

District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes December 4, 2011

Meeting Time: 4:30

Accepting Minutes: Joe M/Mike H

12th Tradition - Concept XII-Tina R

Attendance: 35

Committee Members & Officers: 5/5

GSR's & Alternates: 30

Groups Represented: 32 out of 63 groups. 50% represented this month!!!

Visitors: No visitors this month

New GSR's & Alternates:

Kiley C-GSR/Wednesday Westside Grapevine

Denise H-GSR/Fresh Start

Christy M-GSR/Living Sober

Keith B-GSR/Sunday Morning Fellowship

Charlie A-GSR/Dundee Men's Group

Burt L- GSR/Saturday Night Sherman Open

Welcome to D22. Your service work and commitment is greatly appreciated.

November Anniversaries:

Denise H – 1 year

Amy L – 9 years

John Mc. – 25 years

Joe M – 20 years

Happy Anniversary!!! Congratulations to everyone having another day of sobriety.

Announcements from the floor:

- <http://dist22.aa-nia.org/Events.html>
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- Sandy M and Tina R are organizing the D22 speakers for our invitation at Provena Mercy Hospital in Aurora next April.
- Alicia (Co-chair 2011 Alcathon) announced that service work is needed for clean-up for this event. The Alcathon ends at 1am.
- Jody B complimented the 2011 Christmas Party committee for doing an excellent job. Your service provided many smiles and laughs to so many families at the party. The food committee did an excellent job!!!!
- Jim H advised that the Alano Club will be open Christmas day and New Years day from 12pm-9pm.

Saturday, 7pm, Open Speaker Hosting Groups:

Dec- Friday Night Recovery Group

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

Feb- Woman's New Beginnings-Group 25th Anniversary/Marcia S.

Mar- Tuesday Fellowship Group/Bill N.

Apr- Monday Night Westside Fellowship/Phil C.

May- Marengo Misfits

June-Wednesday Night Hampshire Group

July- OPEN

Aug- Monday Night/Hampshire Oaks

Sept- Wanderer's #911

Oct- OPEN

Nov- OPEN

Dec- OPEN

Past/Upcoming Event Reports:

- Christmas Party report to be finalized
- Winter Assembly report to be finalized

Old Business:

- Calendar motion approval-Jody B, seconded-Tina R. The final calendar is located on our district website: <http://dist22.aa-nia.org>
- Budget motion approval-Don B, seconded-Soby B. If any changes are required the individual committees can present them at the district meetings.
- Assembly motions will be presented at the January district meeting if not sent out before.

Officer Reports: *Chris D.*

December 2011 DCM REPORT

I attended the East Central Regional Forum last month in Miamisburg Ohio and once again left enthused and grateful that I am part of such a wonderful and caring fellowship. This trip was particularly inspiring because of the workshops I attended and the conversations I had regarding the Grapevine. I had the opportunity to talk at length with Amy B, Executive Editor and Publisher of the Grapevine and left those meetings grateful that we in Alcoholics Anonymous have such capable people in our leadership positions. I could talk at length about the trials and tribulations being endured by the Grapevine staff but in the interest of time (and space) I'll boil it down. The Grapevine needs our support. They do not accept direct contributions nor do they accept monies for advertising, so the only way to ensure that this vital tool is continued is to subscribe to the magazine. I left the Forum assuring her and her staff that I would carry this message to my district and encourage all of you to do the same.

Our next major event on the district calendar is the Winter Assembly next Saturday. We've had 3 pre assembly meetings and hopefully are ready to host the event in true D22 style! The assembly will be St. Thomas Moore School at 9AM and I'm hoping for HUGE D22 turnout! The agenda items are listed briefly in this agenda and the full motions and background materials are on our website. All GSR's are encouraged to attend and participate in the process by voting your groups' conscience. The item regarding permanently embedding the Spring Assembly into the Spring Conference should create spirited comments....

