

Minutes for February 23, 2025, District 10, Northern Illinois Area 20

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(CORRECTED)

Call to Order 6:00pm 51 Attendees

Quiet time followed by Serenity Prayer.

Anniversaries? Roger 36yrs, Birthdays?

First time attendees to this meeting introduce themselves: Keith RLALC, MaryJane

Secretary's report (Dawn Rene W.): Minutes from previous meeting; questions and motion; Eric S, Dawn S

As I have been becoming more familiar with information sharing and resources with our Area 20 protocols, I have noticed a few differences in the verbiage they use, and formats in their documents. I will be streamlining more in how I operate in my position to align with how they have arranged things, in order to be more efficient.

Treasurer's Report (Salli W.) **Beginning balance** =2426.95 **Ending balance** =3353.48 *SEE FULL REPORT ATTACHED* questions/corrections? Salli, Are we allowed to receive 3% interest on our Prudent Reserve Savings Account? Why do we have 2 fees going toward storage for Archives? Archives Committee were formerly using space at Serenity House for storage. It took a bit of time to sort through things to transition to our District 10 storage facility. What is the End date for the current Treasurer's Report? February 22, 2025. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report Cindy C, Rob D.

DCM's Report (John C.)

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Alt DCM'S Report (Jeff S.)

Jan. 30th: Met with D-10 DCM John C.

Discussed duties/responsibilities for Alt. DCM position.

Contacted Webmaster (Bob L.) and linked D-10 Alt. DCM E mails so those e mails are forwarded to my personal E mail.

Feb 12th: Met with Ad Hoc committee regarding bylaws (zoom).

Discussed who was creating drafts for different parts of the by-laws.

Created a draft and sent out to committee members.

Feb. 22nd: Attended Ad hoc committee meeting via Zoom.

2025 Tri-County Conference Report NEXT PLANNING MEETING SUNDAY March 2 (all are welcome) (NO REPORT)

GSR Workshop Announcement - Brian C. We had a meeting to organize GSR School May 17, at Serenity House 12:30 - 2:30pm. Flyers are available

Ad Hoc Committee on by-laws Report – Mark H.

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Open Forum ARC has open Speaker meetings 2nd& 4th Saturday of each month. ARC is welcoming other outside groups to use the facility for Speaker meetings and events. Lake Villa Gateway foundation has a new Detox Center. Merana GSR Spiritual K Tuesday 7:00pm Grayslake, we will be changing our format to a PLBB. Cindy C GSR Stools & Bottles changed time form 7:30 to 7:00pm. Jeff S RLAC is beginning a Spanish Speaking meeting Monday 7:30pm. Kevin A offers help for Spanish. Jeff C Open meeting Saturday VH Christ Lutheran Church 7:30pm

Old Business

New Business John C: tips for new committee chairs; please get familiar with AA websites.

aa.org.

area-nia.org.

district10nia.org

Committee Reports

Accessibilities (Roger H.)

Alt. (Mike M.) Is working with Sedgebrook

Answering Service (James M.)

Alt. (VACANT)

Answering Service Report February 21, 2025 (January Stats)

Overall, the service is running well. We had 44 calls in January, 19 of which were abandoned (abandoned means the caller disconnected before reaching a volunteer).

- The average call was 5.2 minutes per call with the longest being 28.4 minutes.
- The average waiting time for a call was 3 minutes.

I'll start tracking these metrics in a spreadsheet so we can see them over time. This will help me call out any abnormal activity moving forward. There haven't been any issues, but this is my effort to provide the group with better metrics.

David T, the answering chair for Area 20, is hosting an Answering Service Committee meeting on March 9th at 3 pm that I will attend. He has two motions he'd like to discuss and hopefully present for the next committee meeting.

These motions include:

1. Providing links and phone numbers to other addictions our answering service volunteers may not have the experience to help with. This includes the suicide hotline, NA, HA, GA, CA, AL, and ANON.

2. Using QR codes moving forward

I don't have all the details yet, but I will provide more info after the Answering Service Committee meeting.

Thanks! James M (847) 514-2157

Archives (Dean D.)

