

NIA District 10 GSR Meeting Gilbert's Church, Grayslake
MINUTES
Sunday, January 22nd, 2023

Attendees: 37, 4 Zoom **NEW: ZOOM Meeting ID 892 3337 6213** **Passcode: DISTRICT10**

Call to order: 6:02 pm

Anniversaries: Kurt S. 1 Year, Betty R. 20 years, Siobhan R. 9 Mos., Kenny T. 4 Years

Birthdays: Kenny T.

New Attendees: Chris B.-GSR Sunday, St. Bede's, Bob L., Jane B.-Serenity House, Paul W., Jenny S.-Alt GSR Maggie's Meeting, Kenny K.-Visitor

Secretary's Report: (OPEN – Temp.: D.O.& L.F.)

Motion to Accept: John C., 2nd Kevin A. Report Accepted.

Treasurer's Report: (current: Victoria H. New: (see below) Eric W.) Report Attached. Beginning Balance: \$5,440.01, Contributions \$485.00, Expenses: \$1,282.53, Ending Balance of \$4,642.48 (Includes Pink Can-corrections contributions: \$1,587.93). Motion to Accept: Jeff S, 2nd Siobhan R. Report accepted.

DCM's Report: (Lorrie F.) *Directly from Lorrie F.'s report:*

- Visited Tri-County Planning committee. John C. stepped up to co-chair. See **New Business**, this report.
- Visited District 12 GSR meeting with Cindy C of Events. Met new DCM Bonnie P. Discussed Spring Breakfast – See **Events**, this report
- D.10 Hosted the Area 20 Committee Meeting in Elburn, IL. Dawn O. will discuss the Motion items that will be voted on at spring assembly at spring conference. See **Alt.DCM's** Report. I'm registered, have a room and will be rooming with D.12 DCM, Bonnie P.
We brought in breakfast items, muffins, bagels, donuts, etc. Set up for meeting, brought in lunch and cleaned up. Yes, it was a sacrifice of a Saturday in my life, but because of AA I still have a life and a rewarding happy one. Thank you to D.10 volunteers – Dawn O., Jeff S, Kevin A., Mark H., John C., Cheryl V., Ted S., Mary Beth F.

*What I am always impressed with is the level of commitment to AA and passion to help the still suffering alcoholic at that level. It is humbling and so rewarding. Remember – GSR's, **Committee Chairs**, should attend all 4 Committee Meetings and all 4 Assemblies. It's a great way to stay sober.*

Alt DCM's Report: (Dawn O.) Attended the Area 20 Committee Meeting. There will be 3 specific items to be voted on at Spring Assembly. All GSRs & Committee Chairs are able to vote on them. One is the increase for travel money per mile be increased for Area Officer's travel to \$.50. The other two Motions are attached to this report. They include sending back money to any states in the East Central Region that sent seed monies to support the last conference. The conference lost appx. \$11,000 and Area 20 requests Area 20 solely absorb this deficit not other states since it was not their doing. Also, since it was a State conference, if Areas 19 & 21 in the State of Illinois send seed monies they will be refunded for the same reason.

Open Forum/Guest: Brian S. ARC (Antioch Recovery Club) moving to 466 Rte. 173, Antioch. IL starting on 1/29. Moving Event after Men's Meeting on Sat. am

Old Business: WELCOME ALL! D.10 is looking good!!! The following positions were filled:

Treasurer: Eric W., C.P.C.: Siobhan R., Alt.C.P.C.: Kurt S., Alt. GSR Contact: Robert B., Alt.Newsletter: Paul W. Alt.Public Info.: Victoria H., Alt.Treatment: Leslie D., Alt.Website: Bob L.
POSITIONS STILL OPEN: Secretary & Alt. Secretary, Alt. Treasurer, Alt. Answering Service, Alt. Archives, Alt. Correction, Alt. Grapevine.

New Business: **Tri-County Conference** (Lake, Kenosha & Racine) has been going on for 39 years and Lake County has not stepped up for a couple of years and the Conference was going to remove Lake County. Gratefully, John C. has agreed to be the CoChair this year, therefore, he will be Chairing the conference next year. Conference will be back in Racine this year on March 18th. Only a one day

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conference (\$5) but a lot good panels, discussions, speakers, Chili for lunch (\$2) and a banquet with speaker (\$35). No need for hotel stay, so please come this year and consider being on the committee for next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alt. (Rachael M.)

Directly from John C. 's Committee Report: To the Accessibilities Committee page on our website I've added a link to the document "Guidelines on Accessibility for All Alcoholics" on aa.org. We normally might identify the most common barriers to our program as those related to hearing, sight or maybe mobility, but there are many others. Consider alcoholics in nursing homes, hospitals and various other institutions, those with chronic illnesses confined to their homes, or even the homeless. The guidelines address a variety of barriers our members often experience in ways you may not have otherwise considered. Reading the guidelines may show you that accessibility is an important factor in delivering the services of your own committee, not just a passing thought when planning a conference. After all, our message can't be affective if it's not received.

