

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

Sobriety Birthdays: Alberto celebrated 4 years 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; 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; Janet C., visitor; Alyssa M., visitor; Amanda B. Alt Corrections; Wendy L., Alt Treatment; Tim W., GSR for Home at Home; Kim S., Corrections; Brian S., Treatment; Sue P., GSR SOS; Tony J., Grapevine;

Secretary report: motion to accept; approved

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

GSR Reports:

Augury: Still having Wednesday noon meetings, going strong.

Belvidere Alano: Everything continues to be the same. No response regarding letter sent from District.

Forth Dimension of Existence – Still waiting for final approval from GSO. Holding funds for donations until officially registered as a group.

Healthy Solutions: We are going to hold off on speaker meetings until February due to conflicts with holidays

Home at Home Group: First Saturday of the month we have our speaker meeting held at Rockford Alano Club. This month is Art at 5:30pm

HOW Group: HOW anniversary dinner: November 20, 2021 Ticket price \$20.00. Matt G. is the speaker.

Language of the Heart: We will be donating to district & GSO from now. Added to meeting chairperson format: If you available to sponsor people, please indicate in chat SPACE. Outreach: Rosecrance will be contacted regarding Zoom meetings. Mon. & Tues. 7pm meetings discontinued

NE Group: No new report.

McFarland Group: No new report.

Muddy River: No new report

Our Primary Purpose – No new report

SOS: No new report

Roscoe Recovery: Voted to continue live and in-person meetings. We are going to stop our Wednesday meeting which is currently being held outside.

Three Legacies: We will start an, "Aa Comes of Age", study in a few weeks. We will be having a Christmas Party. Date and information will be sent to the groups. We still have a few Alternant positions to fill.

Upper Room: Not present

We Agnostics: No present

Treatment: Brian is excited to get things going for Treatment. Will have flier for distribution at next meeting. Would like to give everyone in the District the opportunity to sign up for 12-step work at detox. Going to meet with Rosecrance on the 23rd to go over logistics and sharing of information. If you have questions or ideas email him at treatment@district70.org or you can call at 608-481-2510 or Wendy L at 815-299-3275

CPC/PI: No new activities aside from contacting Boylan High School, the U of I Medical School and Crusader Clinic. All have promised meetings with key personnel, but no one has come through as of yet. I plan to contact the Rockford Public Schools, Christian Life and the Lutheran School system within the next week or so.

Corrections: – Kim was elected Corrections Chair and has a lot of passion for this position. There are 10 women ready to start volunteering but have to quarantine first. 2 other women are in the process of getting enrolled. Looking for groups to donate their old grapevines so the women have things to read. Going to get things set up at Winnebago and then look at getting volunteers for Boone. Would like to set up a second AA meeting at Winnebago.

Grapevine: Working on ordering stuff for Corrections.

Special Needs: No new report

Workshop: No new report

Web: Currently creating a new website (Thank you Leann!). Committee members if you would like a district70 email address please let Leann know so she can get you set up.

Newsletter: open position

Bridging the Gap: Open Position

Answering Service: Will be handing out new 12 Step Call Sheet for 2022 at our December meeting. We need people who are willing to give rides to meetings or to take calls, but mostly for rides. We had very few groups participate this year so I want to get the word out early to create some interest. If any groups have questions we can address those when the sheets go out next month!

Ad Hoc Finance Committee: No new report

Announcements: No announcements

ALT DCM: On October 16, 2021 I attended the NIA 20 Fall Committee Meeting via Zoom. Here are a few items from that meeting: The "A.A. Service Manual" with the Twelve Concepts has been newly redesigned, revised and updated. I'm told that it really looks wonderful and is user friendly. This manual is projected to be available to download as a pdf from aa.org on November 4, 2021 and the printed copy is projected to be available on November 17, 2021. (English; 50,000 copies, Spanish: 8,000 copies at \$4.00 each) A.A.W.S. announced the September 27, 2021, launch of the new Corrections Correspondence System (C.C.S.). This service links A.A. members who are incarcerated with A.A. members on the outside so that both can share their experience, strength, and hope with each other. There are forms to fill out for both the inside and outside AA's. Correspondence is handled through aa.org so anonymity is protected and there is no direct mailing/contact. See https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/corrections-correspondence-services for more info on this service work. At the Illinois State Conference, it was brought up that the state may cover the cost for sign language interpreters at the conferences. Chris D is doing research on this. I'm not sure if this will apply to the District ASL interpreter or not. More to come on this. Area 20 is also in need of people to help out with the technical team. They need people to help with Zoom etc... Reach out to our area delegate if interested in this type of service work. I've also reached out to the area chair about advice and help with our district hybrid meetings. She helps other districts with this and we may be able to use the Area 20 Zoom account. Also, I had the pleasure of attending two speaker meetings this month. Laura from HOW at HOW and Holli from Three Legacies at The Upper Room. Both of them did an awesome job. It's been a while since I've been to a speaker meeting with COVID excuses etc... I was reminded of good and not so good occasions when I have been asked to speak. So please let's fully support our speakers, they put a lot into this for all of us and it can be some of the most difficult service work we do.

