

District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes October 3rd, 2010

Meeting Time: 4:30

Attendance: 35

Committee Members & Officers: 8/4

GSR's & Alternates: 18/6

Groups Represented: 24

Visitors: 2

June Minutes: Accepted by Dan S. accepted, Ron S. second

10th Tradition/Concept X read by: Tom Mc.

New GSR's & Alternates:

Ryan S-GSR, One Day At A Time-Tues 6:30pm

Jessica R-GSR, Faith, Hope & Serenity-Wed 6:30pm

Vickie P-Alt GSR, Wed Night Reflections Group-Wed 7:00pm

Visitors:

Christine

Darrell – D61 Big Book Conference

Thank you for joining us today

September Anniversaries/Birthdays:

Anniversaries/Birthdays were not announced.

Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthday to those of you that celebrated a Special day in September

Announcements:

1. 1st Annual Friends/Family Pumpkin Carving Bash. Tyler Creek Pavilion, 10/16, starts at 11am – until? Music, food and FUN!!!! ***See flyer attached.
2. Holy Trinity Potluck Open Speaker Meeting. Sunday, 10/24. Potluck starts at 5:30pm and Jayne M. is speaking at 6:30pm. Please bring a dish to pass. Costumes are *encouraged*. Great food and lot's of fun!!!
3. Dundee's Men Group, 35th Annual Open Speaker Anniversary Party. Tuesday, 10/26 @ 8pm. Roman (AA) and his wife are both speaking. Food, Fun and Fellowship. Please join us.
4. ISCYPAA Halloween Party – Saturday 10/30 @ 6:30pm.
5. The Eastern United States directory has been published.
6. Frank L is home from the hospital and doing well. Glad you are doing well Frank!!
7. EAC Potluck/Bingo – Saturday 10/9.
8. EAC Game Night – Saturday 10/16. Pizza and snacks are available at a minimal price.

Visitors:

Darrell, from D71, joined us today to speak about the Big Book Conference on Nov 13th. Registration is 13.00 and lunch is 7.00. They have approximately 100 people signed and are planning on 350-400 people to attend. We, as a district have been in their shoes!!! Please register.

The registration forms are book markers. He asked us to use the registration form for all the reading material for your meetings to advertise the Big Book Conference. It's only 5 weeks away. There is a scholarship fund available. If any new comer needs assistance, please contact me (Jody B) and I will get you in touch with a committee member of the Big Book Conference.

New Business:

1. John S/GSR, Sunday, 6:30pm In-Depth Big Book Study Group, is interested in finding out information to hold a Home Group Workshop in 2011. There were a few GSR's that had information on this type of workshop and are going to provide John with some helpful hints.
2. Past district meetings, we as a *whole*, made the decision that if AA members holding positions in the district do not show up for 2-3 district meetings, they are going to be replaced. Jody made a motion to have these AA members be contacted the month of October to see if they are still interested in the position they are holding and in November to have their position opened up for replacement. Chris D, our DCM, said he will contact everyone and will have the update on November 7th at our next district meeting.

D22 Upcoming Events:

District 22 Christmas Party committee report 10/2/10

Report from the chair

The Christmas party committee met on 10/2/10 to discuss progress for each group and the reports are as follows.

1) Facility – Every thing is on track with the church, we have not had the opportunity to meet Bill to sign the contract but we have the down payment check in hand and will get it to the church within the next week. We foresee no glitches and expect everything to go much the same as last year. We are requesting \$350.00 of which \$100.00 is needed now and \$250.00 the night of the party but I would like to give the balance to the church sooner as money comes available. We are requesting **\$350.00**

Open items/

A) Check with the church to find out about plugs and extension cord use.

B) We still need a copy of the insurance certificate.

C) The entertainment committee has requested the use of the spotlight.

D) See if we can get a bigger room for kid's games.

2) Food – Nancy D is the chair and is doing a great job of fitting the pieces together from last year. We are planning for 350 to 400 max, this is the usual crapshoot but historically this seems to be the number. We are talking with Masis catering, our district has developed a great working relationship with him and all his pricing has always been in line. We will also be talking to the folks at Geno Nautilini's and see what they have to offer. One of our own works there and the food is good. We still need to find out what the down payment will be if any and will probably be around \$100.00 with the remainder due upon delivery. That number has not been determined but the total for food will be the customary **\$1,000.00**.

Open items/

A) We will get someone to head up the paper goods but they will take care of all things needed for coffee also. Table clothes will be taken care of by Decorations.

B) Get pricing from Geon's

C) Start a volunteer list for people providing specific food items.

D) Masi's price will not include any condiments.

