

**District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2011**

Meeting Time: 4:30
Attendance: 46
Committee Members & Officers: 10/5
GSR's & Alternates: 30/2
Groups Represented: 37
Dec Minutes: Accepted by Mike McD. / Don B.
2nd Tradition/Concept II read by: Steve P.

New GSR's & Alternates:

Tisha O-Mon, 12pm, Second Shifters - Alt GSR
Robb Z-Mon, 7pm, Big Book Meeting - GSR
Matt S-Mon, 8pm, Monday Night Westside Group – Alt GSR
Debbie F-Tues, 6pm, Tuesday Night Group - GSR
Theresa M-Wed, 6:30pm, Faith, Hope and Serenity - GSR
Anthony H-Wed, 8pm, Wednesday Night Eastside Group – Alt GST
Debbie F-Tues, 6pm, Tuesday Night Group - GSR
Bill W-Thur, 8pm, Dundee Men's Group - GSR
Krista L, Fri, 8pm, South Elgin Friday Night Group – Alt GSR
Monu K-Wed, 1:30pm, Came to Believe II - GSR
Soby B-Sat, 7:30pm, Young and the Restless - GSR (Please provide your e-mail address)

New Committee Chairs:

Debbie F was voted in as CPC Co-Chair
Tisha O. was voted in as Treatment Co-Chair

Visitors:

No visitors joined us at the February District 22 Meeting

January Anniversaries/Birthdays:

Anniversaries/Birthdays were not announced at the February D22 mtg.
Congratulations to everyone with another day of sobriety!

Announcements from the Floor:

1. Herbert L. is hosting the **February-7pm, Saturday Open Speaker Meeting** at Sherman Hospital. Please contact Herbert for the speakers. Treats are served the last Saturday of the month.
2. The Little Red Door/Joe M. is hosting the **March-7pm, Saturday Open Speaker Meeting.**
 - March 5th – Kathy H.
 - March 12th – Joe M.
 - March 19th – Phil A.
 - March 26th – Manus S. and Susan S. (AA and Alanon)Treats are served the last Saturday of the month
3. Jim H. Elgin Alano Club 4th Anniversary Open Banquet. Saturday, March 5, 6:00pm-11:00pm. Tickets are still available.
4. Cat H. advised us that the last day to reserve the hotel for the ISCYPAA Conference room rate is Feb, 13th. The ISCYPAA Conference is 2/25-2/27.
5. Chris and Jody are collecting the registration forms for the NIA 2011 Spring Conference, 4/1-4/3, for those of you who are attending the banquet dinner and

interested in sitting together. Please give your registration forms to Chris or Jody by Sunday, March 6th which is our next district meeting.

GSR Reports:

- Sunday, 10am-Michelle said they always carry an inventory of literature and coins for LSSI. The D22 Correction Workshop is hosted by the Sunday Morning Unity Group on May 15th, 11:30am-1pm. They are trying to get LSSI clients to attend.
- Sunday, 12pm-Jacque said the meeting is going well and the group can almost pay rent to the Alano Club. Women support is much needed.
- Sunday, 7pm-AJ's meeting is going well. They have cookies too!

- Monday, 12pm-Paula announced that Tisha O is now the Alt GSR for the Second Shifters.
- Monday, 1:30pm-John is happy to say that the group members are up to 20-22. There are a lot of newcomers. The meeting is able to pay the rent at the Alano Club. He is going to have a business meeting to discuss a donation to D22.
- Monday, 7pm-Robb stated that the Big Book Meeting is a great meeting with a lot of sobriety.
- Monday, 8pm-Kristy advised there will not be a workshop hosted by the Monday Night Westside Fellowship. Maggie stepped down as the Alt GSR. Matt S. has stepped up to this position. They just purchased 5 newcomer packets.
- Monday, 8pm-Albert advised us that the women who are in treatment have to stay on the treatment side. Tisha has taken over this meeting to carry the AA message.

- Tuesday, 6pm-Debbie is the new GSR for the Tuesday Night Group at Renz Center.
- Tuesday, 7:30pm-Sue stated how wonderful this women's meeting is. A great meeting if you are looking for a sponsor. The Jayne M. and Dawn E. are chairing the WNB Retreat. The dates for the retreat are 6/17-6/19.
- Tuesday, 8pm-Don B. was filling in for the new GSR Bill W. This meeting does need newcomer packets.

