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**NIA District 10 GSR Meeting Gilbert's Church, Grayslake**  
**MINUTES Sunday, August 27, 2023**

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Attendees: 40 Zoom: 1 **NEW: ZOOM Meeting ID 892 3337 6213** *Passcode: DISTRICT10*

Call to order: 6:03 pm

Anniversaries: Krista: 1 year, Lorrie F.: 33 years

Birthdays: Dean D., John C.

New Attendees: Cynthia R., Christ E., Area Registrar, Steve B.

Secretary's Report: (Christa S. not present) Has resigned. Position OPEN.

Treasurer's Report: (Eric W.) Report Attached. No corrections, no motion to approve.

DCM's Report: (Lorrie F.)

*Directly from Lorrie's Report: Been a busy month.*

- *Visited site for Tri-county conference – John C. will report. Next planning meeting Sunday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at Kenosha Alano club at 12:30.*
  - *Attended the Area 20 Committee Meeting in Elburn.*  
*There were items brought to the floor:*
    - *Translation equipment needed to reach all our fellowship. (How many Spanish speaking meetings do we have in District 10?)*
    - *Motion to Amend NIA By-laws to include the Area Registrar as an officer of the corporation and to update the list of voting member*
    - *Green can funds to be made available to Treatment Chair*
  - *Attended the Northern Illinois Conference hosted by Chicago, held in Schaumburg.*
  - *Area Registrar is trying to streamline and consolidate meetings. Lots of work still to be done.*
- Area 20 needs help with their tech committee. Especially for the Big Book Conference Nov 4<sup>th</sup>.*

Alt DCM's Report: (Dawn O.) No Report

Open Forum: Kevin A. Spiritual Kindergarten on the last Tuesday of the month they celebrate anniversaries with cupcakes.

Brian B. (Directory Chair) Passed out documents that were picked up at the last Conference with QR codes for area directories and the meeting guide. To be scanned on our phones and this may be incorporated into our Directories.

Old Business: No one stood for any open positions. Christa S. stepped down as Secretary.

New Business: Kevin A. suggested we consider printing our Directories quarterly versus monthly to save on costs and unnecessary paper waste.

2024 TRI-County Conference (Tri-countyconference.com) Report by John C. Co-chair

- 1<sup>st</sup> in person meeting will be at the Kenosha Alano Club on 9/10 and then every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month until event occurs.
- A location has been chosen and will be voted on at the 9/10 meeting.

VISITOR PRESENTATIONS:

Chris E., Area 20 Registrar reported on the importance of accurate group and meeting registrations. Also, many have the same name, even within the same district, so it's important for each meeting to have their correct number for contributions. For GSR's and Committee Chairs: GSO needs this information so they can send out literature for these positions. 119 meetings in District 10: 91 Known and 28 unknown (without a specific contact person) 1,071 in Northern Illinois. All Spanish meetings have their own District 20.

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Chris D., Area 20 Delegate gave a slide presentation (attached) regarding the General Service New York Conference. His presentation is attached, however, here is the slide with the Key Points he covered:



## Key Points

- ✓ Agenda / Motion to suspend
- ✓ Finances
  - ✓ Contributions / Reserve Fund
- ✓ Trustees Conversation / Slate
  - ✓ Censure
  - ✓ Board Inventory
- ✓ Literature Issues
  - ✓ 12 x 12
  - ✓ Founders Literature
  - ✓ Plain & Simple Big Book
  - ✓ 5<sup>th</sup> Edition
- ✓ Grapevine
  - ✓ Financials / Drawdown
  - ✓ App release
- ✓ Report & Charter
  - ✓ Service Manual / Amendments
- ✓ GSC Twice a year virtual Meetings
- ✓ Membership Survey
- ✓ POG (Participation of Online Grps)

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Most Verbal reports were waived due to Visitor Presentations, however, direct reports are featured below

Accessibilities (John C.)

Alt. (Rachael M.)

Answering Service (Felicia J.)

Alt. (James M.)

*Directly from Felicia's Report: It's time to ask for more volunteers. Our current group have been on duty for a year (many, for years). We've had people rotate off and have one team in desperate need of volunteers. I've sent a request to some of the members to switch to the group that needs help. I only sent the request Saturday so I have not checked for the response yet. I have some forms for GSRs to pass out to groups. It's such a simple job and so very important. James contacted FVS and was able to get set up as an Administrator for our account. He is now able to access reports, manage groups, and account information.*

Archives (Dean D.)

