

Sunday, March 24, 2024

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

**Anniversaries:** Mark H 8026days (22yrs), Cindy 24yrs,

**Birthdays:** NONE

**New Attendees:** NONE

**Secretary's Report:** (Dawn Rene W.) (DIRECTLY FROM REPORT) Good evening fellow servants, I want to thank all of you who have submitted via email, your written reports prior to our meeting. And I would like to encourage those of you who have not emailed a written report ahead of this meeting to please feel free to do so. My goal for our monthly meetings is to have an email communication sent to everybody no later than Thursday prior to our scheduled monthly meeting. So if you could get your reports emailed to [secretarynia@districtnia.org](mailto:secretarynia@districtnia.org) by the Wednesday prior to our monthly meeting, that would be awesome!

If you have not gotten an email from me lately, please make note of that on the sign in sheet or see me after this meeting. I would like to encourage each of you to please be making regular announcements at the various meetings that you attend throughout the week and the month, of the open positions that we have in our District committee. And to even make open invitations for people to come visit us at this meeting even though they may not be interested in filling a position. I, for one, would welcome somebody to fill the Alternate Secretary position. I am truly grateful to be sober, and able to serve. But I would be thrilled to share what I have learned so far, to save the next person a bunch of stress and confusion. Our OPEN positions are: ALT Secretary, ALT Treasurer, CHAIR + ALT Accessibilities, ALT BTG (female needed), CHAIR + ALT CPC, ALT Directory, ALT Grapevine, ALT GSR Contact, ALT Literature, ALT PI.

I attended the Area20 Spring Conference and Assembly March 1-3, (I had to keep my mouth shut due to oral surgery recovery), I listened a lot! And I heard some amazing testimonies, especially Racey J our GSO Staff Coordinator. I attended the PGSCW via zoom due to my husband's recovering from major surgery for cancer removal. Let's just say that I am blown away at the efforts, dedication, and care that goes into making sure that I have readily accessible support for to be able to learn how to live this life sober!!! Minutes accepted; Rick T, Kevin A

**Treasurer's Report:** (Eric W.) (REPORT ATTACHED) Beginning Balance: 4894.48.  
Contributions: 441.00. Expenses: 2161.30. Ending Balance: 3174.18. Accepted, Bill J, Brian C.

**DCM's Report:** (Lorrie F.) (DIRECTLY FROM REPORT) ALL COMMITTEES: The Area Representative will come and address our District meeting or help host a Workshop. This is a resource we should tap into. Attended the Spring Assembly and the Spring Conference in Schaumburg March 1-3. Attended Zoom break out session for CPC and PI. Attended Pre-General Service Conference on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Here's some highlights of results of Agenda Items. Founder's Literature changes: 25% Said Do Not touch them at all, 50% Said there needs to be a policy in place for any changes to these items, 25% Said that AA should do what they feel is necessary to keep with the times, You have till April 11<sup>th</sup> to tell our Delegate what your group thinks. Many new pamphlets were discussed and these were voted on in favor to develop: The Unhoused Alcoholic in AA, The Transgender Alcoholic in AA, The Asian and Asian-American Alcoholics in AA. The consensus was that even if one life was saved it would be worth it. Costs could be from \$4,000 to \$10,000. Review draft of the revised Pamphlets: AA for the Black and African American Alcoholic – retitled: "Black in AA.: Experience, Strength and Hope". "AA for the Native North American". "A Message to Teenagers". "Do You Think You're Different?"

A lot of review of existing material to see if Committee Kits need revising or freshening up to keep with times. Review of the pamphlet "Q&A on Sponsorship" Not been revised in 41 years.

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Under Warranty One in "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated" The words Donation and Contribution be swapped. Body voted Yes. **Existing:** "The Conference shall never become the seat of perilous wealth or power." The Seventh Tradition protects us against the accumulation of too much money. So long as we refuse to take outside **contributions** and limit individual member's **donations**, "we shall not become wealthy in any perilous sense."

