

## District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2011

Meeting Time: 4:30 Attendance: 33 Committee Members & Officers: 11/4 GSR's & Alternates: 28/1 Groups Represented: 31 February Minutes: Accepted by: Scott R/Robb Z 3rd Tradition/Concept III read by: Jacob L

### New GSR's & Alternates:

Burt L/GSR-As Joe & Charlie See It Jacob L/GSR-Friday Night Recovery Group Dave P/GSR-Tuesday Night One Day at a Time Brian B/Alt GSR-Thursday W. Dundee Thursday Night Group Bobby H/Alt GSR-Elgin Wednesday Night Eastside Group Matt K/GSR-Big Book Step Study **Welcome to District 22**

### March Anniversaries:

Robb Z-6 months Debbie F-10 months Chris D-21 years **Congratulations!**

### Announcements from the Floor:

1. Area Inventory for all interested individuals (Area / District Website) end April 23<sup>rd</sup>
2. Pre General Conference Workshop, Palatine, IL. April 23<sup>rd</sup> **Final Agenda Items for the General Service Conference are on the website.** All AA members in Area 20 are invited and encouraged to participate. Service Committee chairs and their Alternates should be participating in their part of the agenda. One of the primary functions of a GSR is to communicate its group conscience to your Area 20 Delegate on the Conference agenda items. That is the purpose of this workshop. To clarify: all GSR's should be there. All Service Committee chairs and their alternates should be there. All other Area 20 AA members are highly encouraged to participate or to have at least expressed your thoughts on the Agenda items to your GSR who will be present and express that at the workshop. If you have any questions please let me know (Chris D.)
3. Michelle's meeting is hosting the Corrections Workshop, Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Joe's Hospital, 11:30-1:00pm. Fliers are available on our district website.
4. Jayne M is speaking at the Fox Valley Open, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Geneva, IL Fliers are available on our district website.

**Saturday, 7pm, Open Speaker Group/Individual Hosting: Apr- North West Edge Chicago/Steve L. May- Tuesday Night Women's New Beginning Group/Dawn E. and Jody B. 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- Big Book, 12 & 12 Group/Jon S. Dec- Friday Night Recovery Group/Burt L.**

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**April Speakers:** North West Edge Chicago Speakers 4/23-Bill T. 4/30-Julia-AA/Penelope-Alanon

**May Speakers:** Woman's New Beginning Speakers 5/7- Christi P 5/14-Kathy O. 5/21-Joyce P.

5/28-Dave P-AA/Carol P-Alanon

### **D22 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 contact Chris or Jody. We really need your help!!!

2. 2011 D22 Picnic Chair-Steve H. \*\*\*\*May 1<sup>st</sup> will be the first picnic planning committee meeting at 3:30pm, St. Hugh's, one hour prior to our district meeting. Anyone who would like to volunteer for this terrific, fun event, please show up! If you can't make the meeting and would like to volunteer, please contact Steve.

### **GSR Reports: Sunday Meetings:**

**10:00am** Sunday Morning Unity Group-Michelle B. had 2 business meetings and their voting concentrated on Corrections, Finance and Grapevine. **6:30pm** In-Depth Big Book Study Group-John S. advised us that the group purchased a case of Big Books and gave them to our Corrections Committee. The meeting is doing well.

**Monday Meetings: 7:00pm** Big Book Meeting-Robb Z. had a business meeting and they voted on items discussed on the agenda. The meeting is growing! **8:00pm** Monday Night Westside Fellowship-Kristi M. had a business meeting went over the items discussed. Attendance is going well. This meeting breaks out into a BB, Discussion and a step meetings.

**Tuesday Meetings: 10:00am** Fellowship Group-Jody B had several business meetings to discuss the agenda items. All items discussed have been voted on and will be brought to the workshop. We have decided to go back to the original group number and change our name back to Fellowship Group. Our original group number was registered in 1979. **6:00pm** Tuesday Night Group/Renz Center-Debbie F. is happy to say that this group is doing well. **7:00pm** As Joe & Charlie See It-Burt advised the meeting is going well. **7:30pm** Woman's New Beginnings-Barb W reminded the district that this group has free baby-sitting. WNB is hosting the May, 7pm, Sherman Open Speaker Meeting. Dawn E. is coordinating 5/7 and 5/14. Jody B. is coordinating 5/21 and 5/28. Please see the speaker names listed above. WNB Retreat is June 17-19. The registration has been opened to Area 20, please sign up due to limited space available. Scholarships are still available!! Registration forms have been distributed throughout the district meetings and are located on our district website. <http://dist-22-nia.org> **7:30pm** Tuesday Night One Day at a Time-Dave P. is the new GSR. Good meeting!! **8:00pm** Tuesday Night Group-Curt B. had a business meeting and voted on changes. The meeting has grown to 14-16 people a week. **8:00pm** Dundee Men's Group-Don B. made us aware that guys from LSSI have been attending this meeting. This group did have a business meeting. **8:00pm** Back to Basics-Jim H. represented this group. He visits this meeting regularly. This meeting rotates and works on 3 steps each week. Great meeting for beginners.

