

DISTRICT 22 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
September 2023

D22 09/10/2023

Meeting started: 4:35

Meeting ended: 5:35

In Attendance: 16

Serenity Prayer: All

Concept 9: Dave (Bill & Bob had their jobs taken over by the trustees of the General Service Board.)

Tradition 9: Anthony

Approval of Minutes: Lawence, 2nd Jeff.

All in favor / apposed.

New GSRS or Alternates:

Visitors:

AA Related Announcements:

- October 28th Annual Halloween Party hosted by Cameo.
- November 4 "Big Book Conference" (Lord of Life, Elburn). \$15.00 Lunch avail. 9:00am – 3:15pm
- November "East Central Regional Form"
- March 1-3 2024 Spring Conference & Assembly (Hyatt Regency, Schaumburg).
 - Spring Conference Planning Committee, ZOOM Last Monday of every Month 7:30pm
 - ID=856 7072 0964 Password=2024fun

Anniversaries:

- Anthony - 11 Months
- Chrissy - 11 Months

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Next GSR District meeting October 8th 2023@ 4:30pm
- Brad – Cameo has agreed to host the annual Halloween Party.
- " elections for Panel 74 Committee members will be in October
(Please announce at every meeting you attend),

OFFICER REPORTS:

DCM- Dave F.

I went to the "State Conference" and I saw our trustee for the central region and talked to her. I did some networking with other DCM's that were there. Is anybody planning on going to the "Assembly" next week? I have four copies of the motions. Two of the motions were changed just slightly. So what I did I made copies if you are going grab them, one of each. It is part of a GSR duty and committee members too. You can meet with the area chairs and learn a lot more about what's going on in other districts. It may help with your job eventually if you are a district committee member. The assemblies are for you all. I will be there too though. Because there is a break-out for the DCM's. And, if any of my people from the district have any questions, I can help answer questions. I needed that when I first started because I had no Idea what was going on. It was a bit scary but these people take AA seriously. From the outside it looked like they were really fierce but they really work a really good program and when they are wrong, they don't hesitate to admit. Don't be afraid to go just because maybe you have heard that people raise their voice. It's really not difficult. Just like

here most of the time we don't get upset you know but sometimes we do, And, unfortunately that is what people hear about. Instead of all the good that is being done. That is my report and I am sticking with it.

The two motions with slight changes were:

- 1) Language translation
- 2) For the By-Laws to include the Registrar as an officer of the corporation and to be a voting member.

Kris – Our group voted yes to all. The one about the language we had some questions. But, the DCM (Dave) was there and answered our questions.

Dave – He did that was nice of him. (Ha Ha)

Athony – We said yes to the first and third.

Dave – what was the second one?

Anthony – The one about the By-Laws.

Dave – Oh, for some reason at the district level it is the treasures, DCM's and the secretaries that are the officers. I am not sure if the LCM's are butt at the area level they have actually four that they have as delegates. And now apparently the registrar was always suppose to be or is an officer of the corporation but

Dave – I am listed in the directory if there are ever any questions I can answer. Just give me a call.

Lawrence – I was kind of confused because we were 50/50 but the exact number of people to report were lost in the mix. I would make my job easier nothing personal.

Brad – Lawrence the very same thing happened to us.

Dave – And what did they end up for or against?

Brad – Oh, ask Chrissy.

Chrissy – We voted yes on all of them.

Dave – On all three?

Chrissy – Yes.

Melissa – We voted yes on two. We will revisit number two because we need more information on the motion for the registrar.

Dave – The revision for motion is here unfortunately I can not go to that meeting. I thought Chris was going to be here today but he is not. Because he actually called me. Are there any more GSR's that have any more input into that?

Wendy – We voted yes on all three.

Dave – You did ok. Are there any other comments on those issues/motions?

