

NEW: ZOOM Meeting ID 3621520195

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER. A quiet time followed by Serenity Prayer. 6: oopm
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES - 67

ANNIVERSARIES SINCE LAST MEETING? Brett 3yr, Eric S 20yrs, Jeff 3yrs, Brent 3,
ANY BIRTHDAYS? Gordon R,

FIRST TIME ATTENDEES: To this District Meeting. Annette SH, Matt St Bede's, Eilleen SH, Laura SH, Chris ARC, Gina SH, Andy Broad Hwy Wanders.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Dawn Rene W) Minutes from previous meeting. Approved Karl, Roger

TREASURY REPORT (Eric W.) Beginning balance \$2,433.37 and Ending balance \$1,355.89. Approved Jeff S, Brian

DCM's REPORT (Lorrie F.)

I attended the Big Book Conference in November and Soberfest to enlarge my program.

Please remember the Area 20 Northern Illinois Winter Assembly will be next Saturday, December 14th at Lord of Life Church in Elburn. All GSR's are required to attend. It's in person or on Zoom. I have some flyers and it is on the Area Website. You do need to register for Zoom. And District Chairs you will find breakout sessions to further your position and meet your Area Representative. You will also see our presenters, Dawn B. and Aaron V. others Area Chairs: Chris E. of Accessibilities and Kevin A. of Treatment. You have familiar faces so please come to Area and participate. I will be presenting, with Chris E. our final report of the Area Survey. It will be on the Area website, but I wanted to say how proud I was of our District as we were one of the top 3 districts that participated. Actually 2nd, but...! Often the people of this program was considered our greatest asset. As in the beginning the one-on-one recovery is still the backbone of our program but today it has morphed more into communication. This means the website and our newsletters are becoming more important and the pulse of our organization.

There is a Motion to Require NIA Trusted Servants to use designated Microsoft Email Addresses for NIA correspondence. Please review this on the Area website so you know how your Group wished to vote on this Motion. Is there anyone who wished to speak regarding this Motion so John can take your opinion to the Assembly when he votes?

The Tri County conference will be held on March 29th in Gurnee, and I have been working on the planning committee. John C. will report more about that.

I will be chairing the AA portion of the Alanon Family Group conference this coming October. Our planning meetings start next month when I will get more information on my role and from the prior Chair, Richie. I will be looking for panel participants along with speakers. You just might get a call from me. There are more rooms released for the International and that information is on the Area 20 website. There are corrections to the first printing of the New Plain and Simple Big Book. I have them here or can send this on to you if you wish.

I have watched so many people commit to service, flourish and grow tremendously in their program over the past two years, along with myself. I know I have grown. And guess what! We all stayed sober! To quote my darling Renee, who has passed: As long as I remain teachable, I will continue to grow. Service to me has filled out my program and kept me focused on my sobriety. Apples don't fall far from their tree, and I want to be sure Alcoholics Anonymous is still here and vibrant when not only mine but all our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren need it.

This is an epic day for me. I have proudly served as your District Committee Member these past two years. I am so pleased to pass the baton over to John C. who has done so much for AA in the past and now to the future. John will now continue to chair the rest of our Meeting.

Thank you again.

“The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.” Albert Schweitzer

ALT. DCM'S REPORT (John C.)

First, please join me in expressing our thanks and appreciation to Lorrie F. for her service as DCM. She brought high levels of energy and dedication to the position and set the bar high for me and subsequent DCMs.

I've represented our district at the last two Tri-County Conference planning meetings and have become the webmaster on that committee.

There are quite a few open positions there, especially Registration and Hospitality. We sure could use people with some experience in those positions to step up. It's only a one-day conference, so the tasks are fairly light but still important. Registration is strictly by mail, which reduces that load quite a bit.

The next planning meeting is at Lakeland Church on Saturday Jan. 4 at 2:00 pm and will include a walk-through. The conference is on March 29, and the registration flyer can be downloaded from <https://tri-countyconference.com>. There is a sample flyer on each table with that internet address.

OPEN FORUM – Donald New Years at RLAAC,

Pam, Serenity House wishes you the Happiest of Holidays and for your continued support this year!!

Serenity House will be open 24 hours the 24th through the 26th

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Also from Serenity House:

Please note we are looking for a volunteer team to head up our Social Committee

OLD BUSINESS – DISTRICT 10 ELECTION RESULTS:

DCM - John C	DCM Alt – OPEN
SECRETARY – Dawn Rene W	SECRETARY Alt – OPEN
TREASURER – Eric W	TREASURER Alt – OPEN
ANSWERING SERVICE – James M	ANSWERING SERVICE Alt – OPEN
ARCHIVES – Dean D	ARCHIVES Alt – OPEN
BRIDGING THE GAP – Gordon R	BRIDGING THE GAP Alt – Alfonso F
CPC – Eric S	CPC Alt –
CORRECTIONS - Gina L	CORRECTIONS Alt – Christina
DIRECTORY - Mark H	DIRECTORY Alt – OPEN
EVENTS – Diedra H	EVENTS Alt – Ryan
GRAPEVINE - OPEN	GRAPEVINE Alt – OPEN
GSR CONTACT - Brian C	GSR CONTACT Alt - OPEN
LITERATURE - Lance L	LITERATURE –
NEWSLETTER - Paul W	NEWSLETTER Alt – Katie D
PUBLIC INFORMATION – Camilla H	PUBLIC INFORMATION Alt – Jane B
TREATMENT - Jason C	TREATMENT Alt – Laura W
TECH - Jeff C	TECH Alt - OPEN
WEBSITE – Bob L	WEBSITE - OPEN

SPECIAL GUESTS – Our special guests for the night were Area 20 Panel 74 Chair Dawn B , and Alternate Chair Aaron V. They each gave us their experience with working their way through sobriety by way of service in the AA fellowship.

