

## DISTRICT 22 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

November 2022

**D22 11/6/2022**

**Meeting started:4:30PM**

**Meeting ended: 6:04pm**

**In Attendance: 20**

**Serenity Prayer: Dave F**

**Concept 11: Robin S**

**Tradition 11: Brad**

**Approval of Minutes: September Minutes Approved Lawrence second Mike**

**October Minutes Approved Tina R second Laurence**

### **New GSRS or Alternates:**

Paula – New GSR for the 10am Early Bird Group on Saturday

Franz - New GSR 8pm West Side Fellowship on Monday

### **Visitors:**

Joe B

### **AA Related Announcements:**

Christmas party- Wendy- Wanted to thank everyone who has gathered donations from their group for the Christmas party. Please keep spreading the message that we are celebrating this year and Grab flyers they are available. The Christmas party will be on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Zion Lutheran Church from 6- 10 pm.

### **Anniversaries:**

Kathleen celebrated 15 years on October 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Birthdays:**

On 10/26/22 Laurence celebrated a birthday.

On 10/15/22 Robin celebrated a birthday.

On 10/14/22 Max celebrated a birthday.

On 10/11/22 Mike J celebrated a birthday.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Next GSR Meeting: December 4th 2022@ 4:30pm
- National Corrections Conference November 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> **see flyer attached.**
- Christmas Party will be on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Zion Lutheran Church- **see flyer attached.**
- Spring Conference Assembly Planning meeting will be on 11/27/22 at the EDI club located in Streamwood.
- NIA 20 Winter Assembly Hybrid will be on December 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am the Church of the Holy Apostles in McHenry. -**see flyer attached.**

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

### **DCM- Dave F**

1. I attended the 2023 Spring Conference and Assembly planning committee meeting on 10/16/22 at the EDI club. Next meeting is Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>.
2. I attended the National Corrections Conference planning committee. There may be some scholarships available. Conference is this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

3. Attended the Fall Committee Meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended and I gave a report to Area 20 on the status of our phone service, bank account, and the Spring Conference Assembly.
4. Attended the Big Book Conference on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Passed out flyers, worked at the Literature table, met with the Hispanic Districts to promote the spring conference, and networked for volunteers for the Conference with people from other districts.
5. Met at the bank with Mike J to close our account and open a new account at the BMO Harris. Wrote a memo to the bank giving both Mike and I full authority over the account.
6. I am attending the Christmas party planning meetings.

In the Spirit of Love and Service,

David F

District 22 DCM

**Alt DCM- Mike B-** ADCM Report 11/6/22

1. On 10/8 I attended the Fall Committee meeting at Lord of Life Church.
2. On 10/16 I attended the 2023 Spring Conference planning meeting at EDI.
3. On 10/29 I attended the Big Book Conference (my first!) at Parkview Community Church.
4. Something of a side note, but it's been no secret that GSR participation has been low at district (and Area), and there are several groups without a GSR. I personally (as well as a few others, I know) have persistently announced/recommended at meetings without a GSR the importance of the GSR role. It may be partially because people at those meetings are tired of hearing my "GSR spiel" week after week, but nevertheless, two of those groups now have GSR's. I urge everyone who cares enough about general service to attend these district meetings to become as annoying as I have at meetings without a GSR. Plant the seed, and water weekly.

In service,  
Michael B.  
ADCM

**Treasurer – Mike J-**

**District 22 Treasury Report – October 2022**

**Expenses:**

- **October 2022 Expenses = \$717.23**
  - Answering Service: \$160.45 (\$10 Late Fee Due to transferring to new bank account)
  - DCM & Alt: \$16
  - CPC/Public Relations: \$26.04
  - Directories: \$43.74
  - Literature: \$309 (\$319 for 30 Big Books, -\$10 for Big Book Sale)
  - Rent: \$150 Qtr4
  - Treasurer: \$12 (Reimbursement for NSF Fees from closing old bank account)

- **2022 YTD Expenses = \$4,576.93**

**Contributions:**

- 2022 October Contributions = \$547.00

- **2022 YTD Contributions = \$4,205.10**

**Working Balance:**

- Working Balance = \$663.03
  - Does not include \$1,500 prudent reserve.
  - Does not include \$1,500 party seed money
  - Does not include \$1,341.83 Picnic Balance
  - Does not Include \$122.37 Christmas Party Balance

**Notes**

**Pending Payments (Transactions are already included in working balance)**

- Correctional Facilities Conference: \$103
- CPC/Publix Information: \$26.04 (Pending Check)
- Rent Zion Church: \$150

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike J  
D22 Treasurer

**Alt. Treasurer – OPEN**

**Secretary- Tina C-** Regarding last months motion to submit minutes to be published to the district website and making sure the documents are scrubbed a group conscience was taken to only document individual first names and last initial.

