

MINUTES for May 25, 2025
District 10, Northern Illinois Area 20
ZOOM Meeting ID 861 1954 7045 Passcode: DISTRICT10

Call to Order 6:00 Quiet time followed by Serenity Prayer. Attendees: 45

Anniversaries? *Francis 3yrs, Jeff S 3yrs*

Birthdays? *Dawn S*

First time attendees to this meeting: *Steve C SH Tue 7pm, Matt Sat 12x12 SH,*

Secretary's report (Dawn Rene W.):

I attended the District 10 & 12 GSR School held at Serenity House May 17. Please review the Area 20 Minutes from the Spring Committee meeting in order to be prepared for the next Area 20 Assembly. I am planning to attend the June 21st Area 20 Assembly. I welcome passengers to join me. Please feel free to ask me for a ride.

Minutes from previous meeting; Motion to approve the minutes. Dawn S., motion passed

Treasurer's Report (Salli W) Any questions/corrections? Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Beginning Balance \$3242.27, Ending Balance \$2969.34. There is a AAWS \$235.83 that is undefined. The literature committee says that the expense was for books bought by the Literature Committee.

Roger, Steve approved

DCM's Report (John C.)

On May 10 I attended the Spring Committee meeting. During my report there I mentioned several District 10 people who have worked hard for us. I forgot to mention Mark H., our current Directory chairperson, past webmaster and current chairperson of the ad hoc bylaws committee. He was also instrumental in obtaining and setting up the equipment for our Zoom operation, and is always very generous with his time and efforts.

On May 16, along with Jeff S. and Brian C., I attended the GSR School workshop at Serenity House. Brian C. will tell us about the excellent turnout and other details in his report.

You may have noticed a dramatic change in our website. Webmaster Bob L. and I agreed that it should be brought up to current standards, which he will detail in his report. Please understand that it's a work in progress and that patience is an aid to serenity.

Reminder: our district is hosting the area Summer Committee meeting at the Lord of Life church in Elburn. It's not a hard job, but we do need some volunteers, so please sign up to help. In fact, the dates for all of the area committee meetings and assemblies (annually there are four of each) may be found on the area website <https://aa-nia.org>. GSRs should be planning to attend the Summer Assembly and post-conference delegate's report on June 21 at Immanuel Lutheran Church 200 N. Plum Grove Rd. in Palatine.

Finally, I know that we are only in the fifth month of a new rotation and that the new committee chairpersons are still getting acclimated. Our primary purpose is to try carrying the AA message to all of our members. Two ways of doing that are visiting meetings and staging workshops or other engaging activities in each committee area. Most of us attend multiple meetings, and we could inform each of them about what we do. We can also ask them how our committee might be of service to them.

Summer is coming quickly. Maybe it's not good to schedule workshops then, but it could be a fine time for planning and getting the word out about upcoming activities. District 10 is strong and hard working. I hope to maintain that energy that Lorrie, our last DCM, brought by example and encouragement. We can best carry the message by staying visible and continuing to be a valuable resource. Thank you all for your service.

Alt DCM'S Report (Jeff S.) *Attended Spring Committee Meeting May 10th. Erik L (Delegate) will give his report at the Summer Asssembly June 21st. I would like to invite our Delegate to give us his report here at our District GSR meeting in September.*

May 17 attended GSR School at SH.

AD HOC Committee (Mark H.) *While waiting for a response from a Non-Profit Lawyer I decided to submit the updated bylaws for the district's consideration.*

There are some minor punctuation and grammar errors in this printed version which have been

corrected but do not change the intent of the bylaws. A corrected copy is available on the website along with the original version for comparison.

Open Forum Brian S. standing for Grapevine Chair

Donald ARC has flyers for Open Speaker Meetings & welcomes anyone interested in holding meetings at the Antioch Recovery Club facilities.

Eric S Harvard Steak Fry June 14. Lorrie has flyers for Summer Assembly June 21. The Assembly will not be held in Elburn. It will be held at **Immanuel Lutheran Church and School 200 N. Plum Grove Road, Palatine, IL.**

New Business We will add a section to this Agenda for our monthly District meeting to assist our Area members to share with us their service experience and activities.

Kevin A is proposing that our District 10 host a workshop on Treatment Committee outreach. And is looking for a contact at Round Lake Alano Club.

Committee Reports

Accessibilities (Roger H.) Alt. (Mike M.) There has not been much activity going on with the Accessibility Committee. No new business to share.

