

District 22-Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2016

Meeting Time: 4:30 pm

Tradition 1- Kristen B

Concept 1- Kaite S:

In attendance: 41

Approval of December Meeting Minutes: Approved

New GSR's/ Alternates

Tony - GSR: Big Book & Discussion Meeting

Matt - Alternate: Open Speaker Meeting

Bob- GSR: West Dundee Thursday Night Group

Dina- GSR: Morning Serenity

Visitors

Kaite S

Marilyn (Area Chair)

Anniversaries

Joy- December 6th 2 years

Announcements from the Floor

-Jan 16th: NIA 20 - Winter Committee Meeting

-Treasure: Dave F

Proposed budget for 2016

Motion to approve by Tina

A lengthy discussion ensued

Budget was passed

Officers Announcements

DCM: Kevin B

Monthly DCM Report - January 3, 2016

I would like to thank the members of District 22 for allowing me this opportunity to serve as your DCM. It's an honor and privilege to be of service in one of the most active districts In Northern Illinois Area.

I attended the winter assembly on December 12th at Lord of Life church. During the assembly there were 2 motions on the floor. The first motion was a Bridging the Gap committee motion which was to have Cherly V our Area 20 Panel 64 Delegate submit this motion to the General Service Office – Conference Coordinator and to the staff at the desks of Treatment/Special Needs & Accessibilities, Corrections & Literature prior to the December 15th, 2015 deadline, to revise the pamphlet P-49 (Bridging the Gap) and add this item to the 2016 General Service Conference Agenda. This pamphlet currently addresses Bridging the Gap only in terms of Treatment Facilities. The desired revisions would be to update this pamphlet to sufficiently encompass all areas where this activity may occur and to include “Treatment Facilities, Correctional Facilities & Institutions” where Bridging the Gap may apply. I voted in favor of this motion and it passed with little discussion.

The second motion was a Corrections Committee motion. The Corrections Committee moves to allocate funds from the NIA 20 Treasury to provide needed literature to Southern Illinois Area 21. This literature will be used by the Southern Illinois 21 Corrections Committee. The literature will go to jails, prisons, and penitentiaries that they currently take meetings into. The projected cost was \$5,500. I voted in favor of this motion as well and it also passed.

Also during the assembly I was happy to see some of our District 22 incoming service committee chairs in attendance. At every assembly there are break-out sessions for each service committee. So if you’re the chair or alternate of a district committee it would be very beneficial for you to attend these breakout sessions for a number of reasons. First, you can learn what work other districts are doing and second you can share the great work you’re doing with them. This way we all learn from each other’s experience to better carry the message and make our work as effective as possible.

Just as our district service positions have rotated this year so has the area service positions. Therefore, the new Area Treasurer has opened a new PO Box which we need to use going forward. The new PO Box for Area 20 is:

Northern Illinois Area, LTD.
P.O. Box 1056
Yorkville, IL 60560

Please be sure to discard any old NIA 20 envelopes you may have and feel free to pick up new ones which are on the table with the flyers.

For all incoming GSR’s, service committee chairs/alternates or anyone interested in General Service, I highly encourage you to attend the Service Orientation Workshop that is being held at the Winter Committee Meeting on January 16th at Lord of Life Church. This Service Orientation

Workshop will be very educational and will help you to get acquainted with your new service position.

Again, I would like to thank everyone for this opportunity to serve as your DCM and I would like to thank all the incoming service committee chairs/alternates and GSR's for your service to District 22. Please feel free to reach out to me and let me know if there is anything I can do to help or assist you with.

Thanks,
Kevin B.
224-245-1624

DCMA: Dan S

First, please accept my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to continue being of service to district 22.

Secondly, Any GSR's, alternates, committee members or members of D22 should not hesitate to contact me with questions, concerns or needs. I'm here to be of service to you.

Regards,
Dan S.

Treasure: Dave F

District 22 Treasury Report December 2015

- 2015 December Contributions = \$2037.78
- 2015 December Expenses = \$1034.18
- 2015 YTD Contributions = \$11,644.86
- 2015 YTD Expenses = \$12,016.67
- Working Balance = \$2,607.45
- I will work on reviewing expenses and try to limit where possible.
- Spent time with outgoing treasurer adding me to bank account, reviewing the update of spreadsheet, expense and contribution recording with Quicken, reviewing the scope of responsibilities necessary to District 22.

