

District 28 - Barrington & Lake Zurich, NIA 20
August 5, 2024
Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

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

NEXT MEETING: September 9, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.

Meeting Called to Order: Tracy D./DCM. Moment of silence, Serenity Prayer.

Tradition 7: AA should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

Introductions/Anniversaries/Birthdays: Happy anniversary to Mike M. with 56 years! Happy Birthday to Tracy!

Attendees: Tracy D., Diane S., Curt S., Andrea O., Mike M., Susan S., Jason T., Tom K.(email GSR report), Angel S., Johnna I., Nicole E., Lisa M., T.J. V.

Visitors:

Announcements: Reminder the district is having Open Speaker meeting on 9/21/2024.

Officer Reports:

1. Secretary (minutes): Andrea O./Alt. Open – July 1, 2024 minutes voted as accepted.
2. Treasurer's Report (email): Diane S./Alt. Open –July 2024 Budget Summary:
 - a. July 2024 Contributions - \$801.06;
 - b. Beginning of 2024 balance - \$2,695.79;
 - c. YTD \$5,472.54; Prudent Reserve: \$1,283.75 (25%)
 - d. Expenses:
 - i. answering service phone \$35.63 (monthly);
 - ii. Post Office Box rental \$236.00;
 - iii. Stamps \$14.60
3. DCM Report: Tracy D./Alt. Lisa M.
 - a. Tracy attended the NIA Summer Committee Meeting on August 3, 2024. There were several motions:
 - i. Archive chairperson and NIA Archivist both would like to attend the Archivist Conference as the chairperson is responsible for archiving materials in the districts.
 - ii. NIA Accessibility chairperson, Chris E. suggested that AA literature be written in ways that are accessible to everyone (ie. larger fonts, etc.) and that a letter be written to GSO.
 - iii. Motion made regarding making any changes to the Big Book (pgs. 1-164) or Twelve & Twelve that triggers GSO to contact all registered groups for comment within 6 months before any changes made.

1. Tracy advised all members and groups to go to the NIA website for further information. aa-nia.org/agendas/ where you will find the Summer Committee Meeting agendas and motions. ***Please give Tracy any feedback before the September 7, 2024 Fall Assembly.***
 - b. Every 2nd Thursday at 7:30PM there is a Legacy of Service: AA Service Manual & Concepts Study hosted by District 11. Zoom Meeting ID 819 592 58625, Passcode 639187
 - c. The International AA Convention will be July 3 – 6, 2025 at the Vancouver Convention Centre and BC Place Stadium in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Committee Reports:

1. Answering Service: Mark P./Alt Open – no report. **Contact Mark if your group can carry the District phone at: 602-502-6448 amponce@hotmail.com.**
2. Archives: OPEN
3. Bridging the Gap: OPEN
4. CPC/PI (Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information): Natalie D. was in the process of gathering information and had communicated with past CPC/PI chair Kevin K. who has a lot of pamphlets, etc. to pass on. Contact Natalie if interested in serving on a PI/CPC committee!
5. Corrections: Mike M./Ron W. – Mike reported that McHenry County is pretty well covered for volunteers in the jail and he is restarting efforts to go to the Lake County jail. Looking at PRIA app. If anyone would like to take over committee chair, contact Mike M.
6. Grapevine: OPEN
7. Literature: Lisa M./alt Jeanne Marie: Nothing new. The District has a lot of Newcomer's Packets – Groups can **email Lisa M. millerzzz4@yahoo.com** to get Newcomer's Packets or come to District Meetings to pick some up for your groups.
8. Newsletter: OPEN.
9. Accessibility/Special Needs: OPEN
10. Treatment: Gregg M./Alt Open – no report. Gregg had reached out to nursing homes and will contact Natalie, Mark P., Ron and Bridging the Gap to discuss how their committees' purposes overlap and how they might work together.
11. Website: Curt S./Alt. OPEN – Curt is working on maintenance and clean up; he switched the District 28 meeting info to reflect it is hybrid, changed passwords as there were some odd logins; may consider 2 factor authentication.

Old Business: **OPEN POSITIONS:** Accessibilities, Answering Service Alternate Chair, Archives, Bridging the GAP, Grapevine, Newsletter, Secretary Alternate, Alt Treasurer, Website Alternate Chair.

District Open Speaker Meeting on 9/21/24. Lisa prepared a flyer and will update it with speaker names (Mike M. and Johnna I!) and email it for distribution.

1. The District will put on a Speaker Meeting and the date is **September 21, 2024.**
 - a. **12:00 noon** – volunteers arrive for set up
 - b. **1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** -- doors open, fellowship, countdown
 - c. **2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**– 2 Speakers – Mike M. and Johnna I.
 - d. **4:00 p.m.** – hard stop; need volunteers for clean up.
2. Lisa contacted Kim, the contact at St. Michael's Church, and the space is available all day and we can use the kitchen;
3. **Will need volunteers for set up and clean up;**
4. Food was discussed – cake, sweets, doughnuts, tea/coffee/water; Lisa can bring fruit.

GSR Reports:

Johnna – Saturday 8:00am Sisters in Sobriety (women's closed, Zoom only): meeting breaks out into 3 breakout groups focusing on lead, beginners' meeting steps 1, 2, 3, as well as a step/tradition/concept meeting. Summer slump not really happening as 30+ average and some newcomers!

Curt – Monday 7:00 pm at Atonement (mixed, hybrid – in person or zoom available): increased attendance averaging 17-20.

Susan – Sunday 9:00 am Lake Zurich Police Dept. (hybrid) good meeting, 30 avg. and a few new people.

Jason – Thursday Big Book meeting at St. Michael's Church (hybrid) 5-10 avg. new and old timers.

Heather – Tues/Thurs. Sober Sisters 7:00 p.m. at Stillwaters (women) summer slump, avg. 12-17 and a lot of newcomers from Elgin recovery center.

Angel – Sunday 11:30 am at Stillwaters (hybrid) 20+ average attending and getting newcomers.

Tom K. – email report - Tuesday 7:30 pm men's meeting at St. Michael's – strong meeting 25-30 attendees. A fall retreat is scheduled the same weekend as District Speaker meeting 9/21.

T.J. – On the Brinker Saturday 8:00 am men's meeting (in person only) – was old St. Anne's meeting.

Nicole – Sunday 10:30 am No Name Group (hybrid – Zoom & in person) at Lake Zurich Police Station. Discussion group focused on the first 164 pages of the Big Book.

NIA 20 Upcoming Events:

- 08/23-08/25 51st Annual Illinois State Conference – Northfield Inn and Suites, Springfield, IL Area 21 host
- 09/07/2024 Fall Assembly – District 42 HOST
- 10/19 or 10/26 Fall Committee Meeting – Lord of Life Church, 40W605 IL-38, Elburn, IL 60119, District 42 host
- 11/09/2024 NIA Big Book Conference – First Covenant Church, Rockford – District 70 host
- 12/14/2024 Winter Assembly – District 12 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 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea O. District 28 Secretary