**Alt. Secretary- Tina R. – no report.**

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**NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

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**CPS/PI-** Presentation. Kathleen: As everyone is aware we voted earlier this year to combine the positions of CPC and PI together. We did create an email for this position( aadistrict22cpcpi@gmail.com) so that we can be contacted by community sources.

We are still in the process of working our tool box with information such as brochures, business cards, etc. Please note that you are welcome to take these cards with you and distribute them as we all have interactions with the public and the next suffering alcoholic.

Due to the phone number for District 22having been changed, please be cautious on the phone number listed. If the number is incorrect- please cross out and put our new phone number (224) 325-4414. The QR code is also on the cards for those that would like to use them.

We are still utilizing the literature from District and we do have our own personalized literature for when we go out to these community locations.

We are starting with the Churches at this time to share information regarding AA as an organization since they are common locations to host meetings already.

We are looking for volunteers and looking to build a team- to perhaps create a workshop and help spread the message. If you have any sponsors or are interested in volunteering to help distribute our literature.

Brad: Our two year plan is to spend this year getting our CPC/PI committee up and running. Please review our brochures- we hope to have them placed in libraries, churches and other locations. Once we have a list of locations where our information stands are, we will need help replenishing them.

We will also be asking Lisa S to come speak to us regarding anonymity as we are trying to spread this message.

**Please see flyer attached.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

-Continued Elections for the 2022/2023 Rotation; Alt Treasurer; Accessibilities Alt; BTG Alt, Directories Alt; Literature Alt; Archives

Mark stands for Literature alternate. Mark is voted in.

#### **NEW BUSINESS: MOTION**

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**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Mike J**

**D22 Treasurer**

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## **SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Accessibilities- Paula-** I emailed new York and requested information regarding my committee position and I got a phone call back. I will be receiving an information packet shortly. There are also two books: there is an accessibilities kit and a workbook which I will be purchasing.

**Answering Service- Colleen-** AA Answering Service Report October, 2022

After ongoing poor service, response times and messaging, we have ended our relationship with TAS United. Multiple attempts were made by members to retain our long standing AA telephone number that we have had for decades and to no avail, TAS would not budge. They held onto our phone number. Thanks to Mike J., Dave F. and Geno from ATT for trying so earnestly.

Our New call in number which will be printed on all our brochures is: **224-325-4414**. This went into effect 11/3/22.

All answering service volunteers have been notified of the many changes and there are multiple. Some of these include:

1. When a caller calls in for help, there are 2 languages to choose from and the Spanish caller will be provided the AA Spanish speaking hotline number in Spanish.
2. When the answering service calls one of our volunteers, there is one designated number these calls will be coming from. ( vs TAS who used multiple numbers and could not change that so volunteers never knew who was contacting them).
3. A blast text will go out to 10 volunteers that there is an urgent message from SAS. The first responder to type ok, receives all the details of the caller and the other volunteers, not responding drop off, do not continue to get repeated messages, calls etc.

4. I am able to log on to the portal, see how many calls are coming in, response times etc. I can make changes for example, add or remove volunteers, change phone numbers and track utilization.

Our new answering service company is Specialty Answering Service (SAS)and thus far they have been very easy to work with, flexible in approach, provided an excellent tutorial, and incredibly responsive. District 43 changed over to them last year and have had none of the issues they also had with TAS.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you for allowing me to chair the D-22 Answering Service.

In Service and Gratitude,  
Colleen M.

**Alt. Answering Service- Keith- no report**

**Archives- OPEN**

**Alt. Archives- OPEN**

**Bridging the Gap- Matt-** I am getting up to speed on this position. In my understanding there is LSSI and footprints and RCA which is located in St Charles.

We were able to attend last month with Brad and Dave. I am looking to work more closely with treatment facilities and get more into contact with them.

