

District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2012

Meeting Time: 4:30

7th Tradition – Concept VII- John S.

Attendance: 46

Committee Members & Officers: 17/7

GSR's & Alternates: 30/1

Groups Represented: 33

Visitors: Michelle C. Welcome to our fantastic district. ☺

New GSR's & Alternates:

- Aaron C.GSR/Came to Believe II

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

Recent Anniversaries: (Within the last few months)

Matt K.-2 Years
Anthony H.-2 Years
Phil C.-2 Years
Joyce P.-3 Years
Debbie F.-2 Years
Bryan T. - 1 Year
Aaron C.-9 Months
Mike M. - 7 Months
Bob J.-9 Months

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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- **Slow Me Down** at the Elgin Alano Club has been pushed back from **9 PM to 8:30 on Wednesday nights**
- Motion was passed to raise the Treatment budget to **\$222.40**
- Encourage **Green** Can Donations at your meeting

Saturday, 7pm, Open Speaker Hosting Groups:

July- Sat. Morn. Little Red Door Group/Tina R.

Aug- Monday Night/Hampshire Oaks

Sept- Wanderer's #911Oct- Tuesday Night Group/Curt B.

Nov- Sat. Morning 12 & 12/Scott M.

Dec- OPEN (If your group is interested in hosting December please contact Burt L.)

Old Business:

- **Summer Picnic Update:** Please continue to talk to your group about donating money to the Summer Picnic. All Chair positions have been filled, but the committees are still looking for volunteers. If you have items you would like to donate for the raffle, please contact Kristen B. This year there will also be a raffle for clients in LSSI. If you would like to donate a Big book, 12&12, or other AA literature that would be greatly appreciated. On another note, Paula will be needing help hauling the beverages to the shelter. If you know of anyone who would be willing to help please contact Paula P. Thank you!
- **NIA Contribution: \$600.00- Approved**
- **Big Book Conference: D22 Panel- Chair/ Donna K.**

-New Business: Stephen M. and Kiley C. were elected to chair the 2012 Christmas Party. Further details will be released as they develop. Thank you for your service! ☺

Officer Reports: *Joe M.*

DCM Report for July 2012

In the AA Service manual the duties of a GSR are listed. On this list are for the GSR to Attend District meetings, and to attend Area Assemblies (p26). Also a GSR participates in district and Area service meetings, and often helps with planning for area get-togethers and conventions (p27). I want to encourage every GSR or alternate to not only attend our monthly district meetings but also to attend our Area meetings which occur 4 times a year. These are typically a daylong event running from 8- 3:30 during which time reports are presented, important decisions are made discussed and voted on which affect all the groups within our district, including yours. If you need a ride please see me.

Some of the highlights from our last Area Assembly:

Contributions for last year to the World Service were \$6.32 per member. This reflects a downturn for the last 5 years, coinciding with a downturn in our economy. Grapevine is starting to show a slight profit after an extended period of time of reporting losses. Members can now read the Grapevine online at AAGrapevine.org. The big book of Alcoholics Anonymous is now published in 64 languages. After the Big book and the 12 and 12, Living Sober is the 3rd largest selling book. There are openings at the Area level for: Alt Area Chair, Alt Area Registrar, and Alt Corrections Chair.

DCMA: *Michelle B.*

I have one group to attend & that is the Gratitude Girls. I've visited many of the groups on my list multiple times. I look forward to visiting the Gratitude Girls.

-Michelle B.

Treasurer: *Manus S.*

NIA- AA District 22 Treasurer Monthly Report **July 1st 2012.**

1. In June 2011 group contributions to District 22 were \$820.73. This year we received \$572.00 in group contributions in June. **(Of this please note \$360.00 was designated for the summer picnic.)**
2. Contributions YTD through June 2011 were \$2,187.73 while contributions through June 2012 were \$4,960.67. **(Of this please note \$960.00 is designated for the picnic.)**

3. Expenses through YTD June 2011 were \$3,058.688 while expenses through June 2012 were \$5,035.56.
Unusual expenses for June included:
Pick up May payment for printing directories not submitted until June.
NIA special contribution of \$600.00.
Treatment Facilities payment for Big Books \$222.40. (\$22.40 over budget.)
4. Note that the monthly report includes a spread sheet for the picnic. Please note the budget for the picnic is included in this report.
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.
7. Please note: All service chairs should confirm with the treasurer before placing orders on behalf of another service chair to be sure sufficient funds are included in the budget to cover this expense.
8. Final Note: **Our working balance at the end of June is \$1,490.25. Of this \$787.60 is designated for the picnic. You have also budgeted the picnic to receive seed money up to \$1,000.00. At this time we are technically \$297.35 into our prudent reserve.**

LCM Reports: Michelle B. /Jayne M.

