

District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes November 4th, 2010

Meeting Time: 4:30

Attendance: 42

Committee Members & Officers: 9/6

GSR's & Alternates: 32/6

Groups Represented: 39

Visitors: 1

June Minutes: Accepted by Jim H. accepted, Jayne M. second

11th Tradition/Concept XI read by: Jacque S./Mary Mc.

New GSR's & Alternates:

Emily T-GSR, Last Call-Fri 10:30pm

Anthony H-GSR, Elgin Wed. Night Eastside Group

Luke C-GSR, Wanderer's #911

Luke C-Alt GSR, Elgin Wed. Night Eastside Group

Debbie F-Alt GSR, Woman's We're All In This Together

Visitors:

Anthony

Thank you for joining us today

October Anniversaries/Birthdays:

Jacque S. 35yrs, Ben C. 2yrs, Shawna L. 1yr, Mike H. 4yrs, Sue L. 3yrs, Frank L. 4yrs,
Joe M, 19yrs

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to all of YOU!

Announcements:

1. Ray M. informed us that Chris D. will be speaking on a panel at 11am. Larry S will be speaking on a panel at 1pm. Please look on the event schedule for their names. (I believe Chris is speaking on the Age of Miracles and Larry speaking on Internet Age) Please check the event schedule just in case.
2. Don B. announced there is a new 12/12 meeting on Saturdays at 8am. The location is at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 417 W. Main Street, W. Dundee. The meeting will be in the directory in December.
3. Jim H. announced 2 new events at the Alano Club. This Saturday, 11/13 is Bingo Night. Friday, 11/26, 6pm-10pm, No Soup for You and Family Game Night. Remember-The Last Call meeting at 10:30pm.

New Business:

1. Open Positions have been filled:
 - A. Treatment Chair-Ben C.
 - B. Archivists Chair-Joyce P.
2. Calendar review-please look at our district calendar attached to the November agenda. We will be approving our calendar at the December D22 business meeting 12/5.
3. Host the Winter Assembly 12/10/2011 has been approved. D22 will be hosting this event next year.
4. D22 Budget review-please look at the attached budget and we will discuss it at the next business meeting 12/5.

D22 Upcoming Events:

Christmas party committee meeting 11/6/10

Hi all the Christmas party committee met this past Friday to mull over the details for this year's party. Our biggest obstacle continues to be financial. The donations are beginning to roll in and we are optimistic that the groups will do their part to make this sober event a success but we cannot rest on the hope that every one else will carry the Burdon. We urge all of the service members to keep the fire hot and announce the party and our needs at every meeting they attend. I do want to assure every one that we are doing everything we can to shave costs and reduce the budget by at least \$300.00 dollars. The updates from our meeting are as follows.

Food: Nancy D.

It has been decided to switch vendors this year. We will be purchasing the chicken from Jewel and the pasta from Nancy's; along with the hams, turkeys and all the other food being donated there will be plenty of food. I will not bore you with all the details but we feel that although Bret Masi has taken care of us and catered most of our big events that we need to try something else. We feel that the quality will go up and we are also saving \$200.00 dollars. Enough said.

Raffle: Brian C.

Brian has already begun to purchase some items; he has some nice stuff to raffle off such as an I Pod docking station, small stereo, and Two Bears tickets other possible items being considered are a boys and girls bike and a portable Gps. There will also be the standard 50/50 raffle.

Kids games: Krista L

Krista truly has a passion for children and she every thing in place to provide an evening of entertainment for the kids. The children will be receiving a reindeer bag with cookies, candy and something special for Santa's reindeer. She will be doing Bozo buckets, musical chairs and making ornaments. There will also be a movie for the kids to watch. Krista still has some other ideas but has not decided what else she will do.

Entertainment: Jody B

All I know is that there have been weekly practices and that everyone involved is working under a vale of secrecy. I do know they have put a lot of effort into it and will be a hoot.

