

**District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes  
August 1, 2010**

Meeting Time: 4:30

Attendance: 34

Committee Members & Officers: 8/6

GSR's & Alternates: 21/2

Groups Represented: 32

Visitors: 1

June Minutes: Accepted by Dan S. accepted, Brett K. seconded

8th Tradition read by: Jody B

Concepts VII read by: N/A

**New GSR's & Alternates:**

John H/GSR--Fresh Start, Monday, 1:30pm, Alano Club

**Visitors:**

Bill N, D22-Thank you for joining us today

**July Anniversaries:**

Alex H-3yrs, Kristy M-2yrs, Jody B-2yrs

**Announcements:**

1. Polly P. speaking at DFL in Johnsburg, IL group on Aug 11 (7pm)
2. 2010 Illinois State Conference, August 20-22. Wyndham Lisle-Chicago Hotel. Registration and Banquet deadline 8/6/10. [www.aa-nia.dist11.org](http://www.aa-nia.dist11.org).
3. D22 is hosting the hospitality suite at the IL State Conference on Saturday, 8/21 (8am-10am). Please stop by and join us. Thank you to the volunteers helping make this service opportunity happen.
4. Please take the Grapevine survey @ <http://aa-nia.org>

**Old Business:**

1.) Dan withdrew the motion that was tabled in July, to send money to NIA and GSO at this time. See below:

2.) It was suggested that we entertain the possibility of making a contribution to GSO and NIA. Historically, District 22 sends excess funds to NIA and GSO in January following the "income" from the Christmas party.

**Background Information**

Based on a fairly thorough review, it is in early January where District 22 seems to have the most excess funds available and a substantial donation seems to make the most sense. In January of 2009 for example, the district treasury had over \$3,200 before we donated \$1,000 to GSO and NIA 20. In January of 2010, District 22 had over \$2,800 in

its treasury and we sent \$1,000 to GSO and NIA 20. The split is 40% for GSO and 60% for NIA 20.

I took the liberty of projecting the return of the 2010 Picnic funds of \$550 into this analysis, and with those funds, District 22 would have slightly over \$1,600.00 in its' coffers. Historically, District 22 has averaged slightly over \$588.00 in monthly expenses from August through December which equates to roughly \$2,950.00 in expenses between now and the end of year 2010.

As I write this on Sunday morning, I need to write 2 checks – one for St Hugh of Lincoln rent (\$300.00 and \$200.00 seed money for the 2010 Illinois State Conference hospitality room).

A conservative projection for donations from District 22 groups for the same period (based on recent history for the same period) would be \$515.00/mo. or \$2,575.00 between now and end of year 2010.

As you look at the current financial report, it is important to be aware of 2 line items on the 2<sup>nd</sup> sheet: "Ending Balance" denotes where the bank balance is at any given point. "Working Balance" denotes the "Ending Balance" figure less our prudent reserve of \$800.00.

#### **Choices for Timelier Donations to NIA20 and GSO**

In an effort to simplify discussion, I suggest we focus on the "Working Balance" section when discussing a point to donate to Area and GSO.

Since we have identified a prudent reserve of \$800.00 which is our safeguard against funds getting depleted, perhaps we define a "donation threshold" whereby when the "working balance" section of the financial report is above a certain dollar amount (to be determined by the district) and we put the wheels in motion to donate funds to NIA20 and GSO. I would suggest that the threshold be \$1,000.00.

Another option we can try since we have (for the last 2 years) donated \$600.00 to Area 20 and \$400 only in January, is to review donation options on a quarterly basis instead of yearly using the aforementioned threshold or some other "trigger".

Option 3 is to set-up a recurring donation of \$50.00 a month to NIA 20 (\$600.00 a year) and \$35.00 a month to GSO (\$420.00 per year). It becomes a small manageable monthly "expense" and we can perhaps feel better knowing we are sending something to Area and GSO on a consistent basis. We can set it up through our banks' website and the checks would just be sent on a date that we chose each month.

Respectfully submitted by Tom M – D22 Treasurer

#### **D22 Upcoming Events:**

D22 Christmas Party-Scott Reiter is chairing this years Christmas party. Date, location and time to be announced!