And lastly, as this is my final DCM report I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the trust you placed in me to act as your DCM. I know that along the way I've made some errors and gotten some stuff wrong, but as I look back I now that we got some stuff right too! The passion and enthusiasm exhibited by this distinct continues to inspire me even as I write this last report (smoking what I hope will be my last cigar). I got nothing done by myself. WE made it happen. Being DCM of D22 is the best "job" I've ever had (or am likely to have) in Alcoholics Anonymous and I will never be able to adequately describe to good and positive feelings that it has provided for me. You placed your trust in me, taught me how to listen and trusted me to communicate your voices. Hopefully, I haven't let you down. I want to particularly thank Jody, Mike, Joe and all of the committee chairs for all their support and hard work to help District 22 continue to be the district "that rocks". I'll let you in on a little secret; other districts want what we have!!

Finally special thanks goes out to my sponsor & "sponsor in law" (Larry & Marcia) without whose help I'm sure that I would have been long ago impeached! Past DCM's set the bar pretty high in D22 and I think we've been able to continue to "ride the wave", together.

I know we're in great shape as I "pass the gavel" to Joe and Michelle and the new panel of D22 trusted servants. I hope you all feel the same fulfillment, purpose and gratitude that I do right now.

In loving Service
Chris D.
D22 DCM

DCMA: *Joe M.*

- Nothing to report this month.

Treasurer: *Mike McD.*

- As of today's district meeting, the Christmas party made a 500.00 profit. All committees need to give Mike the receipts so he can complete his final treasurer report.

Secretary: *Jody B.*

- I have submitted the NIA Registrar a complete update for our district meetings.
- The January directory will reflect all the GSR changes this month.

LCM:

- No reports provided

GSR Reports:

Sunday:

- Sunday Morning Fellowship-Keith B/Meeting is growing, now approximately 20-25 people.
- In-Depth Big Book Study-Christy H/The potluck was a successful event.
- Sunday Night Library Group-Sandy M/This meeting is able to order new literature.
- ***Friday and Sunday drivers for the LSSI patients need to remember that we need to follow the LSSI rules. We had a couple of situations and a reminder was asked to be sent out.***

Monday:

- 1:30pm, Fresh Start-Denise H/She is the new GSR and will be able to report more next month.
- 8:00pm, Monday Night Westside Fellowship-Phil C/Meeting going well, good attendance.

Tuesday:

- 7:30pm, Woman's New Beginning-Mary W/We have been working on the annual Alcathon, December 31st. The meeting is doing well. We have several breakout groups including reading the first 164 pages in the Big Book, two discussion groups and a Grapevine meeting. Business meetings are always the first Tuesday of the month @ 6:30pm.
- 1:30pm, Going to Any Lengths-Shawna/Cheryl reported that there is a new chair person each month. This meeting is a very transitional group for LSSI patients that have recently graduated.
- 8:00pm, Tuesday Night Group-Curt B/This group was able to donate 50.00 to the Christmas party.
- 5:30pm, Tuesday Night Group-Debbie F/The meeting is doing well.

Wednesday:

- 6:00pm, Big Book Discussion-John S/**Attendance is LOW. Needs support!**
- 7:00pm, Come As You Are-John Mc/Reading the Big Book. There is going to be many meeting format changes.
- 8:00pm, Wednesday Night Hampshire Group-Rob C/Meeting going well. Attendance is up to 20-25 people.

- 12:00pm, Wednesday Grapevine-Kiley C/This group donated a Grapevine subscription to the Christmas party. The group also donated a large print Big Book to the Corrections Committee. Attendance is usually 40 people each week.