Set up: Michael H

The set up crew will be there to assist all of the committees in getting everything ready, they will the support staff and make sure every thing is in place for the big event.

Ben C: Clean up

The clean up crew will be responsible for making sure the garbage cans during the party are kept emptied and the general area is free of trash. They will also be responsible to break down and clean up after the party. This is a daunting task but there will be a lot of members that will be willing to help with the break down. The only thing they will need are heavy-duty garbage bags the rest will be available through the church.

Decorations: Beth L

The theme colors have been chosen and we will leave the rest for the wow factor when every one walks into the church. There have been some savings from this committee also. At this time it seems to be about \$50.00 dollars. It is still possible we will need some materials for the last minute details.

Santa:

Santa is Santa. Maggie has the Santa suit and Santa will get it from her. We thank Maggie for the generous donation of the Santa suit and it will save the party money every year.

Gifts from Santa: Cherie D

Cherie has done a great job of hunting down the trinkets and beads for kid's gifts and in doing so has been able to save a lot of money. The gift bags alone that used to be over \$2.00 dollars each have been sourced and are now being purchased for just under \$.30 cents per bag. The total savings are not fully known yet but we are on the right track.

Beverages: Kyle/Herbert

Herbert has stepped up to the plate to help Kyle. All of the soda has been purchased and also some water. We bought it at Jewel on sale, which is about as low as it gets this time of year and we are on target for budget. There really is no real room to save any substantial money since we need to buy name brand soda. We also cannot afford to run out of liquids since we never know how many will be in attendance.

LSSI drivers: Herbert

Herbert already has drivers on tap and will have no problem getting the group to the party. Jessica R has word smithed a letter of invitation and Herbert will deliver it to the appropriate LSSI staff this Monday.

Paper goods: Scott R

We initially budgeted \$150.00 Dollars But I have since spent time at Sams and priced out what we will need. We also now have a connection at a card and party that can get us a 30% discount and will blow any pricing I got from Sams out of the water. I do not have a firm number yet but I am projecting at least a savings of \$50.00 dollars.

AI-Anon:

We were petitioned by AI-Anon for them to hold a silent auction to raise money for AI-Ateen. Although it is a great idea and for a noble cause we felt it would conflict with our own attempt to raise our own funds to pay for the party itself. They will however be granted a table to display the appropriate literature for AI-Anon and AI-Ateen and field any questions party guests may have. We feel it is a great opportunity to get the AI-Anon/AI-Ateen message out to the folks who need it the most. The families of the alcoholic.

Greeters: Alex H

We have added greeters to the event. They will both greet and maintain order with the smokers.

Treasurer: Tom M

Here is the news I am sure every one has been waiting for. Where do we stand financially? As of right now we have taken in about \$350.00 dollars and have spent almost every dime of it. The budget stood at \$3,430.00 dollars and have trimmed about \$300.00 dollars. My goal is to get that number down to \$3,000.00 Dollars or less. I cannot stress enough the importance of every one talking to the treasurers at their next business meeting about their donation for the party. Although we need to get the money donations in as soon as possible. I suggest all meetings continue to pass the can up until the day of the party to help make up for the 3 week shortened time frame we are dealing with. This will all work out but we need to keep diligent and keep spreading the word.

Scott R

Christmas 2010 party chair

ISCYPAA-Hyatt Regency Woodfield 1800 E. Golf Road Schaumburg, IL
Friday, February 25, 2011 at 5:00pm - Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 12:00pm

GSR Reports:

***Sunday, 10am, Michelle B. advised that attendance is between 40-80 per week. The meeting has donated 52.00 towards the Christmas party. They are having a business meeting Sunday, 11/14 @ 9:15am. Phil Z – group treasurer, made the motion to continue collecting money for the Christmas party. The group also is collecting money for “Remember November”. Both the Grapevine and Literature chairs are staying busy.

***Sunday, 12pm, Jacque S. has asked for support and received it! Average sobriety is 4 months. The group could use some more women.

