

DISTRICT 22 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
February 2022

D22 2/6/2022

Meeting started at: 4:31pm

In Attendance: 25

Serenity Prayer: n/a

Tradition 2: Matt

Concept 2: Robin

Approval of Minutes: Approve minutes from January by Tina second by Brad.

New GSRs or Alternates:

Juan P- New ALT GSR

Rob new GSR

Tara- New GSR

Visitors:

Lauren

Steve

DJ

AA Related Announcements:

2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm there is a grapevine workshop via zoom. Chair person is Desiree.

Log in information: 83853282292

Password: grapevine

Anniversaries:

Keith celebrated 5 years.

Brad celebrated his 65th birthday.

Matt celebrated 8 months

DCM- Dave F

1. August 22nd 2022 is the Illinois State Conference and East Central Regional Conference at the Sheraton Lisle. Volunteer! Ask me how.

2. Mark your calendars for the Conference Planning committee at the EDI Club in Streamwood. We will be electing committee chairs. Date: February 20th both in person and via Zoom – 956 798 0705 PW 160690
3. I attended the National Corrections Conference planning meeting on February 3rd. Flyers for November event in Schaumburg are available online.

In Service, David F

February 6, 2022

Alt DCM- Mike B

1. I attended the first 2023 Spring Conference and Assembly Committee meeting on 1/22 at EDI (and was nominated and accepted the position of Registration Committee co-chair). We will continue to meet every 3rd Sunday at EDI at 2:00pm for future committee meetings (which are also Zoom accessible).

2. I attended some surrounding district's district meetings and made the following observations which may or may not be applicable to our own district:

-some districts (and Area 19) combine PI and CPC into one committee in order to eliminate the need for separate chairs and committee members and to eliminate confusion as to which committee meets what needs.

-some people serve as chair for one committee and alternate chair for another in order to ensure coverage across all committees.

((Kathleen current PI interested in combing with CPC))

From the floor- historically there were combinged and CPC split off.

DAVE DCM will investigate further to see if we can combine.

Treasurer – Brandon C- N/A

Alt. Treasurer – Tina

Secretary- Tina C- no report.

Alt. Secretary- OPEN

Accessibilities- OPEN

Alt. Accessibilities- OPEN

Answering Service- Colleen

Call made to the AA district 22 area 20 answering service TAS United. Called number on Directory 1-847-742-7870. Initially spoke with Samantha who was very sweet(very calm, sweet voice which was reassuring for someone calling in) and transferred me a supervisor Nancy who transferred me to Jennifer Mehringer at TAS United Client Service Team. Jennifer explained to me the ride information was from June 2019. She further explained that their operators provide information on who's on call for rides and a list of people with phone numbers if necessary. There were many blank spaces for the women available that are available for rides. Apparently this list is broken down into people that can give rides any time and people that only give rides a certain time and male and female. She also indicated that they have a five minute disconnect cap Time frame. Jennifer further indicated that our average invoice is \$169.33 per month and then if there was a \$500 bill that she figured it was due to a non-payment but she was not sure. From the time period of December 1, 2021 to January 1, 2022 there were 21 messages logged on our account. For 10 of these calls, the TSA agents gave meeting info they obtained from their computer screen by looking at the website for D22. I asked her so with 21 messages and 10 calls the TSA agents gave meeting info from our meeting directories we are paying \$169.33? The remaining calls were spent contacting people on the call list or trying to give information on who was available to give a ride. Of which the list per Jennifer has blank spaces. Jennifer assured me that today she will be sending me her current list of people on the call list along with the ride list and will talk to the finance people and send me a detailed list of the calls and what they entailed.

I requested she send me invoices dating back to September 2021 with Call details. We exchanged phone numbers and She reassured me she will send that information today via email. For account information, we are to call the " Client Services Team" at: 1-866-948-0300. Update as of Feb.4,2022:

Numerous conversations with Jennifer Mehringer TSA United in January, 2022. These minutes that the operators are trying to reach someone in AA and not being able to reach anyone telephonically have resulted in an exorbitant increase in our costs to the tune of \$576.00 for one month. After updating the call list, further discussions with Jennifer and Dave our DCM, trying to reach folks on the call list and receiving no response, it became apparent that generally people don't answer their phones. Calls were made to everyone on the list! This would explain why the unbelievable number of "Unavailable" the answering service has been experiencing. However, once I began texting folks on the list to see if they wanted to be on the list, I had almost immediate responses. Thus, Jennifer and I decided the operators would reach out to folks on the call list by SMS text messages which are free. This, in turn, will reduce our expenditures significantly. According to Jennifer in mid-January, the system is up and running and no problems have been reported. She also indicated our bill should be reduced significantly by March 1 if not earlier. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Respectfully Submitted,
Colleen M-Chair Answering Service District 22

Alt. Answering Service- Keith- No report

Archives- OPEN

Alt. Archives- OPEN

Bridging the Gap- OPEN

Alt. Bridging the Gap- Art

CPC- Brad S-

Will be talking to union halls and job sites and reach out to professionals who need this message. Will talk to city administrator as well. Hospitals truck stops, steel workers who also need help.