NEW BUSINESS – 2025 Proposed Budget for approval at the January GSR meeting.

Committee Reports

Accessibilities (Roger H)

Alt. (OPEN)

Working on getting a list of specifications for all meeting sites.

Answering Service (Felicia J)

Alt. (James M.) ABSENT NO REPORT

Archives (Sean M)

Alt. (Dean D.)

Display was set up at McHenry Soberfest. All was well received and successful.

Bridging The Gap (Jeff S)

Alt. (OPEN)

Gordon asking for help for the BTG organization. Planning to set up workshops.

Corrections (Ted S)

Alt. (OPEN)

Since chairing the Corrections Committee I have learned to serve in an atmosphere unknown to me. I had inspiration to do so by hearing another A.A. stand up in a meeting expressing the need for carrying the message to Alcoholics behind bars. Well, having rotated out of the Grapevine committee, I then attended corrections committee's breakouts at area assemblies. Then by no coincidence the National Corrections Conference took place at Woodfield in 2022. I was hooked. Shortly after, I went through the process to be allowed to bring AA to the LC jail (which took one year of sober patience to enter the facility) and McHenry County jails.

Bringing meetings to the Lake County Jail continue when requested and volunteers are available. Meetings are 7pm Mondays and Thursdays. I delivered a case of 20 Spanish version and another case of English soft cover Big Books to the jail last month. As the Pink Can funds continue, soon the new "Plain and Simple Language" – *A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous*, can make it to those who need the help in understanding the Big Book. Our Pink Can contributions totaling **\$1718.60**, purchased Big Books and other AAWS literature in the last two years specifically for the LC Jail. November 2023 with the group conscience, we sent Northern Illinois Area 20's Pink Can fund \$500.00. As of November 2024, Area 20 had \$3800.00. Many of the Illinois's institutions with over 300 in the southern area are benefitted by these contributions.

Reminder- please keep those used Grapevine digests coming. Collect them and bring to district meetings.

I attended the 7th Annual 2024 A.A. Corrections Conference last month in Charlotte N.C. The corrections committee budget paid for my cost of round-trip flight, lodging, and conference. It was the highest registered (400 members) to attend including those from Canada, Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii and more. The program; a week end full of fellowship sharing their experiences of incarceration, finding hope and sobriety behind the walls, and giving back the message by returning to jails, prisons, penitentiaries, treatment facilities with the A.A. message. Leaders in the courts spoke of their programs to help "alcoholics in jail" find new direction in life when released; hold on to and continue their spiritual sobriety. Just about every facility has their own start up stories and ways they do things. The bottom line is we AAs are privileged to be allowed to enter as special visitors.

The first AA meetings began in 1942 when the Warden at San Quentin learned the results of A.A. He believed that if only one could get sober and be a useful outside it was worth it. Today there are approximately 1000 institutions utilizing tablets with downloaded AA literature (**including the new Plain and Simple Big Book before the soft cover book was released for sale**).

If anyone enjoys writing letters there is more opportunity to serve:

"CORRECTIONS CORRESPONDENCE SERVICE (CCS)"

-A special kind of A.A. service

The letter correspondence or "pen pal" to the incarcerated is another way of service.

So far this year in the USA alone, the GSO received over 3000 letters from "inside" and 2300 outside "Pen Pals" that communicate the message. There are currently over 4000 active participants in USA.

I am so grateful to have been the chair and will continue to bring AA to the alcoholics on the inside.

Ted.

C.P.C. (Eric S)

Alt. (OPEN)

Is working on getting volunteers to help reach out. Planning to attend Assembly to meet with Area CPC.

Directory (Brian B)

Alt. (OPEN)

Preparing to pass the torch to incoming Directory Chair. The Printer was kind enough to re-print directories from last month which were done incorrectly.

Events (Cindy C.)

Alt. (Deidre Hogan)

Gearing up to pass the torch.

Grapevine (OPEN)

Alt. (OPEN) ABSENT NO REPORT

GSR Contact (Karl M.)

Alt. (Bill J) NO REPORT

Literature (Jeff C.)

Alt. (Lance L.)

Passing out the Plain Language BBs the were pre-ordered

Newsletter (Katie D)

Alt. (Paul W.)

-The December/January newsletter has 8 pages this issue!

-Printed 450 copies

-Serenity House already has 80 copies of the newsletter (as of 12/7)

-Newsletters are paper clipped in batches of 10. You are not limited to one batch. 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.

Public Info. (Camilla H)

Alt. (OPEN) NO REPORT

Treatment (Gina L.)

Alt. (Leslie D.)

WRS attended Serenity House Christmas party. The remainder of the 2024 Treatment Committee budget was spent on various Big Books which will be passed on to the new Chairs to supply the treatment center with BBs going forward.

Website (Mark H)

Alt. (Bob L.)

Working on transitioning website technical access to Bob.

Motion to Adjourn. Close Meeting. 7:20pm

“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.”

***NEXT DISTRICT 10 MEETING- 4th Sunday of the next month:
Sunday, JANUARY 26, 2025
St. Gilbert's Church, Grayslake, IL
Traditions Meeting: 5:30pm, District Meeting: 6:00pm***