***Monday, 8pm, Kristy M. stated the meeting has good attendance. They hold a business meeting at 7:30pm. This group decided to donate money to the Christmas party instead of passing the basket. They also would like to do a workshop in 2011.

***Monday, 12pm, Paula P. is still looking for an Alt GSR or a GSR. Paula can attend the district meeting but needs to have someone represent the group because she is going to school.

***Monday, 1:30pm, John H. states the meeting is slowly growing. They made a distribution to GSO and will be talking about making a donation to the Christmas party next week.

***Monday, 8pm, Albert Mc. is noticing that the meeting fluctuates from week to week. He is concerned about the LSSI women being separated. Should there be a formatted AA meeting next door?

***Tuesday, 8pm, Don B. wants to send out a Thank You to all who attended The Dundee Men's 35 Anniversary last week.

Tuesday, 6pm, Renz Center **NEEDS A NEW GSR***** Walter had to step down from his position.

***Tuesday, 7:30pm, Sue L. advised us that we have a large group of women attending each week. The last Tuesday of each month we have a closed anniversary speaker meeting. The Alcahion is going to be at Zion Church again this year. Christina V is chairing this event. Alateen is babysitting for this event as a fundraiser.

***Tuesday, 7pm, Eric L. As a reminder, the last Tuesday of each month is a closed speaker meeting.

***Tuesday, 6:30pm, Jim H represented the EMH for Herbert. There are approximately 20-25 patients Tuesday nights and only 1-3 from our district. This meeting needs support.

***Tuesday, 8pm, Jim H represented Back to Basics for Dave D. and this meeting needs support.

***Wednesday, 12pm, Jody B. We are voting in a new Alt GSR, Katie S at the business meeting on 11/10.

***Wednesday, 6pm, John S. Meeting is still going strong,

***Wednesday, 8pm, Luke C. is now the Alt GSR. Anthony H is the new GSR.

***Wednesday, 7pm, John Mc advised us that the group donated 50.00 to district and has decided on a breakdown for the group distributions.

***Wednesday, 8pm, Rob C. has noticed a lot of Old Timers wandering in. Donations for the Christmas party are going well.

***Wednesday, 7pm, Mary Mc. advised us that they are seeing more new comers and the meeting is growing.

***Thursday, 7:30pm, Lisa C. said the meeting is going well.

***Thursday, 5:30pm, Alano Club / Needs support!!!

***Thursday, 7pm, Eric L. New Meeting-As Joe and Charlie See It Rewind. The meeting works on steps 1,2,and 3 for the new comers.

***Thursday, 5:30pm, Debbie F. is the new Alt GSR and stated that this meeting needs support.

***Thursday, 8pm, Dave B. has made the donation to the Christmas party and they are open on Thanksgiving!

***Friday, 7:30am, Jim H. the meeting always has terrific coffee, donuts and of course, Valet parking. The group voted to donate a subscription to the Grapevine for the Christmas party.

***Friday, 8pm, Shawna L announced that the 1st Friday of each month, there will be a closed speaker meeting.

***Friday, 7pm, Luke C. is now the GSR for the Wanderer's 911.

***Friday, 7:30pm, Mike H. says the attendance is going strong. Business meeting will be the first week in December and will decide the open positions available.

***Friday, 10:30pm, Emily T. is the new GSR.

***Saturday, 9am, John S stepped in for Joe M and says the meeting is going strong.

***Saturday, 10:30pm, Eric L. New Meeting, Eric invites all. 8 people showed up for the first meeting.

Officer Reports:

DCM: *Chris D*

On page two of the D22 meeting is the Committee Meeting Motions. If you need further information, please go to the district website <http://dist22.aa.nia.org> go to: Information for Members and the motions are listed under Forms and Documents.

Next Assembly is Dec 11th.

DCMA: *Mike McD.*

Mike wants us all to remember the Big Book Conference on Nov 13th. This is a terrific event.

