

District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes August 14th, 2011

Meeting Time: 4:30

Accepting Minutes: Dan S./Jim H. with exception that Area 20 Correction chair is John R. not Greg A. (Thank you for correcting that Jim)

8th Tradition - Concept VIII-Joyce P.

Attendance: 26

Committee Members & Officers: 7/3

GSR's & Alternates: 28/0

Groups Represented: 30

Visitors:

Mark and Todd

Thank you for visiting our D22 meeting

New GSR's & Alternates:

Scott M/GSR - 8am, Saturday Morning 12 & 12

Christie H/GSR-6:30pm, Sunday In-Depth Big Book Study

Paula P/GSR-12pm Second Shifters (voted back as GSR)

Welcome to District 22 as a GSR. Your service work is MUCH appreciated

July Anniversaries:

Jody B – 3yrs

Happy Anniversary

Announcements from the Floor:

1. Chris announced that there are GSR handbooks available for the new GSR's.
2. Chris announced to check out the exciting updates on our D22 website.
3. Paula P. is collecting registration and banquet money for the Soberfest Conference, November 18-20. She will need the registration and banquet forms including all money due, turned in by Oct 2nd.

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

Sept- Updated speakers (please contact Amy L. for September speakers)

Oct- Sunday Morning Unity Group/Michelle B.

Nov- Big Book, 12 & 12 Group/Jon S.

Dec- Friday Night Recovery Group/Burt L.

Jan- W. Dundee Thursday Night Group/Dan S.

Feb- Woman's New Beginnings (Group 25th Anniversary)

Mar- Fellowship Group/Jody B.

D22 Past/Upcoming Event Reports:

1. D22 is hosting the Winter Assembly on 12/10/2011. The venue is St. Thomas More School. More information to follow.
2. Christmas Party-Mike H. is having a meeting Sunday, 9/11, 3:30pm at St. Hugh's Church before the D22 GSR meeting.

GSR Reports:

Meetings needing support:

***Wednesday, 12pm, Westside Grapevine needs a GSR and Alt GSR as soon as possible if anyone is interested.

***Thursday, 5:30pm, Renz Center needs woman support.

***Saturday, 7pm, Open Speaker meeting is looking for a GSR and Alt GSR to start January 2012.

***Several meetings are going back to their groups to discuss passing the green treatment can.

***Several meetings are also looking into adding webpage information about their meetings.

Officer Reports:

August 2011 DCM Report

I attended the State Conference in Skokie, IL last weekend and also attended the Area Committee meeting yesterday. While the State Conference was small and offered a limited program, the panels that were presented were very good. In particular, Larry lead a 3 person panel on Anonymity as it pertains to Tradition 12 which was very well received stressing once again that the only place we need to be anonymous in AA is at the level of press and film (and internet). The committee meeting yesterday offered a sharing lesson on the duties and responsibilities of Area servants where various committee chairs and trusted servants discussed their roles and duties in preparation for the upcoming Area elections at the summer assembly in Silvis, IL on Sept. 17th. This assembly is perhaps the most important meeting that the Area has every 2 years and I encourage ALL GSR's to fulfill their duties as a GSR and attend this assembly. This is where we elect a new Delegate, Area Officers, Committee chairs and alternates. Silvis is 145 miles away (2.5 hr's) and as GSR's you are well within your rights to ask your group for reimbursements for your traveling expenses. One method for reimbursement is to start with a full tank of gas (if possible) and then fill up again when you get home and submit that receipt to your groups treasurer. Carpooling will also cut the group reimbursement cost! I also received a check from ISCYPAA for D22 in the amount of \$157.00 which has been given to Mike.

In addition to the elections, we also discussed 5 motions which will be on the agenda for the assembly. These motions are also available on the back table in the Summer Committee Meeting Final Agenda (Larger Print).

- 1. Motion by D11 for the Northern Illinois Area 20 to place a bid to Host the 2013 Bridge the Gap Weekend Workshop.**
Motion: It is moved that the Northern Illinois Area 20 place a bid to host the 2013 Bridge the Gap Weekend Workshop.
- 2. Motion to have a Service Orientation Workshop held at the January 2012 Committee Meeting.**
Motion: It is moved that a Service Orientation Workshop be held at the January 2012 NIA Area Committee Meeting similar to what was done in January 2010.
- 3. Motion by the 2012 Spring Conference Planning Committee for the 2012 Spring Assembly to be held at and hosted by the 2012 Spring Conference.**
Motion: It is moved that the 2012 Spring Assembly be held at and hosted by the 2012 Spring Conference.
- 4. Motion to have the 2012 NIA Pre-GSC Workshop be a standalone event.**
Motion: It is moved that the 2012 NIA Pre-GSC Workshop be held as a standalone event similar to the NIA Pre-GSC Workshops which occurred in 2010 and 2011.
- 5. Include the 12 concepts in the book 12 Steps and 12 Traditions and rename to 12 x 12.**
Floor Motion: Motion & Background to be discussed-

In Service-

Chris D- D22 DCM

(ALL BACKGROUND MATERIAL CAN BE FOUND AT www.aa-nia.org)

DCMA: Joe M.

