

*NIA District 10 GSR Meeting      St. Gilbert's Church, Grayslake*  
*MINUTES                                      March 26, 2023*

**NEW: ZOOM Meeting ID 892 3337 6213**      **Passcode: DISTRICT10**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER.** Quiet time followed by Serenity Prayer.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Beth F. 2 years, Siobhan R. 11 months, Mark H. 21 years, Gloria 34 years, Cindy C. 23 years  
Christa S. 3 months

**BIRTHDAYS:** Tony P., Kevin A.

**FIRST TIME ATTENDEES:** April B. New GSR for Thursday 7:30pm Grayslake Primary Purpose Group Shepherd of the Lakes

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Jennifer D.) Alt. Secretary (Christa S.)

Correction to minutes: Balance Sheet was short 46 cents not 40 cents. This amount has been absorbed into balance.

Motion to approve the minutes with correction: Kevin A., 2nd: Siobhan R.

## TREASURER'S REPORT (Erik W.)

Budgets should have been approved last November, however, since we are already into this fiscal year we will continue with last year's budgets and amend as we need funds. Committees can bring their financial needs to the District on a case by case basis. Motion to table new budget till October: Kevin A., 2nd: Felicia J. Motion to Accept report with correction: Kevin A., 2nd Dave W.

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

*We have a lot happening now that Covid is over so when a discussion takes longer than 5 minutes, could we table it for the end of the meeting so we can honor everyone here and their time? This way the people who wish to continue whatever the discussion is can stay and the rest can leave if they have other commitments. I would ask that each time so we have a group conscious on tabling.*

*Attended the Spring Assembly. Many items of interest and the Agenda for the pre-service NY conference are still being held. Saturday April 1st is a Workshop in Woodstock.*

*District 10 and 12 will be collaborating on some upcoming workshops and perhaps the TriCounty. More to come on that. Kudos to every chair who have submitted their reports. It will make things easier for the future.*

**ALT. DCM'S REPORT** (Dawn O.) Directly from DO's report:

*Attended the Area Assembly and the results of the 2 motions are as follows: 1. The 2022 IL State conference donations that other Areas gave to Area 20 was voted on and there was not a 2/3 vote and Area 20 will not be returning any donated funds to these other Areas. (Completed). 2. The motion to increase mileage was changed as another person brought up a motion to amend. It's now being re-written as a motion to follow the Federal Guidelines for mileage reimbursement. This motion will be re-voted on at our next assembly meeting on June 17th at the Summer Assembly which all of you are invited to attend and GSR's can vote. Please bring back to your AA groups the following: "The Area has an amended motion to vote on and it is as follows- rather than making the mileage rate \$.50 cents per mile it's being requested we change to the Federal rate no matter how it increases or decreases. The Area Treasurer will be responsible for making sure that this rate is updated as it changes 3. I learned this at the Area Assembly- if you attend and there's a motion to vote on-- a GSR or DCM, or their alternates (if they are not present), can vote on any motions. If you are a District Chair (like newsletter or archives, corrections etc.) you cannot vote on the motions. This is announced before each time a vote occurs but I needed a reminder. Storage Dawn O., Jeff S. & Mark H. went through storage unit and Cheryl V. from Area 20 Archives will take any binders from past conferences. Hoping to house zoom equipment at the storage unit to move from Mark's garage.*

## OPEN FORUM:

Tony P., Past treasurer for 2022 Conference turned in Binders and they will also go to Cheryl V. Area 20 Archives.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Alternate positions still available: Treasurer, Ans. Service, Archives, Corrections, Grapevine.

**AdHoc Committee Report on Communications Coordination** - Still working on making the information usable.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **TriCounty Conference 2023 & 2024 – (John C.)**

2023 39th in Racine County - was cochair for event. The purpose of the Tri-county was to combine Lake, Kenosha and Racine counties to share hope and caring with our neighbors. Has been in Racine the last 2 years so now it is Lake County's turn to host for 2024. There will be a zoom call between John C., Events committees and DCM's from 10 & 12 to kick off planning. We will start to investigate venues, form committees, and elicit cooperation from past committee members at the wrap up meeting on May 7th at the Kenosha Alano Club at 12:30pm. This is when we will begin planning for 2024 hopefully with many of the past 2023 committee people to assist us.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Accessibilities (John C.)**

Alt. (Rachael M.)

No Report

### **Answering Service (Felicia J.)**

Alt. (OPEN)

*So far our Freedom Voice Service system hasn't provided us with a count of calls coming in, calls answered, or calls sent to VM to be picked up by team leaders to be assigned to volunteers. I am in touch with Freedom Voice Customer service to find out if there is a report that can be accessed for this information. Also, I need to verify the result if a volunteer rejects a call (rather than let it ring 4 times). I am not sure if that has an effect on the call forwarding process? I will have answers next meeting.*

### **Archives (Sean M.)**

Alt. (OPEN)

No report

### **Bridging The Gap (Jeff S.)**

Alt. (Zoya M.)

