

District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes May 1st, 2011

Meeting Time: 4:30
Attendance: 29
Committee Members & Officers: 8/5
GSR's & Alternates: 20/2
Groups Represented: 20
April Minutes: Accepted by: Mike Mc, Dan S.
5th Tradition/Concept V read by: Barb W.

Visitors:

John R-NIA Corrections Chair
Guest Speaker Re: Corrections Pink Cans
Terry B. - D22

New GSR's & Alternates:

Dan C/GSR-Tuesday Night Group
Welcome to District 22

April Anniversaries:

No anniversaries celebrated in April

Announcements from the Floor: <http://www.aa-nia.org/events.html>

1. NIA Spring Committee Meeting, May 14th, Lord of Life Church, La Fox, IL
2. Sunday Morning Unity Group / D22 Corrections Workshop / May 15th, St. Joe's Hospital. 11:30am-1:30pm.
3. Fox Valley Open, June 4th, 7pm, Geneva, IL (Jayne M. D22 Speaker for 1-5yrs of sobriety).
4. Jayne M. Co-chair for the Woman's New Beginning's Annual Retreat announced that the retreat is filling up quickly. There are limited scholarships still available.
5. NIA Spring Committee Meeting, May 14th, Lord of Life Church, La Fox, IL
6. Area Inventory for all interested individuals (Area / District website) ends May 15th.
7. No GSR reports today

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

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.

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

June Speakers: Monday Noon Second Shifters

6/4 – Joyce P.

6/11 – Albert M.

6/18 – Dennis S.

6/25 – Kelly S.

Visitor: John R. - Pink Can Donations

I asked John to visit us at our D22 meeting on May 1, 2011. Please see the following information regarding the Pink Can Donations.

NIA Corrections is collecting approximately 800.00 per month for literature. The Big Books and 12 & 12's are given to the inmates, if requested, to pass the message of AA.

Kane County Jail-is completely stocked in all pods with Big Books and 12 & 12's.

DuPage County-received 4-5 cases of Big Books and 80-12 & 12's.

Sheridan-8 cases of Big Books and 12 & 12's.

There are other correctional facilities that are in the process of being supplied with AA literature

Right now, there are approximately \$1000.00 in the NIA Pink Can Fund. This money does not go to John R. It goes to the Area 20 treasurer. All books are ordered through GSO. The final order total goes to the Area treasurer to be purchased.

In the past year, NIA has spent approximately 10,000.00 of the Pink Can donations. Pink Can donations can be spent either, within the district, the group, or the money can be sent to Area 20.

John R. will be at our Corrections Workshop on May 15th. If you have any questions, please ask him at the workshop.

Respectively submitted,
Jody B.

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. We really need your help!!!
2. 2011 D22 Picnic Chair-Steve H. The next picnic committee meeting is May 15th. The time and time **will be announced soon**.

GSR Reports: No reports discussed due to John R. being our guest speaker.

Chris did ask if any GSR's had anything to report.

Please see the following GSR that did send a report:

***Sunday, 10am-Michelle B reminded us of the Correction Workshop coming up on May 15th.

The group is ordering 5 Grapevines next month

Next business meeting is May 8th, 9:15am, and discussing Green Can
Michelle B.

Officer Reports:

DCM: *Chris D*

May 2011 DCM Report

It's been a short time since our last meeting so I have little news to report. I attended the Pre General Service Conference Workshop last weekend where we as an Area discussed the final agenda items that are being considered at this years General Service conference, currently underway. The Grapevine items (digital availability and direct contributions) and Literature items (spirituality pamphlet) seemed to be the hot topics and many views were expressed. I'm sure Ray will have lots to report when he returns.

Two Area Ad-Hoc committees, Area Inventory Committee and Service Structure committee are still at work on their respective issues. The main issues are an Area Inventory for the former and a new proposed calendar for the latter. The Area inventory is an attempt to get the fellowship 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 online version is available at the NIA and D2 website. The online version will be available for only a few more weeks. The central focus of the Service Structure committee's motion will be to propose a calendar that reduces the number of annual committee meetings and assemblies from 4 to 3 each.

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

In Service-
Chris D.
D22 DCM

DCMA: *Mike McD.*

Treasurer: *Tom M.*
Please see the April financial attachment.

The D22 meeting collected 28.00. Tom advised that the donations continue to be sent in.

