

**District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 7th, 2010**

Meeting Time: 4:30
Attendance: 42
Committee Members & Officers: 8/7
GSR's & Alternates: 23/2
Groups Represented: 28
Visitors: 1
Minutes: Accepted by Dawn E. Steven P. seconded
Concepts III: Read by Amy C.

New GSR's & Alternates:

Don H., GSR, Tues 8pm, Dundee's Men Group
Jacque S., Sun 12pm, There is a Solution
Welcome New GSR's

Visitors:

1. Beattie D., D28, NIA Spring Conference

Anniversaries:

1. Jayne M., 4yrs, Dawn E., 7yrs, Tom Mc., 2yrs
Happy Anniversary!!

Announcements:

1. Ron S. reminder that the ISCYPAA election are on March 21st at the Alano Club.
2. Tom Mc., spoke with Walker and he sends a hello to everyone in D22.
3. Nancy D. reminded everyone that the Sun, 6:30pm In Depth Big Book meeting moved from Alano Club to Holy Trinity beginning 3/14.
4. Beattie D. from D28, Co-chair for the NIA Spring Conference thanked everyone from D22 for all the volunteers for the conference. The Hospitality Suites is looking for 1 or 2 home groups to possibly host another 2 hours during the conference. Please see Jody B. if your home group is interested. There are over 400 people registered for the banquet, if you are planning on attending the banquet, send in your registration as soon as possible.
5. Woman's New Beginning group is hosting the 2010 Gear Up For Change Retreat. June 18-20. Cost is 95.00. Scholarships are available. **See flyer attached.**

G.S.R. Reports:

1. Michelle B pointed out that her number is still incorrect for the Sunday, 10am, St. Joe's mtg. They are having a business meeting on Sunday, 3/14 @ 9:15am. The Final Agenda and several other items will be discussed.
2. Albert M., Monday 8pm, LSSI mtg still needs support.
3. Tues., 6pm, Renz Center mtg still needs alot of support.
4. Herbert, Tues 6:30pm, EMH Forensic Bldg, needs support.
5. Joe M advised there will be a business meeting for Red Door @ 10am. Immediately following regular 9am meeting.

Past/Upcoming Event Reports:

1. Answering Service Workshop April 17th, St, Catherines School Cafeteria.
2. Spring Conference flyers available
3. Summer Assembly date corrected to June 19th instead of June 12th

Old Business:

1. Picnic Chair-Motion was passed by Jim H to elect Eddie O as our 2010 Picnic Chair. Seconded by Dawn E.
2. Updating meeting information-this was over looked at the meeting. I (Jody) am asking all GSR's/LCM's to look at the AA Directory and update any information that pertains to the meeting next to the meeting name and address. Any changes, please contact Jody and Ben.
3. Distribution of Final Agenda Items-Ray explained that we as GSR's need to look at these items and choose 2 or 3 that interest you and your group. There is a CD available to get all the information for the items we choose. We need to bring the voted items from our groups to the Pre-General Conference Workshop on April 10.

New Business:

1. Wendy made a motion to get the 200.00 for the workshop at the next district meeting. Seconded by Steven P.
2. Joe M. and Steven P. brought up the suggestion that we list the Wed., 7:30pm Alateen meeting on our schedule. After much discussion, it was decided to bring this back to our groups. Ideas to think of are, is this Cooperation or Affiliation? Does this provide a service? AA does not support Alateen, so should this be on the AA directory? The reason for this suggestion is that the Alateen meeting needs support. We have flyers printed. Is this enough? Another suggestions is to put the Alateen mtg on the side of our AA 7:30pm in small print: Alateen mtg upstairs. Larry S. made the motion to table until next district meeting. John S. seconded.

DCM: Chris D.

DCM Report

I have recieved and distrbuted the Final Conference Agenda items to our Service Committee chairs and GSR's via email. I am glad to report that a few GSR's have contacted me to obtain more in depth background information on several of the items. If you need more of this background information on any of the Agenda items please contact me.

At the last Area Committee meeting I was asked to sit on the Area Finance Committee with two other DCMs, the Area Treasurer and his Alternate. We met as a committee last Saturday in St. Charles. I will be updating the district on the "goings on" of this committee just as I did when I sat on the Service Structure Committee.

I also recieved an email from the chairman of the Fox Valley Open asking that we provide a speaker for this year's event on June 5th. You may recall that Denise E. spoke last year (as the 5-16 year speaker) so I asked her to recommend this years speaker (16+ years sobriety). I am happy to report that Darlene G has agreed to be this years speaker. Next year she'll get to select the 1-5 yr speaker! A tradition is born.

I'm excited to see the D22 service committees taking shape and am looking forward to

the Answering Service workshop on the 17th of April. Speaking of workshops, at least one group has approached me asking about the possibility of them hosting a workshop in September! More on that as it is revealed to me. That a way D22!!