E) Cost of paper goods and condiments not provided we will need a list with pricing to budget these items.

3) 50/50 and raffle – Brian C is the chair and he is still in the beginning stages but he will need a lot of help with prize donations. We will be doing one 50/50 raffle and multiple raffles with purchased and donated items. All prizes will be purchased 2 weeks before the party since the funds usually come available the few weeks before the event We are requesting **\$750.00**

Open items/

District 22 Christmas Party committee report 10/2/10

A) We need to emphasize the importance of making all GSR's aware that there is only 8 weeks until the party and will be needing money 2 weeks prior. Push

donations/pass the can and announce there are 3 weeks less to collect donations.

4) Beverages – Kyle is the chair and is about to start to price out the soda, water and coffee. We will be purchasing all name brand items. There is no carryover of goods like we had last year from the Big Book Conference so to match what we did last year we are requesting **\$400.00**

Open items/

A) Scott has the information in his computer with the BBC donated carryover items and will provide a copy to Kyle.

5) Children's activities – Krista will be heading the kid games and is in the process of reviewing last year's activities and assures fun for all. The only problem about last year was the size of the room; we will speak to the church about a bigger room. We are requesting **\$130.00**

6) Decorations – Beth M will bedazzle us with a festive environment. She is still in the preliminary stages but is excited to do the job. We are requesting **\$250.00**. We may need some money soon depending on how long it will take Beth to put together the table fair.

Open items/

A) Take pictures of the facility with it set up and decorated (without people)

7) Santa and kids gifts – Cherie is taking care of the purchasing and wrapping of all the gift bags from Santa. We have a Santa and the Santa suit we used last year. We are requesting

8) Entertainment- Jody is the chair and is all over it. I know little about the skit otherwise we are in the dark.

Open items/

A) Jody needs access to the gym to measure the stage to plan their moves.

9) Set up – Michael H is chair and at this point there is not much to be done. The intention of this committee is to provide set up support for all the other committee's. They will be needed the night before bringing in goods and to help wherever needed the day of the party.

District 22 Christmas Party committee report 10/2/10

10) Clean up- Ryan S is the chair and will be brought up to speed soon. Their duties will be to keep the trash levels in check and to assist in tear down. This is an important job to keep the food areas and trash barrels as sanitary as possible. We are requesting **\$30.00** for heavy-duty garbage bags.

11) AL-ANON/ALATEEN – There will be a table provided for these groups. This is a great platform for family members affected by alcohol to be exposed to this information. Alateen has also requested the time and space to hold an auction to raise funds to send some teens to camp in February. We are requesting more information as to what the need and how they are to go about it.

At this time the budget stands at **\$2910.00** and are going to do all we can to bring this number down but we are still in line with last years numbers of **\$3,120.75**.

We still have some items to hammer out but feel content we will provide a safe and enjoyable event.

Our next meeting will be held on **10/15/10 at 6pm** at the Friday night at the Community United Methodist Church. (8pm meeting location, Spring and Collins).

ISCYPAA-Ron is looking for Alcathon chair people for the IL State Conference in February. If you are interested, please contact Ron S. You can either pick the topic or Ron will assign one.

Cat is planning on bringing flyers for the conference next district meeting.

Please see the attached upcoming events for ISCYPAA.

Upcoming Area Events:

D22 Meeting, November 7, 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.

GSR Reports:

***Sunday, 10am, Michelle B—(Tom Mc spoke on behalf of Michelle)

Our group collected \$11 for Christmas Party so far. We will be passing Christmas Donation basket bi-weekly till November 21st.

-Our LCM Ron S. attended our last business meeting.

-Our next business meeting is October 10th at 9:15 am.

-We are still collecting Grapevine Surveys & next week will have members fill out another survey about Electronic Delivery that I received at Fall Assembly.

-Our group has 5 volunteers to help NIA & District 22 with Corrections Workshop if we decide to have one hosted in our District.

***Sunday, 12pm, Jacque S-meeting steadily growing and doing well

***Sunday, 6:30pm, John S-We talked about people not holding on to positions. The group did make a donation to District, GSO and NIA. They have a temporary Grapevine Rep. for the meeting. This group is on the second run through the Big Book. We are also getting a better working knowledge of the traditions.

***Monday, 1:30pm, John H-This meeting has a good sound base and it is growing. The group is making a decision on donations.

***Monday, 8p, Kristy M-The meeting has good attendance and a growing amount of new comers. The meeting structure is based on a discussion group, 12 and 12 table and a table that works solely on steps 1, 2 and 3.