Alt. (OPEN)

Felicia was on Zoom: Please consider the Alternate position. New service is Freedom Voice that we've had for the last 3 months. Still needs some improvement, as she does not get the number of calls and a breakdown like we've had before, but only the calls missed. Those calls have been fielded to the "Teams" and someone has gotten back to all of them. She has "Teams & Team Leaders" who answer the calls. If you want to be put on the list, please text Felicia at 847-826-4176 and she'll add you to a Team. She manages and changes the on call Team every month.

Alt. (OPEN)

Working on getting a key to the Archives which are kept at Serenity House in Libertyville. There's lots of cool stuff there and some items need to be stored better. Will be purchasing some new bins to protect more items.

Alt. (Zoya M.)

Contacted the recent Area Chair, Karen F., to obtain information for the contacts. Corrections and Treatment people can contact Jeff or Zoya after the people are released for those contacts. The contact list is being updated and we are to help the released AA's to their first 6 meetings.

Alt. (OPEN)

Directly from Ted's Report: He is confirmed registered with:

- LC Jail. Took online class and test. Have not heard anything since receiving certificate Oct 10th.
- McHenry Correctional Facility. Filled out volunteer application completed online testing. Dec 20th 2022.
- Attended 3 day National Corrections Convention in Schaumburg - Nov 2022.
- Heard many Speakers share their experiences outside and from inside the walls.
- Editor of Grapevine, and reports from all of area Chairs USA and CANADA (much more to list).
- Have collected information and materials to help get volunteers.
- November 2023 National Convention in Oklahoma
- Attended Area 20 Winter Assembly Corrections/BTG breakout sessions and received much more info from others and Area Alt Corrections Chr.

Reminder collect used Grapevine mags, and the Pink Can funds to purchase AA Literature, Books Etc.

Alt. (Kurt S.)

Newly Elected. No Report

Alt. (Carlos S.)

First Printing!!!! On a learning curve, but got the first Directory done and printed. Added the ARC meetings already. Might have missed a couple, but it will be corrected and included next month.

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Events (Cindy C.)	Alt. (Anne C.)
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*Directly from Cindy C. Events Report: Lorrie F. & I attended the District 12 meeting on Sunday, Jan. 15th to meet with our partners and see how their meetings run. We met with the alternate chairperson for the Events: Billy S. and he gave the information for the upcoming District 12 Spring breakfast. It will be held on Sunday, April 16th at the Bonnie Brook Golf Course in Waukegan. There will be 200 tickets, and they'll share 100 of those with us. The approximate cost per ticket will be \$20 to \$25. They'll be selecting a speaker soon, along with getting the flyers printed & tickets printed by Minutemen. I shared my contact information with Gimel T., the D.12 Events Chair & Alternate, Billy S. for any future correspondence. The expectations I have for today's meeting is to determine a date for the District 10 Fall breakfast in order to secure a venue. **Save The Date** flyers are attached.*

Grapevine (Jack D.) Alt. (OPEN)

Absent. No report.

GSR Contact (Karl M.) Alt. (Robert B.)

Reaching out to meetings that do not currently have a GSR. Somewhat successful, but not always. Please ask at any meetings you attend to have a GSR elected and come to District Meetings.

Literature (OPEN) **Alt. (Jeff C.)**

Absent. No Report.

Newsletter (Katie D.) Alt. (Paul W.)

Katie already worked with Paul to give a different look to the Conscious Contact. First issue done. Aware there are some changes to the District page and will correct for next issue. Please submit articles, things of interest or any art work you might want to contribute. Date needed info on the front.

Public Info. (Robin D.) Alt. (Victoria H.)

Been working out of the PI booklet from GSO. Many letters already composed and she altered the one to Churches to send out as emails. Has had some success and they have reached out for information, schedules, etc. She has a spreadsheet to track responses. She is now approaching Senior Centers but more difficult as they normally do not have email addresses. Has to use snail mail.

<u>Treatment (Gina L.)</u>	<u>Alt. (Leslie D.)</u>
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Absent. No Report. Alternate just elected.

<u>Website (Mark H.)</u>	<u>Alt. (Bob L.)</u>
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Directly from Mark H.'s Website report: In January 2022, to enhance the districts observance of Tradition 11, maintaining "Anonymity at the level of press, radio and films," a motion was passed to move all district 10 committee chairs, officers and their alternants to a district 10 Gmail account. Each committee chair and officer and their alternate's will be receiving a message saying that "Your administrator has reset your password." The link is only good for two days so please click on the link and change your password. Once that is done you can have these emails forwarded to another email of your choice. If needed, I can send you instructions to help you with the forwarding process. I continued to monitor the site, making changes when necessary.

Metrics for the last 30 days are; Sessions-1681, pageviews-3604, average session duration. 1 minute 40 seconds, bounce rate-56%.

Motion to Adjourn: Jeff S., 2nd Siobhan R. Meeting closed at 7:10pm

Closed with the Responsibility Statement:

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

Next Meeting

February 26, 2023

5:30pm Traditions Meeting. 6:00pm District Meeting. Also on Zoom

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