- Wednesday, 1:30pm-Monu is the new GSR for Came to Believe II.
- Wednesday, 6pm-John said the Big Book Discussion group is doing well.
- Wednesday, 6:30pm-Theresa advised that this women's meeting always has fellowship before the meeting @ 6pm.
- Wednesday, 7pm-Mike M. said the group is doing well. The treasurer is in the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Wednesday, 7pm-John M said attendance is good. The group donated 50.00 to D22.
- Wednesday, 7:30pm-Steve is looking for an Alt GSR. Each Wednesday the group size is 15-20 each week. The Alateen meeting is still upstairs.
- Wednesday, 8pm-Anthony started that the meeting has good attendance. During the blizzard, there was still approximately 20 people who attended.

- Thursday, 5:30pm-Debbie said the meeting is going well.
- Thursday, 7pm-Andy keeps saying every month that this meeting could use a few good women!!!
- Thursday, 7:30pm-Dan convinced us this meeting is a "Crazy Good Time". Meeting topics are from AA approved literature. They carry the 30-60-90 coins for the new comers. The meeting has a great turn out, usually 50-60 per week. Lot's of sponsorship available and they sell literature. Many people go to dinner

- to fellowship afterwards.
- Thursday, 8pm-Dave stated that the meeting is going well.
 - Friday, 7:30am-Jim reminded us that the 7:30am is the earliest meeting in D22. Valet parking and donuts are always available.
 - Friday, 1:30pm-Jim advised us that this meeting is reading the Language of the Heart.
 - Friday, 3:30pm-Ben reminded us this is a beginner's meeting. They have approximately 15 people each week. They work on steps 1-2-3 using AA approved literature.
 - Friday, 6pm-Bob is looking for support at this meeting. This is a co-ed meeting.
 - Friday, 7:30pm-Anthony said the Came to Believe meeting has 10-15 in attendance each week.
 - Friday, 8pm-Bruce stated this meeting has a closed speaker meeting the first Friday of each month. Good mix of sobriety. There will be a business meeting on Friday, 2/18 @ 7:30pm.
 - Friday, 8pm-Jon's meeting is now reading from the 12 and 12.
 - Friday, 10:30pm-Emily states that the meeting is steady approximately 15-20 each week. The meeting format is "Where are you at in your sobriety?" This meeting could use some established sobriety.
- Saturday, 8am-Don could use women to attend and the meeting needs support.
 - Saturday, 9am-As usual, this meeting is going strong.
 - Saturday, 3pm-Joyce says the meeting is stable. People have stepped up to open and close for the meeting and it is much appreciated.
 - Saturday, 7pm-Amy has one more opening for a meeting to host and arrange the speakers for the month of November. ***See below for hosting groups.
 - Saturday, 7:30pm-Soby states that this group is having a closed speaker meeting once a month. Food is served. The next speaker is March 26th and Gumbo soup is on the menu.

Saturday, 7pm, Open Speaker Group/individual Hosting:

Feb-Herbert L

Mar- Saturday Red Door/Joe M.

Apr- North West Edge Chicago/Steve L.

May-Tuesday Night Women's New Beginning Group/Jody B and Dawn E.

June-Monday Noon Second Shifters/Paula P.

July-Saturday 10am Early Birds Group/Michelle J.

Aug-St. Mary's Attitude Adjustments-Crystal Lake/Matt S.

Sept-Jarod R.

Oct-Sunday Morning Unity Group/Michelle B.

Nov-OPEN OPEN OPEN

Dec-Friday Night Recovery Group/Burt L.

Old Business:

1. Scott has turned in the final 2010 Christmas Party report. Scott wanted to thank everyone for their commitment. It was greatly appreciated. Scott was honored to chair the party and it was privilege working with everyone. The party financials are complete and we stayed in the "black" this year.

New Business:

1. Final Agenda Items for the General Service Conference will be on D22 website in a day or so. There were about 30 copies of the preliminary agenda on the back table.