***Tuesday, 7pm, Erik L-There has been an average of 10 people per meeting. We changed the format to speak about steps 1, 2 and 3. There is still a speaker the last Tuesday of each month.

***Tuesday, 7:30pm, Barb W-Thank you for the workshop. Tuesday, 10/3 we are voting on the Alcathon chairs.

***Tuesday, 8pm, Curt B-Meeting still needs support. I am always bringing back the district updates to the meeting.

***Tuesday, 8pm, Dave D-(Jim H spoke on behalf of Dave D) Meeting numbers are decreasing. Volunteers signing up to speak on steps have not been showing up. Not sure if the meeting is going to stay as a Back to Basics meeting.

***Tuesday, 8pm, Don B-The meeting has had a steady attendance with good sobriety. The 35th Anniversary party is on 10/26. Food, fun and fellowship.

***Wednesday, 12pm, Jody B-Meeting is going great. A fantastic fellowship! Business meeting is 10/6 @ 11:30am.

***Wednesday, 6pm, John S-Meeting still needs support.

***Wednesday, 6:30pm, Jessica R-Small meeting, could use some support. This meeting has not sent in donations yet in this year.

***Wednesday, 7:30pm, Jose S-This meeting continues to have approximately 10 people attending each week. Meeting is going well.

***Wednesday, 7pm, Vickie P-Meeting is still growing.

***Wednesday, 8pm, Ron C-Meeting still growing and is looking for women sobriety!!!!

***Thursday, 5:30pm, Eric L-The meeting needs support and has a new GSR.

***Thursday, 7pm, Andy R-Big Book donations were given from the Thursday, 7:30pm, West Dundee Thursday Night Group. This was much appreciated. This meeting is still looking for women support.

***Thursday, 7:30pm, Dan S-This meeting has lots of new beginner's. Good supply of literature. Hosting the open speaker meeting at Sherman in January. There will be a speaker who served in Iraq on January 1st.

***Thursday, 8pm, Dave B-The meeting has good attendance. The anniversary meeting went well. Inviting the pastor was a terrific idea.

***Friday, 7:30am, Jim H-Donuts, valet parking and *serenity!*

***Friday, 3:30pm, Ben C-This meeting is now a beginner's meeting. The attendance is approximately 15 people each week.

***Friday, 7pm, Ben C-Wanderers, The meeting keeps growing and may have to split due to the increase in size. We do a step each week.

***Friday, 8pm, Bruce M-This is a good core group. We hosted the Sherman open speaker meetings last month. Already passing around the Christmas party donation can. We are having a business meeting 10/9 @ 7pm.

***Saturday, 9am, Joe M-The group is passing around the Christmas donation can. We are having a business meeting 10/9 after the meeting.

***Saturday, 3pm, Joyce P-Approximately 10-13 in attendance. We are having a business meeting Saturday, 10/9. We will be discussing donating to district one month, GSO one month and NIA one month.

***Saturday, 7pm, Amy L-We appreciate all the groups that have been and still are hosting the meeting each month. Your support is much appreciated.

Officer Reports:

DCM: *Chris D*

Please see the back page of the October agenda for the voting results at the Fall Assembly. There were 3 presentations at the assembly; Special Needs, Corrections and Grapevine. Chris will be scanning the reports and Larry will post them on our website. If you need the voting results for your meeting, please contact Chris and he can e-mail them to you.

DCMA: *Mike McD.*

Thank you for making the district meeting coffee!!!! Hope you are feeling better.

Treasurer: *Tom M.*

36.00 dollars was collected today at the district meeting. Several groups have sent in donations for the month of September. Tom will be the Christmas party treasurer. Attention all groups- Donations are needed for the Christmas party!!!!

Secretary: *Jody B.*

I want to thank all the GSR's for your continued support of sending in all your group updates. All changes are made monthly to our area registrar. Committee chairs, please continue to e-mail me your reports or you can pass them to me at district. E-mail helps my job considerably.

We may be using a different company to print the directories. Burt or myself will advise all the GSR's when the cut off date is for changes to be printed in the upcoming directory. (This may be the Thur or Fri before district).

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve as the district secretary.

Humbly submitted,

Jody B.

D22 Secretary

LCM Reports:

Mike McD.-Hope you are feeling better!!!

Chuck A.-Things are going well.

Ron S.-Ron visited the Villa House and Program House meetings. Both of these meetings have current changes with the GSR and Alt GSR's. Both meetings need support!! Ron also attended Monday Night 8pm, LSSI and Sunday 10am, St. Joes meetings. Both are going strong.

Joe M-His meetings are going well.

