

Meeting opened at 7:00 in person and on zoom with serenity prayer

Sobriety Birthdays: No sobriety birthdays this month

Present: Steve C, DCM; Michelle, Secretary; Marc C McFarland; Doug G, Ros Rec; Curt C., HOW; Dan S., Treasurer; GSR Home at Home; Cheryl, GSR Language of the Heart; Jim E, GSR Three Legacies Group; Mari E, Workshop Chair; Phil, We Agnostic; Debra U, GSR Belvidere Alano; Kevin H, GSR Healthy Solutions; Andrew B, GSR 4th Dimension of Existence; Jeff K., Alt DCM; Bill D., Alt Treasurer; Leann N., Webmaster; Rebecca D., Answering Service; Alberto, GSR OPP; Sandra, GSR Augury; Khonan p., Alt GSR 3 Legacies; Janet C., visitor; Alyssa M., visitor; Tom, CPC/PI chair; Dessa, visitor; Tracey, visitor; Amanda; visitor; Wendy I., visitor; Tim W., GSR for Home at Home

Secretary report: motion to accept; approved

Treasurer Report: See treasurers report. motion to accept; approved

GSR Reports:

Augury: Not present

Belvidere Alano: Tough to get a structured meeting currently. There is currently a Vice President making choices for the club. We are being governed so it is tough to make changes at the moment.

Forth Dimension of Existence – Average attendance of 6-8 people. Still do not have group number from GSO so we are not passing baskets for the 7th tradition as a result. We could always use support. 410 N. Main St. Belvidere IL.

Healthy Solutions: Voted not to change literature at business meeting. Speaker meeting October 16th at 5:15. Brian F will be speaking with potluck to follow.

Home at Home Group: Currently have 12 zoom meeting a week.

HOW Group: HOW anniversary dinner: November 20, 2021 Ticket price \$20.00. Matt G. is the speaker. Discussion about not coming into the meeting space while meeting prior is still meeting.

Language of the Heart: Venmo account set up. We are not going to pursue 5013C. Melanie resigned as sec/tres. Bill speaks this Sunday @7pm. Soberversary cancelled due to lack of attendance. New sec/treas Carlene. No chair people for 7pm meetings except Tuesdays. Outreach- Eamonn will visit nursing homes, treatment places to invite to zoom mtgs

NE Group: No new report.

McFarland Group: No new report.

Muddy River: Meeting Monday at 6pm, Wednesday at 7pm, and Thursday at 6pm.

Our Primary Purpose – Attendance is getting stronger after covid restrictions. Wednesday and Friday meeting at 7pm. Attendance ranges from 10-20 people. Saturday attendance is usually under 10.

SOS: Sue P is now the GSR.

Roscoe Recovery: Quarterly meeting will be held at 6:30pm on October 12th.

Three Legacies: We just finished the 9th Concept on our Monday night study group. When the Concepts are finished we will start a book study. The books we will choose from are, AA Comes of Age, Doctor Bob and the Good Old Timers, and Pass It On. We had our Group Elections and most of our positions are filled. We still need Alternants

Upper Room: All 5:15 meetings during the week are up and running. Speaker meeting on October 30th at 8pm. Holli from 3 Legacies will be speaking.

We Agnostics: The only thing new is that the group has engaged with Rosecrance to resume bringing a meeting to the treatment center on the 4th Sunday of the month at 7:30 pm. Details are still being finalized. Can provide contact name at Rosecrance if other groups are interested in pursuing this.

Treatment: Not present

CPC/PI: I was able to contact crusader clinic and the Director will set up meetings with all of the clinic branches so that I can talk with the staff.