2. WNB Tuesday meeting is hosting the ISCYPAA hospitality suite, Saturday, 2/26, 10am-12pm. Jody made a motion to see if D22 would donate 100.00 towards the food items needed to purchase to make this event a success. The motion was passed.

D22 Past/Upcoming Event Reports:

1. D22 Is hosting the Winter Assembly on 12/10/2011. We are still looking for a venue. If anyone has any ideas, please give Chris a call.

Officer Reports:

DCM: *Chris D*

FEBRUARY DCM REPORT

I attended the winter committee meeting last month and heard reports from the Delegate, Area officers and standing committee chairs. Copies of these reports (where available), including the most recent Area 20 financial information are available on the table in the back of the room. There are also plenty of gold Area 20 Service Handbook that are free of charge.

D22 member Sandy S. graciously offered her church as a possible site for the upcoming Winter Assembly next Dec. I went and visited the facility and unfortunately discovered that the church would not be large enough to host the assembly. Thanks Sandy for thinking of us. I encourage everyone in D22 to keep your minds open and let me know if you have any ideas for a facility for the Winter Assembly next Dec. 10th.

The next Area event in the Spring Assembly (Apr 1-3) which is being held at the Spring Conference again this year. So far, there is only one voting item, A Special Needs motion to amend PPM5 to open up the language in the motion to include more people. This is a great opportunity for those who may never have attended an assembly to see how Alcoholic Anonymous conducts its business. Additionally you will be able to here reports from our elected officers on the events relative to their duties. When I get the final agenda for the assembly, I will forward it on and post in on the website.

In Service-
Chris D
D22 DCM

DCMA: *Mike McD.*

Nothing to report this month.

Treasurer: *Tom M.*

The January financials were distributed at the District meeting

Thank you for all the recent donations.

Secretary: *Jody B.*

Hi District 22,

The monthly D22 directory changes are being updated for GSO. Our NIA Registrar has brought it to my attention that GSO prefers meetings that have been established for a year to be registered with GSO. I continue to send over the changes and the new meeting information. I will get a better clarification when I see Judd at the NIA Spring Assembly.

Please remember that I need your committee reports either e-mailed to me or handed to me at district. E-mail is the best option. I greatly appreciate those Committee members who continue

to provide your reports.

In Loving Service,
Jody

LCM Reports:

Mike Mc.- Nothing to report this month.

Chuck A.- Chuck did not attend the meeting. No report provided.

Ron S.-Ron did not attend the meeting; however he did report that his meetings are going well. Ron has been involved with the ISCYPAA Conference, he will have more time to concentrate on his commitment as a D22 LCM, after the conference.

Joe M-All meetings are going well.

Dawn E-Dawn did not attend the meeting. No report provided.

Committee Reports:

Answering Service: *Wendy G.*

Wendy was not present. She advised that there were 34 calls. One call did request a Korean meeting.

Archives: *Joyce P.*

Purchases made to organize the Archives are the following:

3 binders

10 boxes reinforcements

Totaling: 85.40

We are still supposed to display Archives at the Spring Conference. The 2010 binder is complete. Two binders have been replaced. Money is needed to print out the minutes and 2 additional binders for Archives literature.

Submitted by: Joyce P.
Archives Chair

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

Kristy attended meetings, no report provided.

Correctional Facilities: *Andy R.*

There is an NIA Correction Committee Workshop March 5th, 2011. You will find the flyer on our website: <http://dist22.aa-nia.org>

The location is:

Westminster Presbyterian Church

10 N. Edgelawn Dr.

Aurora, IL 60506

9am-4pm Registration starts at 8:00am

AA Business Meeting - January 28, 2011
Kane County Corrections - Lory C (D11) and Greg A

Meetings

Susan P. and Lory C. will meet with the KCAJC Volunteer Programs Coordinator, and one or two other corrections officers, to discuss the problems we have had with frequent lockdowns. Since December 27, we have had 9 meetings scheduled. The inmates were "unavailable" (locked down) for 5 of those meetings. We have been provided with a phone number to call and inquire if programs have been cancelled before we drive out there, which helps, but I for one, would like to have more consistency with meetings. We are told that staff shortages are responsible for the frequent cancellations. There is probably nothing we can do to improve the situation, but I want to try and impress upon KCC the importance of carrying the AA message behind bars, and the commitment AA has made to this effort. I would like to appeal to them to make an earnest effort to get us in.

