

## **District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes**

November 2, 2014

Meeting Time: 4:30  
Serenity Prayer  
Tradition 10 – Ken W.  
Concept 10 - Alex H.

Number in attendance: 29

Review of District Minutes- motion Bob J. Seconded Curt

### **New Gsr's/ Alternate:**

#### **Visitors:**

Tanya E.

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

#### **Recent Anniversaries:**

Jordan – 3 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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- Bears game at the Elgin Alano Club November 16 11am-3pm
- Big Book Study Autumn Open speaker potluck November 16 from 5:15-8 at Zion Lutheran Church
- Jim H. will be ordering coins that he can get wholesale. If any meeting needs coins please contact Jim H.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Workshop report- Michelle J.**

Fellowship of the Spirit held its first workshop, Relationships in recovery, on October 24, 2014. We received \$100 from District and adjusted our budget to spend \$111.68. To our pleasant surprise a lot of people brought food, someone even brought napkins. The speakers were amazing. Thank you to District for the funds. Receipts were saved and given to the treasurer.

-Michelle J- ( P.S. it was a great turnout.)

## **New Business**

- Christmas Party 2014 - Next meeting Nov. 15th for a walkthrough of the church.
- 2015 NIA Assembly/Conference Report – Next meeting Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at 400 West Spring St, South Elgin 60177.)
- **Motion passed** by Alex H: I move that we rotate order of GSR reports with Committee reports bi-monthly on the district meeting agenda (format). Friendly Amendment made by Wade Larson: Do this for only six month period. (May, 2015)

## **Officer Reports:**

### **DCM: Manus**

### **Monthly DCM Report** **November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014**

I attended and participated in the NIA Committee meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>. A general discussion was held at this meeting in regard to the Area GSR Handbook. As a result of this discussion and bearing in mind earlier discussion I proposed a motion to be considered at the next assembly, with Jim H as second:-

**It is moved that the unabridged NIA 20 Service Handbook be printed and distributed to all members requesting a copy. It is suggested the first printing be 1,000 copies and further printings of 1,000 be printed as needed. Cost is to be covered by NIA and there shall be no charge to recipients. The Area chairman will appoint an individual to be responsible to update and have the handbook printed as needed.**

I was privileged to participate on a panel at the NIA Big Book Conference last Saturday. I am happy to say that District 22 outdid itself with at least 7 panel participants and many from our district attending. All I spoke too agreed this was an outstanding conference with a great program.

### **DCMA: *Kevin***

The month of October was a pretty busy month. On the 11th I attended the Special Needs Workshop at St. Joseph Hospital that our Special Needs Chair, Bob J. hosted. The workshop was very informative and Bob and all the speakers did an amazing job.

I also attended two workshop planning committee meetings for the upcoming workshop, "Introducing The Newcomer To AA" that will be hosted by the Thursday Night West Dundee group on November 8th at 10 am at St. Catherine's Church in West Dundee on the corner of route 31 & route 72. Things are going very well and I am really looking forward to the workshop.

On the 18th I attended the NIA Committee Meeting. We had another lengthy discussion on the NIA Service Handbook and heard all the Officer reports and the DCM's quarterly reports.

On the 19th I attended the 2015 Spring Assembly Conference Planning Committee Meeting in South Elgin. The planning of the conference is going very well and if anyone is interested in registering for the conference I know Kristen B. and Tina Robinson are accepting registrations.

On the 25th I attended and participated in the 21st Annual Big Book Conference hosted by District 40 in Glen Ellyn. I had the privilege of being a moderator of a panel on Chapter 6, Into Action. The Panel went very well as did the entire Big Book Conference. Hats off to District 40 on a job very well done.

I attended 2 meetings with our LCM's and we are good on coffee supplies.

Thanks,

Kevin B.

**Treasurer:**

District 22 Treasury Report October 2014

- October 2014 Contributions = \$390.50
- October 2014 Expenses = \$1,489.97
- 2014 YTD Contributions = \$6,830.43
  - 2014 YTD Expenses = \$8,346.63
  - Working Balance = \$1,096.24
- Still Working on obtaining an EIN number for District 22.
  - Envelopes for NIA treasurer and GSO
  - Remember November Contributions
    - Self Support Statement Card
- Please remind your group during the business meeting to consider a 60/30/10 split of their donation to district 22/Area 20/GSO respectfully.

Respectfully submitted with pleasure by Dan Smith on November 2, 2014

**LCM:**

Sandy M. – no report

Mary W. – still need more women volunteers

Rick W. – no report

Curt B – 7:30 Tuesday Night One day at a time has no GSR. Very small group that needs support. They have literature and happy faces!

Sunday 7pm Library group St. Joseph's- has GSR, contact information is correct. Very good attendance and they have literature available.

8pm Monday Big Book at LSSI – no women's meeting, changing format of meeting, they do have a GSR

8pm Friday night Fellowship South Elgin – They have a GSR, contact information is correct, large group and going strong.

