

DISTRICT 22 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES MAY 7th, 2017

MEETING OPENED: 4:33pm

IN ATTENDANCE: 39

TRADITION 5: Ken W.

CONCEPT 5: Randy B.

APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES: Kurt. Motion to approve minutes – Josh R. 2nd. Minutes were approved.

NEW GSR'S OR ALTERNATES:

Christy L. - Open BB Thursday night at 6pm first Baptist,

Dawn B. - Hope, Faith and Serenity at Women's Program House at 6pm on Wednesday

VISITORS:

None

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tina R. - 26 years

Cameo S. – 4 months

Elliot L. - 1 year

Chrissy L. - 2 years

AA RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- [25th Annual Fox Valley Open](#) will be Saturday, May 20 at Fox Valley Presbyterian Church in Geneva. Doors open at 7pm, Open Speaker at 7:30. Our very own Natalie M. will be speaking!
- New AA Meeting: The Three Legacies Group. Starts June 4th from 7pm - 8pm at Faith Community United Church of Christ. 2023 IL-176, Crystal Lake, IL 60014. For more information call Sid B. (847) 666-7318.
- [Women's New Beginnings Retreat](#) is on June 16-18 at NIU Lerado Taft Field Campus. For more contact information contact Kristen B. 630-569-5958
- [AA History Funshop](#) - See AA History Come Alive on the AA History Wall. Saturday, June 24th 10am to Noon at Christ Church of Oak Brook.
- [District 22 Summer Picnic](#) will be Saturday, July 22 and Wing Park Shelter 1. 10 am to 4pm.
- [2017 Illinois State Conference](#) (Hosted by Area 19) August 11th-13th at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Rosemont.

DCM REPORT:

Monthly DCM Report – May 7th, 2017

I attended the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop at the Lord of Life Church in LaFox on April 8th. I would like to thank all of the District 22 members who participated in the workshop. I have been in contact with Kelly L., our Area Delegate, and she will be reporting on the General Service Conference at either our June or July district meeting. Next Saturday I will be attending the area committee meeting at the Lord of Life Church in LaFox. During the committee meeting there will be a sharing session on what groups and individual AA members want the Spring Conference to be. Larry S. will be speaking about this in a few minutes but I encourage all GSRs to show up and provide your input in this session. Anyone who needs transportation to the committee meeting please contact me after the meeting.

Also, I would like to remind everyone about the Fox Valley Open on May 20th which our district participates in hosting. Natalie M. from our district will be one of the three speakers. Please come out and show your support.

We currently have one district committee position open for the Alternate Corrections chair. Please make announcements at your meetings about this available service opportunity. We will hold elections for this position at our June meeting.

Thanks,

Kevin B.

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224-245-1624

ALT. DCM REPORT: Dan not in attendance, no report

TREASURER REPORT:

District 22 Treasury Report April 2017

- 2017 April Contributions = \$591.00
- 2017 YTD Contributions = \$2947.00
- 2017 April Expenses = \$1681.83
- 2017 YTD Expenses = \$3418.89
- Working Balance = \$1625.17 which does not include \$1500 prudent reserve.
- I wrote a check for \$500 for Area 20 Contribution and \$250 to the General Service Board for quarterly donations.
- Paid rent of \$150 to Zion Lutheran Church for April to June.
- Please remind your groups during your monthly business meeting to consider a 60/30/10 split of their 7th tradition donations, after expenses, to District 22, NIA 20, and GSO respectfully.

Submitted by Dave F.

ALT. TREASURER REPORT: Joe B. - No Report

SECRETARY REPORT: Tina R. - Please turn in a written report if you give one or you can email it.

ALT. SECRETARY REPORT: Jessica R. - All change forms from last month have been submitted to the Area Registrar and are now current. If you are not receiving the minutes please be sure to verify your information with me. Please be sure to submit your meeting change forms by the end of the meeting.

PRESENTATION ON SHARING SESSION AT THE MAY 13TH COMMITTEE MEETING

By Larry S.

