

**NIA District 10 GSR Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

St. Gilbert's Church, Grayslake

DATE: December 10, 2023

NEW: ZOOM Meeting ID 846 0819 2639

Passcode: DISTRICT10

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES - 47

CALL MEETING TO ORDER. Quiet time followed by Serenity Prayer. 6:00PM

ANNIVERSARIES SINCE LAST MEETING. Brian C. 2 yrs, Brian V. 2 yrs, Eric 19, Julie S. 6 mo

ANY BIRTHDAYS? Lorrie S.

FIRST TIME ATTENDEES: To this District Meeting. Kat M new GSR UM Libertyville, Brian C. SH, Julie S. WWT, Eric S Joyful Tuesay, Christine D. Th SH, Carol C Wed SH,

SECRETARY'S REPORT Minutes from previous meeting (Dawn Rene W.) Motion to accept Previous minutes approved; Kevin A, John C

TREASURY REPORT (Erik W.) *REPORT ATTACHED*

Motion to accept approved; Mark H., Jeff S., Kevin A., Joanne L.

DCM's REPORT (Lorrie F.) *DIRECTLY FROM REPORT:

Attended Big Book Conference Nov. 4th in Elburn. Enjoyed the sharing sessions and speakers. Always a good way to continue my education of the Big Book and the fellowship.

Attended EC Regional Forum-Independence, Ohio – Nov. 17th – 19th

There are 93 Areas in US & Canada. We are District 10 in Area 20 in Northern Illinois.

Met many Trusted Servants. The recurring theme was Trust your trusted servants. Sometimes it's a "leap of faith". There's a perceived divide with "those service people". How to overcome apathy. Primary purpose – to carry the message

7 Class A Trustees(non-alcoholic): They are unpaid volunteers and 14 Class B.

The fellowship is in financial trouble. Literature costs up and sales down have been the major reason. New budget will only have a \$200,000 shortfall when the earlier one was \$1 million. Group donations under \$50 is 60% of NY's revenue. If each member of AA contributed \$7.02 pp they would be solvent. BTW:

Online contributions cost ½ the amount to process than paper checks. Costs \$5.60 for mail in, \$2.93 online. (\$2.67 savings) Aa.org

Take away quotes: First we get sober, then we get well.

Bill W.: No one invented AA – it just grew.

Grapevine App-Launched in Sept. Download \$2.99 month. Podcasts, articles can be played on your phone like audible books. Can listen through your ear buds. I can get these through my hearing aides. The paper copy will never go away but the online has all the articles, etc since inception. Can search by a subject and all the articles relevant come up. i.e., resentments, meditation, serenity, etc. We have the Grapevine website in our Conscious contact.

Attended Winter Assembly – Dec. 9th in Elburn

Founder's writings: - Takeaway was please inform your delegate of any suggestions or opinions regarding changing the founder's writings. There was a conference action taken to NEVER touch the first 164 pages. This refers to 12 & 12 and Concepts. Many suggestions were offered of which footnotes or companion pieces could be offered but not to touch the historical documents. There was also the opinion that as society changes, that we should change with it. This will probably not be decided on at the next GSO conference or even the one after that. Just stay informed and keep your delegate informed of your group's opinion. To that end there will be a Pre-general service conference March 23rd, not sure where and breakout sessions will be done the week before I will forward all that on to you as it comes available. Next Area 20 events: January 20th Winter Committee Meeting at Lord of Life in Elburn.

March 1-3 Spring Conference, which include Spring Assembly-Hyatt Regency in Schamburg.

ANNOUNCEMENT: FIRST GSR Workshop with D.10, 11 & 12 coming up in February. Karl will talk more about that. Flyers are available and will be attached to the minutes. We hope to do this every quarter rotating between the 3 districts to host.

Respectfully submitted in service,
Lorrie F., DCM District 10

ALT. DCM'S REPORT (Dawn O.)

Asks for reorganization of tables for meeting space. Asks for help for set up and clean up. Attended Area 20 December 9 Assembly. Wants to be replaced as Alt DCM in order to serve in other District level positions. Does not wish to advance to DCM position.

