

**NUMBER OF ATTENDEES:** 36. Zoom: 1

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** 6:05pm

**ANNIVERSARIES SINCE LAST MEETING:** Kevin A. 23 yrs, Hiedi H. 1 year, Susie 30 days, Jeff W. 3 years, Diedra H. 3 years

**ANY BIRTHDAYS:** Joanne L. October 8th

**FIRST TIME ATTENDEES:** Skot F. Shed Men's mtng Sunday 8:30am Fox Lake, Lori S., Diedra H. Alt GSR A Way Out Libertyville, Patrick C. Road of Happy Destiny, Gurnee

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Motion to accept: Kevin A., 2nd: Karl M. Motion was approved.

**TREASURY REPORT** (Erik W.) Beginning balance: \$8559.89, Contributions: \$539.30, Expenses: \$1,996.57, Ending balance: \$7,102.62 Motion to approve: Mark H., 2nd Kevin A. Motion was approved.

**DCM's REPORT** (Lorrie F.) *\*directly from Lorrie's report: Purchased Literature for Gateway using the additional \$250 allotted to Treatment from General Funds. Put Labels in them with the District 10 website and NIA-20's website. To that end, the Area is going to be producing labels for this purpose but with the QR code leading to Area Website. Was unable to attend Committee Meeting. Attended planning meeting for Tri-county – Chili volunteer sheets on the table and will be included in the minutes next month. Please bring to your home group. This is a tradition the Tri-county has been doing and it is the luncheon option for the conference. Hoping to get combined D/10/12 GSR Workshop in the near future. Still helping with minutes, agendas and copies and hoping all will be taken over by our new secretary soon. Attended the Fall Breakfast and helped with the event. Going to participate in a CPC Event in Addison, IL*

**ALT. DCM'S REPORT** (Dawn O.) *\*directly from Dawn's report: I will not be at the 10/22 District meeting. On 10/7, I attended the Area Committee meeting. Here's what some high point updates are: There are a few motions being brought forward at the next Assembly to be voted upon. A few of them are about changing the verbiage in the Area 20 service manual. Other items that came up were about modifying the timing or coordination of the conference in the years that Area 20 hosts the IL State conference and how it's difficult to find people to do service work for any conferences. It was strongly stated that our districts (DCM's) are not effectively able to 'make' people want to do these things. The conferences are a ton of work for any individual or district to host these events and people are not stepping up post COVID as much as in the past. There is now only 1 working coffee making for our District 10 meetings. My suggestion since this is the Alt. DCM's responsibility is we either stop having coffee as it's a lot to set up and clean up and maybe 3 people even drink it at a meeting. OR- we just have 1 kind of coffee (regular or decaf). I talked with St. Gilbert's contact and there is no change to us using this room and the way that we are keeping the door open is acceptable as long as we don't advertise it. Reminder of next District meeting dates: **NO DISTRICT MEETING IN NOVEMBER 2023.** District meeting: December 10th, 2023 & January 28th, 2024*

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**OLD BUSINESS:** Committee Chairs, alternates and alt. Officer positions are still open.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Committee & Officer's Budgets need to be presented to Eric by December to approve the budget in December to start in January, 2024.

**2024 TRI COUNTY CONFERENCE:** John C. Lake County Co-Chair. *\*directly from John's Report: The conference theme is "Just for Today." We still need a Conference Co-Chairperson from Kenosha County and a Co-Secretary. All subcommittee chairperson positions are filled except for Website, for which we have a candidate. We do need co-chairs for the following subcommittees: Alcathon, Al-Anon, Outreach (graphic design and printing) 50/50 raffle, Chili, Website*

*Planning committee meetings are on the first Sunday of the month, 12:30 pm at the Kenosha Alano Club. Flyers with a registration form and online registration will be available sometime soon. The conference website is [tri-countyconference.com](http://tri-countyconference.com). for information the email address is [tricityconference@yahoo.com](mailto:tricityconference@yahoo.com).*

## Committee Reports

**Accessibilities** (John C.)

Alt. (Rachael M.)

