

AREA 20

# DISTRICT 10 MONTHLY MEETING

# September 26th, 2010

Attendance: 57

At 6:03pm Carmela R. welcomed everyone, asked for a quiet time, and said the Serenity Prayer.

**Introduction for first time attendees**:

Cindy – Round Lake Alano Club

Ann – GSR Monday 5:30 Serenity House

Todd – Monday St Marys

Susan – Kirk of the Lake early Birds

**Anniversaries**:

Nicky – 1 year

Bill – 1 year

Kristin – 4 years

Anthony – 9 months

**Secretary’s Report**:

Mike – Thanked Anthony for filling in last month; Minutes for August have been posted, motion to accept by Kevin, approved by Selby.

**Treasurer’s Report**:

Genevieve – Pink can donations not balanced with budget but will be corrected. The Treatment budget is incorrect in the way that it is stated. Motion to approve by Selby, accepted by Jay.

Full Amended budget can be found at the end of these minutes in Attachment A.

**GSR Reports**:

Anthony – Way out Party October 16th, 6:00 PM.

Jay – Soberfest November 19th.

Mike – new meeting Wednesday on Gages Lake Rd in Gurnee.

Jeff – Round Lake Alano will be having a Halloween party October 30th.

**Old Business**:

***Report of 2011 NIA Spring Conference***:  
  
Chris – We are trying to decide on a color for the flier. The website should be up and running by October 15th.

Bob – The Spring Assembly will be at the Spring Conference.

**New Business**:

***Election results are posted at the end of the minutes after the Treasury reports***.

**2011 Budget:**

Scott does presentation on proposed budget that goes with handout.

Scott S. – Budget is vague in describing how much money was spent.

Carmela explains breakdown of budget by committee.

Bob - With regard to the storage locker issue thinks that we should raise the budget estimate to account for the increase in cost.

Some questions are raised about the final estimate and Scott admits that they might not be correct but it is finally agreed upon that it is hard to predict future needs and contributions. Carmela adds that the summary will be revised.

**Committee Reports:**

***Directory***:

No report

***Answering Service***:

Bill– numbers from spreadsheet:

Total calls:

Meeting Information…………… 64

12 Step………………………….. 11

Spanish Meetings………………. 1

Other Districts………………….. 11

Hang Up………….……………… 14

Will call back……………………. 0

Alanon/ NA…………………….. 10

Wrong number……………………5

General info……………………… 12

Solicitors…………………………..7

Treatment center…………………..0

***Treatment***:.

**District 10**

**Treatment Facilities Report**

**Sunday, September 26, 2010**

We continue to maintain contact with the Treatment facilities in our District and to promote Bridge the Gap support whenever possible.

We need a woman to chair the Big Book meeting at WRS (Women’s Residential Services) on Saturdays at 1 pm. Please contact the Treatment Committee for more information.

I attended the D10 budget meeting in Libertyville.

I attended the Fall Assembly and the breakout session for treatment committee. Kelly, Area Treatment Chair, discussed the duties of a treatment committee as there were several new members present. She also discussed what she learned in Minnesota at the Bridge the Gap Conference. A workshop will be held by the Area on October 2nd .

We had 4 Bridge the Gaps this month, 2 from IOP in Lake Villa, one request for temporary contacts for a person at Centegra, and one phone call from the Answering Service requesting detox info. A copy of the detox list was emailed to the caller.

In Unity and Service,

Jay Dzik

D10 Treatment Chair

***Public Information***:

No report.

***CPC***:

No report

***Grapevine:***

No report

***Literature***:

No report

***Corrections***:

No report

***Newsletter***:

No report

***Archives***:

No report

***Special Needs***:

**Special Needs Committee Report 09-26-10**

We had no requests for help this month.

Attended the NIA 2010 Fall Assembly on September 18, 2010 and met with the Area Special Needs Committee

Some things that were discussed:

1. If the Special Needs Committee should be responsible to provide translation, services for the Spanish community. We thought the Area should be responsible for creating another committee for this.
2. We have a great deal of literature in Braille on hand that we are not using. The Area must decide what to do with this. We thought that the majority of blind and visually impaired cannot read Braille because they were not born blind/visually impaired and would prefer to listen to our literature on tapes.

They had a Special Needs Committee Sharing Session about A.A. Online. Heather (Area Special Needs Chair) stated that online meetings were important to homebound recovering alcoholics and were safe. Online meetings can help a person who cannot physically get to meetings. There are hundreds of open and closed meetings that are available.

A Special Needs Chair was elected, as well as an Alternate for Area 20.

In faithful service,

Jill G.