OPEN FORUM

Reviewed open District positions, and asked for volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS

Mark H. asks for wording in District 10 by laws be corrected for accuracy. Vote passed. Discussions about awareness of current events with GSO future edits for AA literature.

Motion to approve sending \$2000.00 of District 10 surplus to GSO passed, Karl M, John C, .

2024 TRI COUNTY CONFERENCE *DIRECTLY FROM REPORT:

We finally have a co-chairperson. Allan N. from Kenosha stepped up just in time to chair the December meeting in my absence. The final flyers with the mail-in registration form are now available on <https://tri-countyconference.com> website. Kudos and sincere thanks to our own Paul W. for his great work on it. Online registration is forthcoming, but at this time I have no target date for it. Paper flyers have been distributed to the alano clubs in the three participating counties. We have a larger capacity for the banquet than in previous years, but we still expect it to sell out quickly. Right now the fastest way to reserve banquet seats is to download the flyer from the website.

Committee Reports

Accessibilities (John C.)

Alt. (Rachael M.) *DIRECTLY FROM REPORT:

I attended part of the Dec. 9 assembly on Zoom, including the accessibilities breakout. Debbie W., the accessibilities chair from district 40, was the only other one there. We talked about what was included in making the AA message accessible to all who wanted it, and how we might begin to achieve our goal. At this time we are both trying to find out what other accessibilities committees might be doing. I gave her the Zoom information for the Area 19 accessibilities committee meeting, which will resume in January. She said she was going to contact senior assisted living facilities to see if they needed or wanted AA meetings. We ended up discussing the possibility of staging a workshop in late spring of 2024.

Answering Service (Felicia J.)

Alt. (James M.) *DIRECTLY FROM REPORT:

James M, Answering Service Co-Chair has taken over the Sunday morning job of changing the on call group and team leader. He taught himself how to make the change and has taken on the responsibility of the task. Thank You James! We were charged about \$ 13.00 for Freedom Voice Service in September. I thought we received a letter advising a price increase. But the letter said we went over 400 minutes and therefore we had to pay an extra couple of dollars. I looked back

at the call records and we had a caller who was very long winded and called more than once, leaving very long voice mail messages. End of Report. Thank you and Yours in Service, James and Felicia

Archives (Sean M.)

Alt. (Dean D.) *DIRECTLY FROM REPORT:

District 10 archives did participate in providing story boards and material for the archives display room at Soberfest. I delivered these on Friday AM before the event, set up and picked them up and returned them to the storage locker on Sunday. I intend to maintain contact with the Soberfest committee for the 2024 event to again offer to participate. In preparing for this event, I discovered story board stands were missing from the storage area @ Serenity House. This resulted in my replacing those stands and donating some additional easels which are now stored in our locker and can be used for other District functions. Digitation of archives was delayed because the scanner we thought we could use is not compatible with the computer we intend to use. I will be upgrading my home system to include a portable scanner and not asking for additional funds for any equipment at this time. Plan still is to digitize @ Serenity House and THEN have everything we have in the D10 archives locker, cloud, or hard drive. 2024 goals also include gathering voice testimonials from the groups, meeting histories, and perhaps having a Founder's Day B-Day celebration somewhere we could set up displays, share some cake and fellowship?

Bridging The Gap (Jeff S.)

Alt. (Zoya M.)

no report

Jeff attended Area 20 Assembly; met in breakout group with Treatment and Answering Service representatives. Jeff is promoting QR code stickers for literature and making them available for all trusted servants to pass them around.

Corrections (Ted S.)

Alt. (Chandler W.) *DIRECTLY FROM REPORT:

Pink can moneys of \$500.00 were sent to Area 20 to help other correctional facilities asking for AA books and literature. The Lake County Jail - Inmate Program Director has not responded that they need anything. Meetings at LC Jail continue Mondays and Thursdays when requested. Currently we have only six registered AA volunteers in Districts 10 and 12. Recently there were 3 inmate pods wanting a meeting. All six volunteers were able to attend and carry the Message! Two new D10 volunteers have completed the application paperwork and is at the jail for review. Please continue the reminders at groups to collect used Grapevines (LA VINIA too). They are very much appreciated to those behind walls at LC jail. Bring to District meeting or I will meet up to collect them.