13 Groups	GSR	
Sunday Morning Unity Group	Juan	Visited
Sunday Night Library Group	Sandy	Visited
Gratitude Girls	Julie	
Big Book & Discussion Meeting	Matt	Visited
A Fellowship Group	Bill	Visited
Wednesday Westside Grapevine	Kiley	Visited
Today's Gift Group		Visited
Solid Foundation		Visited
Out & About in Recovery	Stephen	Visited
Friday Morning Eye Opener	Nathan	Visited
LOT H	Bob	Visited

Last Call	Emily	Visited
Saturday Night 12 & 12 Group	Bob	Visited

District 22 LCM Report

My first meeting this month was the Thursday night “We`re All in This Together”. The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Renz center. This meeting is women only. They are in need of support, this was my second time there as an LCM, and I have to say there were a couple more women there, with some sobriety under their belt. It was a great meeting and Deb has been a great GSR....My belief is that Deb would like to get a flyer on the website, we will be working toward getting this done.

Second meeting was sat 10:a.m. 12/12 at Zion Lutheran. This meeting is strictly devoted to reading the steps and traditions and then a discussion follows. Things seem to be going smoothly, with a consistent group of new and older sobriety. I have Michelle j. as the GSR contact. It`s a Great meeting.

In love and Service,
Jayne M.

GSR Reports:

Sunday:

- **Sunday Morning Fellowship**-Keith B: Attendance down, **group needs support**. Making Picnic donation of approx. \$50. Please come out and support this group!
- **A Sunday Morning Unity Group**-Juan V:Collected \$16 dollars in the Green Can
- **There is a Solution**-Bill W.: **Needs Support**.
- **Sunday Night Library Group**-Sandy M: Hosting GSR Workshop with Second Shifters/ Looking into a date for October 2012 and St. Joe`s as the location.

Monday:

- 12:00pm, **Second Shifters**-Paula P.: Working with Sunday Night Library Group to organize a GSR Workshop in October. This meeting also proudly subscribes to the Grapevine
- 1:30pm, **Fresh Start**-Denise H.: Donating money to the picnic, working out a plan to donate to District, NIA, and GSO, looking into changing the format.
- 8:00pm, **Monday Night Westside Fellowship**-Phil C-How to Help the Newcomer Workshop September 29th
- 8:00pm **Big Book & Discussion Meeting**-Matt K. / **Looking for female chairpersons**. If you or some you know would like to chair contact Krista L. or Emily T.

Tuesday:

- 7:30pm, **Woman`s New Beginning**-Mary W: **Babysitting available**
- 8:00pm, **Tuesday Night Group**-Curt B: 8-10 people, **looking for support**
- 8:00pm, **Back to Basics Group**- Jim H: **Open Meeting**. Come and share your experience with the 12 steps. Discuss three steps a week with chosen speakers.
- 6:00pm, **Tuesday Night Group**-Debbie F: Making \$60 donation to the picnic. This is a **step-study meeting that is in need of a lot of support**. Especially from those who are able to sponsor

Wednesday:

- 6:00pm, **Big Book Discussion**-John S- RENZ CENTER NEEDS SUPPORT
- 7:00pm, **Come As You Are**-John Mc: Made \$50 contribution to District

- 7:00pm, **Wednesday Night Reflections Group**-Cindy S: Donated \$100 to the picnic
- 8:30pm, **Slow Me Down**-Monu K.- **Meeting changed to 8:30**
- 12:00pm, **Wednesday Grapevine**-Kiley C: Donated \$100 to the picnic

Thursday:

- 7:00pm, **New Horizon Group**-Andy R/ **Women Support Needed**
- 5:30pm, **Woman's We're All In This Together**-Debbie F- Needs Support, **especially from those women who are able to sponsor**. Great service opportunity. Donated money to District as well as the picnic.
- 5:30pm, **Sober Solutions**-Bryan T: is being shut down due to lack of support
- 7:30pm, W. Dundee Thursday Night Group- Karin S: Contributing money to the picnic this month, been discussing at their business meeting to format the first step meeting.
- 8:30pm, Out & About Recovery- Stephen M- Donating money to district, working on stabilizing the treasury.

Friday:

- 1:30pm, **LOTH: Needs GSR, this meeting needs some TLC!**
- 7:00pm, **Wanderers #911**-Ben C: **Men** looking for **accountability** and how to increase your **spirituality?** Come check out Wanderers #911!
- 8:00pm, **South Elgin Friday Night Fellowship**-Krista L: This meeting is **in need of support**.

