

District 28 - Barrington & Lake Zurich, NIA 20  
**October 8, 2023**  
Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Avenue, Barrington  
Zoom ID: 891 7460 3995, Passcode: SERVICE

**NEXT MEETING:** February 5, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.

Meeting Called to Order: Andrea O. chaired meeting for Tracy D./DCM. Moment of silence, Serenity Prayer.

Tradition 1: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

Introductions/Anniversaries/Birthdays: Happy 12 year anniversary to Johnna on December 31! Happy New Year!

Attendees: Andrea O., Gregg M., Johnna I., Angel, Susan, Jeanne Marie, Tom, Jason, Sean, Lisa M., Curt S.

Officer Reports:

1. Secretary (minutes): Andrea O./Alt. Open – December 4, 2023 minutes voted as accepted.
2. Treasurer's Report: Curt S./Alt. Open – December 2023 Budget Summary:
  - a. December 2023 Contributions - \$441.00; end of the year balance - \$2,629.00
  - b. Expenses - (answering service phone \$37.04; \$76.00 and \$66.00
  - c. Prudent Reserve: \$1,283.75
  - d. **Curt's term is up and we need a new treasurer.**
3. DCM Report: Tracy D./Alt. Open
  - i. Tracy emailed the agenda for the 1/8/24 district meeting.
  - ii. We hosted the December 9, 2023 NIA Assembly and it went well. December is usually well attended and there were well over 100 attendees. We can think about another assembly we could host.
  - iii. **QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING CHANGING FOUNDERS' WRITINGS:** Tracy also emailed a questionnaire to hand out regarding members' feelings about changing any of the A.A. Founders writings (see below questions). This was a HOT TOPIC at the Assembly in December and a lot of members have strong feelings. GSR's should discuss with their groups and everyone should give to their GSR, bring to the next District meeting on 2/5/24 or email District 28 secretary Andrea O. ([aeolness@aol.com](mailto:aeolness@aol.com)) and these will be passed on to our Delegate to share in March in preparation for the General Service Conference in New York. Andrea will include the Questionnaire with the monthly meetings. PLEASE RETURN BY FEBRUARY 15, 2024.

## HOW SHOULD WE TREAT A.A. FOUNDERS' WRITINGS

### SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Do you think that A.A. Founders would object to or embrace revisions to their writings? If yes, why? If not, why?
2. Do you think the Founders' writings are effective in reaching new members? If not, what measures do you think can be taken to resolve this issue?
3. What reasons would you consider for changing our Founders' writings?
4. How do you feel about changing A.A. Founders' writings to replace outdated references?
5. What suggestions do you have for preserving the Founders' writings, along with keeping pace with our current A.A. Society and its future?
6. Should there be a special Conference process for approval of changes to our Founders' writings? (e.g., super, or qualified majority – 75%, and/or 2-year consideration process.)
7. What additional ideas, thoughts or suggestions can you share about changing or not changing the Founders' writings?

*Note: Please be as concise as possible in your responses to the questions.*

### GSR Reports:

1. Gregg: Lake Zurich 12 & 12, avg. 8-15 attendees on average-great to see newcomers getting 6 month, 1 year coins!!
2. Jeanne Marie: MWF 9:30 am Women's – Stillwaters – enjoyed taking the district answering service phone in December and want to take again this year!
3. Angel: Sunday 11:00 am Newcomers at Stillwaters – increased attendance 16-17 attendees on average!
4. Tom: Real Time Tuesday Night, in person – strong meeting 20-25 attendees;
5. Jason: New GSR for Thursday 7:00pm Usual Suspects – 7-12 attendees on average. Welcome Jason!
6. Sean: Tuesday Night 8:00-9:30 PM Bellerman's – meets in basement or cottage house, 20-25 attendees, some very long-term sobriety
7. Johnna: Sisters in Sobriety Saturday 8:00AM Zoom only – increased attendance back to 30!
8. Susan: Sunday 9:00A.M. Lake Zurich Early Birds – solid meeting 25+ persons/week, in person mostly, Zoom available and hoping to increase

### Committee Reports:

9. Answering Service: Mark P./Alt Open – Mark reported in December that 9 groups have signed up to take the phone. **Need groups to take the phone in February through May, 2024. Contact Mark at: [anmponce@hotmail.com](mailto:anmponce@hotmail.com)**
10. Archives: OPEN
11. Bridging the Gap: OPEN

12. CPC/PI (Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information): **Need new PI/CPC Chair.**
13. Corrections: Mike M./Ron W. – no report
14. Grapevine: OPEN
15. Literature: Lisa M./alt open –: Lisa has lots of **Newcomer Packets for GSR's to take to their groups.** Pick up a supply at the monthly district meeting *or email Lisa M. [millerzzz4@yahoo.com](mailto:millerzzz4@yahoo.com)*
16. Newsletter: OPEN. Barb's last newsletter went out on November 8, 2023 and Kate posted it on the District website: <https://barringtonaa.org>
17. Accessibility/Special Needs: OPEN
18. Treatment: Gregg M./Alt Open – No report. Another supply of Big Books will be taken to women at SHARE treatment center in February from a women's meeting donations.
19. Website: Diane S. is the new District Webmaster – no report. Site is in maintenance mode, on Wordpress platform.

### **New Business:**

Tracy will email the meeting minutes from the NIA 20 Assembly on December 9, 2023 and we will discuss any questions on the votes on motions in February.

Jeanne Marie stood for Alternate Literature Chair and was unanimously elected!

### **Old Business:**

**OPEN POSITIONS:** Accessibilities, Answering Service Alternate Chair, Archives, Bridging the GAP, CPC/PI, Grapevine, Newsletter, Secretary Alternate, Treatment, **Treasurer**, Website Alternate Chair.

### **NIA 20 Upcoming Events:**

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| 01/20/2024    | Winter Committee Meeting Lord of Life Church, La Fox – District 43 hosting  |
| 02/09-11/2024 | 50 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Past & Present Delegates, Courtyard by Marriott – Muncie hosted by Area 22          |
| 03/01-03/2024 | NIA Spring Conference and Spring Assembly on March 2 at the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg – Districts 20, 21 and 64 hosting |
| 03/23/2024    | Pre-General Service Conference Workshop – No host, breakouts previous week  |
| 04/14 – 04/20 | 74 <sup>th</sup> General Service Conference – Brooklyn, New York  |
| 05/18/2024    | Spring Committee Meeting – Lord of Life Church, La Fox – NO HOST YET  |
| 06/07-06/09   | East Central Regional Conference – Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI  |
| 06/22/2024    | Summer Assembly/Post-GSC Panel 74 Delegate Report – District 11 host  |
| 08/03/2024    | Summer Committee Meeting – Lord of Life Church, La Fox – NO HOST YET  |

08/23-08/25 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Illinois State Conference – Northfield Inn and Suites, Springfield, IL Area 21 host  
09/07/2024 Fall Assembly - NO HOST  
10/19 or 10/26 Fall Committee Meeting – Lord of Life Church, La Fox, District 42 host  
11/09/2024 NIA Big Book Conference – location TBD – District 70 host  
12/14/2024 Winter Assembly – NO HOST

***Adjourn/Responsibility Statement:*** I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea O. District 28 Secretary