

Meeting opened at 7:00 in person and via ZOOM with serenity prayer

Sobriety Birthdays: Janet C. had 31 years on July 8th; Andrew from Belvidere had 4 years on August 3rd

Present: Steve C, DCM; Michelle, Secretary; Marc C McFarland; Doug G, Ros Rec; Curt C., HOW; Dan S., Treasurer; Janet K., GSR SOS; GSR Home at Home; Cheryl, GSR Language of the Heart; Jim E, GSR Three Legacies Group; Tony, Grapevine Chair; Mari E, Workshop Chair; Phil, We Agnostic; Janet C, visitor; Spencer, visitor; Debra U, GSR Belvidere Alano; Sarah N, alt GSR Home at Home; Bobby F., alt GSR Home at Home; Tom M, CPC/PI; Kevin H, GSR Healthy Solutions; Andrew B, visitor.

Secretary report: There are coins that are left over from the Intergroup. Ask your coin masters if your group needs any. Will bring to next meeting. motion to accept; approved

Treasurer Report: Income was high this month (several groups donate quarterly), expenses were normal. See treasurers report. GSR's talk to your groups about using funds once given to intergroup to district as we have taken on additional responsibilities. motion to accept; approved

GSR Reports:

Augury: Speaker meeting on August 21st at 5:30pm. Speaker is Tim J.

Belvidere Alano: Working on changes to the group. Getting more involvement on committees. Need to talk to group about the evolution of group name and needing to change it back to Alano Group instead of Alano Club due to restrictions in donations as a club.

Healthy Solutions: Saturday, August 21st there will be speaker meeting at 5:15pm with a potluck to follow. Nick L. will be speaking.

Home at Home Group: Schedule: Mon-Sat 7am; Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat and Sun at 5:30pm; 1st Saturday of month bb study at Alano Club (hybrid).

HOW Group: Board: voted YES for liking District newsletter on tables. HOW does not read outside literature at meetings (Grapevine). Board is neutral on a district picnic, without a vote shortfall in District revenue was mentioned, Board wanted more clarification. HOW anniversary dinner: November 20, 2021 Ticket price \$20.00, printing soon. More details to come

Language of the Heart: Need a new treasurer, so no donation to district or GSO right now. We received a donation of a phone for new Venmo account. Discussing email address. Considering new domain names. Will vote in Sept. to become 501C. Speaker meeting - 8/8/21 @7:00 pm on Zoom. Speaker is Collette S. We're having 1 more Tech workshop for using Zoom - Tues. 8/10/21 @ 5:30 on Zoom. Soberversary is a hybrid meeting on Sat. 8/28/21 from 3-5pm at the Alano Club & on Zoom. Meeting starts at 3:30 pm. Will vote in Sept. to purchase our own tech equipment for this. Monarch House, Rosecrance & a nursing may be interested in our Zoom meetings. John may help w/ jail Zoom meetings. 7 pm Zoom meetings need people to chair We may have a surge in Zoom attendance due to Covid variants

NE Group: In favor of a future picnic and newsletter

McFarland Group: No new report.

Muddy River: Not present

SOS: There will be a change in GSR soon. There is regular attendance and meetings are still on zoom.

Roscoe Recovery: Roscoe Recovery recently updated its meeting schedule (eliminated its Saturday Zoom meeting and adding a monthly step meeting on Thursdays). Here is the latest schedule: Monday :5:30 p.m. Church and Zoom: Tuesday 5:30 Zoom only: Wednesday 5:30 outside (seasonal); Thursday 5:30 Church no Zoom except on 1st Thursday of each month 5:30 Zoom step meeting: Saturday - Church only. Other than these changes, Roscoe has no other news.

We Agnostics: Attendance remains steady both F2F and Zoom

Three Legacies: We have now started a Concept Study Group on Mondays at 5:30pm.

Treatment: Rosecrance is accepting speakers at detox if fully vaccinated. Contact me 815-209-4727 and I will get you scheduled to go. They are considering an AA mtg tue or wed eve. Details to come

CPC/PI: Attended a CPC workshop per Zoom on 7/26/21. It was very helpful. Made contact with the Assistant Dean for Medical Education at the University of Illinois Medical School. She will arrange for me to spend an hour each with 1st year and 3rd year medical students. She will set up a meeting with the Director of Psychiatry Clerkship, so that a student lecture in that specific department can be arranged. Contact was made with Operations Director of Crusader Clinic and am waiting for a call back. Made contact with the Human Resources Department at Woodward Governor Company and am waiting for a call back. Drove to Katies Cup for a meeting with the Swedish American Solaris Program but they did not show up. Contacted a prominent Lutheran Minister to meet with Lutheran Pastors and he will try to set something up for their next quarterly meeting in the Fall.

Corrections: – Open position

Grapevine: Planning workshop at Augury. Details to come. Just received confirmation that Big Books are on the way. To be given to Tom M for Swedes. Meeting with Area Grapevine Chair to get Literature to be distributed. They are looking for volunteers to help organize Illinois state Conference to be held in 2022.