- Working with Alt Treasurer to show him the responsibilities of District 22.
- Finalized any pending December transactions.
- Made a motion to approve tentative budget for 2016. Passed.
- Made the motion to send \$1000 to NIA 20 and \$500 to GSO. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by David F. on January 13, 2016

Alternate Treasurer: Joe B

I had the opportunity to meet with Dave F and Dan S to gain insight on the treasury. I am learning how to use quicken and excel. I will be added to the bank account in the coming month and I obtained the key for the p.o. box. I am excited for this learning process and am pleased to be able to serve you.

Joe B.
 Alt treasurer
 Joseph2478@gmail.com
 8477071840

Secretary: Sam M

I would like to start by saying thank you for allowing me to serve as your secretary. District officers and committee chairs, please make sure to send me your reports either via email at sectsam22@gmail.com or in writing. As always the sooner the better, so I will be able to send out the minutes promptly.

Alternate Secretary: Tina R

No Report

LCM Reports

LCM were assigned at district. Thank you Jim H., Andy R., Jayne M., and Bob M. for your service.

Service Committee Reports

If you would like further detail in your report please make sure to submit a report in either writing or preferably to sectsam22@gmail.com.

Answering Service:

Kayliegh: No Report

Phil C: No Report

Archives:

Rick B: Everything was successfully moved to my basement.

John M: No Report

Bridging the Gap:

Bill B: No Report

Jessica R: Bridging the Gap Committee Report

I attended the assembly in LaFox, IL on December 12th, where I participated in the Bridging the Gap breakout session. Those in attendance discussed the need for district databases of volunteers rather than a large area wide database, as this is too difficult to manage. I have already begun gathering volunteers for District 22's database, this effort started in May of 2015. Currently there are 100+ volunteers on this list, however not all of them are from district 22 (maybe half). I have been involved with these efforts at the area level for some time now and have been working with Area 19 as well to bridge the gap for clients at Share in Hoffman Estates. Some of the volunteers in the database are from surrounding districts, as well as Area 19. The need for more District 22 volunteers is great. We work with LSSI currently to provide them with temporary contacts for clients who are discharging and staying within the Elgin area. Please spread the word at your meetings that we are in need of volunteers. There is a sign-up sheet that you can pass around your home group and turn back into Bill B. or myself at the next district meeting.

Respectfully,

Jessica R.

D22 BTG Alt. Chair

CPC:

Ken W: This month I reached out to 3 medium sized companies. First was Winx America: a medium sized inventory/logistics company. Second was Suburban Elevator an industrial company, and third was TLK Industries which is an information technology concern. All 3 companies were small enough not to have employee assistance programs.

Joey G: No Report

Correctional Fac.:

Mike M: No report

Nate B: Main objective is working with Kane County.

Directories:

Susan L: Directory was passed around for changes.

Dave P: No Report

Grapevine:

Bobby G: No Report

Linda L: Looking forward to working with Bobby G. I have received grapevine order forms from Jim H

Linda L

Alternate grapevine chair

Literature:

Randy B: Have received all Districts literature, from the previous chair, Kristen B. I am currently working on the newcomer packs, specifically on the outer envelope where members add their contact numbers. an idea that I liked was to use a rubber stamp that would allow us to make packets anytime without making a special order. I plan to speak personally to all the GSRs in the District, to inform each of the literature available to them and order or assist them in ordering and answer and be available to answer any questions pertaining to literature. I've contacted the GSO and have received the current literature catalog. There have been two requests for newcomers pack, one for 10 packs , the other for 8. I also received \$96.60 from Kristen. The rest will be a learning process and so far it's been an awesome service duty I wish I had gotten involved sooner Randy Barkley Literature Chair District 22, Northern Illinois Area 20 phone or text 331-588-4413 Thank You

Andy R: No Report

Public Information:

Tod B: I attended the winter assembly last month and sat in with the other PI'S and CPC'S during the break out session. Some of the outgoing PI'S shared what they have done in the past during their term of service. I exchanged contact info with PI'S from surrounding districts and look forward to getting and sharing ideas with them in the future. I emailed all kinds of PI info like the workbook and pamphlets to Jessica Y. who is the alternate PI. I will be talking to Ken W. our CPC chair to see about meeting up with him once a month to discuss plans for contacting the public. I also have some other contacts who said they would be willing to you me information or leads to people at schools and churches in our district to hopefully make AA information available to those in need. I look forward to putting in the time and getting out to talk with the public about what AA is and how this program can change the life of the alcoholic who still suffers. I have a lot of reading and research to do my end as I received my PI packet in the mail yesterday from World Services. I would like to say thank you for the nomination and for the chance to be of service to district 22. Thank you from your District 22 Public Information chair, Tod B.

Jessica Y: No Report

Special Needs:

Herb L: No Report

Betty M: No Report

Treatment Facilities:

Joe N: No Report

Chuck C: LSSI contacted Joe N about Bridge Group.

Website:

Larry S:
District 22

Webmaster
January 3, 2016

dist22.aa-nia.org
webmaster.dist22@comcast.net

There were 1072 visits to the site in December. Those visits were made by 618 separate people and they viewed a total of 2350 pages.

This year I will be looking at changing the website over to Wordpress. For those that don't know Wordpress is a free, online tool for building websites. Wordpress does not require that users understand HTML or be able to code in any of the various languages used to build websites. Instead it uses built in tools and addons called plugins and snippets to create functionality allowing anyone with a computer and internet access to build and maintain a site. Currently I use a similar package called RapidWeaver that works much the same way, except that RapidWeaver only works on Apple computers.

I will also be looking at whether or not moving the site to our own space would be beneficial. Currently site is hosted by NIA at no cost to us. This is why the address is so long and does not include www, which has been confusing for some. Moving the site would involve some expense, about \$100 per year. More on that later.

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

	Visitors	Visits	Pageviews
December 2015		618	1072 2350
November 2015		558	1126 2574
October 2015	513	1082	2533

September 2015	503	1031	2300
August 2015	628	1288	2883
July 2015	728	1474	3165
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

Old Business:

Elections for DCMA: Dan S. and Jessica R. ran for DCMA. Dan S. Was elected by majority vote. Thank you Dan S. for your service.

Christmas Party:

Jessica Y: Decorations went great. With donations from last year plus the \$25 we had everything we needed. The decorations used are with Kevin B. and can be used for next years party.

Tom G: Already had coffee cups from picnic and have about 400 left.

Purchased at WAL*MART

paper plates purchased 510 and have a few maybe 6 left. cost \$19.14

paper napkins purchased 800 and have about 50 left. cost \$ 9.68

plastic spoons 296 purchased and have 100 left.

plastic forks 396 purchased and have 200 left.

plastic knives 96 purchased and none left.

foil trays purchased for plastic ware. cost \$24.12

tax \$ 4.37

total \$57.31

Already had and still do box of plastic ware wrap in napkin with salt & pepper.

GSR Reports

If you would like further details about your meeting included in the minutes please submit a written copy.

Sunday:

Sunday Morning Unity Group- “everything is good”

Indepth Big Book Study- attendace is good now that the club has finished moving. Looking for Alt. Chair

Monday:

Big Book & Discussion Meeting- needs support

Tuesday:

Women's New Beginnings- has baby sitters, just started new break off group for "As Bill Sees It"

Wednesday:

NEW MEETING: Morning Serenity- at 10am, needs support

Faith, Hope, & Serenity- Needs support and strong women for the residents at the ¾ house.

Thursday:

We Play Joe & Charlie Audio Tracks- Needs Support

Friday:

Beginners Group- Co-ed, Needs Support

Saturday:

Open Speaker Meeting- NEEDS SERVICE if interested call Burt

Healing of the Heart- needs support

Upcoming Events

Next District will be held on Feb. 14th at 4:30 pm, St. Hugh of Lincoln. Bring Your Date!