The assembly is a one day event these days, as well as for the last 20 years. Here are some things that we can do, Weekend assembly. Reasons why the assembly doesn't work well now. We don't do a good enough job informing you now. Don't have much input to what is going on. There is not much for service committee chairs. Weekend assemblies could potentially attract more people. Programming events, more time to learn, more time for input. Other areas don't have registration fees for their weekend assemblies. This would be all service related topics. In addition, the area has given \$10,000 to \$12,000 this year to New York, we could spend that money at home for this weekend assembly. (Larry passed around documents from other weekend assemblies). These are broken out so that you can come for only a few parts of the assembly if necessary. Regional forums have "ask it basket" sections, any question you want!!!! Such as, how do I generate excitement about service? How do I hold a business meeting? How do I present announcements at a meeting? What is a trustee? People who, are in attendance at these events are here for you!! You can discuss and ask questions from people who are in service position that you are interested in. People just like you would have the opportunity to learn more about the service structure. Include more things that are of interest to GSR's and Service Committee Chairs. LEARN FROM THOSE WHO HAVE THE EXPERIENCE!!! COME EXPRESS YOUR OPINION! This whole process needs to work for – YOU!

(To view the document that Larry was using during his talk, please see attachment titled "Assembly")

Q: Dave – How soon could this happen?

A: Larry – Next Year

Q: Andy – How many assemblies do we have?

A: Larry – 4 a year

Q: Tina – Do you think they would do an adhoc committee for next year?

A: Larry - I don't think we need one. Ask you what you want and we can make it happen. Larry is talking to the area chair.

Q: Kaite – Who gets to vote and when do we get to vote on this matter?

A: Larry – Clarified that there is no motion yet. If GSR's got active, this could be a motion. People will listen, go to the mic and say what you want!!

Q: Cameo – What time is the meeting (sharing session at the committee meeting)?

A: Kevin – The sharing session begins at 9:45. This is all about the groups, we are the inverted triangle. This starts with the groups – the groups control this!! You learn so much more by getting involved. Be a part of this, let's hear your voice!

A: Larry – 9 am

Q: Dawn B – I am newer in sobriety. I am here to learn how all of this works. Now that I have heard this, I want to learn more. I want to learn how to do service.

A: Larry – We would love for you to come. Come to 12, 12, 12 and more, its great if you are interested in service!

Kevin – Can help you with rides, give him a call!

LCM REPORTS:

Jim H: Not present (no report)

Jayne M: Not present (no report)

Ann S: Not Present (no report)

GSR REPORTS:

Monday:

Gene – Second Shifters –Good mix of Sobriety. Is going well.

Dave – Big Book Study in Gilberts – great group of people, always leave feeling better.

Elliot - 12 Off 20 – Attendance is growing, we've got coins.

Dave - Westside Fellowship- Is going good.

Tuesday:

Kaite – Back to Basics – Attendance is good.

Ken – Joe & Charlie Meeting – It is going well, lots of new sobriety. We ran out of schedules last month.

Curt – Tuesday Night Group – Attendance is going well. There is a Gazebo out back, come join us.

Andy - People Rebuilding Group - No phones or weapons! Read from the Grapevine in a week a month.

Josh – NiteCap Tuesday Night could use some support. NiteCap meets at 10pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Saturday is a candlelight meeting.

Marcia – Women's New Beginnings –Is going well. They also have babysitting. As Bill Sees it Meeting started. Can smoke outside!

Chuck- Dundee Men's Group- All is well. Come on out guys (men only)!

Wednesday:

Dawn – Morning Serenity –The meeting needs some support, regular attendees would be helpful.

MaryAnn - Wednesday Westside Grapevine - All is well.

John S – Big Book Discussion – Going good. We often have 1st step meetings.

John Mc- Come As You Are- The attendance is low, needs some support. There are a lot of newcomers.

Larry - Grapevine - A lot of new members, meeting is going well.

Randy – 12, 12 & More – This is the 5th month so we will be covering Step 5, Tradition 5, and Concept 5. You can cross talk and ask questions. All are welcome!

Josh - NiteCap - Meeting is going well.

