

District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 12th, 2011

Meeting Time: 4:30

Accepting Minutes: Tina R. / Jody B.

1st Tradition – Concept I-Casey M. /Jim H.

Attendance: 38

Committee Members & Officers: 8/6

GSR's & Alternates: 32/4

Groups Represented: 33

Visitors: Kat D. from District 61, welcome to our fantastic district. ☺

New GSR's & Alternates:

- Roy M. A-GSR/Big Book & Discussion Meeting
- Bill N. A-GSR/Wednesday Westside Grapevine
- Cindy S. GSR/Wednesday Night Reflections Group
- Venus E. A-GSR/Wednesday Night Serenity Group
- Bryan T. A-GSR/Sober Solutions

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

February Anniversaries:

No Anniversaries

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

Announcements from the floor:

- <http://dist22.aa-nia.org/Events.html>
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- Motion to give Spring Conference \$100 for the Hospitality Suite passed (Tina R.)
- Motion to donate \$41 collected from district to the Woman's New Beginnings Group for coffee supplies passed (Michelle B.)
- Elgin Alano Club has a new home for the next 3 years, 5 N. Union Street, Elgin
- EAC Banquet tickets still available as well as keys to become an Alano Club member
- Renz Center needs support
- Illinois State Conference Committee Meeting – March 18th @ 3:30, located at St. Hugh of Lincoln.

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:**

- Winter Committee Meeting
- Spring Conference March 2-4 (March 3rd Spring Assembly)

❖ **Old Business:** None

Officer Reports:

DCM: Joe M.

DCM report for February 2012

I attended the Winter Committee meeting in LaFox this January. This was a good introduction to the new officers at the Area level. They all gave informative reports as to who they are and the responsibilities of their offices. They seemed very enthusiastic about their coming terms in office. Also three members from our district gave very thorough and informative reports to the area, Ray M., Marsha S. and Larry S. Coming up at future district meetings I hope to have them share some of this information with our group.

The breakout group for DCMs and DCMAAs was a good introduction to the new DCMs in our area 20. I look forward to learning and sharing with these dedicated and enthusiastic AA members. At most of these assemblies and committee meetings there are breakout sessions for committee chairs and officers at the district level. This is a great opportunity to learn and share the experience strength and hope from others who are on these same committees at their own district and at the area level. Try to make use of this resource to help guide you.

Your officers have been doing some searching into the scope and responsibilities of various committees and chairs and we hope to disseminate this information to the various committees in the near future. I have talked with a few committee chairs and I look forward to putting their enthusiasm to good work. Hopefully I can meet with all of the chairs in the coming months to further their opportunities to reach out to our recovering community, and those who might be on the cusp of joining AA.

The meeting with new LCMs at my house I felt was very productive, and you should be seeing your LCM in the coming months as they reach out to all the groups within our district. They are there to offer their support and help to facilitate the needs of your group. Please make use of this resource. Tell them what your group needs and what help you may need. We are here for you.

Thank you,
Joe M. –DCM

DCMA: *Michelle B.*

DCMA Report 02/12

I've been to 5 out of the 13 groups that I've been asked to visit. The 5 groups I visited are:

- **Sunday Morning Unity Group**
- **Big Book & Discussion Meeting (Women's side)**
- **A Fellowship Group**
- **Wednesday Westside Grapevine**
- **Out & About in Recovery**

I gave 1 new GSR Handbooks to 2 of the group's GSRs. I have been in frequent contact with 2 of the GSRs from these groups. From previous experience, being an active GSR is an important role to every group. I hope every group that wishes to will utilize the literature and information that District provides.

I still need to visit 8 of the groups I was assigned which are:

- **Sunday Night Library Group**
- **Gratitude Girls**
- **Today's Gift Group**
- **Living Sober**
- **Friday Morning Eye Opener**
- **LOT H**
- **Last Call**
- **Saturday Night 12 & 12 Group**

So far this LCM concept is an rewarding & learning experience for me.

I attended the Winter Committee Meeting in LaFox, IL on 1/28/12. During breakout sessions, I sat in on the DCM meeting. It was interesting to hear questions asked by current DCM's & answered by previous DCM's.

Love & Service,
Michelle B. DCMA

Treasurer: *Manus S.*

NIA- AA District 22 Treasurer Monthly Report
February 12th 2012.

