

District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes September 12, 2010

Meeting Time: 4:30

Attendance: 45

Committee Members & Officers: 10/6

GSR's & Alternates: 28/3

Groups Represented: 28

Visitors: 3

June Minutes: Accepted by Dan S. accepted, Jacque S.second'

9th Tradition/Concept VIII read by: Joyce P.

New GSR's & Alternates:

John Mc/GSR-Come As You Are, Wed, 7:00pm, Alano Club

Jose S/Alt GSR-Wednesday Night Serenity Group, Wed, 7:30pm,

Westridge Community Church

Burt L/Alt GSR-Open Speaker Meeting, Sat, 7:00pm, Sherman Hospital

Visitors:

Jeanne F- NIA 20, Acting Grapevine Chair

Sey (Shay) S and Krista L from D22

Welcome~Thank you for joining us!

July Anniversaries:

Barb W-4yrs, Steve P-2yrs, Jose S-13mo.

Happy Anniversary to Everyone☺

Announcements:

1. Michelle B announced that the Elgin softball team won the tournament. Nice plaque team!!!
2. Nathan B went to the ISCYPAA International Conference in New York. It was terrific. Anyone interested in becoming a member of ISCYPAA please give him a call.
3. Elgin is hosting the ISCYPAA State Conference in February 2011. Please contact Cat H if you would like to do *any* service work for this conference.
4. Scott R and John S are chairing the D22 Christmas Party this year. The party is December 4, 2010 @ Highland Fellowship Church. This is the same location as last year. They are still looking for a Beverage Chair. Please see the Christmas party report under D22 Upcoming Events.
5. Ben C announced Bingo Saturday night, 9/18, 7pm at the Alano Club.

Visitors:

Jeanne F, our NIA 20, Acting Grapevine Chair, joined us today to speak about the AA Grapevine. Please continue to fill out the Grapevine surveys. The Grapevine won't go away. This survey is to find out what we need to change.

You can sign up for a **free** online AA Grapevine newsletter at www.aagrapevine.org. You can subscribe to the Grapevine for 27.00 per year. You can either order the paper copy of the magazine or order the monthly audio magazine and listen to the articles online.

With this subscription, you can also look up digital archives. If you are having a meeting on resentment, or need information on step work, use the search engine and you'll get past articles on the topics you are looking for.

The Grapevine offers gift certificates. It's a great way to give the Grapevine as a gift!! Or a raffle prize for a district event.

If you are looking for past issues for the Grapevine, you can purchase a case of 50 for approximately 48.00. You can request those copies without staples if needed.

The Grapevine is coming out with 3 new books (date has not been announced). The new books are on Steps, Diversity and a Women's book.

AA Grapevine is still looking for an editor.

Thank you Jeanne for joining us today! Lot's of great news.

New Business:

A motion was brought to the table by Dan S to print 250 copies of the current schedule per month and distribute them at the district meeting. Dan made the motion and Joe M second' it. The motion carries to print 250 directories for each monthly district meeting. New prices are being looked into at different printing companies.

D22 Upcoming Events:

District 22 Christmas party report from the chair

9/11/10

We are pleased to announce that this years Christmas party will be held on Saturday December 4th at the Highland Fellowship Church. This is the same venue where we held our event last year and it was a great success. The church was very happy with us last year and is excited to have us back again this year. Unfortunately, we were not able to get a date closer to last years because we are competing with the churches Christmas events along with our own district schedule.

As of right now we are doing everything needed to prepare for the event and are currently seeking a commitment for beverage committee chair to fill the last void in the roster. We are hoping to get one of the local half way houses to step up but there is more discussion needed on this matter. All the other positions have been filled and are currently getting up to speed and finding the support they will need. Not much if anything will change in regards to the overall format so we do not foresee any major issues.

We are formally requesting the support of District 22 for the initial financial support to get this venture under way. We will need a deposit check written to Highland Fellowship Church for \$100.00 with the remaining \$250.00 paid on the day of the event. We will also soon need approximately \$50.00 for fliers and a copy of this year's certificate of insurance for when we sign the rental agreement. At next months district we will present a formal budget. Going off of last years numbers the money needed to match will be slightly higher because we do not have the carryover of materials left over by the Big Book Conference that we had in 09. The number at hand at this time is \$2,695.00 to \$3,000.00.

This number is a total of all the dollars spent by all the committees plus a dollar amount added for the goods carried over from the Big Book Conference and used for the Christmas party. Maggie has graciously donated to District 22 a Santa suit that she purchased with her own money.

We understand that all meetings are autonomous and donating is not a requirement but request that all G S R's discuss at their next business meeting what ever means they have used in the past to collect Christmas party donations. This event has always been a wonderful experience and is looked forward to by many; Let's make this a sober event to remember.