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**Wednesday Meetings: 10:00am** As Bill Sees It-John H. said this meeting has a great chair person. They did have a business meeting. **12:00pm** Wednesday Westside Grapevine-Tanya E. had a business meeting. Chris D and Ray M both attended. Attendance is up. **6:00pm** Big Book Discussion/Renz Center-John S. is happy to say that the meeting has grown and had to be moved to the conference room. **7:00pm** Wednesday Night Reflections Group-Mary M.-Attendance is up and meeting is going well. **7:30pm** Wednesday Night Serenity Group-Steve P. said this meeting has a good strong core of members and can always use support. **8:00pm** Elgin Wednesday Night Eastside Group-Anthony H. advised us the meeting is going well.

**Thursday Meetings: 5:30pm** Woman's We're All in this Together/Renz Center-Debbie F. made us aware that attendance has dropped, meeting needs woman support. **7:00pm** New Horizon's Group/EMHC-Andy R. thanked the West Dundee Thursday Night Group for the case of Big Books. **7:30pm** West Dundee Thursday Night Group-Dan S.-announced that they voted in a new Alt GSR-Brian B. at their business meeting. The meeting was followed by a spirited discussion over the agenda items for the workshop. The group did have another business meeting to finish the items for the workshop.

**Friday Meetings: 7:30am** Friday Morning Eye Opener-Jim H always reminds us this meeting is the earliest meeting in the district. They have valet parking, great coffee and donuts. Meeting is going strong. **1:30pm** Good Friday Traditions-John H. represented this meeting. The meeting is based on the book, Language of the Heart. **3:30pm** Jaywalkers-Ben C-This meeting will be moving to the new EAC location. **8:00pm** South Elgin Friday Night Fellowship-Bruce M, a business meeting was held 4/15 @ 7pm. There are mixed feeling on the agenda items. The meeting has expenses to discuss. **8:00pm** Big Book Step Study-Matt K is the new GSR. This meeting has decided to move to the new EAC location. **10:30pm** Last Call-Emily T and the members had a business meeting. They are not sure if this meeting will be moving to the new EAC location.

**Saturday Meetings: 8:00am** Saturday Morning 12 & 12-Don B. said the meeting is going well. **9:00am** Saturday Morning Little Red Door-Joe M. announced that the meeting continues to have good attendance and the donuts are great. **3:00pm** Healing the Heart-Joyce advised us that the meeting is well attended and will be moving to the new EAC location. **7:00pm** Open Speaker Meeting-Amy L announced that this meeting needs help with weekly set-up and take down. Andy R suggested that the group that is hosting each month could help with this additional service work needed.

**Officer Reports: DCM:** *Chris D*

## **DCM REPORT**

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I attended the Spring Assembly at the Spring Conference last weekend. A Special Needs motion to amend PPM5 was passed. After hearing reports from our Delegate and Treasurer (available on back table) and also from a few active service committee chairs, we started the Area inventory. The Area inventory is an attempt to get the fellowships opinions on several subjects regarding our ability to achieve our primary purpose as an Area. This inventory is available for all of you to participate in and an online version is available at the NIA and D22 website. The online version will not be available after April

23.

Speaking of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the next major event is the Pre General Service Conference Workshop. This is the event where the group conscience is communicated through the GSR to the Delegate. I encourage all who have opinions on any of the agenda items to attend. This includes GSR's, district service committee chairs and their alternates, district officers and any other members of the fellowship who wish to participate.

I also attended a recent Area workshop on Answering Service. They had a representative from Answer Call who shared for over an hour on the trials and tribulations of Answer Call's ability to perform the task we ask of them, that of putting one suffering alcoholic in touch with another. I learned a great deal about the many ways that we can make their job a bit easier by lessening common restrictions that are often placed on them. Please contact me if you would like more information of this.

I also attended the Area's correction Workshop earlier in the month. Again, this event was extremely informative and offered many insights on corrections professionals and the effort they go to make our presence in their facility a possibility. We also talked about and heard from many AA's who continue to do the work of carrying the message behind the walls. These passionate people are the reason that AA continues to be available in jails and prisons and we should all remember to show our gratitude to them for their service to the fellowship.

Finally, we are still looking for a suitable venue for the Winter Assembly and I ask all who might any ideas to share those with me.