no report

**Answering Service** (Felicia J.)

Alt. (James M.) *\*directly from Felicia's report: Ans. Svc Report*

*October 20223. We have 2 new volunteers. Welcome Bill S. and Jonathan D. Thank you both! We still need about 3 Women. From a limited review of the inbound calls this month, it looks like many went to the Team*

Leaders via the FreedomVoice eMail service. The calls were distributed by the leaders to the team's volunteers. No one seems to be complaining about that so it should make volunteering even easier. James and I have come up with a proposed budget for 2024 of \$200.00. Our decision is based on \$ 168.84 for 1 year of Freedom Voice Answering Service @ \$ 14.07/month and miscellaneous copying expenses of \$31.16.

**Archives (Sean M.)**

Alt. (Dean D.)

*\*directly from Sean's report: Archives Report October 2023: Work continuing on the consolidation & digitizing of Archives material currently stored both at the District locker & @ Serenity House. At today's Fall Breakfast, we set up a display and I have returned those artifacts to the District Storage location. I reached again today to the Soberfest Archives chair to offer help to him with room setup, monitoring , and tear down. We are going to discuss logistics this week on the phone, but always looking for AA history lovers to help! We still do have material at Serenity House and need that space there for digitizing with the equipment I mentioned last month we had acquired. Archives budget currently is \$0. I would like to request for 2024 an Archives budget of \$250. This is to cover the \$20 per month we pay Serenity House as we still need the space, lighting, power sources to host and complete the task. Returned inventory to storage shed*

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

Alt. (Zoya M.)

*\*directly from Jeff's report: I attended the NIA 20 committee meeting on Oct 7th and had a meeting with the following Area 20 chairs. Answering service, BTG, Treatment, Corrections and Tech. There has been a collaboration between the chairs to come up with a way to better reach the newcomer coming out of institutions by creating a QR code that will be inserted into the literature that they receive. This will enable them to find a meeting to whatever City/Town they live in upon release.*

**Corrections (Ted S.)**

Alt. (OPEN)

*\*directly from Ted's report: 7pm Monday and Thursday meetings at LC Jail continue. Those interested (especially ladies) in bringing meetings to the LC Jail, can find volunteer documents on district webpage committees link, then follow corrections link. Using pink can funds (\$235.30), I ordered and will deliver (to LC jail) 20 soft cover Big Books, AA pamphlets and more used Grapevines. I have purchased (with Dist.10 C.C.) previous years "July Jail" issues of the Grapevine and other literature to be used in meetings in jails and future workshops. Receipt submitted to Eric to debit Pink Can fund. \$95.74. As always, a reminder to collect used Grapevines. I am willing to pick up from anywhere. Attending A20 Corrections monthly virtual workshops every 2 nd Weds. I ask Eric, to mail \$500 check (include in check memo: "PINK CAN FUND" and on outside of envelope) to Area20 Pink Can fund. Sending to: NIA Treasurer, P.O. Box 808, Streamwood, IL. 60107-2971. National Corrections Conference Nov 10-12 Oklahoma City. I will zoom in periodically. There is a \$20 fee to register. Correction's Committee needs co-chair as Chandler is unavailable. \*Pink Can Fund is to be sent to Dist10, address is on website*

**C.P.C. (Brian B.)**

Alt. (OPEN)

Absent. No report.

**Directory (Brian B.)**

Alt. (OPEN)

Has reduced printing amounts from 500 to 300, and every printing every quarter not monthly. Saving \$75 per quarter = \$300 per year. It was discussed to add a QR codes for District Website to be added onto the directory. John C. created the QR for District 10 and will forward to Brian for addition onto the directories. Next printing will be done and available at the December meeting.

There was also a separate suggestion for the removal of phone numbers & addresses from the paper directory. Please take this subject back to your groups for further discussion as there will be more discussion at the next meeting. Clarification was requested for why we would need this possible change. **Please review attached letter for additional information.**

NOTE: There was a question as to how to handle certain meetings such as a Wanderer's meeting and the number needs to be there. More discussion is necessary.