Scott R.
Christmas Committee Chair

Upcoming Area Events:

Fall Assembly Sept 18, 2010 20 N Center St., Naperville, IL Registration starts 8am

D22 Meeting, October 3, 2010

NIA Big Book Conference, Nov 13, 2010 LaFox

D22 Christmas Party, Dec 4, 2010

Past Event Reports:

The Picnic has been finalized. **The final report still needs to be turned in.** Tom Mc, D22 Treasurer provided 805.00 from the district seed money and received 500.00 in return.

GSR Reports:

***Sunday Morning Unity Group, 10am, Michelle advised their group donated 25.00 to district. They do have a GV Rep. Thank you to Woman's New Beginnings group for allowing to piggy back their literature order to save shipping cost.

***In-Depth Big Book Study Group, 6:30pm, John encourages more participation at this meeting. Through the AA Unity and a self supporting group, they are able to make their first contributions. The last potluck dinner was a huge success. There were over 90 people there. There is a possibility of having another potluck dinner late October. They also encourage the Grapevine subscriptions and also take donations for Correction Committee.

***There is a Solution, 12pm, Jacque said they are up to 15 people meeting in the group.

***Monday, Fresh Start, 1:30pm, John looking for support.

***Tuesday, Tuesday Night Group, 8pm, still looking for support.

***Woman's New Beginnings, 7:30pm, Barb encourages everyone to come to our workshop, Tuesday, 9/21, PI/CPC Workshop. Fellowship starts at 6:30pm, workshop is from 7-9.

***Tuesday, Back to Basics, 8pm, Zion Church, they work on 3 steps a week. On 9/21 they are working on 1,2,3.

***Wednesday Night Serenity Group, 7:30pm, Steve announced that they will be staying at Westridge Comm. Church. Alateen also meets upstairs at 7:30pm during our AA meeting.

***Elgin Wed. Night Eastside Group, 8pm, Luke says the meeting is going strong.

***Wednesday, Grapevine, 7pm, Mike is looking for a GSR. Anyone interested, please see him.

***Wednesday, 6pm, Renz, John states that there are always new comers. This group could use some support.

***Wednesday Westside Grapevine, 12pm, Jody says the meeting is going strong. The business meeting is always held the Wednesday after our district meeting at 11:30am.

***Wednesday, Come As You Are, 7pm, John is the new GSR at this meeting.

***Thursday Night Men's Group, 8pm, Dave announced their Anniversary meeting, 9/23 @ 8pm. They will have 3 speakers. This is a men's only meeting, they invited the St. Hugh's minister for this event and she graciously accepted.

***West Dundee Thursday Night Group, 7:30pm, Dan stated that they always have their business meeting at 7pm the Thursday after the district meeting. This meeting is looking for an Alt GSR. Meeting is going strong.

***New Horizon Group, Thursday, 7pm, Andy mentioned that they are looking for women to attend this group.

***Friday Morning Eye Opener, 7:30am, Jim says the meeting continues to do well. They always have donuts and valet parking!!

***Friday, 6pm, Beginners Group at the Men's Program House still looking for support.

***South Elgin Friday Night Fellowship, 8pm, Bruce says the meeting is going great. This is a non smoking meeting now. (The directory has been updated). Dave, the group treasurer has made contributions. They plan on ordering Big Books from New York. The LSSI clients continue to visit this meeting every week.

***Came to Believe, Friday, 7:30pm, Mike says they have great cookies at this meeting in Hampshire. (The October directory will reflect this update).

***Big Book, 12 and 12 Group, Friday, 8pm, Jon says the meeting is going strong.

***Saturday Red Door, 9am, Joe states that they will be making a contribution when the previous treasurer is contacted. Joe and Jared are going to talk about setting a certain date for their business meetings. We get volunteers to sign up for coffee set up and greeters, but don't show up. They need more support with volunteer work!!

***Healing the Heart, 3pm, Saturdays, Joyce wants everyone to know this meeting is now for both men and women. The directory has been updated.

***Open Speaker Meeting, Saturday, Sherman Hospital, 7pm, Amy and the group have asked different groups to chair the meeting each month. They are booked all the way up to April. If your group is interested, please contact Amy. Please give Larry your speaker names and he is more than happy to have them posted on the website for the district.

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Officer Reports:

DCM: *Chris D.* Chris will be sending out a separate DCM report this month with the Fall Assembly information.

DCMA: *Mike McD.* Thank you for making the district meeting coffee!!!!

Treasurer: *Tom M.* Donations are down in August. We did collect 36.00 in the basket today. Please see the attached financial report through August.

Secretary: *Jody B.*

Hi D22,

Thank you everyone for attending the September district meeting. All GSR/Alt GSR and Committee Chair updates have been sent to Judd W., our NIA20 Registrar. I would like to thank Burt L. for taking the directory chair position. I greatly appreciate. I do have the original copy of the blank directory now. After all the changes are made, I will contact Burt and we can get these printed and distributed to Andy and Alex.

