

District 28 - Barrington & Lake Zurich, NIA 20
November 6, 2023
Monthly Business Meeting Minutes

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

NEXT MEETING: December 4, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.

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

Concept XI read: The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures and reights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

Introductions/Anniversaries/Birthdays: Happy Anniversary to Lisa M. on 10/2 (11 years), Diane S. on 10/24 (36 years) & Tracy D. on 10/25 (37 years)!

Officer Reports:

1. Secretary (minutes): Andrea O./Alt. Open – October 2, 2023 minutes voted as accepted.
2. Treasurer's Report: Curt S./Alt. Open – October 2023 Budget Summary:
 - a. October Contributions - \$89.28; YTD Contributions - \$6,211.94
 - b. Expenses - \$50.23 (answering service phone/stamps); YTD Expenses: \$3,067.63
 - c. Prudent Reserve: \$1,283.75
 - d. A check for \$143.00 was returned for NSF – Curt reaching out.
 - e. District 28 phone is now T-Mobile for Business account.
3. DCM Report: Tracy D./Alt. Open
 - a. **Reviewed the motions from the Fall Committee Meeting**
 - i. Motion to Amend NIA Service Manual – Motion will go back to the Charter & Report Committee to clarify who will be voting members.
 - ii. Motion for Spanish translation of all NIA documents & to provide Interpreter at all NIA functions – Motion passes as amended - NIA Service Manual will be amended; one of the responsibilities of Area Alternate Chairperson will now read “Assist in obtaining language interpreters and additional equipment when needed for assemblies, committee meetings and the Pre-General Service Conference.” (removing ‘for all Area events’) It was emphasized that the translation is for English speaking members. (Tracy noted that the Spanish community DCM’s originally came to NIA to request help)
 - iii. Motion to Amend NIA Service Guidelines for Spanish Translation
 1. Delegate (add): Coordinate the translation into Spanish of delegates written reports and presentations from Committee Meetings and Assemblies to be posted on website by 3rd party vendor if necessary;
 2. Secretary (add): A digital, anonymity-protected version of minutes should be sent to the Area Webmaster to be posted on the website.

Coordinate translation of minutes into Spanish by 3rd party vendor if necessary.

- iv. Motion to Cancel the NIA Spring Assembly Conference in the years that NIA also hosts the Illinois State AA Conference (every 3 years), so that it is less of a struggle to find a host committee for the Illinois State AA Conference. Motion passes as amended – NIA service manual Page 8 will be amended to say that when NIA 20 also hosts the Illinois State Conference, the Spring Assembly MAY be a stand-alone event BASED ON VOTING AT AN ASSEMBLY; Pages 19-20 will indicate that “Every third year, bids for the Illinois State Conference will be heard and voted on BEFORE ACCEPTING ANY SPRING CONFERENCE BIDS FOR THE SAME YEAR.”

GSR Reports:

1. Sarah: Sunday 10:30 No Name Group, avg. 5-10 attendees on average
2. Diane: Wednesday Women’s Way – Zoom only, 12 attendees on average
3. Tom: Realtime at St. Michael’s – strong meeting, 20-25 average attendees
4. Jeanne Marie: Women’s MWF 9:30 am literature meeting at Stillwaters – avg. 14 attendees
5. Angel: Sunday 11:00 am Newcomers at Stillwaters – 10-13 attendees on average
6. Al: St. Paul Sunday 7:30 pm Big Book meeting – 3-6 attendees on average
7. Kevin: St. Michael’s Wednesday 12 & 12 7:30 P.M. Still At It – 6-9 average attendees

Committee Reports:

8. Answering Service: Mark P./Alt Open – no report
9. Archives: OPEN
10. Bridging the Gap: OPEN
11. CPC/PI (Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information): Kevin K. – email report – his term as chair is up & looking for volunteer to stand for position. He has a lot of the materials for new person – easy/fun – contact Kevin K. 847-691-1455 or khkeleher@gmail.com New stickers listing District 28 info (phone/email) ordered/received to put on pamphlets to distribute to people/offices on committee’s excel spreadsheet. Committee has distributed over 500 AA pamphlets over the last 1 ½ years.
12. Corrections: Mike M./Ron W. – no report
13. Grapevine: OPEN
14. Literature: Lisa M./alt open – having Newcomer Packet envelope stuffing 11/19/23 and will be ready for 12/4/23 District 28 business meeting for GSR’s to take to their groups
15. Newsletter: Barb/Alt open – term is up; has templates, newsletter going out Wednesday
16. Accessibility/Special Needs: OPEN
17. Treatment: Gregg M./Alt Open – no report – Big Books were taken to women at SHARE
18. Website: Kate M./Alt Open – term is up. In maintenance mode, on Wordpress platform.

New Business: ELECTIONS FOR DISTRICT 28 POSITIONS:

Lisa M. stood for alternate DCM and was elected and is allowed to serve as Literature Chair in current position

Diane S. stood for Website/Webmaster and was elected. Website will need to be updated with new meeting or Zoom information.

Curt S.'s term as Treasurer is up. He has an excel spreadsheet set up for the monthly budget reports and we now have steps in place to transfer the bank account to the new treasurer. New treasurer will need to pay a few bills, go to District post office box to get mail/contributions and mail receipts to contributors.

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

NIA 20 Upcoming Events:

November 17-19 East Central Region Forum, 54 Independence, Ohio Double Tree by Hilton

December 9 Winter Assembly – Board Meeting – **HOSTED BY DISTRICT 28!** Volunteer meeting TBA

Other Upcoming Events:

34th Annual Soberfest 11/17/23-11/19/23

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 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea O. District 28 Secretary