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

Answering Service Report May 23, 2025 (March & April Data)

No reported issues in the last two months for the Answering Service. Call volume is picking up a little bit. 28 calls in March, 44 in April, and 61 already in May. We had 66 last May, which is the highest we've had in any month in over two years. May seems to be a busier month for this service historically. More stats below. - Thanks!

March

- Total Calls: 28 | Disconnected Calls: 13 | Average Call: 7.4 min | Longest Call: 32.9 min | Average Wait Time: 0.4 min

April

- Total Calls: 44 | Disconnected Calls: 19 | Average Call: 7.5 min | Longest Call: 26.8 min | Average Wait Time: 0.3 min

Archives (Dean D.) Alt. (VACANT)

We are working with the Geek Squad. Has One Drive set up. We are uploading things onto the website. FG Conference is on same weekend as our District Fall Breakfast so we will not be setting up an Archives display on Sunday. Our display is falling apart, and we are contemplating different ways to preserve things.

Bridging The Gap (Gordon R.) Alt. (Alfonso F.) NO ATTENDENCE NO REPORT

Corrections (Gina L.) Alt. (Christina.) NO ATTENDENCE NO REPORT

C.P.C. (Eric S.) Alt. (VACANT)

We are looking for volunteers to help pass out packets to the Professional Community.

Directory (Mark H.) Alt. (VACANT) No new business

Events (Diedra H.) Alt. (Brian M)

We need volunteers for the District picnic August 16th, and other events. We welcome suggestions for fun activities at picnics and events. We are also urging volunteers to show up to serve as host for our Area 20 Committee meeting August 2nd.

Grapevine (Brian S.) Alt. (VACANT) NO ATTENDENCE NO REPORT

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

GSR School May 17 at Serenity House was a great success. There were 36 attendees aside from the hosts. Please continue to actively visit groups and meetings that do not have GSR representation to spread the message about service opportunities as GSRs.

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

Thank you to my Alternate Judd for helping me. There was \$244 in sales. We have Newcomer packets available. We Are Miracles Women's meeting is requesting 10 Big Books. Various people through the District have been requesting Literature.

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

Attached is our monthly report and a copy of the PRINT version of the newsletter.

-Printed 450 copies

-Serenity House already has 80 copies of the newsletter

-Correction to Treasurer's report from April; cost for printing was \$108

-Web team explained how to view ALL pages of the CC from an iPhone: click and HOLD the date hyperlink to open in a separate tab

-Correction to poem, "I Have Peace. One Day at a Time." printed in April; revised version on District 10 website; printed one copy for the author

-An A.A. member from Area 75 District 36 in Wisconsin reached out requesting an electronic version of "The Spirit of the Rooms" to be passed out at their next district meeting; Paul created a 2-page pamphlet per their request

-Let us know if you need any additions/edits by June 13th for June printing as I will be out of town; I will not be at the June meeting but will have someone drop off the newsletters

-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. (Camila H.)

Alt. (Jane B.)

NO ATTENDENCE NO REPORT

Technical (Jeff C.)

Alt. (VACANT)

No new business

Treatment (Jason C.)

Alt. (Laura W.)

Plans to buy Big Books for 2 Treatment Centers. We are trying to come up with a system for keeping Big Books secure to be able to have them available for the ongoing meetings.

Website (Bob L)

Alt. (Ted S.)

- The home page redesign has been in place for a month now. We will go over it in detail in a future district meeting. As previously mentioned, the primary focus of the redesign was to make the home page more accessible to mobile devices, which most people visiting the District 10 website are using.
- According to most recent monthly analytics:
 - Most users are visiting using a mobile device.
 - The main purpose of visits to the District 10 website appears to be to find a meeting, followed by downloading or viewing the Conscious Contact newsletter.
 - Most visitors come directly to the website, but we are recently seeing more new visitors finding the site via web searches, presumably searches for AA meetings in the district coverage area.
 - Most visitors interact with the website for only about 90 seconds. This is down slightly from previous monthly visit averages, and we hope the decline in time spent is because things on the home page are a bit easier to find now.
 - Many visitors bypass the main page altogether and go directly to the meeting list.
- Below the meeting search area, the home page now has an area designated to announce news and upcoming events just above where the monthly meeting information is shown. We encourage you to submit news and events to be featured in this area. We used it last month to promote the GSR Workshop and are now using it to feature the proposed bylaw changes.
- If you have not seen the District 10 website recently, we encourage you to visit the site and send us any feedback or suggestions for further improvements.

Motion to Adjourn.

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."

NEXT DISTRICT 10 MEETING- 4th Sunday of the next month:

St. Gilbert's Church, Sunday, June 22, 2025

Traditions meeting at 5:30pm

District Meeting at 6:00pm