Ok, then we'll move on to next month we are going to have the district elections for panel 74 committee members. That will be for us. We are going to choose a new DCM, alternate and treasure. If we can't find another treasure Mike will stay on. We'll find out next month. That is what some of the districts do. I will have sheets. I was supposed to run them off and I totally forgot about them till I got here. The sheets have a brief paragraph about what each committee is and gives you a basic idea of what you're getting yourself into. And if you want to reference the book "Northern Illinois Area 20 Service Manual" there is an explanation as well for each and every committee. We really need a Bridging the Gap chair for some reason we have been getting a lot of emails on the web site. One woman wants to be part of the committee. I got one from Chicago that was sent to our area and then he sent it to me. It was about the Mental Health Center here on RT 31. I passed it on to the GSR for that Tuesday 6:00PM meeting and they will find out what this person (the director of the mental health center) was looking for.

Brad – Just so everyone knows Bridging the Gap Chicago to help reach someone in treatment all you have to do is email them your Name and Zip code and they are on it. And what happens is they get sent a request saying hey we got a person who needs help.

Dave – For Bridging the Gap that was created because the people coming out of the treatment center that is the hardest time for them to get through those first couple of days. And, if they have someone a contact in AA they can lean on or depend on it would help them tremendously. Think about it maybe think about it for friends, sponcies and sponcers you know ask and see if we can get a bridging the gap chair. It is not that hard either.

Jeff – What is the difference between treatment centers and Bridging the Gap?

Dave – Treatment Center brings meeting to the people that are in the treatment centers and Bridging the Gap works with the people that are leaving the treatment centers.

- Are LSSI and other treatment centers still eligible for meeting.

Laura – Good question. I think the facility continues to be challenged with short staff. We did try to contact them. And to your point as I get into the alternate care treatment that is where we need to be more assertive on. The treatment centers that we have visited in the past have been Foot Prints and LSSI. We continue to try and engage with them. Brad and I have had conversations about that. And I don't have an answer at this time. Still challenged by getting a foot in the door. Previously it was because there were people who had transitioned into the step-down care and were coming to meetings. So I haven't been there since we stopped having a Bridging the Gap chair.

-I have a question about the men's residence.

Laura - Ok sure can we talk after the meeting?

Dave – Are there any other questions on this topic? Ok elections we have a lot open so I am not going to name them all now. But show of hands if somebody is interested in standing for a position, please raise your hand now. Wendy, please stand up and tell us what position, who you are and any service positions that you have held in the past.

Wendy – I have to remember stuff. Wow.

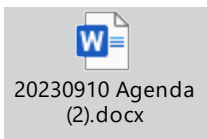
Dave – Well in general. Not years or dates whatever but do you have a sponcer ect.

Wendy – I would like to stand for the secretary position or alternate what ever is going to work with Nancy leaving. My sobriety date is 3-15-21 prior to that I was sober 17years so I have been around for a while. I have a sponcer I just worked with her today. I have a sponcie, my sponcer has a sponcer. I try to get involved when I can. I knew there was a need and thought that it was probably something that I can help with.

Dave – Great. Does anybody have any questions? Ok, cover your eyes – all in favor of Wendy as secretary – all opposed. Congratulations Wendy come up here and you can sit next to her now. Thank you for stepping up. Are there any other positions as you can see there is a lot open?

Brad – I agreed to do the PI chair when I did not have a job but I need help. I have work books and the materials. So, please if you have sponcies who need service work have them come in here and pitch for the position.

Dave – Thank you Brad. Alright let's go to committee reports.



Alt. DCM OPEN

Treasurer – Mike J

District 22 Treasury Report – August 2023

Expenses:

□ August 2023 Expenses =\$526.35

o Answering Service: \$70.80

o DCM: \$58.00

o Directories: \$54.67

o Bank service Charge: \$3.00

o Correctional Facilities: \$161.00

o Webmaster: \$119.00

o Treasurer: \$59.88

□ 2023 YTD Expenses = \$2,295.78

Contributions:

□ 2023 August Contributions = \$756.00

□ 2023 YTD Contributions = \$5,107.80

Working Balance:

□ Working Balance = \$3,109.17

o Does not include \$1,500 prudent reserve.