Joe attended the Young and the Restless Workshop and it was outstanding. Joe mentioned It was great to see young people working together as a community.

Treasurer: *Mike McD.*

D22 contributions for July were 269.32. Expenses were 316.97. Ending balance is 458.65.

Secretary: *Jody B.*

Hello D22,

I brought idea to the meeting to keep or take off the month on the blank directories. We decided to keep each month on the directories when we do print new ones.

I cannot register groups any longer with names or days of the week as their meeting name (per our Area 20 Registrar). Good Friday Traditions and As Joe and Charlie See It Rewind will need to change their name or not be registered with GSO. Please let me know what their decision is. All previously registered groups are not affected.

In Service,

~Jody B.

D22 Secretary

LCM:

Chuck A.- Alano Club Report

-D22 Answering Service was notified of the new EAC address after referring someone to 6 Douglas Ave.

-Sober Saturday meeting at 10:30pm has been cancelled. All other AA meetings are doing well.

-Family Fun Bingo night is the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

-EAC still looking for permanent facility. Please contact Chuck A. or Jim H with any ideas, suggestions or leads.

Elgin Alano Clun encourages all meetings to be registered with GSO. Nearly all meetings are currently registered with GSO and conform to AA Traditions including the 7th Tradition of being self supporting. Please contact John M or Chuck A if you have any questions or concerns about EAC AA meetings.

Mike M. – Nothing to report

Committee Reports:

Answering Service: *Wendy G.*

Jun-11 * Calls

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	# Calls	Problems?
First Time Caller	7	
Detox. Needs Detox	7	
Needs half-way house	3	
Wants to talk to someone in AA	6	
Alanon. Needs help.	3	
Hung-up, caller hung up	3	
Meetings. Wants directions/locations	8	
McHenry, Kane, Will, Cook counties		
Ride. Needs a ride	7	
Spanish. Needs Spanish meeting	0	
Sponsor	0	
Suicidal.	0	
Needs phone number for teens on drugs	0	
Web Site. Needs web address	3	

Child care at St Catherine's meeting?	0	
Wrong Number	1	
Telephone solicitor	3	
Will Call Back Later	0	
Wants info on Alano Club	4	

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There were several calls needing directions to the new Alano address

Archives: *Joyce P.*

Joyce is still updating the binders. My next project is to label all binders. I am still going to order a date stamp.

Report submitted by Joyce P.
Archives Committee Chair

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

Debbie was present for the meeting. No activity this month.

Correctional Facilities: *Andy R.*

I received a letter from an inmate at Vandalia Prison asking for a large print Big Book. Maybe a D22 meeting could purchase one and I could send it to the Inmate. (Still looking into this). I have been attending EMHC Tuesday night which has been having strong support from the outside AA members.

Thank you,
Andy R.
Corrections Chair

Directories: *Burt L.*

Each month D22 has been benefiting passing the change sheet around our district meeting. All updates continue to be changed each month. Still looking into how many directories will be printed each month.

Grapevine: *John S.*

John advised that the D22 subscription is due to be renewed. He is trying to get the message to the groups that if possible, each group order a Grapevine subscription to support our declining Grapevine magazine.

Literature: *Nancy D.*

Nancy has new comer packets available if anyone needs them.

PI: *Alex H.*

Herbert L. has been elected to be our new PI chair. Thank you Herbert.

Special Needs: *Sue L.*

No report provided

Treatment: *Ben C.*

First off, some good news about a new BTG/First Step meeting started at LSSI on Sunday mornings. About 2/3 of the inpatients are picked up for the 10am meeting at St. Joes. Those with a week or less sobriety at the facility are not allowed outside meetings. Until this time, these newly sober patients had been having a meeting amongst themselves during this time period...a blind leading situation. I was able to get a hold of the administrator at LSSI and get an AA meeting started for that group every Sunday morning. So far, we have had much success. If you are interested in participation, please call me.

The Monday meeting at LSSI, which is open for attendance by anyone who wishes, does continue to need support from women In sobriety. We appreciate any support you can give.

The request for an additional 100.00 for Big Books has been tabled until Ben is able to attend the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Ben C.
Treatment Chair

Website: *Larry S.*
No report provided

Upcoming Area Events:

Next District Meeting – September 11th, 2011 – 4:30pm, St. Hugh’s

Next Assembly (ELECTIONS) September 17th Silvis, IL.

2011 East Central Regional Forum (Nov 11-13)

**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 -