Special Needs: Not present

Workshop: Working with Grapevine Chair to plan a workshop. Augury has approved us to use their location to hold event. More information to come. Let Mari or Tony know if you have workshop ideas.

Web: No new report

Newsletter: open position

Bridging the Gap: No present

Answering Service: No new report

Ad Hoc Finance Committee: Our Ad Hoc committee has reviewed and discussed the prudent reserve for the District 70 budget and has the following concerns and recommendations that need to be addressed to us before we can consider a prudent reserve amount. Concerns: The current pandemic situation and donations if this turns into more restrictions That current committees set budgets and the current income levels are not sustainable. Reviewing donations levels even from pre-pandemic 2019 levels this remains true. The extra money that came from the Intergroup will be depleted in 16 months. The Special Needs budget needs to be addressed. This is our largest expense. Recommendations: This committee would like to have the following chairs submit to us a budget for their needs and possible ways they can reduce that amount. Specials Needs Secretary CPC/PI Grapevine Treatment Bridging the Gap Corrections Webmaster Workshop Phone service, DCM and Treasurer do not need to submit a budget. We would like to have this information by the next District meeting in September and then we will continue to work on setting the prudent reserve amount. Thank you to everyone for the cooperation in this matter.

-There was a discussion about the committee asking for budgets and if they have a right to do so. Also discussed how this may or may not affect their ability to determine prudent reserve. It was suggested that they reach out to Area and GSO regarding the matter to gather additional information. Continued discussion in new business.

Announcements: Mari spoke with the area achieves chair to donate some of the things in storage. Ask your groups if they have anything they would like to be donated to area achieves and let Mari know.

DCM: I made a visit to the Belvidere Alano Group and delivered some District 70 schedules. I also addressed the group before a speaker meeting about the 2021 General Service Conference. Our District 70 elections will be at our October District 70 meeting. All positions are open. If you have not been at your current position for 2 years or more, you may stand again for the same position. If you have served a full 2 year term, as per the guidelines in the AA service manual on page S24, and our spirit of rotation, you will rotate out. As per our District 70 guidelines on page 3, the elections will be as stated:

ELECTIONS

All positions and their alternates are a 2 year term. Elections are held at the October district meeting on the odd year; the term is to begin January 1st of the following year. All alternates for these positions are also elected at the same time. Eligibility requirement follows the suggestion in the AA service manual. The committee chairpersons may only hold one job and may not be a GSR except Webmaster, Workshop, & Newsletter. In mid-August, I will send election fliers out to all the groups. I will list all the positions at the District Committee, with a link to the AA guidelines at the GSO on aa.org. So interested members can have access to the guidelines for each committee. I will also be available to answer any questions. I making available to you tonight, printed updates on our District 70 guidelines changes dating back to May 6, 2021. Please add these to your District 70 guidelines. The completed updated versions will be available on our web page. I see no need to reprint any new copies. Just add this to your old set guidelines. ANSWERING SERVICE GUIDELINES approved on MAY 6TH, 2021.WEB SITE GUIDELINES UPDATE approved on JUNE 3RD, 2021.SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE changed to ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE approved on JUNE 3RD, 2021. I called the Medina Nursing home, Durand, IL. They said the AA group that was meeting there, doesn't meet there anymore. They moved to Davis, IL, which is in District 72. I called the contact for the group and left a message. No one has called me back. I then contacted the District 70 Webmaster, asking her to remove the Medina AA group from the District 70 schedule.

Old Business:

- 1) Open Positions: Corrections is open. No one stood for an open position this month.
- 2) Budget: CPC/PI is over budget due to previous expenditures from prior CPC/PI chair. They did not ask for additional funding at this time. Big Books were purchased and placed under CPC/PI causing the confusion. It was determined that the purchase would go under the treatment budget instead as the books were being given to Swedish American Hospital.
- 3) Picnic: 2 groups brought back their votes as to whether or not we should move forward with the annual picnic. As only two groups provided feedback we will table the matter until more input is given. It was mentioned that members of a group may be interested in organizing said event. More information to come. There was a discussion about the importance of keeping this tradition. We will continue to seek out input as to whether groups are interested in having such an event as well as anyone who would be willing to help organize.

New Business:

1) Continued discussion for the Prudent Reserve Ad Hoc Committee: It was indicated that for the past 6 years District has had more than enough money. It was also suggested that instead of recreating budgets we plan to look at next years budget to determine sustainability. It was suggested that the committee gather district financials over the past 6 years to determine average budget for each position. The committee clarified that they wanted the budgets to better determine what is going out so they can accurately determine what the prudent reserve should be. It was then brought up that we need to determine our definition of prudent reserve and what that may entail. It was suggested that the committee investigate old financials and speak with Area and GSO about the matter for further clarification and information.

Motion to close ; 2nd, approved,

NEXT MEETING: September 2nd at 7.p.m