Willing to work with Cathleen from PI- per alt DCM recommendation to combine CPC and PI positions.

Alt. CPC- OPEN

Corrections- OPEN

Alt Corrections - OPEN

Directories- Robin-

Originally printing 200 copies- brought down to 150. Was suggested to reduce. Will see how next month looks and see if further reduction is needed. Will also reach out to sober houses/treatment centers.

Alt Directories- OPEN

Grapevine – Mary K.-

Can print a hardcopy of the subscription form and have available at next district meeting- you can also find a subscription form on the back of any grapevine. If you are interested in sharing your sobriety story, you can submit to the grapevine. There are also different subjects/topics. These stories are shared by regular AA folk.

Alt Grapevine- Jeffrey-

every 2nd Thursday of the month will be workshop- will consist of background and methods on how to get grapevine out. Will also include the history of grapevine. There is also a podcast station which can be found on aagrapevine.org

Literature – Tom D-

Have newcomer packets available for sale. \$1 each. Please let me know how many you need.

Alt Literature - OPEN

Public Information – Kathleen C.-

Alt. Public Information- OPEN

Treatment Chair: Joey P –

I dropped off coins, big books, and 12 & 12's at Footprints. Will be needing a new contact there. Per Brad, LSSI is interested in re-opening the Monday group. All Trinity meetings are thriving .

Brad- multiple members from the team have left. LSSI requested that volunteers be vaccinated to visit. The hospital has requested this as well. Monday night meeting is needing to be revamped and will need someone to open.

BTG was started up again- Art is on board and will be returning to help next week.

Alt Treatment Facilities: OPEN

Website- Melissa K

District 22 Website update

Website: dist22.aa-nia.org

Melissa K. melissak412@att.net

- Plug In's updated.
- Events updated.
- Flyers posted with events as they are received.
- Area 20 Events added and will be updated periodically.
- Emails answered.
- Printable No-Name Directory Updated - Thank you Robin S.
- Meeting List updated as information is received.

If you are a GSR and your meeting has moved or the time has changed, please contact us so that we can update the meeting listing as soon as possible.

If you would like your event listed on the website, please email Melissa with the details and a pdf version of the event flyer.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of Service,

Melissa K.

Alt. Website- OPEN

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion and Vote on changing the preamble.
Discussion of changing preamble from “men and women” to “people”. For district literature and website. Every group reserves the right to be autonomous and choose how to read their preamble.
Long discussion regarding the vote.
Yes: 11
No: 4
Minority opinion heard. Revote as follow:
Yes: 12
No : 3

Motion carried.

- Consider donations to our GSRs and Committee members to attend the 2022 State Conference and East Central Regional Conference to take place in August. In the past we have spent \$1200. Please bring this information back to your groups.

- 2023 Spring Assembly & Conference report
 - We had our first meeting January 22nd. Dave T from district 23 and I were elected co-chairs.
 - The venue is the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg March 10-12, 2023
 - Elections for Committee chairs went well with 24 people standing for committees
 - 10 Positions left to fill include:
 - Printing co-chairs
 - Entertainment co-chairs
 - Literature co-chairs
 - Grapevine co-chairs
 - Accessibilities co-chairs
 - I have the responsibilities for each chair position with me for reference
 - I contacted Al-Anon (which includes Alateen) and formally invited them. They are excited about joining us next March at the conference.
 - We need groups to volunteer to help run the Hospitality Room for 1-2 hour time slots and donate water and soda pop, coffee, snacks and candy.

Join us on February 20th 2pm at the EDI club in Streamwood.

- Consider bids for the 2022 District 22 Picnic. Will need a chair person to help host-please take back to your groups.

Service manuals are \$4 each. Voted to have Tom obtain 15 copies for the next district meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Continued Elections for 2022/2023 Rotation: Alt Secretary; Accessibilities & Alt; BTG Chair; CPC Alt; Corrections & Alt; Directories Alt; Lit Alt; PI Alt; Treatment Alt; Website Alt.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 20th – 2023 Spring Conference Assembly meeting at EDI club in Streamwood.
- GSR Meeting: March 6th @ 4:30pm – Zion Lutheran Church
- DuPage County Open February 26th 6pm to 7:30pm – Glen Ellyn

Motion to close: Tina second Michael

Mtg Ended 6:14

CLOSED MTG WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT.

Important Websites:

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

- NIA 20: www.aa-nia.org

World Services: www.aa.org