A lot of time over the last month has been spent working with our secretary to complete the meeting information updates. I cannot thank Jody enough for the many hours she has put into this effort. We are lucky to have her!

Lastly, I'm looking forward to the first ever Area Assembly at a Spring Conference and hope that all of you in D22 use this opportunity to attend our Assembly. Especially if you have never attended one before!

Next district meeting is the second Sunday of April, 4/11.

Thank you for allowing me to serve-

Humbleby submitted
Chris D

DCMA: *Mike M.*

Treasurer: *Tom M.*

Donations are down. We need group donations!! As for expenses, the answering service was not sending a bill (there was a miscommunication with the po box) but that has been straightened out. 200.00 was requested for the Hospitality Suite on 3/27 and that check has been issued. The Answering Service has requested a check for 200.00 for the workshop on 4/17. That check will be issued at the next district meeting 4/11.

Tom M.
D22 Treasurer

Opening Balance	\$ 1617.71
Contributions	\$ 280.00
Less Expenses	<u>\$ 326.40</u>
Ending Balanc	\$ 1571.31
Less Reserves	<u>\$ 800.00</u>
Working Balance	\$ 771.31

Secretary: *Jody B.*

I would like to thank all the LCM's for letting me complete the GSO Group Update Information sheets. I greatly appreciated doing the service work! There are a few meetings that still need to be confirmed. I have e-mailed those meetings to the appropriate LCM's. The majority of the meeting updates have been sent over to Judd and Marilyn. If there are any changes, PLEASE contact me. Between Ben and myself, our goal is to have any changes made on the AA directory (schedule) BEFORE the new schedule comes out at district, (Of course, that is not always possible) Call me 224-388-6757 or e-mail me jbanning654@yahoo.com!!!! Larry had a good idea last month to get our Saturday Open Speaker's on the website each month. The month of March has

been posted. Larry also requested that the D22 meeting minutes get posted on our website.

I also would like to thank everyone for submitting all the Officer and Committee reports. I cannot tell how much I appreciate when you e-mail the reports. And what excellent reports they are. I can copy & paste the report and move on to the next.

A huge thank you to everyone volunteering for the Spring Conference. Remember we are responsible for the Hospitality Suite on Saturday, 3/27 from 6am-8am. We plan on having bagels, sweet rolls, fruit, juice, etc. Besides our regular coffee, Marcia, Barb W and Sue L will have Espresso Coffee available. Start your day with D22!!!!

Respectively submitted,
Jody B
D22 Secretary

LCM Reports:

Mike M.- Visited 4 assigned meetings. The 6:30 Tues EMH meeting still needs support.

Joe M. - Meeting with all groups he has been assigned.

Chuck A.- Meeting visits to Tues 7:30pm, Wed 7pm and Sunday 6:30pm. Sent meeting change info to BenW. Worked with Jody to update all meeting info. All my meetings should be updated for Area/GSO. There are openings for meetings at the club on Thursday, Friday and Sunday nights. Club is considering open speaker meeting. If interested, contact Chuck A 847-628-9766.

Dawn E.- I have been assigned 13 groups in D22. I've had the opportunity to visit 3 out of the 13 meetings. West Dundee Thurs Night Group, South Elgin Fri Fellowship, and Sat Night Open Speaker Meeting. These 3 groups have active GSR's and group participation. Jody was good enough to collect current/updated group GSR information. I have 2 groups which she was unable to get information. Today's Gift @ Holy Trinity, Thurs. 12pm. Woman's Were All in this Together, Renz Center, Thur 5:30pm. I will attend these meetings to get information. Out of my 13 meetings, 7 GSR's attended the March D22 meeting.

Ron S. - Visited Thur 6pm Holy Trinity meeting.

Committee Reports:

Answering Service: *Wendy G.*

Month of February 2010 TTL calls 47. See the following breakdown:

First Time Caller	2
Need Detox Treatment	3
Wants to talk to someone in AA	3
Alanon person, wants help	4

Hung-up, caller hung up	5	
Meetings. Wants directions/locations	16	
Meetings, Wants a ride	1	problem-yes
Meetings, Wants spanish	2	
Needs detox-no insurance	2	problem-yes
Wants web-site	2	
Suicidal	0	
Wrong number	4	
WCB Later	3	
Other	0	

April 17th AS Workshop-NEED VOLUNTEERS!!! Next AS Committee planning meeting Sunday, 3/28, 4pm @ St.Hugh's. The next committee planning meeting is Sunday, 4/11 3:30pm @ St. Hugh's (Before D22 Meeting). Requested GSR's to pass around the telephone sign up sheet to put yourself on the list to get the AA calls when the answering service is looking for an AA member.

Submitted by
Wendy G.

