

Minutes for 3/23/2025, District 10, Northern Illinois Area 20

ZOOM Meeting ID 861 1954 7045

Passcode: DISTRICT10

Call to Order 6:01pm 44 Attendees

Quiet time followed by Serenity Prayer.

Anniversaries? Birthdays? Kevin A

First time attendees to this meeting introduce themselves: *Guest from District 12; Jaime S. Daniel
AAA Antioch, Tom, Mike,*

Secretary's report (Dawn Renee W.) *We are doing the sign-in for this meeting a bit differently by writing in all information. The February Minutes will be corrected to have the number of attendees stated accurately. Minutes from the previous meeting; questions and motion.*

Motion to approve; Kevin, Jay

Treasurer's Report (Salli W.) *questions/corrections? Beginning Balance: 3321.08. Ending Balance: 3039.35. In our money pouch, Salli has found a \$169.68 Visa gift card and is asking the fellowship how to use the money. Salli contacted AA General Service Office in New York to consult regarding having our prudent reserve contributions in an interest bearing account. They cannot advise or give directives. But shared that they indeed do have funds in interest bearing accounts. Salli moved our District 10 funds into an interest-bearing account. Brian, ARC asks for clarification on Pink Can funds. Mike suggested using our gift card for raffle baskets.*

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; Brian, Roger.

DCM's Report (John C.)

On March 1 I attended the Area 20 Spring Assembly, along with a large contingent of your fellow District 10 trusted servants. Jeff will give you more information in his report.

He and I attended the DCM breakout session. For us, the highlight was learning more about the LCM (Local Committee Member) position.¹

On March 2, I attended the Tri-County Conference planning session, where I am the webmaster and inherited the jobs of editing and printing the programs and producing the signage. The conference is this Saturday, March 26, at Lakeland Church, 400 N Hunt Club Road in Gurnee. Registration starts at 8:00am and the kick-off speakers begin at 9:00. The daytime activities are free. The banquet registration is closed but some tickets will be available at the registration area, first come, first served. This afternoon I attended the final conference planning meeting at the Kenosha Alano Club.

That chairperson position of that conference rotates yearly among Lake County, Illinois, and Kenosha and Racine counties in Wisconsin. The alternate chairperson becomes the chairperson the following year. The 2026 conference planning committee's first meeting will be this fall. It will be chaired by someone from Racine County, and the Alternate will come from Lake County. Please consider this opportunity to get involved! This is a great chance to gain some experience Chairing a conference. Since it is a one-day conference, it does not entail having to deal with lodging arrangement issues. Anyone interested can contact me.

Please note that the pre-general Service Conference Zoom breakout meetings start today and continue throughout the week. Erik L., our area delegate, will be attending every zoom meeting, so this is your opportunity to be part of the membership voice that drives Alcoholics Anonymous.

Alt DCM'S Report (Jeff S.)

March 1, I attended the Area 20 Spring Assembly. I was not able to get a total number of attendees. But, the total number of people from District 10 was 14; John C. DCM, Jeff S. Alt DCM, GSR's Rob D.

¹ A large District could divide itself into smaller districts (often called sub-districts or local districts), each electing a local committee member. Depending on area practice, these L.C.M.s may or may not be voting members of the area committee and may or may not hold regular meetings with the G.S.R.s they serve. – A.A. Service Manual, 2016-2018 Edition, p. S34

Monday 5:05 ARC, Marana Tuesday 7:00 Spiritual K, Rob D. Wanderers, John Friday 8:00 wanderers #45, Sean M. Thursday 6:00 Wildcard.

5 people from District 10 involved in NIA20 were Lori F. Alt Secretary, Kevin A. Treatment, Cheryl V. Past Delegate panel 64 Area20 Archivist, Jessica B. Alt BTG, and Dawn S. Alt Registrar.

2 newcomers that attended from our District 10 are Tara, Monday 5:05 Arc, Kim Tuesday 7:00 Spiritual K.

La Vina, the Spanish version of the Grapevine is struggling. It has sold only 4972 subscriptions nationwide. Most of which are from California and other southwest states. 165 were sold in the East Central Region, and 110 in the state of Illinois between the 3 different Areas.

March 8 and March 13 I attended Ad Hoc committee for work on our District 10 bylaws.

March 19, I attended the District 12 GSR monthly meeting to show our support as a sister district.

We learned that there is a non-official position in AA called LCM, "Local Committee Member". Many districts have active AA member working in this position. Their responsibilities are to attend local District GSR meetings, attend Area Committee meetings and Assemblies, to assist DCMs, visit groups in the local district, recruit, train, and motivate volunteers to help groups become autonomous to become connected to AA as a whole.

Tri-county Conference Report (John C.)

Tri-county Conference is Saturday March 29. Registration has closed, but there are still tickets available. We have had our final planning session. A chairperson has stepped up for the 2026 Tri-County Conference. The Alternate Chairperson should be someone from our District 10. This is an ideal Conference to gain experience in Conference planning due to being a one-day conference.

Ad Hoc By-laws Committee Report (Mark H.)

We have made progress but not finished. We are looking for someone to format the finished document and a lawyer to review it.

