

District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 2nd, 2011

Meeting Time: 4:30

Accepting Minutes: Not on agenda to be motioned

10th Tradition - Concept X-Shauna L.

Attendance: 32

Committee Members & Officers: 7/5

GSR's & Alternates: 24/1

Groups Represented: 25

Visitors:

Cat D. - D61

Steve B. - D10 Treatment Chair

Lindy S.

Venus E.

Thank you for visiting our D22 meeting

New GSR's & Alternates:

Shauna L - GSR - Going To Any Lengths, 1:30pm, Tuesday

Mike M - GSR - Big Book Meeting, 7pm, Monday

Tina R - Alt GSR - Little Red Door, 9am, Saturday

Welcome both GSR's and Alt GSR's. Your service work is MUCH appreciated

September Anniversaries:

Soby B – 1year

Mark S – 6 months

Great job!!! Happy Anniversary

Announcements from the Floor:

1. Thank you Paula P. for organizing D22 Soberfest registration and banquet forms. Your help was much appreciated.
2. The Area Inventory is complete.
3. Corrections requested to send the pink can funds to Southern Illinois Area 21.

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

Oct 2011 - Sunday Morning Unity Group/Michelle B. The speakers:

15th - Craig H.

22nd - Herb L.

29th - Corey B. & Catherine R.

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/Marcia S.

Mar- Fellowship Group/Jody B.

Apr- Monday Night Westside Fellowship/Phil C.

Upcoming Event Reports:

1. D22 Is hosting the Winter Assembly on 12/10/2011. Our first committee meeting is being held Monday October 17th, 7pm @ St. Hugh's. There are several committees that need to be filled. Please join us next Monday.
2. Big Book Conference, Saturday October 29th, Rochelle, IL.
3. Christmas Party-December 3rd, Highland Church. Mike H. is having a Christmas Committee meeting Sunday, November 6th, 3:30pm at St. Hugh's Church before the D22 GSR meeting. Raffle prizes, kid's gift donations and group donations are needed!!

3. Big Book Conference, Saturday October 29th, Rochelle, IL.

4. November 6th, 4:30pm, D22 GSR Meeting.

Elections for most positions in District 22 are open. If anyone is interested in service work, sponsors talk to your sponsee's, sponsee's talk to your sponsors. There are plenty of service opportunities available for 2012-2013.

*****Please see the brief description of the District Committee Chair responsibilities.**

Old Business:

1. New potential AA meeting facility (East Side Recreational Facility).

New Business:

1. Ray M. is interested to put the State Conference bid for 2013 to be hosted by D22. I have attached to the minutes a motion to bid from Ray for this State Conference.

Guest Speaker: Steve B-D10 Treatment Chair

Steve spoke to us about Bridging The Gap (BTG) for clients leaving jails, treatment centers or hospitals. BTG is more organized for those clients leaving the facility and into the doors of AA. Suggested ideas are; bringing clients to a meeting, stay away from open meetings, explain how to look for similarities, help get names and phone numbers and if possible stick to step meetings 1, 2 and 3.

Create a volunteer list for AA members who would like to volunteer to BTG. Another great idea is working with the Answering Service with this list of people to be called when needed.

The client has to be willing. Remember its attraction not promotion, teach them, shake their hand, be the best you can be! Talk about gratitude and the promises.

Steve is so passionate and exciting to listen to when he speaks of BTG. If anyone is interested to learn more about BTG, please call Steve B. Chris D. is able to provide you with his number.

GSR Reports: *This is short versions for GSR reports due to having our guest speaker.*

Sunday:

***Michelle B, 10am-Sunday Morning Unity Group is still hosting the October Open Speaker meeting on Saturday, 7pm, Sherman Hospital. The group is giving the money collected from passing around the green can to Andy R. for EMHC.

***Christie H, 6:30pm-In-Depth Big Book Study Group is having their quarterly potluck/open speaker meeting November 13th at Elgin Alano Club. Speaker to be announced.