Treasurer: *Tom M.*

Hello all,

Attached you will find financials for :

- a) 2011 budget discussion
- b) 2010 d22 financials to date
- c) 2010 Christmas party expenses/donations to date

Secretary: *Jody B.*

Hello Everyone,

As always, thank you for your continued support of e-mailing me your committee reports. Our GSO updates are current as of Nov. Please remember that if you have any changes for the new directory, do not hesitate to call or e-mail me prior to the new directory printing.

LCM Reports:

Mike McD.-Saturday, 10am meeting has a new GSR.

Chuck A.- NOVEMBER, 2010

LCM CLUB MEETINGS REPORT- CHUCK ANDERSON

There are 12 AA meetings currently active at Elgin Alano Club. There is a very good chance that two more meetings will begin in November. One on Thursdays at 7pm and another on Saturday night at 10:30pm. Directory committee should have been notified.

There are many sponsorship opportunities available at all club meetings as most attendees are newcomers. Saturday, 3:30pm Healing the Heart closed discussion meeting is now for men and women and could use more support. Groups have been humbly asked to consider donations to District 22 in general and to the Christmas Party separately. The Tuesday night Big Book meeting is donating \$40 to the Christmas Party. A donation jar for the Christmas Party has been put out at the club.

Ten of the twelve meetings at Elgin Alano Club are registered with GSO and have their own group number. They conform to the 7th Tradition of being self-supporting and honor all other AA traditions. Please contact John McGrail (847-334-6236) or Chuck Anderson (847-942-8626) with any questions or concerns about club AA meetings.

Ron S.-Ron could not make the meeting and called Chris D to let him know all his meetings are going well.

Joe M-Joe sees the GSR support at the meeting.

Dawn E-Dawn did not attend the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Answering Service: *Wendy G.*

AA District 22

ANSWERING SERVICE 2011 Budget REPORT

Wendy G. and Jayne M.

November 2010

RE: Yellow Page Listing: Recommend 1 year listing at \$120 per year. Includes ad listing in Yellow Page Directory (hard copy) and Internet cross-reference

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.

Archives: Mike has stepped down from this position. Joyce P. is the new chair for Archives. Thank you Joyce for stepping up to this position.

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

Kristy is looking for a doctor to meet with, to provide CPC information.

Correctional Facilities: *Nathan B.*

No report provided.

Directories: *Burt L.*

Burt is continuing to look for another printer that may be cheaper. 350 directories were printed

this month. Please continue to send Jody B (D22 Secretary) all changes that need to be made prior to the December printing.

Grapevine: *John S.*

Grapevine Survey's must be completed by the end of November. If you are holding hard copies, please give them to John S, Barb W or Ray M. Grapevine subscriptions are up 1.5%.

Literature: *Nancy D.*

We are still putting together newcomer packets.

Public Information: *Alex H.*

Nothing to report this month per Alex.

Special Needs: *Sue L*

Asta Care, Saturday 2pm, still needs support. If any meetings need large print books, please contact Sue L or Shawna L.

Treatment: *Ben C.*

Sandra stepped down from the treatment chair. Ben C. has stepped up to this position. Thank you Ben!!!

Website: *Larry S.*

District 22

Webmaster

November 7, 2010

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I posted the NIA preliminary calendar, background on motions for the Winter Assembly and a link to ISCYPAA events. I have also added a password protected page. There is no content yet so if you have something with names or phone numbers you would like to post let me know.

There were 382 visits in the last month. So usage continues to improve. 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.

Larry

Website Visits

October, 2010 302

November, 2010 382

Upcoming Area Events:

NIA Big Book Conference, Nov 13, 2010 LaFox

D22 Christmas Party, Dec 4, 2010

Next District Meeting, Dec 5th, 2010

Next Assembly Dec 11th, 2010 Hinsdale South High School

**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 December 5th,**
2010***

Respectively submitted by Jody B. - District Secretary -