

District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2014

Meeting Time: 4:30
Serenity Prayer
Tradition 4 – Mary Ann F.
Concept 4 – Bob J.

Review of District Minutes- motion Tina R. Seconded Ken W.

New Gsr's/ Alternate:

Joe N. – Alt GSR Sunday Night Big Book 6:30pm
Kim F. – GSR Sunday Night Big Book 12 6:30pm
Rick – Alt GSR Tuesday High Noon

Visitors:

Sandra B.

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

Recent Anniversaries:

Mike M. - 7 Months
Dave – March 10th 4 years
Bill B. – 3 years
Tom – March 18th 1 year
Laurie Faith – 1 year
Nathan B. – 5 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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- New Meeting 12-12-12 meeting starting April 30th at EAC at 8pm (1 week will be step next will be tradition and the next will be a concept)
- WNB Retreat will be held June 13-15 scholarships are available but limited \$100 for the whole weekend and includes meals

Old Business:

- CPC Alt Chairperson

New Business

- District 22 Picnic August 2nd Wing Park Flyers will be at next District meeting
- Picnic meeting May 4th at 3:30 (donations are being asked early for groups to be able to start distributing out funds)
- 2015 NIA Assembly/Conference Elections May 18 at 4pm at S. Elgin United Methodist Church off Spring Street

Officer Reports:

DCM: Manus

Monthly DCM Report
April 3rd, 2014

I attended the NIA Spring Assembly Conference and found it to be very worthwhile. The panel sessions actually attracted more people than I expected and a particularly good speaker was Jim G from GSO. He told his own story extremely effectively on Sunday morning. There were 720 registrants for the conference; the banquet tickets sold out.....320 and the room nights sold exceeded the commitment.

I also attended the Spring Assembly on Saturday. I actually participated in the finance committee meeting on Friday night prior to the Assembly and we agreed to send about \$4,800.00 in surplus funds to GSO. We also discussed how we might help Area service chairs to do their jobs especially to assist them in presenting appropriately constructed motions for funds to committee meetings and assemblies, a task which is both feared and hated by many of our newer trusted servants.

There were only three motions to be voted upon at the Assembly but interminable discussion about minor expenditures and how the motions should have been worded took up all the time allocated for them as well as the time allocated for breakout sessions. (As an aside, I am not sure why these breakout sessions cannot take place at 7.00 am before the Assembly or at 1.00 pm after the assembly.) Service chairs were very disappointed they could not get advice and suggestion from district service chairs. Service chairs gave reports and they are all active although there is still confusion as to how funds are to be obtained from the Area to carry out their assignments. (I spent about an hour Monday discussing the entire process with the architect of the program. I am still a little confused.)

An item of business which has appeared on the agenda for the past several Area meetings was the bid to host the 2015 NIA Spring Assembly/Conference. Much concern was evident as time is fast running out to get this project off the ground. The NIA chair made a comment that perhaps the Area Committee would have to step forward. After that our own Larry S. stepped forward on a point of order and pointed out that the Area Committee has no authority to undertake such a task under area guidelines. He further spoke eloquently about the fact we had held this event every year for over 20 years and how sad a commentary it would be should we not hold this event in 2015.

Following this impassioned speech, your DCM approached the mic. and offered district 22 to host the event **subject to approval** at the district meeting. After that Joe L., DCM district 61, St. Charles/Geneva stepped forward and offered to co-host also subject to approval of his district and Rafael V. DCM of District 20 also offered to help. Please note that at this late date, time is of the essence.

I have placed this item on the agenda for discussion.

DCMA: *Kevin*

DCMA REPORT

In March I attended the NIA Spring Assembly Conference which I thought went very well. I attended a few panel sessions that I found to be very educational and even had the pleasure of being a panelist myself speaking on Tradition 10. At the Assembly I picked up flyers for upcoming events. After the assembly I met with the Report & Charter Committee and we discussed upcoming items involving the Area 20 Service Handbook. I will be meeting with the Report & Charter Committee again after the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop on April 12th at Lord of Life Church in La Fox which I also will be attending and discussing these items further. I attended two meetings with our LCM's and picked up more coffee supplies for our monthly District meeting.

Kevin Bailey

Treasurer: *Dan S.*

NIA- AA District 22 Treasurer Monthly Report

- March 2014 Contributions = \$437.75
- March 2014 Expenses = \$629.76
- 2014 YTD Contributions = \$1948.86
- 2014 YTD Expenses = \$4065.66
- Working Balance = \$ 495.64
- Please remind your group to give and give often.
- Our Alternate Treasurer, Andy R., is out today but will issue checks to those who need to be reimbursed later in the week.

Respectfully Submitted with pleasure by Dan Smith

LCM:

Christopher-
2014 March LCM Report Christopher M.

Meeting: Monday 7:30 Hampshire Oaks: Very Small Meeting (8-12) typically. No problems noted. GSR not present.

