

DISTRICT 22 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER, 2017

MEETING OPENED: 4:32

IN ATTENDANCE: 47

SERENTITY PRAYER

TRADITION 12: Natalie

CONCEPT XII: Gene

APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES: Motion to approve - Dave, Second Clarissa - Minutes approved

NEW GSR'S OR ALTERNATES:

Tina - Saturday 10am Zion

VISITORS:

Shawn J.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dan S. 13 years, Alex H. 2 years, John Mc. G 31 years, Tarah 9 months, Michael 6 months

AA RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DCM REPORT:

The Area 20 Winter Assembly will be next Saturday, December 9th, at the Lord of Life Church in LaFox. There will be two motions voted on at the upcoming Winter Assembly. One motion was presented by Tina R., the Special Needs committee chair, to change the name of the committee from Special Needs to Accessibilities. The second motion presented by the Report & Charter Committee, moves that the NIA 20 Assembly approve the revised service manual titled the "Northern Illinois Service Manual – Area 20". I made copies of this motion with background material and they are on the table. GSR's please take these motions back to you home groups to form a group conscience so you can vote at the upcoming assembly. Also, at the assembly we will need approval of the 2018 Area calendar which I have made copies of for you to review.

This will be my last District Meeting serving as your DCM. I'd like to sincerely thank all of District 22's trusted servants for allowing me the opportunity to be of service at this level. It has truly been an honor working with all of you. For me personally, participating in General Service has been a huge part of my recovery. I have learned accountability and responsibility at a whole new level, something I had no clue about before entering the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Thanks,

Kevin B.

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ALT. DCM REPORT: Dan S. -

1. Have been in touch with various incoming committee members to see what they may need for their new positions.
2. Attended the Christmas Party for D22, which seemed lighter in attendance than years past. Everyone seemed to be happy and have a good time. Thanks to Alex and all the committee members who made it possible.
3. Would like to thank all current committee members for their service the past two years and am excited to see what the next two years bring.
4. Please do not hesitate to call with committee and group needs and wants. If you have a particular project or goal you'd like to spearhead or questions about anything, please call, text or email myself.
5. Plan on seeing a schedule and budget for 2018 at the January 7th meeting for incoming members to approve.
6. Have a safe, sober and happy holiday season. Thanks again for your service.

In Service,

Dan S.

TREASURER REPORT:

District 22 Treasury Report November 2017

- 2017 November Expenses = \$505.00
- 2017 YTD Expenses = \$9478.28
- 2017 November Contributions = \$487.00
- 2017 YTD Contributions = \$8526.62
- Working Balance = \$1145.40 which does not include \$1500 prudent reserve
- Wrote seed money check for \$500 to the Christmas Party
- GSR's that attended the ECR Forum, see me after the meeting for reimbursement with a receipt.
- Please suggest to your groups during your monthly business meeting to consider a 7th tradition donation, after expenses, to District 22, NIA 20, and the GSB.
- Thank you for the opportunity to be your treasurer, it has been an honor to serve District 22 over the past 2 years.

Respectfully submitted by David F District 22 Treasurer

ALT. TREASURER REPORT: Joe B. - I learned a lot over that last two years. I look forward to serving as your alt DCM in the coming term.

SECRETARY REPORT: — Jessica R. - Thank you for allowing me to be of service! Please make sure that you sign in on the sign in sheet. If your information is incorrect, please make corrections. Verify that your group information is up to date. If you are not receiving minutes, please see me afterwards. Please make sure that your change forms are turned in by the end of the meeting. Committee chairs, if you have a report please submit that by email, my email is on the agenda. Group change forms need to be submitted before you leave.

ALT. SECRETARY REPORT: Thank you for allowing me to be of service

LCM REPORTS:

Jim: Nite Cap meeting started on Friday

Jayne: Not present, no report

Sandy: Not present, no report

ANSWERING SERVICE:

Answering Service committee report –Nov 17'

Contacted the answering service. Apparently, the account manager we had at one point has left the company and we slipped through the cracks somewhere. I now have another direct point of contact for that answering service. I was discussing our desire to somehow reduce our costs while being able to provide the same services. They said we can “port” the number to them. Essentially the answering service company would take over the bill for the phone line itself. We would pay a 1 time 50.00 fee and would have to sign a couple pieces of paperwork giving them rights to the number. The only foreseeable problem with this is we lose our ownership of the number. I followed up with a question I am still waiting on a response. I was curious that if we wanted, in the future, to go another route or if the company by chance folded would we be able to get our number back and at what cost. I would like the districts guidance before any decisions are made to port the number because we have had the same number for a long time. Now depending on the answer from the answering service we need to decide if saving the money is worth possibility of having to change the phone number somewhere down the line.