Training

In 2010 we had 22 AA volunteers bringing two meetings a week to alcoholics behind bars. Application forms for new volunteers are being circulated now. Training will be in May. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact one of the current volunteers for more information. Training is only held once a year and you must be trained to participate.

Budget

We slightly overspent our 2010 budget of \$1000. We would like to propose an increase of \$500 for 2011. The Kane County Corrections program was also heavily funded from Pink Can collections this past year. This money enabled us to give a Big Books to every inmate who asked for one. This encourages people to study by themselves, or with each other, in between organized meetings. We also were able to make pamphlets and other literature written by inmates, for inmates, available to incarcerated alcoholics. The Grapevine Committee donated approximately \$125 in magazines to KCC detainees.

Directories: *Burt L.*

Directories are going well. If we go to an 8 X 11 the cost would be .08 cents per copy.

Grapevine: *John S.*

The February Grapevines have arrived with some interesting articles, as always. Just a reminder, to remind you & your groups to subscribe to our "Meeting In Print". It's a great way to stay connected & to pass along the issue, or message to the next AA member. Barb & I will be attending the upcoming ISCYPAA convention in Schaumburg, & will set up the Grapevine Display, along with subscription forms available, hope to see you all there.

In service,

John S

Dist.22 Grapevine Chair

Literature: *Nancy D.*

Family,

Newcomer Packets specific to District 22 can be purchased for \$1.00 each at District 22 monthly meetings. Or, call if you need sooner.

In Love and Service,

Nancy D

Dist.22 Lit.Chair

PI: *Alex H.*

Alex attended meeting, no report provided

Special Needs: *Sue L.*
DISTRICT 22
FEB. 13, 2011

REPORT TO DISTRICT

Committee: Special Needs
Chair: Sue L.
Alternate Chair: Cherie M.

Committee Accomplishments and Current Projects:

- Thank you Cherie for stepping in as Special Needs Alternate.
- Thank you Shawna for all of your hard work.
- Continue to bring meetings to **Asta Care Center** every Saturday. Support of this meeting has been very strong. Presently there are three to five residents participating in this meeting. Thanks to all for getting the word out and for your continued support.
- No literature or materials purchased.
- Putting together Special Needs information packets for select facilities in Elgin.

Committee Request for Support:

- Support for meeting at **Asta Care Center** at **2pm** every **Saturday**. Address: 134 N. McLean Blvd., Elgin. Please pick up information flyer with map and bring to your meetings. Thank you.
- New perspective, ideas and support are always needed for the Special Needs Committee. Please contact Sue L. or Cherie M. with any and all thoughts, input or questions. As always, thank you for your participation and support.

Respectfully Submitted by District 22 Special Needs Chair:

Sue L.

Date: February 13, 2011

Treatment: *Ben C.*

Support from both men and women is still needed at LSSI Monday Nights @ 8pm. The women who have been attending have done a great job developing an effective format out of nothing. Thank you!!!

Conversations are ongoing regarding making small changes to other meetings held at that facility, namely the Bridge groups.

Other than that all is well with the treatment facilities. Thank you all for your continued support!

Respectfully submitted,
Ben C.

Website: *Larry S.*
District 22
Webmaster
February 13, 2011

<http://dist22.aa-nia.org>
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There were 323 visits in January.

I hope you have all had a chance to see the new website. The changes are mostly just cosmetic but I have added a little content. The area calendar is now available along with the ISCYPAA calendar.

Remember that there is available a password protected page if you have need of it. And if you or your committee has information that can be shared on the web I can set you up with your own page on the site. I'd like to see us make more use of the website but it's really up to you.

Larry

Website Visits

March, 2010	272
April, 2010	184
May, 2010	151
June, 2010	203
July, 2010	206
August, 2010	243
September, 2010	300
October, 2010	370
November, 2010	295
December, 2010	231
January, 2011	323

Upcoming Area Events:

Next District Meeting – March 6th, 2011

**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 February 13th, 2011******

Respectively submitted by Jody B. - District Secretary -