Notes

Pending September Expenses:

□ Total Pending Payments: \$95.05

o Directories: \$TBD

o Answering Service: \$95.05

Adjusted Working Balance including above transactions: \$3,014.12

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike J

D22 Treasurer



2023-08 Treasurer
Financial Report Au

Balance \$3,109.17

Colleen – Maybe I am not seeing it there was a gift. Did district get the gift?

Dave- Yes, I have it here. Thank you for reminding me. I talked to Pat this week-end and let her know I still had it and she was ok with it.

Mike - Would you like a receipt for it?

Colleen – Just give the receipt to Dave.

Alt. Treasurer - OPEN

Secretary- Nancy D. I apologize and will fix the error with an anniversary in the minutes last month.

Dave - Did you correct it?

Nancy – No.

Did you send it to Melissa?

Nancy – Yes.

Dave – Did you correct the one you sent to Melissa?

Nancy – No, because it is actually not last month it is this month.

Dave – Ok.

Alt. Secretary- OPEN

LCM - Jeff B. No report..

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Laura - Picnic report will be next month.

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibilities- Paula P. No Report.

Alt. Accessibilities- OPEN

Answering Service- Colleen M.

Hello D-22,

There is no new report regarding the answering service this month. It's running smoothly.

In Service,

Colleen M.

Dave – Any questions for Colleen? If anyone wants to get on the list they do not call you any more they txt you? She keeps a data base of people's names and numbers; emails and the answering service SAS will send out a blast to ten people. And who ever answers first, say ok, and then they send you the information of who and at what number to reach the person at.

Melissa – Just have a question, it says here urgent message are they all urgent?

Colleen – They are all urgent.

Alt. Answering Service- Carol S. No report.

Archives - Matt M. No report.

Alt. Archives- OPEN

Bridging the Gap- OPEN

Alt. Bridging the Gap- OPEN

CPC/PI- Brad S-. Someone asked last month about the Bridging the Gap Big Books and Chuck has them he reached out to me. So who every takes up Bridging the Gap he has them. Regarding CPC/PI I finally got the list I am going to use the rest of my money to order so that the next person is all set with literature. If any one has a place that they would like to approach let me know.

Dave – Brad I have cards but I do not have any of the little card holders.

Brad – I'll get you card holders. I will be ordering more cards.

Dave – Ok, let me know before you do I may want to add something to it.

Brad – Ok.

Colleen – The phone number still.

Brad – Yes along with the QR code that has everything.

Alt. CPC/PI- OPEN

Corrections- Steve- No report.

Alt Corrections - Lisa No report (Lisa is under the weather)

Directories- Robin S. –

good evening,

please see attached the September No Name Directories and advise if you need anything additional.



AA Directory-No name SEP 2023 (1).pdf

Dave – Robin txt me she could not find new printer. She tried UPS, FED-X is closed. The store that could did not have legal size paper.

Alt Directories- OPEN

Grapevine – OPEN

Dave- I got an email they are changing from online subscription to an app.

Laura – The app is up now.

Alt Grapevine- OPEN

Literature – OPEN

Dave – We have a case of Big Books left over and 12/12 these are \$10.00. I bought a new one at the State Conference and it is \$12.00 now and that is the newer ones with out the dust cover.

Brad – If anyone would like the dust cover see me after the meeting.

Dave – Wonderful thanks. New comer packets if anyone has a need for them let me know I will do what I can to get some for you.

Anthony – Our group has 10-12 of them.

Dave – Oh good. Ok that means that's a lot of new comers.

Anthony – Yeah.

Dave - Thanks Anthony.

Alt Literature – OPEN

Treatment Chair: Joey P-

Alt Treatment Facilities: Laura-

We transition out of our current roles in October?

Dave – We start January 1st.

Laura – will share my two phone contacts information.

Dave – That is LSSI and Foot Prints.

Laura – Yes.