Keith B. – No report

### **GSR Reports:**

- Sunday morning St. Josephs- will donate money towards the Christmas party, will meet to discuss an amount to donate to District
- Sunday Night Big Book Study- Autumn Potluck Speaker Meeting Sunday November 16 at Zion Lutheran Church

Tuesday

- Tuesday Night United Methodist will be donating \$50 towards the Christmas Party
- Tuesday Night Joe & Charlie Meeting- We have quite a few newcomers
- Host of friends- we meet at 8:30, closed Big Book discussion, new format

Wednesday

- 12x12x12 and more- meets at 8pm, the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month hold a business meeting, we do 60x30x10 plan for money distribution
- 6pm Big Book meeting at Renz Center- we are picking up over flow from the treatment center

Thursday

- St. Catherine's meeting West Dundee – Hosting a workshop Saturday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> on 1<sup>st</sup> step: Introducing Newcomer to AA
- New Horizons Group at State Hospital- needs support

Friday

- 6pm Program house- voted to have a workshop on Jan 17<sup>th</sup> on literature. We will come back next District meeting to announce specifics
- Friday morning Eye Opener 7am- valet parking, donuts ☺
- Wanders meetings- contact phone # on directories as meet at different locations

Saturday

- Saturday Open Speaker meeting- December is still open for this year, the months are filling up for 2015, we have a business meeting next week and are looking to rotate out service positions

### **Committee Final Reports:**

**Answering Service:** Mary

- Will continue to ask for women volunteers

**Archives:** John

- Archives have been organized and you are now able to check out items. Contact me if you would like to check any of the items out or are interested in helping to organize anything else.

**C.P.C.:** Mae

- Obtained CPC workbook from Alex H., read the book
- Requested participants for a committee.
- Work with treatment committee to be liaison with counseling staff
- Reached out to Linda PI chair

**Correctional Facilities:** Herbert

- No report

**Directories:** Laurie

- Printed 500 copies, received changes from last month to update directories. Please use the changes form or the changes on the website to update your meeting information.

**Grapevine:** *Lawrence*

- *Starting November 1<sup>st</sup> you can order holiday gifts from grapevine with free shipping*

**Literature:** *Kristen*

- Newcomer packets \$1

**PI:** *Linda*

- First of all I would like to apologize as I was tied up for several weeks with a very important project at work which took me away from my service work as well as meetings and fellowship. That being said, that project has been completed and I am ready to be much more diligent with my work as public information chair.  
I have had business cards made with our district information such as answering service number, web address and also included the number for the Spanish speaking hotline. I encourage anyone to carry a few of them around as you never know when God will place you in the position to hand this information to someone in need. I will be leaving them along with our meeting schedules at the places I visit such as the Elgin police station, local hospitals, the women's crisis center, and the salvation army. I will also be giving some to Joe Miller to have available at the spring conference.  
I have also been in communication with the PI chair from district 61. Since we are co hosting the spring conference with them, we have discussed co hosting a public information workshop as well with the help of our area PI chair. Specific details are still in the works and due to the amount of upcoming events we may decide to hold off on that until the beginning of the new year. I will keep you updated on that progress.

**Special Needs:** *Bob*

- Nov District 22 Special Needs Report;

On Oct. 11th there was a Special Needs Workshop at St Joseph's/Presence Hospital. While there was sparse attendance the event was successful. The speakers, past delegates Ray M & Marcia S, Area Special Needs Chair Urbano, Spanish translation interpreter Rachel, ASL interpreter Mary K did a great job sharing their experience with us. Special Needs rock star Herbert was particularly inspiring and informative. Christopher M and I would like to thank everyone who participated and helped put this workshop together. On a personal note, I was told by veteran AA servants that workshops aren't that hard to do. They were right! I did a poor job asking for help and it was still not difficult.

I also attended the Big Book Conference and learned a lot about ASL services as it pertains to AA from Megan and the other signer while having lunch there.

**Treatment:**

- Formed a treatment committee with approximately 6 volunteers
- Met with NIA treatment chair Weezie and Quad City Bridging the Gap Coordinator on Saturday. We received a large amount of information and literature.
- Our next meeting with Treatment Committee we will try to involve CPC and PI.

**Website:** Larry

District 22  
Webmaster  
November 2, 2014

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[webmaster.dist22@comcast.net](mailto:webmaster.dist22@comcast.net)

There were 974 visits to the site in October. Those visits were made by 541 separate people and they viewed a total of 2190 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](mailto:larrys86@comcast.net) or go to the website and you can email webmaster.

**Website Visits**

	<b>Unique Visitors</b>	<b>Visits</b>	<b>Pageviews</b>
October 2014	541	974	2190
September 2014	537	1029	2355
August 2014	524	949	2235
July 2014	527	1005	2454
June 2014	480	967	2299

May 2014	475	841	2102
April 2014	443	818	1998
March 2014	486	900	2235
February 2014	421	732	1766
January 2014	463	860	2227
December 2013	392		666 1757
November 2013	411	718	1857

**Upcoming Area Events:**

Kankakee Mini Conference **Kankakee, IL November 8, 2014**

District 73 Fall Roundup **Dixon, IL November 20, 2014**

ROCKYPAA Winter Formal **Rockford, IL December 6, 2014**

2014\_Winter\_Assembly.pdf **LaFox, IL Dec. 13, 2014**

***District Meeting – December 7<sup>th</sup> – 4:30pm, St. Hugh of Lincoln***

*Peace, Love & Unity*

*Alicia F.- District 22 Secretary*