*Directly from Jeff's Report: Attended the Assembly and connected with Area BTG Chair- in breakout session.*

*Coordinated with him and other BTG in Area 20 how to best service the newcomer going forward.*

*Actions: Creating a business card with my name, Zoya's name, BTG E mail contact, and the Dist. 10 schedule on card.*

*Cheap to print. Distributing the business cards and pamphlet to treatment centers in Lake/Mc Henry/De Page County.*

*Updating volunteer list of who to contact. Take away for GSR's to your groups: Ask who would like to be a volunteer for BTG and have them contact me or Zoya (on the back of Conscience Contact). We will then create a process of delegating phone calls or E mails to these volunteers as calls come in.*

### **Corrections (Ted S.)**

Alt. (OPEN)

*Directly from Ted's report: I will not be present on 3/26.*

*I have contacted LC Jail regarding the volunteer program. Hope to connect sometime in May 2023 to get meetings scheduled into the facility. The contact at jail will help anyone get started applying and complete online testing.*

*I have made contact with D11 Corrections Chair. Possibility of joining their committee in McHenry County Corrections facility. McHenry Corrections also has online volunteer application to fill out for anyone interested.*

*Corrections Correspondence Opportunity: Anyone interested in connecting with a person 'behind the walls' through letter*

*correspondence can begin the process by checking out the aa.org website and search 'corrections correspondence' to fill out a simple form. The 'outside AA' will be connected to someone on the inside. Become an AA 'pen pal'.*

*Donate used Grapevines.*

### **C.P.C. (Siobhan R.)**

Alt. (Kurt S.)

Zoom time was scheduled together with CPC to work together going forward.

Two more locations to investigate: Home of the Sparrow integration and A.A. addicts for recovery for women and children of addiction and Northwestern Mental Health

### **Directory (Brian B.)**

Alt. (Carlos S.)

Added another page to our directory and the cost was the same. Cross referencing to find duplicate information

New Answering Service number needed correction: 877-839-1212

### **Events (Cindy C.)**

Alt. (Anne C.)

*Directly from Cindy C.'s report: We were able to sell all but approximately 2 tickets to the 2023 Spring Breakfast. Laura from District 12 will be in attendance to receive the monies collected along with any remaining tickets. I've met with Jerry at the Parkway Banquets and have provided the \$500 deposit (via my credit card) and have signed the contract for the Sunday, October 22 nd Fall Breakfast. Will be expecting a refund check in the amount of \$500 at the time of the meeting. I'll also need to provide him with the tax exempt certificate as soon as possible. Am hopeful to start requesting donations for gift baskets to raffle at the Fall Breakfast. Parkway Banquets – Round Lake - Jerry, \$20 per person X 200 = \$4000*

*TOTAL \$500 deposit is nonrefundable but transferrable. I'll meet with him in September for the complete food details then 1 week prior the final count of people. We can have up to 400 if desired. Scrambled Eggs, Coffee cakes, pastries, muffins, fresh fruit, Bacon & Sausage American Fries, French Toast w/ Syrup & Butter. Coffee, w/cream, sugar & disposable cups or orange juice, soda, Disposable Plates, Napkins & Plasticware included, Podium with microphone*

*I'm inquiring about the District 10 **Summer Picnic** which I'm hopeful can be set for either: Saturday or Sunday, August 12 th or 13 th OR Saturday or Sunday, August 26 th or 27 th. I'm hopeful to get a reservation for the date that is provided per this meeting and am suggesting it to be at either Independence Grove or another recommended location Attended the 2023 Tri County Conference in Racine, and had a wonderful time. Am looking forward to working John C and Anne (my events co-chair) for the 2024 Tri County Conference.*

**Grapevine** (Jack D.)

Alt. (OPEN)

None

**GSR Contact** (Karl M.)

Alt. (Robert B.)

Has obtained the "GSR Pamphlet" for distribution to all meetings. The Area has a new GSR information booklet. Hoping to have a workshop in the near future.

**Literature** (Jeff C.)

Alt. (Daniel B.)

Repeat of last month, prices to increase in about a week 20% lit 30% pamp

**Newsletter** (Katie D.)

Alt. (Paul W.)

Absent so CC's will be delivered this upcoming week.

**Public Info.** (Robin D.)

Alt. (Victoria H.)

*Directly from Robin's report: 1) Robin D attended Spring Conference PI/CPC workshop. Consider PSA on social media (Facebook or Instagram) Getting more information on how to do this. Visit all libraries in district to distribute pamphlets, meeting schedules and ensure each library has a Big Book*

*2) Reached out to CPC chair Siobhan to set up a Zoom meeting for collaboration*

*3) Ordered \$142.32 of literature from General Service Office. Has been shipped, but not yet received*

*4) Visited Vernon Hills Public Library. Was given FAQs about AA pamphlets and schedules. Checked to see if they have a Big Book in catalog. They did not. Will bring one when shipment arrives.*

*5) Went to Pre Conference PI Breakout meeting on 3/26 and discussed the following: Meeting guide app- Informed District 10 that app pulls meeting info from district sites, important to keep meeting lists current AA.org website Create a new form of communication to address anonymity on social media Membership survey- Can be used with PI/CPC outreaches AA World Services Instagram account*

*6) Submitted receipts for PI expenses so far this year of \$166.92 which includes literature and post office mailings to churches and senior centers*

**Treatment** (Gina L.)

Alt. (Leslie D.)

Gateway meetings going strong. Have brought literature into the meetings. **New Tool:** The list of Detox centers is attached. Please take to your meetings. Any updates, let Gina know.

**Website** (Mark H.)

Alt. (Bob L.)

*Directly from Mark's Report: Bob is working with the meeting number data bases and will come up with a form to search for a meeting number. A link to that form will be put on the home page that will enable anyone to look for and verify their meeting's numbers. However, some meeting times and locations have more than one number so it will be up to the individual meetings to determine which number is correct. When that form goes live, an email will be sent out notifying the district that it is available on line. Until then, we ask everyone to check their meetings numbers to verify they are correct Metrics for March 7th to March 24 th are: Sessions-975, Pageviews-2026, Duration-44 sec, Total users-585. These numbers a lower than usual because the metrics from the end of February until March 7 were unavailable.*

Motion to Adjourn. Close Meeting. John 1st Jeff 2nd

***"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**

**Sunday, April 24th St. Gilbert's Church, Grayslake**  
**Traditions Meeting: 5:30pm, District Meeting: 6:00pm**