Dave – Ok, I heard rumors that someone from another district was bringing a meeting into Foot Prints is that possible or maybe just yeah inquire. It appears another district is bringing a meeting into Foot Prints but that's a rumor I haven't verified but I will talk to the DCM Saturday and I will let you know what he says. I will txt you.

Wendy – Foot Prints use to come to the Thursday night all the time and they havnt been there in months and months.

Dave – OK

Wendy – I am glad somebody is bringing them a meeting.

Dave – Anybody hear from the Tuesday Back to Basics group? Because that is another place that Foot Prints use to drive up.

-I believe on Thursday night at Foot Prints they have a CA meeting there.

Dave – Oh, ok maybe that is what it was. And then I was at the Sunday night group and I believe it was Foot Prints that came to that at the Alano Club. Thank you, Laura. You, guys let's hear it for all the committee members they are really doing a good job and they really seem to care.

Website: Melissa K. – I just need a copy of the minutes from Nancy without the email addresses so I can post it on the website.

Nancy – You have not received it?

Dave – And you just need a PDF but it's got to be scrubbed of names.

Melissa – Yes, it has got to be scrubbed so we do not have any last names or email addresses. If anyone has anything that they want added to our website just email me.

Dave – In 2016 we use to get 30 visitors to the website in a month and now there is 2,000 so, that is a big difference in just a few years.

September 10, 2023

District 22 Website update

Website: dist22.aa-nia.org

Melissa K.: melissak412@att.net

What's New:

Nothing new added for this month

Monthly updates completed:

- Flyers posted with events as they are received.
- Plug In's updated.
- District 22 Minutes updated as they are approved.
- 2023 Area 20 Events calendar added and will be updated periodically.
- Emails answered. A special thank you to Matt K. who helps with website inquiries made by men.
- Printable No-Name Directory Updated - Thank you Robin S.
- Meeting List updated as information is received.
- We had 2,834 visits to our website this past month.

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.

- Matt K- no report.

GSR REPORTS:

SUNDAY:

MONDAY:

Chrissy - 1:30pm M-F, Fellowship of the Spirit(FOS) Monday is our busiest day we have upwards of 30 people. And Thursday we had about 14-15 people. We have a lot of new and old. Other than that we have \$190.00 coming to you. And, our next big event is Sunday Brunch on October 24th.

TUESDAY:

Melissa - 7:00pm Women's New Beginnings: We still have the outside meeting and amazing attendance this summer 30-40 people.

Kris – Men's meeting we got new carpet and attendance is 30 guys.

WEDNESDAY:

Lawrence - 12:00pm Wednesday Westside Grapevine: No new business. We will be having Yours Truly for our speaker.

THURSDAY

Wendy - 6:00pm Open Big Book Study First Baptist. No new news. We are having our business this coming Thursday we always have it following the District meeting. I know we will be deciding where our funds are going. I have a question I keep hearing that area has enough money is that something that we should still consider when determining how the break-down of our funds?

Dave – For now yeah because especially we don't want happening what happened last year were we kind of ran out of money at the district level.

FRIDAY:

Anthony - 6:00pm Beginners Group-McClure So Foot Prints is still coming 20-30. We as of last Friday had a motion for a speaker meeting with a fellowship afterward. I am from Foot Prints and I have contacts there like the house manager. I will look into Foot Prints staying longer for the fellowship after.

Mike – Men's 30 people still have outside break out meeting. We changed our meeting format so we will ask if anyone needs a sponcer because over the past month we have had two people who have never been to AA before. One found a sponcer last week I am excited for them and their sponcer.

Dave – Would you mind getting with Laura about your contacts?

SATURDAY:

Brad – 7:00pm Saturday Open Meeting We are looking for a GSR for the Saturday Night Open Handy-cap plate a must. We have \$300.00 coming your way.

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

- ❖ Open Positions
- ❖ Area can vote online for the motions

Motion to close: Dave, 2nd

Mtg Ended: 5:35pm

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