**Events (Cindy C.)**

Alt. (Deidra H.) Cindy nominated Deidra H. as Alternate Events

Chair. Vote passed and Deidra was elected Alternate. *\*directly from Cindy's report: The Fall Breakfast is Sunday, October 22nd, and we've sold approximately 240 tickets. I've confirmed with Parkway and am awaiting the owner's call back for the final details of payment, etc. I've reached out to several people who will be meeting me at the venue to help set up the greeting tables, gift baskets, literature and raffle ticket tables.*

*I'm meeting with several folks over the next week for baskets, ticket sales, and going to the storage locker to retrieve raffle tickets and the District 10 sign. I purchased 300 name tags and markers for \$25.21. I met with Gimel from District 12 and they were able to sell approximately 100 tickets. Great job by all!! Total Expenses for the Fall breakfast \$626.71, \$79 ticket printing, \$22.50 flyers, \$25.21 name tags & markers \$500 rental of the hall, Total Income for the Fall Breakfast \$1,053. 50/50 \$386, Gift Raffle \$667. \$1053 - \$626.71 = Net Income \$426.29 246 tickets sold for the breakfast X \$20/ticket = \$4920 + \$500 rental = \$5420 Paid to the Parkway Banquets*

**Grapevine** (OPEN)

Alt. (OPEN)

**GSR Contact** (Karl M.)

Alt. (Robert B.) Karl asks that all GSRs make sure to register online for their position with the district. GSO will send welcome packets to all GSR's that register. Karl is trying to streamline our data and talking to Website Committee to assist in collaborating.

**Literature** (Jeff C.)

Alt. (Daniel B.)

Absent. No report (wife giving birth) Kevin A. took care of Literature Table at the Fall Breakfast.

**Newsletter** (Katie D.)

Alt. (Paul W.)

*\*directly from Katie's report: Printed 400 copies of the newsletter. There is a log on the back table. The log is not for personal names –just for which meetings/club houses you are taking newsletters to so we can avoid multiple people bringing newsletters to the same place. If you are taking 1 or 2 for personal use, there is a separate stack that is not paper clipped; please take from that stack. Otherwise, newsletters have been paper clipped in batches of 10 so everyone has a better idea of how many they're taking. That said, you are not limited to 10!*

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

Alt. (Victoria H.) Continuing to reach out and has an updated spreadsheet of all contacts made. In our District we have: 14 Cities of which Robin has approached: 26 Churches, 4 Senior Centers, 10 Libraries, 5 Medical Centers. There is an actual spreadsheet if requested she can send to you. Still have \$183 in budget. Plans to do a mass mailing. Reaching out to nursing homes and health care community. Budget is good.

**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 etc., Bridge house approved clients to attend ATP meetings. They had declined an in-house meeting until after summer. Plans to revisit the topic collaborating with District 12 Treatment, Big Book Ordering: Budget for 2023 has been used. Exact amount pending with literature chair. Treatment Center Volume: WRS 16 clients ATP 11-14 clients, Gateway Men (30-40 clients) Women (20-30 clients), Haven 8-10 per house Upcoming Agenda: Literature to be distributed to district area treatment centers- inventory taken) Collaboration in established meetings/ Approval for 1 X monthly, presentation from the BTG team- needs follow up, Meeting with Haven director for open in house AA meetings, Clarified how budget and book purchases are being done Spent \$500 on various books for treatment centers.*

**Also attached to the minutes is a response from Gina regarding a comment made regarding purchasing literature for treatment centers when clients pay for their recovery.**

**Website** (Mark H.)

Alt. (Bob L.) *\*directly from Mark's Report: We continued to monitor the site making changes where necessary. The meeting guide app gets its information from the website so I encourage everyone to view your meetings on the website and submit any changes through the Update your meeting Information link on the home page. That way the directory chair, the area registrar and Bob or I can make the necessary changes. Metrics for the past 30 days are Sessions-1769, Pageviews-5727, Duration – 1 min 17 sec.*

Motion to Adjourn 7:10pm. Closed Meeting with the Responsibility Statement.

**NEXT MEETING: December 10, 2023 5:30pm Traditions Meeting, 6:00pm District Meeting**