Monday:

***Matt K, 8pm-Big Book and Discussion Meeting @ LSSI needs woman support for the separate meeting on the treatment facility side.

Wednesday:

***12pm-Wednesday Westside Grapevine still needs a GSR and Alt GSR for this group.
***Rob C, 8pm-Wednesday Night Hampshire Group has moved into the church basement.
Attendance has grown to 20-25 a week.

Saturday:

***Amy L, 7pm-Open Speaker Meeting is looking for people to help set up before the meeting and tear down after the meeting. Anyone interested, please contact Amy L.
***Soby B, 7:30pm-Young and the Restless meeting is having a "Dress Your Favorite Decade Dance" Saturday, October 15th, 7pm-12pm at Elgin Alano Club. Please see the flyer attached.
Lots of FUN!!!

Officer Reports: *Chris D.*

October 2011
DCM REPORT

I attended the recent assembly in Silvis, IL on Sep. 17th. where a new slate of Area officers was elected including Rich H. (Wonder Lake) as the new Delegate. Kelly L. (current Area Treatment Chair) as the new Area Chair and our own Jody B. as the Area Alt. Registrar. In addition to the excitement caused by the elections, we also had 5 motions that were voted on.

Motion: It is moved that the Northern Illinois Area 20 place a bid to host the 2013 Bridge the Gap Weekend Workshop. PASSED

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. PASSED

Motion: It is moved that the 2012 Spring Assembly be held at and hosted by the 2012 Spring Conference. PASSED

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. PASSED

Motion: Include the 12 Concepts in the book 12 Steps and 12 Traditions and rename to 12 x 12x 12. Motion was rewritten to remove stipulation as to exactly which piece of literature to the Steps, Tradition and Concepts would be included in and PASSED.

I also attended the BRIDGING THE GAP workshop yesterday in LaFox. and received some great information from our Area Treatment Chair and Alt. Chair who discussed various methods that districts can and do use to incorporate Bridging the Gap programs in their districts. They also discussed how to approach treatment centers and hospitals in the hopes of bringing AA meetings into these facilities. Lastly, we heard a very passionate talk from the current District 10 Treatment Chair (Steve B.) who explained his past successes in implementing this vital program in his district. On a personal note, I was privileged to be elected as the incoming Area Treatment Chair and I hope to continue to learn more about how these programs work and to share these ideas with the entire Area, including DISTRICT 22!!

In Service-
Chris D. -D22 DCM

DCMA: *Joe M.*

Joe attended the Fall Assembly on 9/17 and noticed that the Grapevine continues to be a recurring topic. Only 6.0 - 6.5 AA's subscribe to the Grapevine. Joe encourages for us to subscribe. GSR's bring it to your groups to subscribe and then pass it along. You are now able to go to the website and purchase an electronic subscription.

Treasurer: *Mike McD.*

Contributions last month totaled 929.00. We had 406.00 expenses. 288.00 were paid to the Answering Service. This is double the usual monthly cost due to D22 missing a payment last year. Mike went over the books with the Answering Service and the missing payment was taken care of.

Secretary: *Jody B.*

I want to thank D22 for continuing to update all the group information in a timely manner. It makes my job go so much smoother. I sent over all the latest updates to GSO. The new GSR's should be getting your new GSR packets within 4-6 weeks.

In Service,
~Jody B.
D22 Secretary

LCM:

Mike McD-Nothing to report

Joe M. is requesting the duties and responsibilities for all the positions in the district for the **November 6th elections**. Please see the attached information.

