

District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes November 4, 2012

Meeting Time: 4:30

11th Tradition – Concept XI- John P.

Attendance: 40

Committee Members & Officers: 10/10

GSR's & Alternates: 32/5

Groups Represented: 27

Visitors: Beth and Emily- Welcome to our fantastic district. ☺

New GSR's & Alternates:

- Ken W. A-GSR/As Joe & Charlie See it

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

Recent Anniversaries:

Keith B. - 20 Years

Jeff J. - 12 Years

Sue L. - 5 Years

Sabrina S. - 2 Years

Beth- 2 Years

Amy K. - 1 Year

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

Announcements from the floor:

- <http://dist22.aa-nia.org/Events.html>
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- Winter Assembly/December 8th/9 am/Weitendorf Agricultural Education Center/Joliet,IL
- *District 22 Christmas Party- December 8th - Highland Fellowship Church- 5-11pm*

Saturday, 7pm, Open Speaker Hosting Groups:

Dec- Dec- New Horizons Group/Andy R.

Please sign up to chair in 2013!

I am waiting to receive the list of 2013 Hosting Groups

Old Business:

- Winter Assembly/December 8th/9 am/Weitendorf Agricultural Education Center/Joliet,IL
- **Picnic Chair Reports- If you have not sent your report to Alicia F. please do!!**

Officer Reports: Joe M.

January 2011 DCM REPORT

Welcome everyone to District 22 meeting. As we embark on a new year, I would like to thank all the past officers, committee chairs and alternates, GSRs, former delegates and members of AA for their hard work and commitment over the past term. They have set a

high bar to follow. I personally would like to thank Chris D. for all his hard work and the extra time he has spent with me to make my transition to DCM go as smoothly as possible. Way beyond the call of duty.

In my opinion I believe we have the best district around bar none. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming 2 years. I am open to your thoughts and suggestions as to how to improve and make our district better, however be ready to act on your own suggestions, because I believe AA is a Program of Action and that that action must come from within.

I have already been in contact with many of you. I have been working with Michelle, Krista and others. I look forward to working with all of the Committee Chairs. Perhaps setting up workshops, reaching out to the community and getting more Alcoholics involved in 12 step work. Let us always remember that our primary purpose is to stay sober and to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

I look forward to working with all of you and please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you, Joe Miller.

DCMA: *Michelle B.*

We had an LCM meeting recently and Joe M. appointed two LCM's. The new LCM's are: John and Keith. I'm happy to have these gentlemen "step up." I recently went to Fall Committee Meeting in La Fox and heard interesting information that will be presented at The Winter Assembly on December 8. If you need a ride to the Winter Assembly let me know because it's important for GSR's to be there attending and voting for their groups. I also received the newest copy of "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" from NIA Corrections Committee. I recently went to the Big Book and Discussion Business Meeting on Monday nights at LSSI. They had a donation to Christmas Party and most important ways to keep track of inventory of literature for the group to ensure literature is always available to members.

Michelle Banuelos
Alt. DCM D22

Treasurer: *Manus.*

NIA- AA District 22 Treasurer Monthly Report
November 4th 2012.

1. In October 2011 group contributions to District 22 were \$190.00. This year we received \$1068.00 in group contributions in October. **(Of this please note \$998.00 was designated for the Christmas Party.)**
2. Contributions YTD through October 2011 were \$5,033.05 while contributions through October 2012 were 10,523.82. **(Of this please note \$1,264.00 was designated for the Christmas Party. This also includes a final contribution of \$928.53 from the summer Picnic.)**

3. Expenses through YTD October 2011 were \$5,746.26 while expenses through October 2012 were \$9,159.71.
Expenses include Picnic Expense: \$3,048.12.
Expenses include Christmas Party Seed Money: \$962.95.
4. Please note that ONLY 15 out of a total of 64 groups in the district have made any contribution to the Christmas Party. We need to find \$3,566.00 by December 8th if the Christmas party budget stands as it is. .
5. Please remind your group treasurers that contributions should be mailed to: District 22, P.O. Box 1434, Elgin, IL 60121. Phil C., Alt Treasurer or Manus S., Treasurer is also happy to accept contributions wherever you may see us at meetings.
6. I am happy to issue checks at the monthly district meeting or reimburse receipts at any time during the month. Just mail your receipt to our P.O. Box.

LCMS:

- **Keith B.**

District Meeting November 4, 2012

10am Sunday Morning Fellowship ~ Sherman Hospital

I am GSR for this meeting so know the most about this one. Meeting has: a treasurer & treasury; Makes regular contributions to District, Area and GSO; Takes separate collections for district picnic and Christmas party; Average attendance between 16 & 24; Maintains literature and announcements tables; Maintains a primary purpose contacts list; has a good mixture of ages and length of sobriety in regular attendance; Has business meetings but not on a regular basis.

7pm Monday Big Book Meeting ~ St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Meeting format is to read from the book Alcoholics Anonymous for 15 – 20 minutes then discussion of what is read. Meeting ends 'precisely' at 8pm. Mike M. is the GSR for this meeting. This meeting has: a treasurer & treasury; Makes regular contributions to District, Area & GSO; Makes contributions to the district picnic & Christmas party from the treasury by group conscience; Attendance averages from 20-24; Maintains a primary purpose contacts list; Good mixture of length of sobriety.