Corrections: – Jeff and I visited the H.O.W. group and made an announcement that the District needs a chairperson for Corrections committee in District 70. We also announced that we need women volunteers at the jail to take AA meetings there. As a result of our visit, there are two women from the H.O.W. group that are cleared to go into the jail now. Plus other members have been cleared and are holding meetings in Winn Co. jail. Our numbers are up! A member from

H.O.W. and one from the Augury group are interested in taking the Corrections chairperson position. I have exchanged emails with Katie Zimmerman, who coordinates the outside groups that come to the jail. A schedule is being put together for the women's meeting. Tom H. has the men's side of the Winn. Co. jail AA meetings running smooth with AA members going in on scheduled visits.

Grapevine: New Grapevine Variety half hour. Available at aagrapevine.org. This is a free podcast. A new prayer and meditation book also available. A reminder to anyone who would like any AA literature ordered for their groups let me know. Will be giving out free subscriptions at upcoming AA events. Did attend a virtual grapevine workshop. Around 8 in attendance. Topic was young people in AA. No news on a workshop for October.

Special Needs: I was able to contact Dee, our interpreter and get some information from her regarding our transition to utilizing "on-call" interpreter services. From the sound of it, to go through an agency, namely the one that truly does provide 'as needed' services is based out of Madison and is very costly. Her recommendation is to create (I'm sure she'd assist with this) a list of local interpreters and utilize them once we determine as a group the best course of action. She wants to remain involved and values the service we provide to the community. I will move ahead and contact the agencies she provided me (Sorenson, SWITS and Purple) and get some prices as well as request names from her for interpreters that would be willing to work with us in this new format. I would also like to discuss what we feel would be a reasonable fee to pay an interpreter, so I can include or exclude services that are available.

Workshop: We did a workshop! And might do more! Give away was great! We're gonna do it again this Sunday!

Web: No new report.

Newsletter: open position

Bridging the Gap: I am continuing to work on getting volunteers for the Committee. I have 2 men and 4 women who have committed, so far. I made an in-person visit to Rosecrance, they were very receptive to using B T G as a resource. I have made several calls to the Winnebago County jail but have not heard back.

Answering Service: Have new call handlers. Getting several calls about which meetings are masked. 4th Dimension, We Agnostics, and McFarland are masked meetings.

Ad Hoc Finance Committee: No new report

Announcements: There will be a Woman to Woman lunch-in preparation meeting Saturday October 12th at Healthy Solutions at 12pm.

There is going to be a Halloween Party at the Rockford Alano Club on the 30th. See flier for more information.

ALT DCM: Area Assembly I attended the Area 20 Assembly on Saturday September 18th. The following positions were elected and some still remain open. Delegate is Chris DeGrane; Alt- Delegate is Erik Long; Area Chair is Rob Mefford; Alt- Chair is Dawn Brandeis; Secretary is Kate DeGross; Alt- Secretary is Sue Miller; Treasurer is Allen Jacks; Alt- Treasurer is Jeff Lambert; Registrar is Chris Entwistle; Alt- Registrar is Christy Barry; Accessibility Chair is Susan Haibeck; Alt- Accessibility **OPEN**; Answering Service is **OPEN**; Archives is **OPEN**; Bridging the Gap is **OPEN**; Corrections Chair is Phil Menard; Alt- Corrections Chair is George Peck; CPC Chair is **OPEN**; Grapevine Chair is **OPEN**; Literature Chair is **OPEN**; Public Information Chair is Lisa Snipes; Alt- Public Information Chair is Ed Melvin; Treatment Chair is **OPEN**

Treasurer Work Shop This work shop was hosted on Saturday September 30th by Dawn and Allen from Area 20. We covered a number of topics, including prudent reserve, budgeting for the future year and Venmo, PayPal etc... accounts and how they are being used across there aera.

Willingness & Humility in A.A. Service Work workshop I was also pleased to attend this workshop put on by Mari and Tony. Thank you for the Augury for hosting this. The panel put together was a perfect blend of all aspects of A.A. service work and attendance for the event was great. On behave of District 70 I would like to thank all involved in this workshop, especially Mari and Tony! Keep up the good work and I look forward to more events like this.