Meeting: Monday 8:00 B.B. & Discussion LSSI: Very large meeting (actually 3 meetings going on at same time {I women only}). Includes Residents, Half-Way House men & outsiders. GSR not present. This meeting should be referred to Treatment committee as to get a handle on the scope & focus. Needs to be revisited.

Meeting: Tuesday 8:00 Tuesday Day Night One Day at a Time. Very small meeting (10-15) typically. No problems or concerns noted. GSR not present.

Meeting: Tuesday 8:00 Dundee Men's Group Very Small Meeting (8-12) typically. Attendance has slipped severely at this meeting. Some very good, long-term sobriety. No problems or concerns noted. GSR Chuck M. present.

Meeting: Friday 8:00 South Elgin Friday Night Fellowship Large Meeting (20-30) typically. No problems or concerns noted. GSR not present.

Rick W. - I can say that the meetings have been well attended and I believe each has a GSR. Some corrections may be needed to the area's data though.

GSR Reports:

- *Dave J. Wed Night Grapevine- Excellent Showing, A lot of sobriety, good story sharing, newcomers are growing in numbers*
- *Roy M. Sunday Morning Unity Group- Very well attended, wide variety of sobriety, many newcomers as people from LSSI treatment regularly attend. Topic and discussion as well as Big Book meeting. Many opportunities for service with newcomers as well as chairing and making coffee.*
- *Kim F. In Depth Big Book Study- We are growing very Sunday. We are currently planning a potluck speaker meeting sometime in May.*
- *Dean H. 12 Steps- Meeting can still use support*

Committee Final Reports:

Answering Service: Mary

- Getting more calls – will be making calls/texts to make sure that the phone numbers are correct. I will be making a flyer to send out.

Archives: John

- No Report

C.P.C.: Bryan

- *No Report*

Correctional Facilities: Herbert

- *No Report*

Directories: Laurie

- No Report

Grapevine: Lawrence

- *No Report*

Literature: Kristen

I sold 45 newcomer packs at the March district meeting. I will be purchasing more imprinted newcomer packet envelopes to be available at the April meeting. I also placed an order for pamphlets so that I would have at least 10 of all the different pamphlets on hand if any meetings need them.

Thanks,
Kristen B.

PI: Linda

I attended the assembly at the 2014 spring conference in Gurnee on March 28th, at which time I spoke with Jim W., area chair for public information in regards to possible ideas for a P I workshop. We will be discussing the ideas more at length at the area assembly April 12th. I also distributed meeting schedules at the Salvation Army. There was a discussion with a client at the Renz center about not having access to current meeting schedules and that has been taken care of. .

Special Needs: Bob

I attended the spring assembly and conference. There was not a breakout session for special needs. I talked briefly with Urbano the area special needs chair. He offered his assistance if we need it with a workshop. I've been learning some of what a workshop entails. I have a few ideas on some topics. I have no experience helping put a workshop together but I would like to commit myself to that. I've been advised to seek help in forming a committee to facilitate this. If anyone would be interested in helping please let me or Christopher know and I'll try to coordinate a meeting ASAP to get the ball rolling. Thanks

Treatment: Brian

- Bill and I made rounds to the treatment centers and dropped off contact list and made contact with and made our faces shown around the centers.

Website: Larry

District 22
Webmaster
April 6, 2014

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There were 900 visits to the site in March. Those visits were made by 486 separate people and they viewed a total of 2235 pages.

Please remember that there is a link on the information for members page that you can use to report changes to the meeting schedule.

I can put up a page for your group or for your committee. You just need to provide content. Also you need to let me know when there are updates to the information on your page.

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.

Website Visits

	Unique Visitors	Visits	Pageviews
March	486	900	2235
February 2014	421	732	1766
January 2014	463	860	2227
December 2013	392	666	1757
November 2013	411	718	1857
October 2013	395	711	1888
September 2013	337	689	2138
August 2013	316	479	1265
July 2013	312	574	1423
June 2013	282	458	1197
May 2013	342	607	1536
April 2013	294	574	1516

Upcoming Area Events:

- Spring Committee Meeting May 10th Lafox,IL
- [5th Annual Big Book Workshop](#) **Geneseo, IL May 16-17**
- [ISCYPAA Bonfire Meeting](#) **Belvidere, IL May 17**
- [Hope Factory's Dinner AA Speaker and Dance](#) **Crystal Lake, IL May 17**
- [NIA Summer Assembly](#) **Palatine, IL June 14**
- [14th Annual Midwest Motorcycle AA Convention](#) **(New Location!) Pecatonica, IL June 20-22**
- [22nd Annual Fox Valley Open](#) **(New Location!) LaFox, IL July 12**
- [Circle City Roundup](#) **Indianapolis, IN July 18-20**
- [2014 Big Book Conference](#) **Glen Ellyn, IL Oct 25, 2014**

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

Peace, Love & Unity
Alicia F.- District 22 Secretary