W/E 11-3-17

Total calls – 7

Meeting information-5

First contact – 2

W/E 11-10-17

Total calls – 3

Meeting information-1

First contact – 1

Searching for transportation - 1

W/E 11-17-17

Total calls – 2

Meeting information-1

Solicitation - 1

W/E 11-24-17

Total calls – 4

Meeting information-4

Total monthly incoming calls - 16

Respectfully,

Kyle B.

Answering Service Chair – D22

ALT. ANSWERING SERVICE: Shawna - recruited more females for the answering service

ARCHIVES: Rick B- Archives are being moved this week to their new location

ALT. ARCHIVES: John McG.- please contact us to view the archives, there is some interesting stuff contained in there.

BRIDGING THE GAP: Bill B - BTG D22

Bridging the Gap is going well at LSSI Elgin we are working with the staff and clients well. The SHARE BTG is also doing well both male and female group with new volunteers in place on the ladies side. We are happy to have been part of getting that started in that facility.

The GATEWAY LAKE VILLA CAMPUS has started the BTG meeting there as well and is a work in progress and we are very hopeful of progress with that group of volunteers.

In other related service regarding Kane County DRC program and Bill Woods at the Kane County Jail , I completed orientation and received badge to go into jail there to talk with DRC clients being detained , at present the jail is understaffed and we are on hold for going in , staying hopeful I look forward to staying connected to DRC alumni , present participants in the drug court program there and events in the future.

I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your BTG chair and will be of service if needed for anything regarding BTG in future to our new chairperson Kaitie S. Welcome KAITE !!!

ALT. BRIDGING THE GAP: Katie S -

Nothing new to report. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

CPC: Kenneth W. -

This month I visited three churches, it was difficult to find a new one but as I was driving down Route 47 in Huntley I happened upon The Church of the Rock. It was a good experience and I was well received. Next I visited the United Church of Christ and it turns out I had already visited them. I ran into the same situation when I visited St. Mary's Church which is also in Huntley. So it seems as though I have exhausted my search to carry the message to churches in the area. And as I was driving away from the last church I took a moment to reflect on what this position has meant to me over the past two years. When I was elected I had no idea what to do as far as fulfilling my duties, but with the help of Jim, Kevin, Dan and Joey I was able to get ideas and encouragement on how to move forward with the position. Now as I move on and know that Bryan will be taking over I feel as though now that we have a road map for the position, Bryan will be able to take over and have a running start. He has already told me of his plans and I look forward to hearing his reports in the future. It has been a fun 2 years and it has really helped me in my sobriety to have this responsibility. I highly recommend volunteering for these service positions as a way of not only helping those who still suffer, but to help us as well. Thanks for having faith in me. - Ken W.

ALT. CPC: OPEN

CORRECTIONS: Randy B. – Got the pink can out there. Mental health hospital is both treatment and corrections. In 2018, it will house inmates. You can respond to inmates of IDOC via email.

ALT. CORRECTIONS - Bobby G - Look forward to serving you as the chair for next year and getting things underway at Elgin State Mental Health.

DIRECTORIES: Cori – directories have been updated and the change form has already made its way back to me.

ALT. DIRECTORIES: Steve - No report

GRAPEVINE: OPEN POSITION

ALT. GRAPEVINE: Claire R. - Not present, no report

LITERATURE: Chrissy - Not present, no report

ALT. LITERATURE: OPEN POSITION

PUBLIC INFORMATION/ALT PI:

Another turning point, a fork stuck in the road
Time grabs you by the wrist, directs you where to go
So make the best of this test, and don't ask why
It's not a question, but a lesson learned in time
It's something unpredictable, but in the end it's right
I hope you had the time of your life

So take the photographs, and still-frames in your mind
Hang them on a shelf in good health and good time
Tattoo's of memories and dead skin on trial
For what it's worth, it was worth all the while

Any McWhozit...

Public info is amazing... whata time to be alive.
More info, books and literature to St Joes. Still trying to get info from them about starting up a mtg.
Have to go through volunteer services so might be something to get set up outside of district but more than happy to try to integrate it once it's set up. Was able to speak with last person who was doing mtgs and have a better understanding why we stopped going.
Looking forward to passing along information to new members.

It's been real!

Sincerely,
Hot Blondes of D22
Natalie and Kristen

SPECIAL NEEDS: Herbert L. - meeting at Aperion Care only one patient currently who needs our hand.
If anyone needs a meeting brought to them CALL ME we will bring you a meeting!!!!!!

