

DISTRICT 22 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
March 2022

D22 March 6th, 2022

Meeting started at 4:31pm

In Attendance: 22

Serenity Prayer: Dave F

Tradition 3: Tom

Concept 3: Joe B

Approval of Minutes: Approve minutes from February by Brad S second by Tina R.

New GSRs or Alternates:

none

Visitors:

Chris D

Frank

Clayton

AA Related Announcements:

none

Anniversaries:

Dave Celebrated a birthday last month 2/28.

Tina C celebrated 3 years 2/10.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday March 12th – Spring Assembly via zoom at 8am. Please register online- information available on NIA website.

March 20th – 2023 Spring Conference Assembly meeting at EDI club in Streamwood.

GSR meeting: April 3rd @ 4:30pm – Zion Lutheran Church

OFFICER REPORTS:

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: March 20th both in person and via Zoom – 956 798 0705 PW 160690

In Service, David F

March 6, 2022

Alt DCM- Mike B

1. I attended the 2023 Spring Conference and Assembly Committee meeting on 2/20 at EDI (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).

I plan to attend the Spring Conference next Saturday the 12th. 9am to 2pm

Treasurer – Brandon C- N/A

Alt. Treasurer – Tina R-

Expenses in Dec (to date 3/4/22):

- Answering Service: \$160.45
- Zion Church (Rent):
- **2022 YTD Expenses = \$773.50**

Contributions:

- 2022 February Contributions = \$619.07
- **2021 YTD Contributions = \$844.07**

Checks Written:

- Checks for reimbursement pending:
 - \$

Working Balance:

- Working Balance = \$1,144.49
 - Does not include \$1,500 prudent reserve.
 - Does not include \$1,500 party seed money.

Secretary- Tina C- No report

Alt. Secretary- OPEN

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chris D the NIA20 Panel 72 Delegate discussed the upcoming Pre-General Service Conference workshop.
- Motion to combine CPC and Public information tabled- will be discussed and voted on next month.
- Motion to consider donations to our GSR's and Committee members to attend the 2022 State Conference and Regional Conference tabled and will be discussed next month
- 2023 Spring Assembly and Conference report:

2023 Spring Assembly Conference

Hosted by Districts 22 and 23

- We had our second meeting February 20th.
- The committee met with the sales director at the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg Thursday. The contract should be ready to sign this week.
- Created a Preliminary Budget with Dawn B and Dave T
- Filled a few more committee chairs but we need 6 more.
- 6 Positions left to fill include:
 - Printing 1 co-chair
 - Entertainment 1 co-chair
 - Literature 1 co-chair
 - Grapevine co-chairs
 - Accessibilities 1 co-chair (D23)
- I have the responsibilities for each chair position with me for reference
- 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, candy and/or money.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- Continued elections for the 2022/2023 rotation:
 - Treasurer chair position open- Mike J stand for position and is voted in.
 - Consider bids for the 2022 D22 picnic-
 - Frank volunteered to chair the meeting with Joey as co-chair. Will be hosting a picnic planning committee one hour before the next district meeting. August 20th will be proposed date.
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SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibilities- OPEN

Alt. Accessibilities- OPEN

Answering Service- Colleen

Answering Service Report February 2022 submitted March 3, 2022

Multiple calls and emails with TAS United attempting to resolve all the overages in expenses and update volunteer on call list. This updated list was sent January 10 and February 16 to Jennifer Mehringer, our TAS coordinator. She has reported expediting my concerns and sending these changes to her programmers with urgency. Unfortunately at the time of this writing, TAS has not implemented the changes. This has been frustrating.

Our most recent expenditure was \$160.45 which was paid on March 3. Paying a little early and at least on time may help to expedite the changes.

Rather than TAS calling volunteers we have switched to an sms text messaging means of communication. This is due to the fact that:

1. The volunteer on call list had not been updated prior to 1/1/2022.
2. Volunteers were not answering the calls resulting in multiple upon multiple calls by the answering service noting “unavailable” and charging by the minute all the time spent trying to reach a volunteer.
3. Volunteers more readily respond to texts.
4. Text messaging is currently free with TAS.

I propose we seriously consider changing services if TAS cannot make the necessary changes in the next 2 weeks. If this comes to fruition, I would like to have help looking for a reliable and competent answering service.

In Service,
Colleen M.

Alt. Answering Service- Keith- N/a

Archives- OPEN

Alt. Archives- OPEN

Bridging the Gap- OPEN

Alt. Bridging the Gap- Art-

- Art L. will be assuming the duties of District 22 Bridge the Gap Chair.
- As Mondays are now open at LSSI Art will be moving BTG activities to Monday night.

- Successfully recruited 5 new BTG Team members.
- Will conduct training in March. Art will take over in April.
- Participation in program remains high at LSSI – approximately 60%.
- Will be submitting receipt for printing to BTG Temporary Contact Request Sheets.