LSSI – every other Monday we are going there giving a presentation and having the brochures filled out. I am looking for volunteers to help attend these meetings.

**Alt. Bridging the Gap- OPEN**

**CPC/PI- Brad S-** November PI/CPC Committee report for district 22

- 8 pamphlet stands and 4 business card holders ordered and received to show district
- Pamphlets for use in PI effort ordered and received
- Pamphlets for AA for religious leaders ordered and received

Will present brief status report to District 22 and next meeting summarizing:

- Status of PI effort and plan for distribution of AA material
- Status of CPC and plan for the first group of professionals to approach
- Plans for using social media to get AA information out to those in need

Lisa S. will attend the November District 22 meeting to discuss

- Anonymity in AA in regards to PI and CPC
- Guides to using social media while maintaining anonymity

**CPC/PI Alt- Kathleen C- See 'New Business'**

**Corrections- Steve- N/a**

**Alt Corrections** – Lisa- I was able to meet Steve our corrections chair- he is recently gotten into Kane County and is in the works of getting me into Kane county to assist. There is a screening and a class that I will have to take prior to being able to enter. I will be at the corrections conference.

**Directories- Robin S-** I have updated the directories with the new phone number.

Do we want to keep the meetings that are suspended on the directories? The suspended meetings can always be readded once they have opened up again. I would like newcomers to see our directories and find meetings that are available. I will attempt to contact those groups that are suspended and see if they are still having a meeting. These meetings can always be reinstated.

**Alt Directories- OPEN**

**Grapevine – Jeffrey- N/A**

**Alt Grapevine- OPEN.**

**Literature – Tom D- N/A**

**Alt Literature – Mark- no report**

**Treatment Chair: Joey P- N/A**

**Alt Treatment Facilities: Laura- no report.**

**Website- Melissa K – N/A**

**Alt. Website- Matt K- no report.**

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## GSR REPORTS:

### SUNDAY:

### MONDAY:

7pm 12 off 20: Matt meeting is still going strong, lots of newcomers attend. Please come join us.

8pm Westside Fellowship Franz: good meeting, please come join us.

### TUESDAY:

7pm Women's New Beginnings . Tina R; doing well, zoom meeting will be getting hooked up with the main meeting. About 10-15 people in person.

8pm Back to Basics Group/ Beginner MTG Mark- widely attended meeting, some treatment centers are bringing in newcomers.

### WEDNESDAY:

12:00pm Wednesday Westside Grapevine- Laurence meeting doing well.

8pm Elgin Wed. Night Eastside Group- Mark- doing well.

6pm Open Big Book Study- John- good meeting. Please come join us.

### FRIDAY:

8pm South Elgin Friday Night Fellowship- Mike B- attend is down about 15 people. First Saturday is a speaker meeting, please come and show your support. We usually have about 20-25 people. We are trying to get coffee going at our meeting again.

### SATURDAY:

12pm The Nooners: Tina R- 15-20 people last Saturday of the month we do donuts.

8pm Sat Night 12 & 12 Group- Mark – hit or miss. Good core group.

10am Early Bird Group- Paula- we need more women at this meeting. Please come join us, it's a really great meeting, we read out of the 12 & 12 and discuss.

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

If you attend meetings without a GSR, please express the importance of this role to the group. The GSR is the spokesperson for the group, to vote and share their voice during district meetings and assemblies when motions are being passed. **Please see attachments for information regarding what the role a GSR plays in AA.**

[Chicago Alcoholics Anonymous | General Service Representative \(GSR\) \\*\(Airtable version\) \(chicagoaa.org\)](#)

Please let your groups know that we still have positions open at district- if anyone is looking for service opportunities- we are in need of individuals to take over these positions; **Alt Treasurer; Accessibilities Alt; BTG Chair & Alt; Directories Alt; Archives Chair & Alt.**

## **MOTION**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL BE VOTING ON THIS MOTION AT THE NEXT DISTRICT MEETING. GSR'S PLEASE DISCUSS WITH YOUR GROUPS AND BRING YOUR GROUPS BACK TO THE DISTRICT MEETING DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>.**

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Mtg Ended: 6:04 pm

CLOSED MTG WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT.

### **Important Websites:**

- District 22: <http://dist22.aa-nia.org/>
- NIA 20: [www.aa-nia.org](http://www.aa-nia.org)

World Services: [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)