Thursday:

Chrissy - Open Big Book Study - Read from the Big Book. Attendance is good and we are happy to see new folks.

Andy - New Horizons Group - Good turnout. Still no phones or weapons!

Brad - West Dundee Thursday Night Group – The meeting is going very well.

Josh –Nite Cap– Attendance is good, all is well!

Friday –

Cori – Eye Opener – Good attendance, lots of regulars. They have donuts and valet parking!! Come on Come all! Cameo – Friday Noon 12&12 – Attendance is good.

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Jeremiah – Friday Night Men’s Program House Meeting. Attendance is good we will be having a business meeting to discuss 60/30/10.

Kyle - No Name Brotherhood - Attendance is low.

Aaron – South Elgin Friday Night Fellowship - The 1st Friday of every month it is a speaker meeting. The meeting is thriving.

Saturday:

Josh – Noon 12&12 at Alano Club – Things are good.

Kathy – Little Red Door doing well

Josh – NiteCap – This is a candlelight meeting, good attendance. Come on out.

Sunday:

Joe– Sunday Morning Unity group – Going well

Clarissa – Sunday Night Big Book – Good attendance

ANSWERING SERVICE:

District 22

Answering Service committee report – May 17'

My apologies. I have no new information at this point.

Here is the synopsis for the month of April:

W/E 4-7-17

Total calls – 8

First contact—1

Meeting information-4

Information for other fellowships/districts-2

Wrong numbers/hangups – 1

W/E 4-14-17

Total calls – 2

Meeting information-2

W/E 4-21-17

Total calls – 5

First contact – 1 Charles (director) Aperion Care in Elgin. Asking about meetings

Redirect to other fellowship—1

Meeting information—2

Wrong numbers/hangups—1

W/E 4-28-17

Total calls—8

First contact—1

Wrong numbers/hangups—2

Meeting information—4

Information for other fellowships/districts—1

Total monthly incoming calls - 23

Respectfully,

Kyle Bergeron

Answering Service Chair – D22

ALT. ANSWERING SERVICE: Beth - No Report

ARCHIVES: Rick - Not in attendance

ALT. ARCHIVES: John - No Report

BRIDGING THE GAP: Bill B - No Report

ALT. BRIDGING THE GAP: Katie S - Bridging the gap has been wonderful at LSSI, we are in there on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month. We have connected about 10 people who have recently been discharged from LSSI with contacts who take them to meetings in their area. We reach out to everyone that gets discharged though. It is very beneficial to the alcoholic still suffering that will be getting out of treatment into society. Thank you for letting me be of service in district 22.

CPC: Kenneth W. - This month I met with my new alternate and turned over the C.P.C workbook, as well as letting him know the general duties and obligations of the position. He

had a lot of fresh Ideas and has contacts that should be beneficial to our cause. I want to thank Kevin and Dan for being diligent in their efforts to secure an alternate for my position. I think service work is both important and beneficial for anyone in our family. I really enjoy this position and am happy that we now have a new recruit that can continue to spread the message and keep plugging away in the public sector. As far as my agenda this month I am still working on getting us in schools in 2 districts. I have taken district 300 as my special project and am still waiting for my contact to get back to me. However I turned the Elgin district contact information over to Josh as his first order of business, and he will keep you updated on his progress. I said last month that I would start reaching out to churches and this month I visited Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dundee. I am not sure if we have meetings there, but I left schedules and contact information should they ever need us. I also visited Hansen Plastics Corporation in Elgin and left brochures and my contact information. And finally I visited Baker H.T.I. Corporation and talked with their materials manager Patrick Lindstrom about what we do and he seemed receptive to our message. I was able to also leave information with him. However I ran out of schedules this month because my home base was short, so I we can boost the number a little bit because we ran out of schedules for the Elgin Alano Club mid-month and that has never happen before. We have quite a bit of new sobriety coming through the doors and also need schedules for our newcomer packets. That is my report for April, thanks for listening.