Upcoming Area 20 Events

Fall Committee Meeting: October 16 Virtual via Zoom Registration details to be posted.

Annual Big Book Conference: October 30 District 11 Registration details to be posted.

East Central Regional Forum: November 19- 21 Virtual via Zoom https://aa.org/pages/en_US/regionaland-local-forums

Winter Assembly + Board Meeting: December 11 District(s) TBD Format TBD

The 7th Tradition to GSO Challenge If each person in AA sends \$7.34 as a contribution to the General Service Office, then AA would be fully self supporting and not have to depend on selling literature. Contributions can be mailed to:

DCM: Everybody who stands for a position at the District should know what their responsibilities are. The new term will start on January 1st 2022. It will be for 2 years, as per the AA guidelines. You will rotate out after that and will not be eligible to stand for that position again. I will now ready your responsibilities as the chair or co-chair out of the District 70 guidelines: from pages 4 & 5.

ALL COMMITTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Regular attendance at the monthly district meeting or attendance by committee chair alternate (if chairperson is absent) so that a full verbal & written report of that committee's works and progress may be made available for review by the district as a whole. Each committee chairperson is to have an alternate chairperson. If a chairperson misses three meetings in one year they may be replaced.
2. Each monthly report to the district will include at a minimum the number of volunteers active within the committee, the type of work they are doing, the current status of the committee's upcoming workshops, event etc., and basically explain what they are doing and why. As well as circulation of announcements for the GSR's to take back to their home groups.
3. Chairpersons and their alternates are expected to regularly attend area assemblies. Assemblies are 4 times a year. Contact with their Area chairperson of the committee is expected and is vital in doing their job.
4. Committee chairpersons will also be responsible for growing their committee in terms of the total number of volunteers it has, but also expanding its reach to the community. *For example: The PI committee would report they handed out literature to 2 or more libraries last month, and that they now have 2 more volunteers than the prior month bringing their total number to "X."*
5. Each committee chairperson will be responsible for writing a brief article for the district newsletter.
6. Chairpersons will motivate their volunteers to carry the message, not necessarily do all the work by themselves.

Old Business:

- 1) Open Positions: Amanda B. stood for Alt. Corrections and was elected.
- 2) Prudent Reserve: Motion was made to set the prudent reserve at 30 percent of annual operating costs. Motion was passed. Take back to groups for final approval next month. Once approved the guidelines will be updated.
- 3) District 70 AA Give-Away: The giveaway was a success and we still have several items. Come on out this Sunday the 10th from 10am-2pm to grab these items for your group or upcoming events. Location: 13647 Metric Road Roscoe, IL 61073

New Business:

- 1) Elections: Steve read voter eligibility
Secretary: Michelle stood and was elected
Alt Sec: Open
Treasurer. Bill stood and was elected
Alt. Treasurer: Open
Treatment: Brain stood and was elected
Alt Treatment: Wendy stood and was elected
CPC/PI: Tom stood and was elected
Corrections: Open
Alt Corrections: Amanda B. stood and was elected
Grapevine: Tony stood and was elected
Alt Grapevine: Open
Accessibility: Open / Alt Accessibility: Open

UN-APPROVED DRAFT OF DISTRICT 70 MINUTES FOR September 2nd

Workshop: Mari stood and was elected
Alt Workshop: Open
Webmaster: Leann was reappointed
Bridging the Gap: Open/Alt Bridging the Gap: Open
Answering Service: Rebecca stood and was elected
Alt Answering: Open
DCM: Steve stood and was elected
Alt DCM: jeff stood and was elected

2) Discussion about Belvidere: Steve will be sending a letter to the group about concerns regarding their lack of adherence to Alano Club/AA group guidelines. Follow up next meeting for further discussion

Motion to close ; 2nd, approved,

NEXT MEETING: November 4th at 7 p.m