1. Early in January we received a generous contribution from McHenry's Soberfest Committee in the amount of \$505.46.
2. In January 2011 group contributions to District 22 were \$715.00. This year we received \$968.00 in group contributions in January.

3. I received and paid a final service charge in the amount of \$29.70 in late January from JP Morgan Chase for our final month when we used that bank. We should not receive any further bank charges.
4. Please note that the January bill for the answering service jumped from about \$135.00 to over \$200.00. Perhaps the answering service committee is aware of that? I have a copy of the bill if the answering service chair would like to see it?
5. Please remind your group treasurers that contributions should be mailed to: District 22, P.O. Box 1434, Elgin, IL 60121. I will not normally issue a receipt for checks but I am always happy to issue receipts for cash contributions.
6. I am happy to issue checks at the monthly district meeting or reimburse receipts at any time during the month. Just mail your receipt to our P.O. Box.

Secretary: *Krista L.*

- Updating the list for GSO, if there are any changes to your group please let me know.

LCM Reports:

- **Jayne M.**-Attended 4 meetings in the last month including:

Woman`s New Beginnings-Tues night-7:30 pm. at St. Hugh of Lincoln

They have a GSR, Treasurer, Secretary, Grapevine rep. and have a business meeting every month. These women are very active with district and service work. They do workshops retreats and Alcahons. They are getting ready for the yearly retreat in June, all went well.

Tuesday Night Group-Renz Center at 6:00pm

Meeting has an active GSR. They are registered. They have a treasurer, and have a business meeting every other month. Once a month is a speaker mtg. need to get the information on the website. They could use some support.

Faith Hope and Serenity group- Program house at 6:30pm

They are registered, have an active GSR, a secretary a Treasurer, and a business meeting. This meeting is for women only.

Back to Basics Group -Zion Lutheran at 7:00pm

They are a registered group. They have a contact number but no GSR. They have a treasurer, but no business meeting.

Jeff J. -Attended 5 meetings this month including:

Sunday In-depth Big Book Study Group

Met GSR and explained to her that I am visiting the meeting. She had some questions about what she should announce at meetings. I made an announcement to group concerning who I am. Also spoke with John who runs the Alano club. Meeting is run well and in very good shape.

Monday Night Westside Fellowship

Spoke with GSR and made announcement that I am the LCM to group. This meeting is very large, and has monthly meetings and is in very good shape.

Tuesday Night One Day at a Time

Spoke with GSR. Dave (GSR) did not have any questions/concerns. Group is in good shape.

Wednesday Night Reflections Group

New GSR has recently been elected. We discussed some things that are the GSR responsibilities. Told her I am there to help with anything. Made announcement to group.

Saturday Morning Little Red Door Group

New GSR was elected. Made announcement to group. Group is in very good shape with monthly business meetings.

Additional

- I found the new GSR's were very happy to speak with me and felt as though some of the pressure was off them knowing that I am available to help them with their groups. The new GSR's seem to not quite be aware of what their duties are.
- Mike H.- **Attended 3 out of the 13 meetings including:**

Wednesday Night Serenity Group

Meeting is running smooth, having a business meeting at the end of the month to vote in a new GSR.

Came to Believe

This meeting had good attendance and held a business two weeks ago which went well.

Open Speaker Meeting

All is going well.

GSR Reports:

Sunday:

- Sunday Morning Fellowship-Keith B- Looking to drive patients from LSSI and bring them to his meeting. This group plans to make an end of quarter donation.

Monday:

- 1:30pm, Fresh Start-Denise H.- Planning to make donation, **meeting needs support.**
- 8:00pm, Monday Night Westside Fellowship-Phil C- Hosting the Sherman Open in April.

Tuesday:

- 5:30pm, Tuesday Night Group-Debbie F- **Needs Women Support**
- 7:30pm, Woman's New Beginning-Mary W/Hosting the Sherman Open this month. Tanya E. will be speaking tomorrow night, and Marcia S. is bringing down the house the following Saturday- February 25th.