ALT. SPECIAL NEEDS: MaryKay, Anyone can call me any time of day and I am happy to bring you a meeting. Big thanks to Herbert for his service.

TREATMENT FACILITIES: Joseph N., In the last month of November, I stopped at 2 of the 3 treatment facilities in our district. Literature and volunteers were supplied and no extra help was needed directly from the District 22.

I informed the treatment facilities I visited that there would be a couple new faces to help them in 2018. I will inform the third in the next month. I've also made arrangements to transfer treatment literature and workbooks over to the new treatment chair.

I am humbled and grateful by the experience of serving as Treatment chair. Thank you to District 22 for allowing me to serve. I'd also like to thank Bill B. for introducing me to this type of service and showing me the ropes while I was Alternate Treatment Chair. Thank you.

Joseph N

ALT. TREATMENT FACILITIES: Chuck M. - Not present, no report

WEBSITE: District 22

i just got home from the Concepts retreat and will not be at the meeting today.

There are some problems with the website. While the site is complete there seem to have been issues with the transition from the old to the new. Among other things the new site appears to be co-mingled with the area 20 site. Also, I have reports that the meeting finder is not working. The two may be related, but I'm not sure. Anyway, right now I'm going to try to address and resolve the issues I can. Possibly I'll need to consult with John C, the area web administrator, who facilitated the changeover, so I don't have a timeline.

My plan is still to turn the whole thing over to the new webmaster but I don't want to do that until everything is working properly.

So more will be revealed.

Larry

GSR REPORTS:

Monday:

Gene – Second Shifters –All is well

Dwayne - Fellowship of the Spirit - Attendance is good

Dave – Big Book Meeting - At the end of the book

Kacey - 12 Off 20 - All good.

Tuesday:

MaryKay - Fellowship Group - Doing great

Herbert L. - People Rebuilding Group - needs more support, going thru 12 & 12

Kaite – Back to Basics – Zion Back to Basics open meeting, and has normal attendance on 15 people weekly on average. We will be having a business meeting sometime within this month or

next. At our next business meeting, I will bring to the group what happened at the forum, what I learned and what I shared. We rotate the chair position every month, and they provide speakers for leads on the given step, which are on steps 1,2,3,4, and 5. We Are currently hosting Sherman open speaker meeting this month of December. Which Dan W. spoke last night, and our upcoming speakers are on the flyers. Come January 1st I will be stepping down as GSR for Zion, due to sprit of rotation and my up-coming district BTG Chair position. I have served as GSR for Zion Back to Basics for over a year about and love/ loved every bit of it (even the frustrating stuff, as well as the thing I didn't understand at the time) I love being of service as a general service representative.

Curt - Tuesday Night Group - Good meeting

Byran - Nite Cap - We have a new meeting on Friday nights. Meetings are doing well.

Wednesday:

MaryAnn - Wednesday Westside Grapevine - All is well.

Tarah - Faith, Hope & Serenity - Going well, a lot of newcomers, we have snacks and could use women with good sobriety

Randy B. - 12, 12, 12 and More - Steps, Traditions and Concepts

Mark V - Wednesday Night Serenity Group - Going well

Thursday:

Andy- New Horizons Group - Going well, Could use support

Brad - West Dundee Thursday Night Group – Attendance is well, things are good.

Friday:

Steve - Beginners Group - Could use some support from those with Experience, strength and hope

Kyle - Men's Kitchen Table - Small meeting, could use support

Bobby - Men's Wanders Meeting - great meeting

Cliff - South Elgin Friday Night Fellowship - Attendance is down

Rick S. - Expository Big Book - Going well, studying how it works.

Saturday:

Bob J – Little Red Door - All is well

Sunday:

Christy - Sunday Morning Fellowship – Great meeting, frequent newcomers, good attendance.

Joe B. - Sunday Morning Unity Group - Attendance is well. LSSI clients attend.

Clarissa C. - In-Depth Big Book Study Group - We meet every Sunday at 6:30pm @ Elgin Alano Club. We hold our group conscious meeting the Sunday after district. We average between 30-35 people on a weekly basis.

Shawna L - Sunday Night Library Group - Frequent newcomers

OLD BUSINESS:

- Christmas Party Report, given by Alex. Thank you for those who participated in service and all those who showed up. Wrap up meeting at 2pm on December 17th.
- Alt. PI - still open

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MEETING ENDED: 5:56pm

CLOSED MEETING WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica R. - D22 Secretary

Alex H. - D22 Alt. Secretary

IMPORTANT WEBSITES:

District 22: <http://dist22.aa-nia.org/>

NIA 20: www.aa-nia.org

World Services: www.aa.org