Archives: *Mike G.*
Not present

C.P.C.: *Kristy M.*
Not present

Correctional Facilities: *Albert and Nathan*

Corrections been a very busy in the last couple of months. There are a multitude of exciting happenings which the committee needs to be aware of. The enrollment drive spearheaded in January was an absolute success. Between the districts 61 and 22 we were able to submit 33 new applications to the sheriff's department. Of the 33 applications submitted, 25 individuals have been certified to volunteer which effectively doubles the available registered applicants in the county!! Since there were some who were not accepted this term, we have been working hard to search out other avenues of service if there are those who wish to continue to be involved with corrections despite being denied. In conjunction with CFC (corrections) in Cook County, there will be fliers handed out for letter writing opportunities. However, we will explain there are going to be some precautions taken to preserve the safety and anonymity of those involved. Later this month, District 22 Corrections will be meeting with Corrections affiliations in the area. We will keep the committee posted to the extent of those proceedings...

We would like to thank District 61 for their support and involvement with the enrollment drive. John M., Greg A., Laurie C., and Sue V. have been invaluable resources to the exciting development in our area.

Thank You,

Corrections

Directories: *Ben W.*

I have updated all the group information with Jody to make the AA directory as current as possible for March. If you have any group changes, let's try to get these changes on the directory before printing for district meetings. It is best to call me with any changes because I do not have internet service on my home computer. It is extremely important to contact Jody also.

Ben W.
D22 Directory Chair

Grapevine: *John S. and Barb W.*

As Grapevine chair, as well as my Co-Chair Barb W., we have a couple of ideas & suggestions. Our first idea was to create a Grapevine Display to help promote subscriptions to the GV that we could bring to our meeting's within D22. We should have this completed by our next meeting. Also, we wanted to suggest to ALL meetings in D22, that if each group has the funds, if they could subscribe to our meeting in print. A 1 year subscription is only 27.00. We would like to increase subscriptions in all areas of Our District. We do have available at any given time, a Current issue of this month's Grapevine, to hand out to groups and their members. We will be attending the upcoming Spring Conference & will be in break-out session with the Area GV Reps & will report back to our groups and district as to what took place. In closing I would like to make all aware, that the Grapevine Publication's as a whole is struggling with keeping a float, due to lack of subscriptions & the way of economy. The Grapevine in All needs everyone's support, at this time, in order to provide this wonderful AA Tool.

Respectfully Submitted,
John S
D22 Grapevine Chair

Literature: *Nancy D. and Cat H.*

It was pointed out to me that the second Item in my February report was incorrect. The literature item being considered is not necessarily a book, instead a pamphlet and it may include stories from atheists. I stated: "GSO is considering putting together to make available for printing a book for atheists". Should have stated: "GSO is considering developing literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics".

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy D
D22 Literature Chair

Public Information: *Alex H.*
Not present

Special Needs: *Sue L and Shawna L.*

Committee: **Special Needs**

Chair: Sue L.

Alternate Chair: Shawna L.

Committee Meetings: 2/21/10, 12:30pm, Alano Club

Committee Accomplishments:

Completed a cursory evaluation of handicap designations in meeting directory. At this time we found no changes to be made.

There are still a few meetings to determine.

No new literature or materials ordered

Continue to bring support to Asta Care Center on Saturdays at 2pm.. We have been in regular contact with staff as to needed literature. We will be leaving all meeting format materials with staff. We did leave one more Big Book and one Daily Reflections.

Grapevine issues left with residents were appreciated. Two Big Books donated from Monday Night Big Book Meeting.

Continue to bring a home meeting to female member in need on a weekly basis.

Continue to add to homebound/hospital list

Committee's Current Projects:

Continue to seek support for phone list

Continue to work with Asta Care Resident program members

Committee's Requests for Support:

Your/your sponsees continued support to homebound phone list is greatly appreciated.

Please bring any questions you may have about Saturday Asta Care meeting to Sue L or Shawna L.

We need continued support of this meeting. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted by

Sue L.

D22 Special Needs Chair

Treatment Facility : *Dawn E.- Treatment Co-Chair*

Sandra and I discussed possibly doing a treatment - Bridging the Gap workshop. More to follow. The Tuesday Night Group 6:00pm, Renz Center NEEDS SUPPORT. This meeting is attended by clients who are in IOP and just completed treatment and clients looking for sponsor's.

Thanks,

Dawn E.

Treatment Facility Co-Chair

Website: *Larry S.*

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I was able to post the district meeting minutes for February and I would like to get as many copies from past minutes as possible to be posted as well. I also have a schedule of speaker for the Saturday night open at Sherman. Both items can be found on the page Information for Members.

There was an issue with full names being included in the copy of the final conference agenda. The version of the agenda I had used has been replaced with a copy that does not have last names.

I have updated the links page to give it a new look and I'm working on a new home page. Please remember that there is space available to post information about your committees and any district activities you would like.

Thank you everyone for ALL your service work!

*****The next district meeting will be held April 11th, at 4:30pm*****

Respectfully Submitted by Jody B. - District Secretary -