#### **Upcoming Area Events:**

Illinois State Conference (Hosted by NIA 20) Aug 20-22 Lisle, IL  
Next District meeting 9/12/10 (Jeannie F. NIA Grapevine Rep will be visiting)  
Fall Assembly 9/18/10. 20 N. Center St., Naperville, IL. Registration starts at 8:00am.

### **Past/Upcoming Event Reports:**

ISCYPAA News

Hello AA family,

We as a host committee for Elgin are asking for your help. ISCYPAA is a conference put on by young people (young at heart) there is no age limit to help. Most of the committee consists of Crystal Lake people helping the select few of us in Elgin to put this conference on. We put on events to raise money to sponsor this conference. We have a website on facebook ISCYPAA 2011 that will invite you to our events. We need your information to do that. Our conference is tentative for the 3rd week of February. Our events Chair Kyle has our DCM Chris's e-mail to send out flyers for our upcoming events. September 11th after open party is the next big one we are holding. We are camping in the first weekend of September. It is an awesome experience to be on a committee like this. Our meetings fall on the second Sunday @ Crystal Lake Alano Club and the 4th Sunday @ the Elgin Alano Club. Please come check us out you won't be disappointed. We need your help!

In service,

Cat  
Registration Chair

### **GSR Reports:**

\*\*\*Albert, GSR for Big Book & Step Meeting, Monday 8pm, reminded us that this meeting does include an open discussion meeting, step meeting, Big Book meeting & women's meeting. The LSSI clients join us for this meeting every Monday.

\*\*\*Barb W, GSR for Woman's New Beginnings, Tuesday 7:30pm announced that the business meeting on 9/7, we will be voting the retreat chairs for our 2011 WNB Retreat. Anyone interested, please contact Barb W.

\*\*\*Dave D, GSR for Back to Basics Group, Tuesday 8pm is looking for sponsee's to speak with sobriety between 6mos. to 1year. Sponsee's please speak to your sponsor's, sponsors, please speak to your sponsee's. This meeting has a terrific format of speaking on 3 steps each week. We all have something to give!!! Please call Dave if you are interested.

\*\*\*Dave B, Alt GSR for Thursday Night Men's Group, 8pm is celebrating their 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Closed Men's Speaker Meeting on 9/23. This includes 3 men speakers, coffee and cake!!!

\*\*\*Bob H, GSR for Friday 6:00pm, Beginners Group at the Men's Program House needs support.

**Officer Reports:**

**DCM:** *Chris D.*

DCM Report / Committee Meeting Agenda Items

Committee Mtg. explanation-  
Grapevine & Corrections Breakout

The committee meeting is Sat (Aug 7). Our next district meeting is Sept 12 (6 weeks) and the Assembly is the following Sat. Sept 18.

This does not leave sufficient time for you to get these proposed items before your groups, so I am presenting them here, even though they *may not* actually appear on the Assembly agenda.

- A motion by the finance committee to create Guidelines for NIA donations to GSO.

**Proposed Guidelines for Area 20 Contributions to GSO**

The NIA Treasurer will:

**A.**

- Review projected expenses for current fiscal quarter (or half year)
- Add any special expenses (new motions, insurance premiums, etc.).
- Review historical expenses for the same period in previous years.

**B.**

- Review the historical income for the same period in previous years.
- Evaluate cash on hand.

**C.**

- Cash on Hand + Projected Income – Expenses = G.S.O. contribution.

After the contribution amount has been determined the treasurer will notify the Finance Committee, Area Chairperson and our Delegate.

After receiving the Finance Committee's approval of the proposed contribution the treasurer will include the proposal in the treasurer's report to be submitted to the next scheduled Assembly.

In the absence of objection by the Area 20 Assembly the treasurer will forward the funds to the General Service Board.

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- A motion by the finance committee to amend the NIA Service Manual to reflect Primary Purpose Finance.
  - Copies available upon request and posted on Website.
- A motion by the finance committee to purchase QuickBooks Online Accounting software for the NIA treasurer. \$35 per month.

- A motion by the Special Needs committee requesting \$200 to print the pamphlet "Online Intergroup in AA".
  - How do online groups operate – portals?
- A motion by the Service Structure Committee to combine the Spring Assembly with the Spring Conference again in 2011. One more yearly trial or permanent?
- Bids for the 2011 Big Book Conference.
- Resignation of the NIA Special Needs chair, now open.
- Preliminary 2011 calendar.
  - Opportunity for districts to Host Assemblies.