Committee Reports:

Answering Service: *Wendy G.*

	Sep-11 * Calls	28
	# Calls	Problems?
First Time Caller	3	
Detox. Needs DeTox	0	
Needs Half way house (men)	0	
Wants to talk to someone in AA	2	
Alanon. Needs help.	2	
Hung-up, caller hung up	1	
Meetings. Wants directions/locations	14	
Ride. Needs a ride	2	
Spanish. Needs Spanish meeting	0	
Needs meeting in Korean		
Sponsor	0	
Suicidal.	0	
Needs phone number for teens on drugs	0	
Web Site. Needs web address	1	
Child care at St Catherine's meeting?	0	
Wrong Number	0	
Will Call Back Later	0	
Wants meetings for Cook County	3	
other counties, McHenry, Dupage	0	

Archives: *Joyce P.*

I am interested in purchasing the DVD's "Bill's own Story" and "Bill discusses the Twelve Traditions". These would be added to the library. The purpose is to play them at the next D22 Conference.

Report submitted by Joyce P.
Archives Committee Chair

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

No report provided

Correctional Facilities: *Andy R.*

I apologize for missing the September D22 meeting. As of August, I contacted John R. (Area Corrections Chair) to supply Vandalia Prison with large print Big Books. I received another letter from an inmate for this request. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Big Book Conference October 29th in Rochelle.

Regards,
Andy R.
Corrections Chair

Directories: *Burt L.*

Nothing to report

Grapevine: *John S.*

The October Grapevine issues have been circulated, the picture on the front is of a Roller Coaster, and the cover story is about Relapse, and about getting off the Roller Coaster, and get back into A.A.

Upcoming issues for Nov. are about Gratitude, and for Dec. are on Surviving the Holiday's.

Upcoming issues for La Vina for Nov./Dec are about Realizing Dreams in Sobriety, Please encourage your groups & members to subscribe to the Grapevine, or La Vina in order to Receive & Share Our Meeting in Print.

There are also some new books coming this fall, and available through the Grapevine's website now.

One is Step by Step – GV 25 for \$10.95 & Emotional Sobriety II GV 26 they can be purchased by going online.

Grapevine needs your support, so subscribe or Order a book today.

In service,

John S. Grapevine Chair

Barb W. Alernate Chair

Literature: *Nancy D.*

Nancy has new comer packets available if anyone needs them.

PI: *Herbert L.*

Herbert has received the PI workbook and has put together a committee of 17 AA members.

Special Needs: *Sue L.*

DISTRICT 22 REPORT

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Committee: Special Needs

Chair: Sue L.

Alternate Chair: Cherie M.

Committee Accomplishments and Current Projects:

Continue to bring meetings to **Asta Care Center** every Saturday. Support of this meeting has not been as strong as in past months. Presently there are six residents participating in this meeting. It would be greatly appreciated if extra attention in announcement of this meeting could be made at meetings. Thank you for the past and continued support in getting the word out on this meeting.

No literature or materials purchased.

Committee Request for Support:

Support for meeting at **Asta Care Center** at **2pm** every **Saturday**. Address: 134 N. McLean Blvd., Elgin. Please pick up current flyer 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: October 2, 2011

Treatment: *Ben C.*

No report provided

Website: *Larry S.*

District 22

Webmaster
October 15, 2011

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There were 470 visits in September.

I added the most recent version of the meeting schedule and I was able to bring the District meeting minutes up to date.

If you want your Saturday night speakers listed on the website please email me the names and last initials at larrys86@comcast.net or go to the website and you can email webmaster.

On the information for members page there is a document describing the district positions that will be elected in November.

Larry

Website Visits

January, 2011	323
February 2011	361
March 2011	306
April 2011	326
May 2011	290
June 2011	316
July 2011	421
August 2011	453
September 2011	470

Upcoming Area Events:

Winter Assembly Planning Committee Meeting – October 17th, 2011 – 7pm, St Hugh’s NIA Committee Meeting – October 22nd, 2011 – LaFox, IL

Big Book Conference – October 29th, 2011 – Rochelle, IL

Christmas Committee Meeting – November 6th, 2011 – 3:30pm, St. Hugh’s

District Meeting – November 6th, 2011 – 4:30pm, St. Hugh’s

********D22 Officer/Committee Chair Elections***

2011 East Central Regional Forum (Nov 11-13)

Respectively submitted by ~Jody B. - District Secretary -