I attended the National Corrections Conference Nov 10,11 virtually. 256 registered attendees plus Zoomers from as far as Ireland and Canada. Many Oklahoma prisoners were transported to attend on a 'one day' pass. I appreciated the ability to tune in periodically to catch some very moving talks. I hope to attend in person next year in Virginia. Nashville, TN. yr2025. Monthly Corrections Workshops continue virtually hosted by Area20 zoom rooms. 2nd Wednesday monthly 7pm. All interested, see Conscience Contact or www.aa-nia.org. Grateful in service -Ted

C.P.C. (OPEN)

Alt. (OPEN)

Directory (Brian B.)

Alt. (OPEN) no report

As we are in the process of polishing up the data for the publication of our local Directory, please be aware that we wish to protect your anonymity, but still have names and phone numbers in the printed directories.

Please make sure to contact Brian B. by February 15, 2023 if you wish to have a contact person published on the printed Directory.

Events (Cindy C.)

Alt. (Deidre Hogan) *DIRECTLY FROM REPORT:

Cindy Cline – Events Chairperson

Happy to have a new Co-Chair Deidre Hogan.

Looking forward to next year and getting things set up for the Tri-County Conference, District 10 Picnic, and Fall Breakfast. I'll hope for Deidre and I to get things organized and scheduled in the first quarter of 2024 regarding all 3 events. I had suggested the budget for Events be increased by \$500 to help with the Fall Breakfast.

Thank you and Happy Joyous Holidays, Cindy Cline

Grapevine (OPEN)

Alt. (OPEN)

GSR Contact (Karl M.)

Alt. (Robert B.)

Reminders for all GSR to make sure to register their position with the District on the website. Explained the Welcome packet. Announced upcoming workshops for GSR position.

Literature (Jeff C.)

Alt. (Daniel B.) no report

Newsletter (Katie D.)

Alt. (Paul W.) *DIRECTLY FROM 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! Overflow issues from the previous issue are on the back table. In service, Katie D. & Paul W.

Public Info. (Robin D.)

Alt. (Victoria H.) *REPORT ATTACHED*

Robin did a large snail mailing last month to psychotherapists/social workers around the district.

Treatment (Gina L.)

Alt. (Leslie D.) *DIRECTLY FROM REPORT:

Please note we have an error in the budget.

Jeff stated he reported the break down on the most recent literature order.

There was a split order between the 2 departments however the entire total is listed under literature which is why I think he shows overage for the year.

Kindly advise. Thank you, Gina and Leslie

Services: Ongoing support to current meetings, Providing conscious contact & meeting directories, Streamline AA event flyers to treatment facilitators, Supplying BTG business cards, Grapevines, Bridge house approved clients to attend ATP meetings, Big book order received 12/10 and QR code sticker applied, Distribution of big book scheduled for 12/16

Treatment Center Volume: WRS 14 clients, ATP 12 clients, Gateway Male (32 residents) Women (26 residents), Haven X 2 houses (8-10 women per house)

Upcoming Agenda: Literature to be distributed to district area treatment centers 12/16, Collaboration in established meetings/ Approval for 1 X monthly presentation from the BTG team- needs follow up, Plans to reach out to NIRCO for collaboration.

New News: WRS approves residents to attend district 10 events: seeking upcoming opportunities

Website (Mark H.)

Alt. (Bob L.) *DIRECTLY FROM REPORT:

Daily monitoring continued. We are working with the area registrar to ensure our information coincides with theirs. Metrics for the last thirty days are; Sessions-1462, pageviews – 3822, time of session – 2 minutes. 12 seconds. Total users – 1132 and new users – 1068. In service, Mark Harasti

Motion to Adjourn. Close Meeting. 7:38pm

NEXT MEETING-JANUARY 28, 2024

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

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“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.”