Dawn E-Dawn did not attend the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Answering Service: *Wendy G.* No report provided

Archives: *Mike G.* Did not attend meeting

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

Kristy will be meeting with Dr. Michael Bender, Oct 7 @ 2pm during their lunch hour. Dr. Bender is an Elgin area dentist. I was going to meet him last week but I could not make it. I will bring a tote of sweets to share with the office and give Tom my receipt.

Correctional Facilities: *Nathan B.*

Greetings:

It's another exciting month in world of D22 corrections. The "MAN" has me scheduled for work so here is a written report in my absence.

Local Corrections:

The "It's about Change" halfway house still hosts a Friday night speaker meeting. Visitors from the outside are welcome. We were unable to attend the meeting to get a full report on how things are run there, but more information will be provided.

State Hospital:

The Tuesday night meeting has a steady core of visitors who regularly attend the 6:30 meeting. The group is always looking for more support from those on the outside. Please keep in mind: visitors will have to present identification and pass through a metal detector upon arrival. However, do not be intimidated by these devices are there for the safety and well being of all involved.

Workshop:

Members of D22 contacted the Area Corrections Chair about putting on a corrections based workshop here in Elgin! John is very excited about the prospect of hosting a workshop here. I will disclose where we at so far: Discussions have centered around when the event will be held possibly late March. District 61 Correction Chair and Co-Chair had been informed of this event. The Area Corrections Chair envisioned we will be able to attract Corrections Professionals on different levels in the state to help drive enrollment for this work. The Area Corrections Chair believes D22 will be an ideal place find a facility and have volunteers join in to help set up the anticipated 50-150 person event. We **will reach out for** cooperation and participation from individuals in Area 19 Corrections Service as well.

Again, there will be more news of this event as details become clear. There will be a committee formed to help set up the planning of this exciting venture.

Love and Service,
Corrections

Directories: *Burt L.*

Burt is looking into getting lower printing prices for directory at a different store. This month 400 black and white copies and 100 b/w blank directories were printed/purchased. The cost was 85.00.

Grapevine: *John S.*

Grapevine Report

October 3, 2010

- Northern Illinois Area 20 has a new Grapevine Alternate Chairperson (Wally L. from District 73).
- Curt, the Grapevine Chairperson from District 70, is holding a workshop on October 16 from 2:30-4:00. GSR's please let your GvR's know about this event. It will be held at the Eastside H.O.W. Club in Rockford, Illinois. The money for this workshop is coming from the \$2,000.00 that Area 20 has earmarked for the Grapevine Committee. The estimated cost of this workshop is between \$150.00 and \$200.00. This money will be used to cover rent and materials.
- Rich H., our Area 20 Alternate Delegate, proposed a floor action to remove the additional eight questions that were added to the original four questions on the Grapevine Survey that came out of the General Service Conference. These eight questions were added by a delegate after the General Service Conference.
- The Grapevine Committee unanimously passed a motion that Area 20 supports a Grapevine survey that includes both the four questions approved by the Grapevine Board at the General Service Conference, and the additional eight questions added by a delegate.
- The floor action was rejected by the Assembly.
- Our delegate, Ray Mengler, has received approximately 160 surveys so far. Please go online to participate in this survey. You can access the survey using any of the following websites:

NIA <http://www.aa-nia.org/>

Dist 22 <http://dist22.aa-nia.org/>

GV <http://www.aagrapevine.org/>

Did you know that i-Say is a place where you can say what's on your mind about topics related to recovery, share your thoughts on selected Grapevine articles, and respond to what others are writing on i-Say. Go to the Grapevine website and participate in i-Say. You may be published.

September's question was: What people or events early in sobriety convinced you to stick around?

Respectfully submitted,

Barb W.

D22 Alternate Grapevine Chairperson

Literature: *Nancy D.*

AA literature is going to be displayed at the Christmas party, Dec 4th. We are still putting together newcomer packets.

Public Information: *Alex H.* No report provided

Congratulations Alex on your new position as our Area 20, Alt PI Chair.

Special Needs: *Sue L*

No report provided

Treatment: *Sandra H.*

Did not attend the meeting

Website: Larry S.
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Webmaster
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I have updated the website with a couple of new flyers. I will be adding the NIA proposed calendar soon.

There were 312 visits and 710 pages visited in the last month. So usage is up from last month. Thus I will mention again that you committee chairs might find it useful to post information concerning your committee on the site. I can post documents or you could have your own page as long as you have content.

I have new email address' so if you do want me to post content you will need the addresses.

My address is larrys86@comcast.net

The webmaster address is webmaster.dist22@comcast.net

Larry

**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.
****The next district meeting will be held November 7th,
2010******

Respectively submitted by Jody B. - District Secretary -