Thursday:

- 1:30pm, Living Sober-Christy M/She was wondering where the money goes when the money is collected for pink cans (Corrections) and green cans (Treatment). Chris D. explained this to the D22 GSR's.
- 7:00pm, New Horizon Group-Andy R/Attendance is okay. **It can always use extra support.**
- 5:30pm, Thirsty Thursday-Jessica R/The rent is 4 months past due. **This group needs support.** They are going to start having business meetings.
- 5:30pm, Woman's We're All In This Together-Debbie F/**This meeting needs support.** They are able to pay the rent, however unable to purchase any literature.
- 7:30pm, W. Dundee Thursday Night Group-Brian B/This group is going to have a business meeting to elect new positions. This group collects 2.00 each week to send the GSR to the East Central Regional Forum.

Friday:

- 7:30pm, Came to Believe-Anthony M/10-15 people attend the meeting and the rent is being paid.
- 8:00pm, Krista L/Attendance is okay. There is a speaker the first Friday of each month.
- 3:30pm, Jaywalker's-Needs a GSR/There are new comer's and the meeting **needs support.**

Saturday:

- 3:00pm, Healing the Heart-Joyce P/This meeting is caught up with donations. It was able to donate to the Christmas party and NIA. **This meeting needs support.**
- 8:00am, Saturday Morning 12 & 12-Scott M/They have a business meeting the 1st Saturday of each month and they are financially stable. Approximately 20 people attend each Saturday.
- 7:30pm, Open Speaker Meeting-Amy L/Burt is the new GSR. The meeting is going well and they have a regular business meeting. July/Oct/Nov/Dec are still available for groups to host speakers for the month.
- 9:00am, Saturday Morning Little Red Door Group-Manus S/The meeting is going well.
- 7:30pm, Young and the Restless-Soby B/**This meeting needs support and people that are able to sponsor are needed also.**

Committee Final Reports:

Answering Service: *Wendy G.*

- Not present. Welcome back home Wendy. It's great to have you back!!!! Thank you for serving as our 2010-2011 D22 Answering Service Chair.

Archives: *Joyce P.*

- All books and receipts are up to date. Thank you for serving as our 2010-2011-D22 Archives Chair and we look forward having you serve for 2012-2013.

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

- Not present. Thank you for serving as our 2010-2011- D22 CPC Chair.

Correctional Facilities: *Andy R.*

- Andy stated that has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as your Corrections Chair. Thank you for serving as our 2010-2011-D22 Corrections Chair.

Directories: *Burt L.*

- For the upcoming years 2012-2012 we will be staying with Super Print. Thank you for serving as our 2010-2011-D22 Directories Chair.

Grapevine: *John S.*

- Not present. Thank you for serving as our 2010-2011-D22 Grapevine Chair.

Literature: *Nancy D.*

- New comer packets are still available. Thank you for serving as our 2010-2011-D22 Literature Chair.

PI: *Herbert L.*

- Nothing to report. Thank you for serving as our 2011 D22 PI Chair. We look forward to having you serve for 2012-2013

Special Needs: *Sue L.*

- Asta Care still needs support Saturdays @ 2pm. This meeting has moved to a larger due to the support of the people who do attend and the increase of patients that are attending also. Thank you for continuing as our 2012-2013 SN Chair,

Treatment: *Ben C.*

- Bridge meeting is still Sunday, 9:30am @ LSSI for those patients that are unable to go to the St. Joe's meeting. **This meeting needs support.** Thank you for continuing your service work as the 2012-2013 D22 Corrections Chair.

Website: *Larry S.*

- Not present. Thank you for your service work as our 2010-2011-D22 Website Chair. You have created a terrific website for D22. It's very informative and easily accessible to check all the meetings and events for District 22 and Area 20.

Upcoming Area Events:

- D22 Alcahion Open Party. December 31st, 6pm-1am. Zion Lutheran Church, 330 Griswold, Elgin, IL. Meetings every hour, food, fun and fellowship. 50/50 raffles will be taking place also. If possible, please bring a dish to pass.

District Meeting – January 8th – 4:30pm, St. Hugh's

Respectively submitted by ~Jody B. - District Secretary -