1:30pm Tuesday Fellowship of the Spirit ~ Elgin Alano Club

Meeting format is for the chairperson to select and read passage out of the book Alcoholics Anonymous then turn it over to the group for discussion. I introduced myself as LCM for their meeting and explained my role for them at the district. From what I learned meeting attendance averages 8 – 10 and could use additional support especially from mid to long term sobriety.

7pm Tuesday As Joe & Charlie See It ~ Elgin Alano Club

Meeting format is to play a section of the Joe & Charlie BB discussion CDs then have comment and discussion of the material covered on the recording segment. I introduced myself as LCM for the group & explained my function for the district. The GSR commented that he was not able to devote as much time as he would like for the position. Ken stood for the position and was elected to assume as GSR by group conscience.

7pm Wednesday Come as You Are ~ Elgin Alano Club

Meeting format is to read a chapter or a portion of a chapter from the book Alcoholics Anonymous then open up for discussion. John Mc. is GSR for this meeting. Attendance was small and John said there is usually more but could always use additional support. After announcements they decided to donate to the district Christmas party through group conscience.

7:30pm West Dundee Thursday Night Group ~ St. Catherine School

Meeting format is topic discussion meeting. Meeting has: a GSR; Alternate GSR; Treasurer & treasury; Regular business meetings; Literature & announcements counter; Pink can contributions; Separate collection for district Christmas party and picnic contribution; Regular attendance of 35 – 48 people; maintains a primary purpose contacts list; has a good mixture of ages and length of sobriety. Over the last several months the business meeting has included a process of developing a format to conduct ‘First Step Meetings’ based on the instructions and suggestions in the book Alcoholics Anonymous.

2pm Saturday special needs meeting at Asta Care Center in Elgin

Meeting format is suggested topic discussion. Only one resident of Asta Care was in attendance at the meeting I went to and three people from the outside beside me. I was told that one other resident regularly attended. They do not have a GSR and do not take a 7th Tradition collection. I explained my role as LCM for the meeting and recommended we get it listed in the district meeting schedule to generate more support. I left a meeting schedule for the resident and told him I would be back in the next week or so with more information.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith B.

GSR Reports:

Sunday:

- 10:00am-Sunday Morning Fellowship-Keith B- Contributed money to the Christmas party
- 6:30pm-In-Depth Big Book Study-Bob J.- Contributed \$50 to the Christmas Party
- 7:00pm-Sunday Night Library Group-Sandy M- Made a contribution to the Christmas Party

Monday:

- 8:00pm-Big Book & Discussion Meeting-Matt K.- Donated \$50 to the Christmas Party

Tuesday:

- 7:00pm-As Joe & Charlie See it-Ken W- Donated money to the Christmas Party

- 7:30pm-Woman's New Beginnings-Mary W- Donated \$100 to the Christmas Party, getting ready for the **ALCATHON**
- 7:30pm-Tuesday Night One Day at a Time-Dave P. - This meeting **needs support!!** This meeting is **now open to women.**
- 8:00pm-Tuesday Night Group-Curt B- Donated \$50 to the Christmas Party, this group still **needs support**
- 8:30pm-Primary Purpose Group-Bill B.- Donated money to the Christmas Party

Wednesday:

- 6:00pm-Big Book Discussion-John S- Making Donation to the Christmas Party
- 7:00pm-Grapevine-Dave J.-Made a \$50 donation to the Christmas Party
- 7:30pm-Wednesday Night Serenity Group-Venus E.- Donated \$100 to the Christmas Party
- 8:00pm-Wed. Night Hampshire Group-Rod F.- Made a contribution to the Christmas Party

Thursday:

- 7:00pm-New Horizon Group-Andy R- **This meeting needs your support!**
- 8:30pm-Out&About Recovery-Stephen M. - **This meeting needs support!**

Friday:

- 7:00pm-Wanderers #911-Ben C.- Donated money to the Christmas Party

Saturday:

- 12:00pm-Healing the Heart-Todd M.- **Spread the word-** Meeting moved to **NOON**
- 7:30pm- Open Speaker Meeting- Burt L. - **January, March, and May** have been reserved-Please contact Burt L. if your group is interested in hosting the Sherman open in 2013!

Committee Final Reports:

Answering Service: *Let us Welcome Mary W. our new Answering Service Chair!! :)*

Archives: *Joyce P.*

C.P.C.: **Sandy M.**

- *Passed out schedules to doctors in the area*

Correctional Facilities: *Nathan B.*

Directories:

- Working with Larry S. on link to update directories.

Grapevine: *Soby B.*

- Please turn in your old Grapevines to Soby B. or Jim H.

Literature: *Terry B.*

PI: *Herbert L.*

- Passing out schedules around the area to places such as the Police Station and the Elgin State Hospital.

Special Needs: *Sue L.*

- **Asta Care** still needs support Saturdays @ 2pm. **Maplewood** needs support!! This meeting is in desperate need of women support.

Treatment: *Ben C.*

- **Brian C.** elected as our Alternate Treatment Chair- Thank you for your commitment!

Website: *Larry S.*

District 22

Webmaster
November 4, 2012

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webmaster.dist22@comcast.net

There were 504 visits in October.

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, Larry.

Website Visits

November 2011	449
December 2011	494
January 2012	491
February 2012	508
March 2012	601
April 2012	482
May 2012	428
June 2012	421
July 2012	436
August 2012	460
September 2012	387
October 2012	504

Upcoming Area Events:

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District Meeting – December 2nd– 4:30pm, St. Hugh of Lincoln

Respectively submitted by ~Krista Logan. - District 22 Secretary