Alt. (VACANT)

District 10 Archives have been evacuated from Serenity House storage and relocated to Sean's residence in preparation for organizing and scanning. (Payment to Serenity House is no longer necessary.) The Archives committee will begin meeting immediately after the noon meeting at Alano Club of Round Lake starting the 1st week of March. All interested AA members are welcome. I attended the most recent planning meeting for the Tri-County Conferences; we are planning an Archives display for the conference.

Bridging The Gap (Gordon R.)

Alt. (Alfonso F.)

We are still looking for contact

volunteers. Will be reaching out to IOP centers.

Corrections (Gina L.)

Alt. (Christina.)

Gina met with Ted to transfer

information and transition position duties. She is making Pink Cans. Passing out Treatment commitment flyers at ARC.

C.P.C. (Eric S.)

Alt. (VACANT)

CPC is continuing to look for volunteers to begin 2025 CPC outreach efforts...WE will be meeting on March 8th for anyone who would like to be on the committee and help get organized. Working on location.

Directory (Mark H.)

Alt. (VACANT)

By Laws Ad Hoc Committee Report

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Events (Diedra H.)

Alt. (Brian M)

I have tickets to sell for Spring Breakfast. They

are looking for donations of raffle baskets. Sunday April 13, 2025, Parkway Banquets 8:00am.

Grapevine (VAVCANT)

Alt. (VACANT)

GSR Contact (Brian C.)

Alt. (VACANT)

I have a database of all GSRs across District 10, 177 meetings per week in District 10, 75 have GSR assigned, 102 have no GSR, 79 meetings have physical location, 23 meetings are Zoom, only 1 Zoom meeting has a GSR. I am trying to organize evangelization toward meetings that do not have GSR representation. Roger brought up the notion that many clubs have only 1 GSR for multiple groups and meetings.

Literature (Lance L.)

Alt. (Judd H)

Friday, I joined in an Area 20 Literature Committee meeting on zoom. Our team discussed topics that would be presented at the March 1st Area 20 Assembly. I was able to get resources and advice for how to better serve in my new role as Lead Chair for the Literature Committee for the District. I plan on attending a Literature Workshop in Moline Il March 22nd. I will be working on getting my email up and running soon. I am working on learning how to order books through the AA organization. My first order will consist of Plain Language BB, and Regular BBs. I have Newcomer packets available for \$5. I am temporarily limited in my ability to lift and haul boxes of books due to recovery from surgery. Lance nominates Judd for ALT. The fellowship accepted Judd H as Alt Literature Chair.

Newsletter (Paul W.)

Alt. (Katie D.)

Printed 450 copies and distributed. There is a cost increase from \$158.00 to \$176.20.

NEWSLETTER ALWAYS NEEDS NEW AND FRESH SUBMISSIONS!!! Send your articles to the email or the website.

CONTENT DEADLINE SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH.

Any A.A. may contribute. **1.** Go to district10nia.org. **2.** Click "District Services and Committees", then "Newsletter". **3.** Provide name, email or phone, in case of questions. **4.** Type/Paste your content. Click "Select". That's it! **WEBSITES** www.district10nia.org www.aa-nia.org www.aa.org www.aagrapevine.org **DISTRICT 10** P.O. Box 854, Libertyville, IL 60048 **NORTHERN ILLINOIS AREA 20** P.O. Box 808, Streamwood, IL 60107 **GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE** James A. Farley Station, P.O. Box 2407 New York, NY 10163 aa.org/aa-contributions-self-support
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Public Info. (Camilla H.)

Alt. (Jane B.)

Jane has put together a spreadsheet with mental health facilities and organizations across Lake County. We will be visiting events as opportunities arise.

Technical (Jeff C.)

Alt. (VACANT) NO REPORT

Treatment (Jason C.)

Alt. (Laura W.) *Flyers have been handed out for the new detox clinic at Gateway Lake Villa. The hours for admissions are M-F 8am-6pm & Saturday 8am-4pm.*

Website (Bob L)

Alt. (Ted S.)

Motion to Adjourn.

Dawn S, 7:08pm

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."

NEXT DISTRICT 10 MEETING

4th Sunday of the next month: St. Gilbert's Church

Sunday, March 23, 2025. Traditions meeting at 5:30pm, District Meeting at 6:00pm