Technology: The Meeting Guide app is owned by AA. If Districts have corrected information, it goes to Area then to the Meeting App for all over the world. AA needs to pay more to Google in order to have the search engines bring up AA among the first options when searched, and not other entities or businesses. "**Gotta pay to play**" AA.org needs their website to be easier to navigate and search. Podcasts were discussed, and to develop a new podcast would require money and time (up to \$150,000). Discussion to add podcasts to Grapevine's already existing platform.

LaVina is in financial trouble. They need 1500 more subscriptions to make it viable. Think about donating a subscription from your group. These could be donated to a local library or to the jail(s). Do we want to make a motion to donate some from our District?

Draft of the "Plain and Simple Big Book" will be voted on at the General Service Conference. Only the Delegates on that committee will be able to view and vote. You have till April 11<sup>th</sup> to tell our Delegate what your group feels about it.

Our District, District 10 will be hosting the Summer Committee Meeting in August in Elburn. We will need volunteers. We can meet on zoom to briefly discuss assignments. Please ask your group if they wish to help. Great 12 step work. We need people to: Help set up room, Be greeters, Get the breakfast items and set up, Assist with lunch set up, Clean up The Area provides a lot of the necessities: the ice chests, ice, soda, etc. We will get reimbursed for any expenses.

**Alt DCM's Report:** (John C.) (DIRECTLY FROM REPORT) On March 1 I met with Sean M. at the storage facility for familiarization with access and content. We owe him big thanks for all the work he's done there. I'll take on the job of keeping track of all the keys we have. I attended the Spring Conference and participated in the Accessibilities panel. At future district meetings you'll be hearing more about the scope of accessibilities and the work that's being done in other places. The takeaway was that accessibilities work is one of the truly rewarding twelfth step activities. More than just dealing with hearing, vision, and mobility issues, it also deals with many ways of helping people receive the AA message. That includes people who can't make it to meetings because of illness, physical disabilities, home confinement, hospitalization, incarceration, being in assisted living, being bedridden and many other situations. Or it could be as simple as helping someone set up Zoom at home. District 70 in Rockford's accessibilities committee does all those things, but how well are **we** carrying the message? Both positions on our accessibilities committee are vacant. I would love to see some folks step up to make it happen here. Remember, "Having had a spiritual awakening ..., we tried to carry this message to alcoholics.... " Finally, I assisted Mark and Bob with some database work.

**Open Forum/Guest:** Brian would like anybody who has video of Talent show to please submit to him directly, [brianjbevan@yahoo.com](mailto:brianjbevan@yahoo.com).

**Old Business:** Open Committee and Alternate positions for District 10  
Tri-County Conference Update

**New Business:** Electronic Depository for Flyers  
Paypal for Donations

D.10 Hosting Summer Committee Meeting. Please ask at your groups for volunteers.  
Workshops

**TRI-COUNTY :** (DIRECTLY FROM REPORT) Today we had the final planning committee meeting. We have a very experienced and hardworking committee, so things have fallen into place nicely. The conference daytime activities are free, and the banquet is only \$30.00. There will be a few banquet tickets for sale at the door, cash or check only.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Accessibilities (OPEN) Alt. (OPEN) (NO REPORT)

Answering Service (Felicia J.) Alt. (James M.) (DIRECTLY FROM REPORT)

Everything is pretty much status quo. 2 people signed up, but had restrictions. They were sent emails explaining how the service works in relation to their restrictions. Neither responded. When the next batch of volunteer sign-up sheets are printed there will be a change. Instead of having a line entitled restrictions, there will be a line stating, "You will be on call 24/7 one week or two weeks (very rare) a month. If unable to accept a help call, your phone either has to be allowed to ring 4 times (then the call will automatically move on to ringing the next volunteer), or has to be silenced or off.

Archives (Sean M.) Alt. (Dean D.)

Sean reports that they are getting ready for Tri-County Conference April 6, 2024.

Bridging The Gap (Jeff S.) Alt. (OPEN) (NO REPORT)

CoOperation with the Professional Community (CPC) (OPEN) Alt. (OPEN) (NO REPORT)

Corrections (Ted S.) Alt. (OPEN) (DIRECTLY FROM REPORT)

I am sending this while waiting at the airport gate. I regret not being able to attend the district meeting this Sunday.

