Steve K.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Two new Alternate Chairs were elected.

Jeremy was unanimously elected the new Alternate Chair of Bridging the Gap. Brandon was unanimously elected the new Alternate Chair of Grapevine.

General Service Representative Attendees:

Time	Day	Meeting	GSR	Time	Day	Meeting	GSR
7:00AM	Sunday	Eye Opener Serenity House	Alyson J.	10:00AM	Wednesday	Women's Mtg. 12x12 & BB	Joyce W.
8:00AM	Sunday	Early Riser Antioch	Barb W.	8:00PM	Wednesday	Easley Does It – Grayslake	Sporty Rob
8:30AM	Sunday	Big Book Discussion SH	Michelle K.	7:00PM	Thursday	Men's Wanders Meeting	Matt F.
8:30PM	Sunday	Sun. Night Discussion SH	Brad S.	7:30PM	Thursday	Grayslake Southsiders	Ashton D.
7:00AM	Mon-Fri	Miracles Happen SH	Jeremy L.	8:00PM	Thursday	Sober School Antioch	Tim S.
5:30PM	Monday	Serenity House	Dave D.	7:00PM	Friday	A Way Out	Marlena G.
6:30PM	Monday	Early Birds Kirk of the Lakes	Susan N.	7:00AM	Saturday	SH New Beginning	Maxine T.
6:30PM	Monday	Early Birds Kirk of the Lakes	Akhil D.	7:00AM	Saturday	SH New Beginning	Brandon B.
7:00PM	Monday	Big Book 12 & 12 ARC	Robin H.	8:30AM	Saturday	SH 12 Step Study	Dave J.
7:30PM	Monday	Keep It Simple	Victoria H.				
8:30PM	Monday	The 2 nd Chance Meeting SH	Scott E.				
7:00AM	Tuesday	Miracles Happen SH	Jeremy L.				
10:00AM	Tuesday	As Bill Sees It SH	Mary M.				
10:00AM	Tuesday	Chain of Lakes Discussion	Beth K.				
7:30PM	Tuesday	United Methodist Church	David B.				
8:00PM	Tuesday	See You Next Tuesday	Gordon R.				

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at [7:18PM] and closed with the Responsibility pledge. NEXT MEETING **April 24, 2016**, at **St. Gilbert 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