

## District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes

### July 12, 2015

Meeting Time: 4:30  
Serenity Prayer  
Tradition 7 – Andy R.  
Concept 7 – Terry .

In attendance: 35

Review of District Minutes- approved

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

Rob G – GSR Bode House meeting at 7pm on Fridays

#### **Visitors:**

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

#### **Recent Anniversaries:**

Joey – 1 year

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

#### **Announcements from the floor:**

- <http://dist22.aa-nia.org/Events.html>
- <http://www.aa-nia.org/Events.html>

#### **Old Business:**

- Picnic- need financial support from the groups, also need help with volunteers. We will be meeting at 3:30pm on every Sunday until the picnic. We will also be printing more copies of the flyers with contact information. We are also looking for raffle prizes for donation.

#### **New Business:**

- Should D22 form a BTG committee – approved and chairs will be voted on in October
- Election of Archives Alternate Chair- Rick B.

**Officer Reports:**

**DCM: Manus**

**Monthly DCM Report**  
**July 12<sup>th</sup> 2015**

I attended the NIA Summer Assembly on June 13<sup>th</sup>. There were three motions on the floor and all three passed with minimal discussion. Two motions dealt with sending two members of both the corrections committee and treatment committee to the National Bridging the Gap workshop in addition to two representatives from the BTG committee. I voted against as I felt sending 6 people from one area was overkill but others disagreed with me so up to six people were going. The third motion dealt with funding for an extra printing of the pamphlet "How to find AA in Illinois". Passed.

It has been suggested that our district meeting be held on the second Sunday of the month rather than the first Sunday as we have already changed the date 3 times this year. To be discussed under new business.

It has been suggested that District follow the lead of the NIA and form a BTG service committee with a chair and alternate chair to be elected. We will vote on the change this afternoon and elect a chair and alternate chair at the August meeting.

Please be aware that our delegate Cheryl V will be visiting the district on Wednesday July 29<sup>th</sup> at the 12/12/12 and more meeting at 7.00pm to give her report. As last year, I have not asked her to come to our district meeting as her report will be open to all who wish to hear it.

By way of a reminder.....the 2015 East Central Regional Forum is approaching. I have registration fliers and agendas for those interested in attending in Milwaukee on November 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. I have put some out on the table for anyone who might be interested.

**DCMA: Kevin**

I attended & participated in the area assembly on June 13th. During the Assembly I attended the DCM breakout session and our delegate gave her report of the General Service Conference she attended in April. Like Manus mentioned in his report our delegate will be visiting the 12, 12, 12 & More meeting on July 29th at 7:00 pm to give a condensed version of her report for any of those that may have missed the assembly. This will be a smaller setting than the assembly so it will be a great time to ask any questions you may have for our delegate in regards to the General Service Conference. Flyers are available on the table & refreshments will be provided.

I had the privilege of going to the 2015 AA International Convention in Atlanta over the 4th of July weekend. While there I attended many panels and it was a great experience to be with 60,000+ alcoholics from all over the world. If you have the opportunity to, I would highly recommend going to the convention that will be held in Detroit in 2020.

**Treasurer:** *Dan S.*

**District 22 Treasury Report July 2015**

- 2015 June Contributions = \$743.00
- 2015 June Expenses = \$244.84
- 2015 YTD Contributions = \$4,778.87
- 2015 YTD Expenses = \$6,767.49
- Working Balance = \$990.64
- Self-Support Cards and area mailing envelopes are available to those interested
- Please remind your group during the business meeting to consider a 60/30/10 split of their donation to District 22 - NIA 20 and GSO respectfully.

Respectfully submitted by Dan S. on July 13, 2015

**LCM:**

Sandy M. – No report

Curt – No meetings this month, but all meetings have GSR's

Rick W. – No report

Andy R- I haven't been to any meetings that aren't participating or making donations

Keith B. –

District Meeting July, 2015

Groups Visited June/July 2015:

10AM Sunday Morning Fellowship ~ Sherman Hospital, Elgin;

8AM Saturday Morning 12 & 12 ~ Bethlehem Lutheran Church, west Dundee

Sunday Morning Fellowship attendance is consistent. They have rescheduled their quarterly business meeting for the Sunday after the district meeting; Saturday 12 & 12 meeting attendance seems to have leveled off, but could use additional support. I mentioned that anyone interested in standing for the position of GSR should attend the district meeting. Jim M agreed to leave his name on the meeting schedule as the contact.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith B.