Wednesday:

- 6:00pm, Big Book Discussion-John S- **Needs Support**
- 6:30, Faith, Hope & Serenity-Alicia F-**Needs Support**
- 7:00pm, Come As You Are-John Mc/7-12 people, About to start from the beginning of the Big Book.
- 7:30, Wednesday Night Serenity Group- Venus E/Voting in new GSR
- 8:00pm, Wednesday Night Hampshire Group-Rob C is stepping down as GSR.

Thursday:

- 1:30pm, Solid Foundations Group-Christy M/**Needs Support**
- 7:00pm, New Horizon Group-Andy R/**Needs Women Support**
- 5:30pm, Thirsty Thursday-Jessica R/ 5-8 people, **Needs Support**, read articles from the Grapevine
- 5:30pm, Woman's We're All In This Together-Debbie F- **Needs Women Support**
- 7:30pm, W. Dundee Thursday Night Group-Karin S./ Meet at The Manor after the meeting for fellowship
- 8:30pm, Out & About Recovery-Stephen M./ **Needs Support**

Friday:

- 3:30pm, Jaywalker's-Ben C./ **Needs Support**, Hosting workshop on the 11th Step including a certified yoga instructor, recommended \$4 donation.
- 7:30pm, Came to Believe-Anthony M- 30- 40 people, would like to see some fresh faces, Business meeting at the end of the month in which they plan to give district \$100.
- 10:30pm, Last Call- Emily T./ Find a topic from snippets of the Big Book.

Saturday:

- 3:00pm, Healing the Heart-Joyce P- Looking to set-up a workshop
- 7:30pm, Open Speaker Meeting- Burt L.- **Need help setting up for the meeting**, Treasurer made donation, July, October, November, and December are still open to chair this meeting!
- 9:00am, Saturday Morning Little Red Door Group-Tina R.- 30-40 people, looking to set-up a D22 Committee or Step Workshop .

Committee Final Reports:**Answering Service:** *Emily T.*

- Here is the breakdown for Answering Service for January and a summary of my report:

Answering service received 60 calls in the month of January, almost half of which were people looking for meeting dates and times.

The answering service list has been updated. Thank you to all who volunteer! We still need MANY more women volunteers. I will pass around sign up sheets at District.

Anyone who was not there may email me with their name, phone number, and when they are available (days, evenings, weekends, etc) and I will add them to the list.

Archives: *Joyce P.*

- *We need a tote to hold more binders and we need one more binder to start minutes for 2012 and part of 2013. Will have price request ready for our next district meeting*

March 11th.

- We also need to pick up the dolly from Andy G.

C.P.C: Sandy M.

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Correctional Facilities: Alice P.

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Directories:

- For the upcoming years 2012-2013 we will be staying with Super Print. If you were not able to make it to last Sunday and have made changes to your group contacts, **please contact Dan Smith before or next district meeting March 11th.**

Grapevine: *Soby B.*

- Not present
- Contact Jim H. for a Grapevine, or a very fancy pocket calendar.

Literature: *Terry B.*

- Not Present
- **Newcomer packets available for \$1 each.**

PI: *Herbert L.*

- Putting together a committee to get information out to the public about our life saving and changing organization.

Special Needs: *Matt K.*

- 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.

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.

Website: Larry S.

There were 491 visits in November and 494 in December.

A reminder that I can put up a page for your group or for your committee. You just need to provide content.

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, Larry.

Website Visits

February 2011	361
March 2011	306
April 2011	326
May 2011	290
June 2011	316

July 2011	421
August 2011	453
September 2011	470
October 2011	476
November 2011	449
December 2011	494
January 2012	491

Upcoming Area Events:

- NIA 20 Spring Conference- March 2nd-4th at Georgios Banquets and Comfort Inn Suites. **(\$20 for Conference, \$50 dollars for Conference and Banquet)**
- Spring Assembly- March 3rd at 9am. **(Same Location as the Conference above)**
- **March 18th@ 3:30**, Illinois State Conference Committee Meeting located at **St. Hugh of Lincoln.**
- **EAC 5th Anniversary Open Banquet- March 24th from 6:00-11:00pm**, Located at **Highland Fellowship Church, 2250 W. Highland Ave., Elgin.**
- **March 31st @ 9 am – Pre-General Service Conference Workshop**

District Meeting – March 11th – 4:30pm, St. Hugh of Lincoln

Respectively Submitted By ~Krista L. – District 22 Secretary ☺