ALT. CPC:

Alternate CPC Report May 7, 2017

First off, thank you for allowing me to be of service. I met with Ken shortly after being voted in to discuss the position and responsibilities. We decided to split the district in two and divide our resources. He gave me his contact info for district U46 and have made a few phone calls back and forth but have not been able to set up a meeting. I have reached out to South Elgin Fire and Police Departments and met with Chief of SECFPD and was able to drop off some information as well as contact numbers with interest in utilizing us for future patients they may encounter as well as members of department. I will be meeting with a few other fire departments in the next 2 weeks as well. Phone calls to Elgin Public Services were not returned as of yet.

In service,

Josh

CORRECTIONS: Randy B. – I will be attending Area 20, committee meeting on May 13th. Still working with groups to get Pink cans if not using already. Have information on inmate correspondence. Also about looking into correspondence with inmates by emails.

ALT. CORRECTIONS - *This position is now OPEN - No Report*

DIRECTORIES: Cori – printed 300 copies. Make sure all of your changes have been put on the new change form. All directories have been taken. Check out the meeting guide app. It's free and you can get meeting listings for many areas. "THE MEETING GUIDE" is the name of the app.

ALT. DIRECTORIES: Steve - No report

GRAPEVINE: Bobby - Not in attendance, no report

ALT. GRAPEVINE: Victor - Not in attendance, no report

LITERATURE: Patty – Newcomer packets are available. General consensus, understating anonymity. Would like to add this to the newcomer packet. This is now being added, by group consensus.

ALT. LITERATURE: *This position is now OPEN - No Report*

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Public info is going well. Going to be reaching out to more schools and Dr's office locations. I have a new contact at St Joes and will be dropping off more books and pamphlets.

Love and Peace

Natalie

ALT. PUBLIC INFORMATION: Kristen - Not in attendance, no report

SPECIAL NEEDS: Herbert- Not in attendance, no report

ALT. SPECIAL NEEDS: *This position is now OPEN - No Report*

TREATMENT FACILITIES: Joe - Not in attendance, no report

ALT. TREATMENT FACILITIES: Chuck – LSSI has their changes made.

WEBSITE:

District 22 - Webmaster - May 7, 2017

dist22.aa-nia.org

webmaster.dist22@comcast.net

There were 1026 visits to the site in April. Those visits were made by 601 separate people and they viewed a total of 2042 pages. See below to see data on the Meetings by Day 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

	Entrances	Users	Page views
April 2017	1026	601	2042
March 2017	1226	698	2629
February 2017	1133	611	2675
January 2017	1304	671	2706
December 2016	1080	594	2363
November 2016	1288	678	2914
October 2016	1079	588	2323
September 2016	1341	622	2917
August 2016	1228	700	2804
July 2016	1277	707	2907
June 2016	1323	732	2966
May 2016	1374	657	2943

Meetings by Day

April 2017	548	473	989
March 2017	613	514	1108
February 2017	572	478	1109
January 2017	708	541	1249
December 2016	475	416	926
November 2016	521	474	1092
October 2016	513	445	995
September 2016	642	465	1272
August 2016	511	481	1123
July 2016	541	495	1170
June 2016	549	475	1162
May 2016	449	660	1312

OLD BUSINESS:

2017 Summer Picnic Report – Gene. We have a new co-chair for the picnic. Gene is the treasurer, he is giving the report. Co-chairs have been established. The new meeting will be before the next district meeting at 3:30. Needs some ladies to show up and be of service. Shelter is already rented.

(Please see attached document titled "Summer Picnic Report" for more information.)

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections for Alternate Corrections Chair, Alternate Literature Chair and Alternate Special Needs Chair will be held at the June District Meeting, GSR's please spread the word.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Area 20 Spring Committee Meeting - May 13th, Lord of Life Church in LaFox, IL
- [Fox Valley Opening](#) – May 20th, Fox Valley Presbyterian, Geneva IL.
- Next district meeting will be June 4th at 4:30pm, Zion Lutheran Church, 330 Griswold St., Elgin, IL 60123
- Summer Assembly - June 10th 9:00am, Lord of Life Church in LaFox IL.

MEETING ENDED: 5:50pm

CLOSED MEETING WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina R. - D22 Secretary

Jessica R. - D22 Alt. Secretary