In Service- Chris D. D22 DCM

**DCMA:** *Mike McD.*

**Treasurer:** *Tom M. Please see the March financials attachment.* D22 is healthy financially and getting geared up for our district picnic. There were a total of 220.00 for the month of March. 4/10 D22 meeting collected 35.25. Respectively submitted, Tom M. D22 Treasurer

**Secretary:** *Jody B.*

Judd W. has informed me that we no longer are going to register any groups/meetings with names or days of the week with GSO. Please be aware of this when you are deciding your name for any new groups/meetings.

In Service, Jody B. D22 Secretary

**Committee Reports: Answering Service:** *Wendy G.*

**Mar-11 \* Calls 19**

# Calls

Problems?

First Time Caller Detox. Needs Detox Needs Half way house (men)	4 0 0
Wants to talk to someone in AA Alanon. Needs help. Hung-up, caller hung up Meetings. Wants directions/locations Ride. Needs a ride	6 1 0 5 2
Spanish. Needs Spanish meeting Needs meeting in Korean	0
Sponsor	0
Suicidal. Needs phone number for teens on drugs	0 0
Web Site. Needs web address Child care at St Catherine's meeting?	0 0
Wrong Number Will Call Back Later	
Wants meetings for Cook County Total	1 19

**Archives:** *Joyce P.* Present at meeting/No report provided

**C.P.C.:** *Kristy M.* Present at meeting/No report provided

**Correctional Facilities:** *Andy R.* To the Fellowship, Concerning D22 Corrections, I attended the NIA Corrections Workshop early March. This workshop was well attended by many districts. I have been attending EMHC Forensics unit on Tuesday. This meeting is well attended by patients. The EMHC, 7pm, Thursday meeting needs women support.

Sincerely, Andy R. Corrections Chair

Kane County Corrections - Lory C. and Greg A.

Meetings The March 5<sup>th</sup>. Corrections Workshop held at Westminster Church in Aurora, was great.

John R., NIA Corrections Chair, arranged to have the director of the IDOC, the warden from Sheridan and other representatives from the Illinois Department of Corrections as speakers. I got several good ideas of ways to possibly expand our program. We are exploring the possibility of women volunteers visit male pods at KCC as well as the female pod. This was tried at the March 21 meeting and it worked out well. Another group I learned about at the workshop was the Fox Valley Adult Transitional Center. This is another facility where we could join recently released offenders for AA meetings.

Miscellaneous Lockdowns continue. Since our last district meeting, we had 16 scheduled meeting dates at KCC. Out of those 16 meetings, the women were locked out of 10. Friday morning meetings seem to be doing better than Monday evening.

**Directories:** *Burt L.* 400 black and white copies of schedules were printed for April. The cost of printing has been approximately 46.00. We have not printed any blank schedules since February. The rack at KCC was fully stocked as of 4/10/11.

**Grapevine:** *John S.* There are several Agenda items being brought forward to the 61<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference in New York next month, a couple of Agenda items are in regards to the Grapevine. Agenda Item A: Consider that AA. Grapevine, Inc. be permitted to utilize digital channels and current (commissionable) support & distribution technologies such as but not limited to smart phones, tablets, e-readers, applications, and commissioned online stores for the sale and distribution of magazines, books, and products. Agenda Item B: Consider permitting AA. Grapevine, Inc. to accept contributions limited to the same General Service Board contribution policy, to be used for operation expenses with excess funds continuing to be forwarded to the Reserve fund. The AA.Grapevine continues to be in the Red, & needs support. Please try to promote your Group, & the members to subscribe to the Grapevine, or subscribe the Digital Grapevine on its website. These are two of several Agenda Items that will be gone over at the General Service Conference; I think two of the most important. Finally the April issues of the Grapevine are out, please let myself, or Barb W. know if you would like a copy of the latest issue.

In Service, John S. Dist.22 Grapevine Chair

**Literature:** *Nancy D.* Not present/No report provided

**PI:** *Alex H.* Present at meeting/No report provided

**Special Needs:** *Sue L.* No report provided

**Treatment:** *Ben C.* Present at meeting/No report provided

**Website:** *Larry S.*

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District 22 Webmaster April 10, 2011

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There were 306 visits in March, down some from previous months.

I added some new wrinkles to the site. There is now a page called About AA which is just that. I also added a page to the members section that has guidelines, forms and past district minutes.

Finally I'm working on a new version of the schedule just for the website. You will be able to for meetings on specific days and I'm including maps to all the meeting locations. I hope to have this all working properly this week. I will also add a printable version of the schedule which by necessity will be more than two pages.

Larry

**Website Visits**

January, 2011 323 February 2011 361 March 2011 306

**Upcoming Area Events:**

*Pre General Service Conference Workshop. Palatine, IL. Apr 23. Picnic Committee Meeting – May 1, 2011 – 3:30pm, St. Hugh's Next District Meeting – May 1, 2011 – 4:30pm, St. Hugh's*

**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 GSR is the most important position in D22**

*Respectively submitted by Jody B. - District Secretary -*