

District 22-Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2016

Meeting Time: 4:30 pm

Tradition II- Phil C

Concept II- Bob W

In attendance: 30

Approval of January Meeting Minutes: Pending

New GSR's/ Alternates

Dan S- GSR: South Elgin Friday Night Fellowship

-switched with alternate who was not in attendance

Visitors

No Visitors

Anniversaries

Kevin B (DCM)- 4 years

Announcements from the Floor

Susan L- Directory was sent around for changes

Chris D- 2016 NIA Spring Conference & Assembly: if you are interested on securing a spot email him to get more info at registrar@aa-nia.org

Officers Announcements

DCM: Kevin B

Monthly DCM Report - February 14, 2016

I attended and participated in the Winter Committee Meeting/Service Orientation Workshop on January 16th at Lord of Life church in LaFox. During the service orientation workshop I presented on the duties & responsibilities of being a GSR. The workshop was well attended and all the presenters did an excellent job. After the workshop, I was asked by Chuck D., the DCM of District 10, to speak at their next district meeting on the duties & responsibilities of being a GSR. I will be going there February 28th

During the committee meeting there were no motions presented for the upcoming assembly. Also during the committee meeting all the DCM's were asked to relay this letter to their districts.

I am the chairman of the Hospitality Committee for the upcoming NIA Spring Conference. I am

writing to ask for your support of the Hospitality Room at the conference. We are in need of donations for the Hospitality Room, as well as volunteers to work in the Hospitality Room. The following is a sample list of some of the items we will be seeking for donations: coffee (regular & decaf), cases of pop (regular & diet), cases of water, napkins, paper towels & of course cash. I am writing to ask for any donations from your district, or groups in your district. If any individual groups would like to donate, that would also be appreciated. If any groups in your district would be interested in volunteering their time to staff the hospitality room, please have them contact me. We will be asking volunteers for 2 hours of volunteer time.

Reminder, anyone who wishes to volunteer must also be registered for the conference.

Please discuss this at your next business meeting so the district or groups in the district may volunteer or donate. Sign up times will be available from 3:00pm on Friday, April 1st through 10:00am on Sunday, April 3rd

Please contact me at: barbkane02@gmail.com or 309-269-1629 for more information.

Yesterday I attended the Delegates Past & Present Conference in Milwaukee, WI. While there I talked to our NIA 20 Delegate Kelly. She said sometime next week she would be forwarding me all the information regarding the General Service Conference which takes place this April. So, at the next district meeting I will be relaying all that information to you to take back to your groups.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

kcbailey7997@gmail.com

224-245-1624

Thanks,

Kevin B.

DCMA: Dan S

02/14/2016 – Alt DCM Report

1. Went to Winter Committee Meeting where the descriptions of various area and district positions were explained. Also discussed upcoming events and introduced incoming members and DCM's.
2. Visited with the church formerly known as Highland Fellowship, they emphatically refused to host any outside events for insurance purposes.

Will work with Chris D. and Jessica R. to select possible venues for December area Meeting

3. With the help of another member, worked with Zion Lutheran Church to potentially secure Hosting of district meeting at the same time on first Sunday of the month. The associate pastor agreed, showed me their preferred layout of tables and chairs. Provided simple storage with the other meetings for coffee, supplies and literature.

a. The main motivation for a venue change would be to accommodate a

b. The church has ample parking and handicap access, is very

c. Based on all that information I have provided, I make a motion to

4. Will be attending Spring Conference and Assembly in Rock Island from April

1st – 3rd. Carpooling to events such as these is a great way to fellowship and save yourself gas money. I currently have (3) seats available, please contact me to arrange times, etc.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Smith

Treasure: Dave F

District 22 Treasury Report January 2016

- 2016 January Contributions = \$714.26
- 2016 January Expenses = \$1740.05
- 2016 YTD Contributions = \$714.26
- 2015 YTD Expenses = \$714.26
- Working Balance = \$1581.66
- Spent time with alternate treasurer showing him how to update the spreadsheet, expense and contribution recording with Quicken, and reviewing the scope of responsibilities necessary for District 22.

- Finalized any pending January transactions.

Respectfully submitted by David F on February 12, 2016

Alternate Treasurer: Joe B

No Report

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

Jim H- Alano Club Meetings

Wednesday, 10am Morning Serenity-doing well becoming established

Continuing to make meetings to locate GSRs

Andy R- No Report

Jayne M.- My first meeting was at the Program House , Faith Hope and Serenity, Wed. night @ 6:30, the group could always use support for the women in the house. They have a GSR treasurer and secretary. Great group of women new to sobriety, please come out and help. It is a woman's meeting only

Tuesday night Women's New Beginnings is a great group of women. They have a GSR, treasurer, secretary and literature person. All women are welcome, they put on the New Years Eve alcathon have workshops and a women's retreat every June. Come out at 7 P.M. and join us at St. Hugh of Lincoln..

Sunday morning Unity group meets at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Hospital. they have all positions filled ,have a great choice of literature and donuts. clients from LSSI are usually there , its a great way to meet the newcomer it has always been a pretty large group.

Wed. night 7:00 zion has the Grapevine meeting, all of their positions are full . could always use support

Bob M- no report

GSR Reports

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

Monday:

Big Book Meeting- attendance is good, we are currently reading in the stories

Big Book & Discussion Meeting- “will live on” LSSI will be allowing inpatient people in attendance. Mainly Group discussion and 1st Step Meetings. No one will be allowed to talk about or recommend any sober living or they will be banned due to LSSI policies.

Tuesday:

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

Tuesday Night Group- “pretty good”

A Fellowship Group- it's a good meeting

Back to Basics Group- The meeting has gotten rather large. Many people in early recovery. They do steps 1-3 in rotation with speakers. If you know anyone needing help with those steps this would be a good meeting for them.