### **GSR Reports:**

- Sunday-  
In depth Big Book Study- attendance is good and we are discussing the fall potluck
- Monday  
Big Book in Gilberts- attendance is good and elected a new treasurer and we are passing a basket for the picnic
- Tuesday  
Joe & Charlie – last month did two 1<sup>st</sup> step meetings  
Tuesday Night Group in Carpentersville – gave \$50 to the picnic and bought Big Books  
Women’s New Beginnings Meeting- had a great turn out for the retreat in June. We are having our retreat wrap up meeting Tuesday at 6pm at St Hughs for anyone interested in how to plan a retreat. We are also working on our fall workshop.
- Wednesday  
Wednesday Westside Grapevine – donated \$100 towards the picnic  
12x12x12 & more meeting – we have a new location 1<sup>st</sup> Christian church on summit street and a new time starting at 7pm
- Thursday  
Open Big Book study- attendance varies and need support
- Friday  
No name brotherhood- now ends at 9pm  
Friday Night Recovery Group – Big Book meeting, occasionally have newcomers
- Saturday  
Healing the Heart – in need of a solid chair and needs support  
Little Red Door – Needs support and attendance varies  
Saturday Night Open Speaker Meeting – looking for people to step up for new positions  
Saturday Early Birds – meeting goes very well and split up into 3 groups

### **Committee Final Reports:**

#### **Answering Service:**

- Workshop being held August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm in auditorium of St. Joseph Hospital... looking for figures in budget

#### **Archives: John**

- I have the archives but not much activity going on

#### **C.P.C.: Ken**

- I am continuing my quest to contact all the small businesses that are located in our district. I thought that I would go with manufacturing and car repair since I worked and heavily drank while working in those fields. The first one I visited was Universal S.P.C. located at Route 31 and Wing St. They were responsive and had about 45 employees. Second was Allonco Meats also on

Wing St. The owner was very interested in what I presented and told me that he had just let an employee go and wished he had the information sooner. I told him that if it happens again he will be better prepared, and that after recovery we alcoholics turn out to be great assets to any organization and that it is often cheaper to get an individual help than to hire and re-train a new employee. He agreed and will keep us in mind in the future. The last company I contacted was Kellenbergers Uniroyal Tire in Elgin, They accepted my information and promised to pass it on to a manager. My hope is that since I know of drinking problems in these Industries. They will hopefully be able to use our help and we can give some hope to people in need.

**Correctional Facilities:** Herbert

- Haven't heard back regarding forms to go into the jails. The state hospital meeting is going well with regular people going in,

**Directories:** Tina

- printed 500 copies

**Grapevine:** Bobby

- No report

**Literature:** *Kristen*

- \$1 a piece newcomer packets
- District Meeting July 12, 2015
- I attended Area 20 Summer Assembly June 13th. I participated in the literature breakout session chaired by our area Delegate Cheryl V with two other literature representatives. Cheryl shared her recent experience at the General Service Conference. Describing their discussions regarding changes or up-dates to a few brochures, and replacing the Gay & Lesbian brochure with a new LGBT brochure. General discussion was how we experience and promote literature at the group and district level. We specifically talked about introduction to literature for the new comer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith B. ~ Alternate Literature Chair

**PI:** *Linda*

I have actively been assisting in the BTG program. I have been attending SHARE on the first and third Mondays of each month. This is definitely an area where PI can assist. Many of the clients have some awareness of what AA is but many have never been introduced to AA ever. It is a great opportunity to inform them what AA is, and what it is not. Answer questions and help provide contact information and meeting schedules for when they leave treatment. I also have the opportunity to distribute pamphlets for the new comers such as "Is AA for me?" And "Problems other than alcohol".

I feel this is definitely a program where all committees can contribute, and a separate committee is very much needed.

**Special Needs:** *Bob*

- No report

**Treatment:** Bill

- We helped 2 men into detox and followed up with helping bridge to inpatients at LSSI. Attended Friday Night 7pm meeting at Its About Change, there is need for support for the meeting 995 Bode Rd. Also the BTG committee is going well with SHARE in Hoffman Estates.

**Website:** Larry  
District 22  
Webmaster  
July 12, 2015

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

There were 1157 visits to the site in June. Those visits were made by 619 separate people and they viewed a total of 2577 pages.

I have made updates to the site that resolve the issues discussed last month.

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>
June 2015	619	1157	2577
May 2015	658	1186	2411
April 2015	658	1183	2490
March 2015	608	1120	2331
February 2015	613	1039	2543
January 2015	581	1055	2513
December 2014	470	803	1858
November 2014	515	918	2153
October 2014	541	974	2190
September 2014	537	1029	2355
August 2014	524	949	2235
July 2014	527	1005	2454

**Upcoming Area Events:**

32nd Anniversary Open Meeting **McHenry, IL July 31**  
Wolf River - Nicolet Campout **White Lake, WI August 7-9**  
Delegate Report and Pool Party **Clifton, IL August 8**  
Summer Committee **La Fox, IL August 8**  
2015 Illinois State Conference **Normal, IL August 28 - 30, 2015**  
Fall Assembly (revised flyer) **East Moline, IL September 19**  
NIA 20 Big Book Conference (English) (Spanish) **Palatine, IL October 24**  
East Central Regional Forum **Milwaukee, WI Nov. 13-15**  
Kankakee Mini Conference **Kankakee, IL November 14, 2015**

***District Meeting – August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4:30pm, St. Hugh of Lincoln***

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