I want to thank District 22 for the honor and privilege to represent you and serve treatment clients for the last three years in the Bridge the Gap program. It has been an absolute joy being allowed to spread the message to newcomers in treatment and help the get started in AA. As always, any successful program is a result of the efforts of an entire Team being involved. At this time, I would like to acknowledge the Team members who have to contributed to the success of Bridge the Gap the last three years. Every single Team member contributed not only with their participation, but with new ideas to help improve our program

Cameo
 Katlyn
 Brandon
 Marissa
 Keith
 Alex
 Chantelle
 Cody
 Gillian

Also, a special thanks needs to be given to Jessica R. who always was available to provide her past experience with BTG to us and Lisa S. who always answered the phone when the going got tough.

Yours in Service - Brad S.

CPC- Brad S-

- Kathleen and I agree CPC and P.I. can and should be combined.
- Scheduled to meet this Wednesday to put together and action plan.
- Some ideas to consider
 - a. Use of business cards along with pamphlets.
 - b. Different options on displays for material.
 - c. Brainstorming for locations for the displays i.e. Police station hospitals etc.
 - d. Development of a Team to service all the locations where our information will be displayed.
- Will have more detailed report next month.

Yours in service – Brad S.

Alt. CPC- OPEN

Corrections- Steve

Met with Phil Menard who is the Area Corrections Chair. I received an email for the Kane County Corrections Center. I will need to attend an orientation to be badged to be able to enter jail, then I will start recruiting to start conducting the meetings.

Alt Corrections - OPEN

Directories- Robin S-

100 directories printed for PI CPC and corrections. 150 directories with GSR information. Will again try to reduce amount printed for next month as there was still extra left over.

The directories also include the new group number in parenthesis- you will need this group number documented on the contributions. You will not be able to make contributions online without the new group number (including the 0's in front).

Alt Directories- OPEN

Grapevine – Mary K.

Alt Grapevine- Jeffrey-

I have been working with Mary Kay on passing out the grapevines to the half way houses and treatment centers. Have been working on getting the grapevine out also by word of mouth, so others may apply for a subscription.

Literature – Tom D-

I have received the new service manuals and it is recommended that every group should have one. The manual explains each service position and their responsibilities. Please make sure that your groups have newcomer packets available. They can be purchased for \$1 each.

Alt Literature - OPEN

Public Information – Kathleen C.

Alt. Public Information- OPEN

Treatment Chair: Joey P-

I have made contact with Josh W who is running footprints. He stated a desire to implement a noon weekday meeting. I have calls out to several members checking their availability for this.

Alt Treatment Facilities: laura- no report.

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- Matt K- no report.

GSR REPORTS:

SUNDAY:

10 am Sunday Morning Fellowship: Our meeting could use some support- please come join us. Zoom info available on district 22 website.

MONDAY:

1:30 Fellowship of the Spirit: Attendance is doing well. Our group has also signed up for the hospitality room for the 2023 Spring Conference.

7pm 12 off 20: Good core group- the meeting format is BB study. We have lots of newcomers attend this meeting.

TUESDAY:

7pm Women's New Beginnings: Meeting is hosted as separate zoom and in person meetings. Each meeting has about 10 persons in attendance, currently doing well.

7 pm Tuesday Night Group: Good discussion group with about 20-25 people in attendance.

WEDNESDAY:

6pm Big Book Discussion: Meeting is doing well- please come join us.

6:30pm Faith, Hope & Serenity: Our group is excited for spring and doing well.

9:30pm Late Bloomers: Our meeting has been struggling and we could use more support. Please come join us.

THURSDAY:

12pm Todays Gift Group: Our meeting is doing well- good attendance.

FRIDAY:

8pm South Elgin Friday Night Fellowship: Meeting is currently indoors due to weather but will be hosted outside under the pavilion when its nicer out. The church is requesting that all persons wear a mask in doors. Our meeting has a speaker on the first Friday of each month, good attendance about 20-25 people.

SATURDAY:

12pm The Nooners: Great attendance- about 20-30 people and growing. Last Saturday of the month we discuss traditions and have donuts available.

7pm 1st and 3rd Saturday Open Speaker: Meeting is currently doing well, thank you for your support. Next meeting is March 19th- Stephanie H from Hampshire will be sharing their experience, strength and hope.

GSR'S: INFORMATION TO TAKE BACK TO YOUR GROUPS:

- Regarding Chris D Delegate- please review 72nd General Service Conference Committees agenda item- please pick 2-3 items to discuss with your groups- our delegate will take this information and vote on our behalf.

- GSR please discuss with your groups to volunteer for 2023 Spring Conference Hospitality room. At least 1-2 hour slots. Can donate money or food/drink items.

- Frank will chair for 2022 picnic- will have picnic meeting 1 hour before the district meetings. Next Picnic planning committee will be at Zion @3:30 pm on 4/3/2022.

Motion to close: Tina R. second Tina C.

Mtg Ended: 6:00pm

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