Tom announced he will be stepping down as Treasurer Chair. He has been commuting every day for several months and now has the opportunity to move closer to his new job. Thank you Tom for all your committed service work. Mike Mc., our previous treasurer has been voted in as our treasurer chair for the remaining year. Phil Z. decided to stay as the Alt Treasurer.

Respectively submitted,
D22 Treasurer
Tom Mc.

Secretary: *Jody B.*

I want to personally thank-you Tom for all your committed service work. It has always been a pleasure working with you especially during the Christmas Party. You always kidded us that all we needed you for is money. Well that was true; however, you have always been a delight to work with. Good luck at your new home and I hope you prosper well with your company.

I heard a lot of great information from all the committee members at our May district meeting. For those of you who sent me your report, your information is much appreciated!!

In Service,
Jody B.
D22 Secretary

Committee Reports:

Answering Service: *Wendy G.*

Apr-11 * Calls 56

	# Calls	Problems?
First Time Caller	6	
Detox. Needs Detox	2	
Needs Half way house (men)	2	

Wants to talk to someone in AA	4	
Al-Anon. Needs help.	4	
Hung-up, caller hung up	4	
Meetings. Wants directions/locations	13	
Ride. Needs a ride	5	
Spanish. Needs Spanish meeting	0	
Sponsor	0	
Suicidal.	0	
Needs phone number for teens on drugs	0	
Web Site. Needs web address	4	
Child care at St Catherine's meeting?	0	
Wrong Number	3	
Will Call Back Later	0	
Wants meetings for Cook County	3	
other counties, McHenry, DuPage	6	

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Archives: *Joyce P.*

Present at meeting/No report provided

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

Present at meeting/No report provided

Correctional Facilities: *Andy R.*

As Corrections Chair, I attended the Corrections breakout discussion group at the Pre-General Conference Workshop.

Discussion was on the GSO literature including "It sure beats sitting in a cell", AA in correctional facilities, and our corrections workbook and kit.

John R. our NIA Corrections Chair donated 1 case of soft cover Big Books to the Elgin Mental Health Hospital Forensic unit. I delivered them to EMHC last Tuesday and they were greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Andy R.
Corrections Chair

Kane County Corrections - Lory C. and Greg A.

Meetings

Lockdowns were a little better in April. The women were able to get in to five out of 10 scheduled meeting dates this month. As far as I know, there was only one night where both men and women were not able to get in. I believe they have hired and trained several new officers which may be the reason there were fewer lockdowns.

The women will have two new volunteers joining them towards the end of May.

Literature, Pink Cans, etc.

We received two cases of Big Books from John R, the NIA Corrections chair. That is a total of 40 books going into Kane County Jail. This is possible because of Pink Can donations.

I (Lory) had a question from someone about why not buy AA books on e-bay or from other seemingly cheap source. John R reminds us that when we buy from GSO we support the world of alcoholics anonymous, not just one city or organization. Alcoholics anonymous use the book sales to finance out reach all over the world and all the services it provides. Basically speaking, it keeps the lights on and supports the general service work all over the world. Also, the more we buy the more affordable it is. I am not sure how much of a break John gets by buying in bulk. CASA, which is Chicago AA, only supports Chicago, and other groups like Hazelden, do not support AA at all.

Directories: *Burt L.*

450 directories were printed this month. The blank directory has to be updated and posted on the website. Next month we will print new blank directories and have them distributed accordingly to the locations we have designated.

Grapevine: *John S.*

Not present at meeting/No report provided

Literature: *Nancy D.*

Not present at meeting/No report provided

PI: *Alex H.*

Not present at meeting/Alex did ask Chris to announce that an Alt PI is still needed.

Special Needs: *Sue L.*

Present at meeting/No report provided

Treatment: *Ben C.*

Not present at meeting/No report provided

Website: *Larry S.*

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There were 326 visits in April.

The new version of the District meeting schedule is up and running. If you have not already done so please visit the site and check the listing for your meeting. If there is a problem you can email me directly from the website.

I responded to a request for information about meetings that came to me through the website.

Larry

Website Visits

January, 2011	323
February 2011	361
March 2011	306
April 2011	326

Upcoming Area Events:

NIA Spring Committee Meeting – May 14th – Lord of Life Church, La Fox, IL

Picnic Committee Meeting – May 15th. Location and time WILL BE ANNOUNCED

Next District Meeting – June 5, 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 may be the most important position in AA

Respectively submitted by ~Jody B. - District Secretary