Saturday:

- 7:30pm, **Open Speaker Meeting**- Burt L.: Hosting August/**Monday Night/Hampshire Oaks**
- 9:00am, **Saturday Morning Little Red Door Group**-Tina R.: **Meeting needs support** donated \$68.25 to the picnic, considering changing the meeting format.
- 7:30pm, **Young and the Restless**-Mike M: **Attendance is lacking**, needs support!

Committee Final Reports:

Answering Service: *Emily T.*

The District 22 Answering Service received 38 calls in the month of June. Thank you to all the volunteers for your continued support. I attended the NIA Summer Assembly in the month of June and attended the break-out session where I met with representatives from other area districts involved in the answering service. We exchanged many ideas and the area is hoping to put on an answering service workshop in late 2012. I was asked if I would like to be involved, and I assured the area answering service chair that I would. I will have more details soon. Also, in the next month, I will be contacting all the current volunteers to verify that we still have the correct contact info, as well as current availability. If you would like to be added to the list, please get in touch with me. Thanks everyone and enjoy your summer!

Correctional Facilities: Nathan B.

Hello,

The world of corrections related service work in District 22 has had some exciting developments in the last few months. Below is a full report.

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In April there was a motion to expand the annual budget for the corrections committee from \$50.00 to \$96.00. The justification was the "Its About Change" halfway house

needed big books to be permanently placed at the residency for the rotating collection of residents. The books were to be assigned to each of the twelve beds available for recently released prisoners. Since the accepted estimated costs for one Big Book is \$8.00, the committee needed additional funds to purchase all of the necessary items. The money was secured with the treasurer who paid it directly with the Literature chair for payment of May shipment of Big Books purchased from GSO. There has been no final communication to resolve the actual amount paid, but it was confirmed the facility has received the books for usage.

The neither members of the District 22 committee have been able to attend the Tuesday night Corrections meeting at the State Hospital at 6:30pm. This oversight will be corrected in next month to allow the district some visibility into the meeting's week to week attendance.

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Corrections Welcome Video

The General Service Conference recently reviewed the Corrections DVD which is supplied to each to Chair person as an introduction into the work. The 45minute video was due to have some revisions, but there were delegates who argued against revisions due to the media becoming increasingly absolute.

A new Corrections folder is due to be released at some point. Although, I did not document when the Chair people could anticipate seeing it being released (may have browsing facebook at the time)

Break Out:

The Overall temperature of the AA corrections work is always in flux. Due to recent state facility budget cuts and constant turnover in the political leadership volunteers are having trouble entering some facilities with regularity as a whole. However, some areas are doing some exciting things.

District 12 -The current chair has had headaches with the facility staff. Some of the guards may feel the local AA club (which the facility allows outside visits to) have allowed drug and alcohol usage without corrective action (surprise, surprise).

District 51- Has a great need for volunteers to participate. The issue has been the volunteers have submitted applications, but the facilities have not given them clearance in a timely manner. This behavior has impacted the interests' level of many applicants. The chair feared apathy from the population could deter future any future interest.

District 11- The Mc Henry County facility has a robust roster of individuals who participate the two corrections meetings every week. There has been talk of adding new meetings to better fulfill the demand. The group has also piloted a 12 step process which includes a 5th step session with a volunteer. The parameters have not been adequately established to roll out the program fully both the men and women's facilities. Currently, the men's jail has a select few cases which the board will review in the coming months to monitor the behavior of the inmates to mark the success of the program.

Dupage County- impromptu speaker meeting.

District 73- The 4 county wide district has been able to make use of the lax security parameters to have well attended speaker meetings inside the facility. Lee County allows prisoners with special privileges to attend outside meetings.

Everyone, Keep in mind, there are State Wide Corrections Applications available for distribution. If people are interested in actually participating please contact Nate or Tony to have the documents forwarded to you. Let us know if there any questions.

Regards,
District 22 Corrections

Special Needs: *Matt L.*

- **Asta Care** still needs support Saturdays @ 2pm. **New Service Opportunity:** Maplewood Care Home , **Wednesdays at 4pm.** Come out and share your experience, strength, and hope with those that cannot get out for a meeting.

Treatment: *Ben C.*

- Treatment Budget Increased to \$222.40

Upcoming Area Events:

- **Summer Committee Meeting/August 4th/** Lord of Life, La Fox, IL
- **The 12 Steps Ungarbled Workshop/ August 4th @** Holy Trinity from 11-4.
- **District 22 Softball Tournament in DeKalb.** For further details contact Michelle B.
- **District 22 Summer Picnic-August 18th:**
 - http://dist22.aa-nia.org/Events/picnic_081812.pdf
- **Illinois State Conference-August 24-26:**
 - http://dist22.aa-nia.org/Events/State_Conference_082412.pdf

District Meeting – August 5th – 4:30pm, St. Hugh of Lincoln

Respectively submitted by ~Krista L. - District 22 Secretary