Alt. (Sean M.)

Bridging The Gap (Jeff S.)

Alt. (Zoya M.)

CoOperation With The Professional Community (CPC): Brian B. Alt.: (OPEN)

Corrections (Ted S.)

Alt. (Chandler M.)

*Directly from Ted's Report: One year after starting the volunteer process to bring an A.A. meetings to the LC Jail, I did attend a Monday evening meeting. The volunteer paper work required to fill out and submit will be posted on D10 website. New or used Grapevine digests are always needed. Spread the word to collect them. I can get them to the jail. I am in contact with A20 Corrections Chair and will help contribute from D10 Pink Can fund. When asked what facilities in A20 are asking for specific items, so we as D10 might send literature directly and finding out: Districts contribute pink can funds to the Area pink can. The area chair takes care of getting items to the facilities when requested.*

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Directory (Brian B.) Alt. (OPEN)

Showed key pieces from other Districts utilizing QR codes to access Online Directories.

Events (Cindy C.) Alt. (OPEN)

**Directly from Cindy's report:** I'll ask that each GSR take to their meetings a request for donations for gift baskets/gift cards to raffle at the Fall Breakfast – and that we come together at the Serenity House on a specified date towards the beginning of October. Tickets for the fall breakfast have been distributed and are being sold. Picnic preparation has been ongoing, shopping, organizing etc. We'll need to purchase/donate/lend the following for approximately 50 to 75 people: hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, napkins, grills, charcoal, condiments, coolers, water, pop, ice, paper plates, coffee cups Dawn got the coffee supplies from the storage locker for the picnic I'll get the signs from the storage locker to bring to the picnic. I've got construction paper to identify District 10 Shelter C. I've currently purchased charcoal, lighter fluid, paper plates, and napkins from Woodman's, and will purchase the remaining items from Costco with Lorrie. I'll be asking Joanne to purchase pop (2 cases each of reg cola, diet cola, 7up and diet 7up unless otherwise specified) Do we need prizes for the kids games?? Gus has agreed to play guitar at our picnic – so exciting!!! I'm still in need of a Co-Chair – Anyone interested?? Will need assistance with the upcoming Fall Breakfast along with the Tri County Conference.

Grapevine (OPEN) Alt. (OPEN)

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

Literature (Jeff C.) Alt. (OPEN)

Directly from Jeff's Report: Dan has stepped down as alternate literature chair, the position is open.

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

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

Robin has compiled an extensive spreadsheet with the following tabs: List of Churches, Senior Centers, Libraries, Medical facilities and Cities in District 10. Lots of progress being made.

Treatment (Gina L.) Alt. (Leslie D.)

Directly from Gina's Report: Services:

- Ongoing support to current meetings
- Providing conscious contact & meeting directories
- Streamline AA event flyers to treatment facilitators.
- Supplying BTG business cards, Grapevines, Newsletters ect.
- Treatment center meetings published in the district newsletter- WRS now
- open to public (female only)
- WRS- approved the agenda for clients to be transferred/supervised to AA
- events.

Treatment Center Volume:

- WRS 15 clients female
- ATP 13+ clients co-ed
- Gateway Men 32-40 clients Women 25-30 clients
- Haven 10 per house- Full

Upcoming Agenda:

- Literature to be distributed to district area treatment centers- WRS
- obtained 16 big books.
- Gateway- big books pending
- ATP- big books pending
- Collaboration in established meetings/ Approval for 1 X monthly

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- presentation from the BTG team.

Note: ATP is requesting female support at the Friday 730-830pm in Waukegan,  
Volunteers have been lined up for the next few weeks.

**Website** (Mark H.)

**Alt.** (Bob L.)

Directly from Mark's Report: The GSR and Group information pages have been combined to improve the flow of information with the area registrar and General Service Office.

Applications for Corrections service will be added to the Corrections page in website.

Metrics for the last thirty days are: Sessions-1,624, 7,522, Users-1,119 and Duration – 1 minute 28 seconds.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting closed at 7:20pm

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 September 24, 2023**

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

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