District 10

Special Needs Committee, Chair

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***Events:***

No report

W***ebsite***:

No report

***GSR Contact Committee***:

No report.

***Officers Reports DCM***, ***Alt DCM***

DCM Report

September 26, 2010

District 10 Trusted Servants,

First, let me say I am just THRILLED to see our attendance numbers grow in the last two years. While we have always been an active and thriving district, I am always excited to see new GSRs coming to our meetings. However, that attendance at Area Assemblies at GSRs is almost non-existent and that leads me to believe that our informed group conscience about District, Area and AA issues, as a whole, are not being discussed and voted on in group business meetings and, therefore, our group conscience in District 10 is not being represented the way it should be.

These are the types of questions I would encourage all of you to be asking yourselves, your GSRs and your groups:

1. Are Home Group business meetings happening?
   1. If not, what can the district do to support this effort?
   2. Are AA registered groups being represented by GSRs at district meetings? If not, how do we gain more GSR involvement?
2. Do GSRs have the resources and tools needed to fulfill their responsibility to those they serve (tradition 9)?
   1. If not, how can we support and encourage new GSRs to better understand their role?
   2. Do we make literature available that explains our AA service structure and outline the GSR responsibilities effectively?
3. Are groups supporting GSR to attend Area events, as a part of their role in service to their groups?
   1. If not, is it because groups don’t know how or because GSRs don’t ask?

Our informed group conscience in District 10, Area 20 and GSO are vital to AA business and ongoing survival. There is much literature available for both groups and GSRs to learn our Service Structure and to be more actively involved in it. I would encourage all who have questions or want to know more, to seek out this literature or a fellow service member and ask for help.

Let’s all make it our responsibility as District 10 Trusted Servants to carry the message of service and to support those who need it.

Here is a recap from the Fall Assembly:

Appointment of an additional member to Report and Charter committee was made.

Appointment of Ad-hoc Area Inventory committee was made.

Elections of Grapevine Chair, Alternate Grapevine Chair, Special Needs Chair, Alternate Special Needs Chair, Alternate Public Information Chair, and Alternate Corrections Chair.

2011 Big Book Conference bid made

Area is in need of a hosting District(s) for 2012 NIA Spring Conference

Service Structure V Committee held a sharing session about joining Assembly and Spring Conference (attached).

Motion to create guidelines for Finance Committee to create NIA guidelines for donations to SGO **PASSED**

Motion by Finance Committee to purchase QuickBooks for NIA Treasurer **PASSED**

Motion by Finance Committee to amend guidelines to reflect Primary Purpose Finance **PASSED**

Motion by Service Structure Committee to keep Spring Assembly combined with Spring Conference in 2011 and Ore GSC Workshop as a standalone event **PASSED**

**Specific details will be made available by the NIA Secretary for the Fall Assembly and they will be passed on once received.**

**Next month, in our October district meeting, we will have Area trusted servants at our district meeting to begin the conversation about Primary Purpose Financing and the Primary Purpose register – could we implement this process into our District in the future? This will be an informative session and encourage ALL GSRs and District Trusted Servants to attend.**

As we near the end of our current rotation, let me express my gratitude for the groups of District 10 and all trusted servants for allowing me to be a p art of this amazing process with you – I have enjoyed our time together and hope to have a strong finish to our current term and welcome those who will be just beginning….

Love and Service,

Carmela Richeson, Outgoing DCM, District 10





***Election results***:

**Ans Service**………Pat S stands for chair---elected

Alt ………open

**Archives**……open

Alt ………open

**Cpc**………..open

Alt………………Chris H stands---elected, will rotate to chair

**Corrections**…..open

Alt………….open

**Directory**…….open

Alt………….open

**Events**…………….Anthony stands for chair---elected

Alt………………Gloria stands---elected

**Grapevine**………open

Alt…………….open

**Gsr contact**………...Dawn stands for chair---elected

Alt………………..Rick stands---elected

**Literature**……….open

Alt…………….open

**Newsletter**…………..Cindy stand for chair---elected

Alt…………….open

**Public Info**…………..Matt stands for chair---elected

Alt…………………Jay stands---elected

**Special needs**……..open

Alt………………open

**Treatmen**t……………..Steve stands for chair---elected

Alt……………………Aimee and Mike J stand; a vote is taken and Aimee is elected.

**Website**…………………Mark the alternate moves to chair

Alt ……………….open

**Secretary**……………open

Alt………………..open

**Treasury**………………….Scott moves to chair from alternate

Alt………………..open

**DCM**……………………..Scott S stands---elected

**ALT**……………………..Mike M stands---elected