Open Forum *Donald; Antioch Recovery Club hosts Open Speaker meetings every 2nd and 4th Saturday. They invite, welcome and host any group to use the club for their Open Speaker meetings. Sharing and serving food is encouraged.*

Deidre still has some tickets for the Spring Breakfast coming up April 13th. Please contact her for availability. Marena Tuesday Spiritual K in Grayslake Plain Language BB, Jeff S has access to background information for PGSC agenda items and will share with anybody interested.

Kevn is looking for a contact person (CPC, PI, Treatment...) to make a connection with Greatlakes Navy base treatment program SARP (Leslie Scoffield).

Jaime S would like to share Power Point and other information that he has regarding the GSR position. And needs in his district for supporting meetings at ATP.

Old Business: *VACANT POSITIONS: Alt Answering Service, Alt Archives, CPC, Grapevine, Alt Grapevine, Alt GSR, Alt Tech.*

Any committee officer position that is not represented and attended at District meeting for 3 consecutive dates will be considered VACANT. If you are not able to attend, you may send a brief statement of your activity in your role to the secretary (secretarynia@district10nia.org) for publication in the Meeting minutes. And if you are not able to attend in person, there is the option of attending on Zoom. The Zoom link is always published on the District 10 website, the meeting Minutes, and the Agenda.

New Business: *Our District 10 will be hosting Area 20 Committee meeting August 2. More detailed information will be provided soon.*

Bob asks for an increase in Web budget for licensing and emailing responsibilities.

Committee Reports

Accessibilities (Roger H.) Alt. (Mike M.)

Working with contacts in Sedgbrook

Answering Service (James M.) Alt. (OPEN)

No issues with the Answering Service and overall slow month. We had 24 calls in February of which 7 were disconnected before reaching a volunteer.

- *The average call was 5 minutes per call with the longest being 11.6 minutes.*
- *The average wait time for a call was .3 minutes.*

I attended an Answering Service meeting on 3/9 to discuss a motion to include links and phone numbers in our service manual for other addiction resources, in cases where our answering service volunteers may not have the experience to assist. David (Area 20 Answering Service Chair) encountered some pushbacks on this topic, as our primary purpose is to avoid affiliation with other organizations. However, the group voted and agreed that the motion is still worth presenting. They also worked on refining the language for the motion, which will be presented at the next committee meeting. More updates to come then.

Archives (Dean D.) Alt. (OPEN)

We are working on digitizing documents. We will be setting up a display for the Tri-County Conference.

Bridging The Gap (Gordon R.) Alt. (Alfonso F.) (No Report) (No Attendance)

Kevin A had an event where he was able to be of service for BTG

Corrections (Gina L.) Alt. (Christina) (No Report) (No Attendance)

C.P.C. (Eric S.) Alt. (OPEN) (No Report) (No Attendance)

Directory (Mark H.) Alt. (Carlos S.)

400 copies of Directories have been printed and distributed.

Events (Diedra H.) Alt. (Ryan)

We are looking for groups to donate gift baskets for raffle at the Spring Breakfast.

I have made a reservation for the Summer Picnic spot for Aug 16, \$90

I scheduled the fall breakfast for October 19 at the Parkway banquet hall in Round Lake, \$500.

I am still looking for reimbursement for Spring breakfast ticket sales from anybody who helped sell.

Grapevine (OPEN) Alt. (OPEN) (No Report) (No Attendance)

GSR Contact (Brian C.) Alt. (OPEN)

We have GSR School on Saturday May 17th Serenity House 12:30-2:30. Please consider helping with setting up and cleaning up. A database is available to show what meetings in our district that are not GSR represented.

Literature (Lance L.) Alt. (Judd H)

I attended Area 20 Assembly March 1st. I met with Jan, Area 20 Literature Chairperson in the breakout session. I am learning about the agenda items up for discussion with the Delegate who is preparing for the General Service Conference. We placed an order for various literature items to be distributed in our District 10. The Literature Committee is over budget until some of the money is recuperated from sales. The Plain Language BB Study Group Zoom meeting is every Sunday evening. Zoom link is on District 10 website.

Newsletter (Paul W.) Alt. (Katie D.)

-Printed 450 copies

-Serenity House already has 80 copies of the newsletter

-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. (Jane B.)

Met with Eric from CPC and we are working together to coordinate activities and events. We are working on putting together packets of information and literature to distribute to High Schools, Libraries and hotels in our local community. Please let us know of any mental health fairs or events where we can share presentations for awareness of what is available.

Technical (Jeff C.)

Alt. (OPEN)

Has no report.

Treatment (Jason C.)

Alt. (Laura W.)

Literature being handed out and actively reaching out. Asking for Conscious Contact newsletters and Grapevine magazines to hand out at Treatment centers. We are trying to get meetings going again at ATP Gurnee.

Website (Bob)

Alt. (Ted S.)

We are working to decrease the volume of spam. Please pass the word for everyone in the district to submit Flyers for their local group events to webmaster@district10nia.org, or secretarynia@district10nia.org for posting on the District 10 website.

***NEXT DISTRICT 10 MEETING- 4th Sunday of the next month: St. Gilbert's Church
Sunday, 4/28. Traditions meeting at 5:30pm, District Meeting at 6:00pm***

Motion to Adjourn. Roger, Dawn 7:06

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."