**Report:** Pink Can funds used to purchase AAWS literature for LC Jail. See Treasurer report for amounts. New Grapevine Jail back issues Soft cover Big Books, 12/12s, (also Spanish versions) pamphlets, and many different pamphlets for the jail library. Inmates are free to take any of these for their own use and keep upon release. Meetings continue on Monday and Thurs. 7pm when requested. Repeating, the plea to anyone looking to serve those behind the walls. Currently there are only 6 registered volunteers between our district 10 and neighboring district 12. The information to get processed in becoming approved can be found on the district website corrections link, and also the newsletter Conscious Contact.

Directory (Brian B.) Alt. (OPEN) (DIRECTLY FROM REPORT)

Deadline has passed for publication of phone #s in Directory. Printing is going well

Events (Cindy C.) Alt. (Deidre H.) (DIRECTLY FROM REPORT)

District 12 is booked for the Parkway for the Spring Breakfast on April 21st with \$25 per ticket. I received 100 tickets from Terry (D12 Events) and they were distributed at the last D10 meeting. I called and followed up with each person today (3/17) and I spoke to Terry. The deadline that I need the money and tickets back is the 1st-2nd week in April. I currently have 7 tickets left for sale. Looking for speakers for the District 10 picnic and the Fall Breakfast.

Grapevine (Liz W.) Alt. (OPEN) (NO REPORT)

GSR Contact (Karl M.) Alt. (OPEN) (DIRECTLY FROM REPORT)

GSR workshop planning in the works. Remind new GSRs to Register with Area on the website.

Literature (Jeff C.) Alt. (OPEN) (DIRECTLY FROM REPORT)

75 newcomer packets available. Cost will increase from \$1, to \$2 soon

Newsletter (Katie D.) Alt. (Paul W.) (DIRECTLY FROM REPORT)

Printed 450 copies of the newsletter. Please utilize the log on the back table for meetings/club houses. Newsletters are paper clipped in batches of 10. You are not limited to one batch – just please log the total taken. 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. **Serenity House already has 90 copies of the newsletter.** Shipping Point has changed their pricing structure & states they were previously billing D10 improperly. Invoiced this month at 25% discount; negotiated a 30% discount.

NIA District 10 GSR Meeting Gilbert's Church, Grayslake  
MINUTES

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Color: 450 copies = \$540, 30% discount = **\$378**, B&W: 450 copies= \$180, 30% discount = **\$126**, Alternative bid for 450 color copies = **\$326.51** & payment is to be made in advance of printing (MinuteMan) Will continue to search for other options. Please let me know if you have any recommendations. Color version is on the D10 website.

**This is your newsletter** – please submit any events, meeting spotlights, etc. that you would like to see included. Deadline for next month is 4/19.

**Public Info.** (Robin D.) **Alt.** (OPEN) (DIRECTLY FROM REPORT)

Robin is announcing that she is stepping down. She has supplies and resources purchased by District 10 to pass on to the next PI chair.

**Treatment** (Gina L.) **Alt.** (Leslie D.) **(NO REPORT)**

**Website** (Mark H.) **Alt.** (Bob L.) (DIRECTLY FROM REPORT)

Using documents from the area, the printed directory and our website, Bob, John and I compiled a data base of the meetings in our district which includes GSR's, meeting numbers, locations, times and directory contacts. While there have been some responses from the membership about corrections, there may still be some errors that we are not aware of. It is recommended that everyone check the printed directory for errors and submit corrections through the "Update your meeting information" link on the websites homepage. There is a link on the homepage to submit contributions to the district electronically. Opening the link leads to some simple forms. Metrics for the past thirty days are; Sessions-1434, Pageviews-3147, average session duration- 1 min 10 sec. New users- 815.

**Close with the Responsibility Statement:** *"I am responsible...When anyone anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there, and for that, I am responsible."*

Meeting Adjourned 6:55pm

**Next Meeting-April 28, 2024**

5:30pm Traditions Meeting. 6:00pm District Meeting. Also, on Zoom  
St. Gilbert's Church, Grayslake, IL