I would like to remind all the Committee Chairs, I need your reports e-mailed to me or turned at the district meeting.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve as the D22 Secretary.

In Love and Service,
Jody B.
D22 Secretary

LCM Reports:

Mike McD.-Nothing to report this month.

Chuck A.-The Alano Monday 6:30am and 8am meetings have been dropped. The directory does reflect these changes.

Ron S.-Ron could not make this meeting and sent Chris an e-mail stating so. Thanks Ron.

Joe M-Joe does see several of his GSR's at the district meeting today.

Dawn E-Dawn did not attend the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Answering Service: *Wendy G.*

AA District 22

ANSWERING SERVICE REPORT

Wendy G.

September 2010

RE: **Yellow Page Listing**

Background: AA District 22 currently is not listed in the local Yellow Pages Telephone Directory for the Elgin and South Elgin area.

The Elgin area Yellow Pages however does include a category entitled "Alcoholism Information and Treatment Centers."

There are numerous listings within this category. The Elgin area "AA in Spanish" is listed, and appears as the 7th listing. If AA District 22 were to list, we would be the 8th listing. There are also a couple of advertisements, one for the Renz Center for credit card payment and another for Lutheran Services.

The next Yellow Pages Directory will be printed and distributed in February 2011. We would need to sign up by December 2010 to be included for the 2011 directory.

Note: We do have an updated and actively current web page.

Question: Do we want to be listed in the local Yellow Pages Directory?

Issues to consider:

1. Cost: The cost to be listed is \$8.50 per month, and the contract duration is 1 year. (\$8.50 x 12 months = \$102 per year)

2. For the first year, our entry would be highlighted in a black box. After the first year, our listing would revert to a regular line item entry.
3. We would also be automatically included in the DexKnows.com Google internet search at no additional cost.
4. Our web address would also be included, at no additional charge.

Month of August 2010

*** Calls**

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	# Calls	Problems?
First time caller and wants to talk to someone in AA <i>One caller was in Cook Co</i>	5	1
Detox. Needs DeTox <i>Caller wanted cocaine help</i>	1	
Need meetings outside District 22 One for WI, 2 for McHenry, 2 for Cook Co	5	
Alanon. Needs meetings.	3	
Hung-up, caller hung up	5	
Meetings. Wants directions/locations District 22	20	
Ride. Needs a ride	3	
Spanish. Needs Spanish meeting	0	
Sponsor. Needs a sponsor	1	
Suicidal.	0	
Web Site. Needs web address	4	
Wrong Number	1	
Needs AOCA phone number	1	
Other		

TOTALS

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Archives: *Mike G.* No report provided

C.P.C.: *Kristy M.* The workshop is now included with PI. WNB is hosting PI/CPC workshop, Tuesday, 9/21. Fellowship starts at 6:30pm, workshop is from 7-9pm.

Correctional Facilities: *Nathan B.* No report provided

Grapevine: *John S.*

Barb & myself would like to thank again Jeanne & her husband for coming out to our district meeting & sharing her experience being the Area grapevine representative. Our groups & individuals continue to submit the Grapevine survey to Ray M. Also Barb recovered a suitcase from the previous Grapevine chair, which had inside all kinds of literature & books relating to the Grapevine, that we will be adding to our Grapevine display. This display is available to any group, who would like to display it for any event. Also inside the case was a copy of the First Grapevine that was published back in 1944. This months Sept.issue includes a story from a member from our district (Bev) from Elgin that is very enlightening, we encourage all groups & individuals to subscribe to "Our Meeting in Print". I will be attending the Fall Assembly next weekend in Naperville.

Respectfully submitted,

John S.
Dist.22 Grapevine Chair

Literature: *Nancy D.* Nancy is still working on possible new member packets.

Public Information: *Alex H.* No report provided

Special Needs: *Sue L* Sue and Shawna are still looking for support for the Asta Care Special Needs meeting on Saturday's @ 2:00pm.

Treatment: *Sandra H.* No report provided

Website: *Larry S.*

I have spent some time attempting to set up a password protected page but so far have had no luck. If you tried to access the site recently and found it password protected that was me working on it. I am able to protect the entire site but so far I have not been able to apply protection to a single page.

I would still like to post speakers for the Saturday night open. If you're hosting and know who your speakers are please email their names to me at lstiff@hughes.net or you can contact me through the website.

Finally please keep in mind that if you have content for your committee or group that you want to share, it can be posted on the website. Just send it to me and I'll get it posted.

In the last month there were 227 visits to the site. There were 608 page views meaning those 227 visitors looked at an average of 2.68 pages.

Larry

Thank you for your continued support!!

*****The next district meeting will be held October 3rd,
2010*****

Respectfully Submitted by Jody B. - District Secretary -