**DCMA:** *Mike McD.* No report provided

**Treasurer:** *Tom M.*

Please see Tom's report under **Old Business** for additional information to bring back to your groups.

Thank you for the donations for this month and the donations from the basket today. I have tried the new system that Chase Bank has, taking pictures of the deposit checks on my I Phone and making the deposit immediately. It does work!

**Secretary:** *Jody B.*

Hi District 22,

I am happy to announce that all D22 meetings have a GSR or contact person reported to our Area 20 Registrar. I would like to send out a huge thank you to all of you GSR's in our district.

Since last month, I have continued to do the updates for the directory. New directories will be printed next month.

In Service,  
Jody B.  
D22 Secretary

**LCM Reports:**

Mike McD.-Saturday 10am Early Bird Group @ Zion Church is looking for a GSR. This meeting also needs support.

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**LCM REPORT- CHUCK A.**

All 14 meetings are doing fine. Looking to work with others? There are many sponsorship opportunities available at all club meetings as most attendees are newcomers. Thirsty Thursdays (Thursday, 5:30pm) could really use some support. Friday, 10:30pm Last Call discussion meeting has begun with 15-20 attendees. Saturday, 3:30pm Healing the Heart meeting has changed to men and women closed discussion. Still need chairperson for Monday morning 6:30am and 8:00am meetings. Tuesday night As Joe & Charlie See It meeting will be hosting a speaker meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. A new meeting should be starting soon on Monday nights. Details TBD.

Elgin Alano Club encourages all meetings to be registered with GSO. Nearly all meetings are currently registered and conform to 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition of being self-supporting and all other AA traditions. Please contact John McGrail (847-334-6236) or Chuck Anderson (847-942-8626) should you have any questions or concerns about club AA meetings.

END REPORT

Ron S.-Ron mentioned that he is not seeing many of the GSR's in the group that he is assigned to at this district meeting. He is making an attempt to get back out to his meeting groups.

The Stepping Up Group @ Villa House, 8pm, Thursday nights, needs support. The only people present at the meetings are the clients.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Answering Service:** *Wendy G.*

Wendy is looking into the cost of getting our AA number published in the Elgin area phone directory.

**Archives:** *Mike G.* No report provided

#### **C.P.C.:** *Kristy M*

Kristy has changed the location of the CPC/PI workshop. Information will be updated next month.

#### **Correctional Facilities:** *Nathan B.*

Andy is requesting blank schedules for KCC and treatment facilities. There is a new sheriff at Kane County Jail. The current volunteers will need to fill out a Current Volunteer Re-Certification application to re-register. This is due on or before August 31, 2010.

#### **Grapevine:** *John S.*

Good afternoon,

Just wanted to remind everyone, whether or not you currently a AA Grapevine subscriber, to please take the time to review & complete the survey in regards to "Our meeting in print " you can find it on the area website ([aa-nia.org](http://aa-nia.org)) under the information tab, simply fill it out, & print it. Please return it by **November 1** to either Barb, or myself, our DCM (Chris D) or through our Area Delegate Ray M.

Also next month we will have a guest, at the next district meeting in Sept. Jeanne F. the area Grapevine Chair, will be stopping in, just to share her experience that she has encountered in letting people know of our Great magazine, in & out of the rooms, she has a great story to share. See you next month,

In service,

John S.  
Dist.22 Grapevine Chair

**Literature:** *Nancy D.*

I am taking a trip to CASO this week and will be picking up additional forms to add more meetings to the "Suburban Directory". There are only 6 Elgin meetings currently listed in this directory. I will also price out and perhaps purchase empty new-comer envelopes for our GSR's to fill for their groups. This may be more cost effective than prepared packets that are \$4.50 each.

In Love and Service,  
Nancy D.  
Literature Chair

**Public Information:** *Alex H.*

Alex is asking for 50 directories to distribute around the D22 area such as DMV and libraries.

**Special Needs:** *Sue L*

Sue and Shawna are still looking for support for the Asta Care Special Needs meeting on Saturday's @ 2:00pm. Sue did have questions about Special Needs pamphlets.

**Treatment:** *Sandra H.*                      No report provided

**Website:** *Larry S.*

**Thank you for your continued support!!**  
**\*\*\*\*The next district meeting will be held September 12, 2010\*\*\*\***  
*Respectfully Submitted by Jody B. - District Secretary -*