Wednesday:

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

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

12, 12, 12, and More...- “on the 10’s” Business meeting on the second Wednesday of the month will be discussing whether or not to put the Service Manual in the literature discussed in the meeting. The fourth wednesday of the month the meeting is open.

Grapevine-everything is going good

Wed. Night Hampshire Group- going well, been having many newcomers but are not seeing many come back. Don't know if it is due to the distance or not.

Thursday:

We Play Joe & Charlie Audio Tracks- Needs Support

Today’s Gify Group- looking for GSR

West Dundee Thursday Night Group- attendance is great

Open Big Book Study-meeting is doing good, could use new faces

Friday:

No Name Brotherhood-attendance is up, if anyone is wanting to give a lead on the step feel free to contact Joey

South Elgin Friday Night Fellowship-great attendance, lots of newcomers

Saturday:

Sat. Morn. Little Red Door Group- everything is good

Open Speaker Meeting-flyers for groups who are hosting the speaker went out. Nov & Dec looking for speakers. Looking for service work, same people have been doing it for long time and wanting the spirit of rotation

Sunday:

In-depth Big Book Study Group- attendance is going good. Potluck is Feb28, Michelle B wil be speaking. In June they will be hosting the Sherman Open.

Sunday Morning Unity Group- attendance strong, good soberity

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: Stepped Down

Phil C: No Report

Archives:

Rick B: No Report

John M: No Report

Bridging the Gap:

Bill B: We are here to report that Bridging the Gap has been going well and some success stories as well. As most of you have probably have heard the closings of Men's Res. West in Elgin and the cut of half the beds in inpatient at LSSI. We plan to meet with the director FRANK HARRIS soon as possible to discussed BTG options at their facility from this point on. I attended the last family night at Men's West and we offered the men there temporary contacts to them to their prospective new home base as well as some other contacts for sober living facilities throughout the Chicagoland area including Elgin. We also had hands on getting 7 people to detox who reached out for help in January. I also attended an AA CONVENTION in So. California the last weekend in January this was informative and a well planned event. I spoke with some of there BTG volunteers and we talked shop. The last item I have to report is that one of our own that was sentenced in 2013 to the Illinois Department of Corrections whom I reported last year had reached out when he was transferred to work release at North Lawndale adult transitional center in March of 2015 was released back to us in District 22 in February 2016 and the hand of AA welcomed him home he will be moving into a sober recovery here in Elgin at the end of this month and this is a great experience of how GOD & the BTG program has allowed us to serve our fellows in this community. Truly grateful today Bill Buttell

Jessica R: I attended the Winter Committee Meeting / Service Orientation Workshop on January 11th at Lord of Life church in La Fox. I found this to be very informative. I was able to network with other districts and got information for their bridging the gap chairs.

We are continuing to take meetings into SHARE in Hoffman Estates, which many clients return to the Elgin area. This also gives us the opportunity to continue networking with other districts to bridge the gap. We have been invited by district 41's treatment chair to attend a meeting they bring into an IOP facility in Elmhurst.

Due to LSSI 's recent trouble we have not been able to bring in a specific bridging the gap meeting. He are hopeful that this will soon be made available to the clients. I am still working with the treatment center to provide women volunteers for their Sunday bridge meetings.

I have received many volunteer sign ups over the last month and have continued to keep our database of volunteers up to date.

In Service,
Jessica R.
D22 BTG Alt.

CPC:

Ken W: No Report

Joey G: No Report

Correctional Fac.:

Mike M: No Report

Nate B: No Report

Directories:

Susan L: Directory was passed around for changes.

Dave P: No Report

Grapevine:

Bobby G: No Report

Linda L: Talked with Bobby and we have some plans, have not yet gotten a chance to sit down and talk at length.

Literature:

Randy B: Has newcomer packets available.

Andy R: No Report

Public Information:

Tod B: No Report

Jessica Y: No Report

Special Needs:

Herb L: stopped at a couple of places, one being Riverview and one on McClean and trying to get a meeting there. A few years ago I was at a conference and there was a blind lady, I

forgot her name, but I am going to try to get in touch with her to talk about workshops for special needs.

Betty M.: No Report

Treatment Facilities:

Joe N.: Some new changes in treatment in our district. There has been news that the LSSI is closing the halfway house due to financial problems with state funding. The treatment side will stay open for now but the state funded beds have been reduced. The treatment center will allow the patients to attend the AA meeting there on Monday nights. Any solicitation of sober houses at that meeting is prohibited and those who do will be not allowed back on the property. The AA members of that meeting took a vote and agreed to that stipulation.

We also helped three people get into treatment this month. Bridge groups are still running as scheduled and nothing else to report.

Chuck C.: Not Report

Website:

District 22

Webmaster

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dist22.aa-nia.org

webmaster.dist22@comcast.net

There were 1422 visits to the site in January. Those visits were made by 737 separate people and they viewed a total of 3091 pages.

Last month I reported that I would be looking building a new site on a platform that is more readily usable by others than the one I am currently using. To that end I spoke to the area web administrator, John C. John can make available space to build the new site while continuing to maintain the existing site. He also reports that the only advantage to purchasing space from another provider would be that email address' would be available. Although, he has also reported that managing email accounts can be difficult and time consuming. So unless otherwise directed I will arrange to get space for the new site from N.I.A.

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
January 2016	737	1422	3091
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

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Dan S- Motion: To move the district venue to Zion Church in Elgin.

Jess R- Seconded

Questions were asked.

A Discussion ensued.

A vote was taken and was passed unanimously.

First district held at Zion will be April 3rd at 4:30pm.

District was closed at 5:45pm with the Mission Statement.