DCM: I would like to thank the group's GSR's and our District 70 Committee and our members of Alcoholics Anonymous for attending and participating at our last District 70 meeting on Oct 7th, 2021. It was great to have so many at our elections. We have a few unfilled positions left for the rest of this year's term and for the 2022-2023 terms. I received an email from Linnie H. and she is stepping down from Bridging the Gap. She thanked the District for the opportunity. We have 2 chair positions open for the rest of 2021: Corrections and Bridging the Gap. We have 3 chairperson positions open for the 2022-2023 term: Corrections, Bridging the Gap, and Accessibilities. Also we have several Alternate chairperson positions open for many of our committees. Let's make it our goal to fill these positions. GSR's – go back to your groups and make the announcement that we have committee openings and what is available. The current District 70 chairpersons: explain your jobs and actively look for alternates for your committee. ***If any members are interested in any of the positions, please give them my phone number, Steve C. 815-222-8871. Have them call me and I will explain things to them and get their email and send them the information that they need if they are considering standing for a position.** I have made contact with the current Treatment Committee chair, Tom B., and our incoming Treatment chair, Brian and alternate Treatment chair, Wendy. We had a meeting set up with Mark at Rosecrance on Wed Oct 27, so our Treatment committee could discuss how District 70 could facilitate at their facility in the best way for them and for A.A. Now the meeting has been rescheduled for Nov 23 from 2-3pm, at his request, in order to get the maximum number of people from Rosecrance staff to attend. I attended the Northern Illinois Area 20 Fall Committee meeting on Oct 16, via

zoom. Jeff also attended. He was not required to, but included all the information in his Alternate DCM report. Thank you, Jeff. A letter was sent to the Belvidere Alano Club in regards to why we could not take a donation from them. It also included background material on why we could not. The letter and background material was also sent out on our District 70 email. There has been no response from the BAC as of now. The letter was written by me and the alternate DCM and 2 GSR's approved the mailing of it, along with Jeff's name attached to it. There was a motion discussed at the Fall Committee meeting. It will be brought to the Winter Assembly on Dec 11, 2021 for a vote. **MOTION TO INCLUDE VIDEO CONFERENCING AT THE NIA EVENTS.** You have received this information tonight as a handout and on our District 70 email. Take this information back to your group and discuss it and vote on it. You will have a vote and a voice for your group at the NIA20 Assembly on 12/11/21 on zoom. Information will be available on how to register for the assembly. The motion would change the guidelines for committee meetings and assemblies and pre-general service conference workshops to always be Hybrid meetings. It is a guidelines change, so it will take a 2/3 unanimity vote to pass. There will be a document with this motion on it, that will be sent with the emailed minutes and the treasurer's report for the Nov District meeting. On November 19-21, 2021 is the East Central G.S.O. virtual Regional Forum. Please take fliers and post them and announce the event. The flier was sent out on the District email. There is no charge – it is virtual. Panels and sharing sessions and work shops by G.S.O. general manager, G.S.B. trustees, A.A. Grapevine publisher and staff, and G.S.O. staff and many others. This is your change to get to know everyone and to ask them any questions you want.

Old Business:

- 1) Open Positions: Kim S. stood for Corrections and was elected for both the remainder of 2021 and for 2022-2023.
- 2) Prudent Reserve: Jeff made a motion to set the prudent reserve at 30 percent of annual operating costs. Motion was passed. Guidelines will be updated. Question about what to do with funds over prudent reserve. That will be decided on a later date.

New Business:

- 1) Bill D. is looking into information about getting District 70 a venmo account. Will bring more information to discuss further.
- 2) See attached motion from Area. Take back to groups.
- 3) District is currently using a domain provided by a member in AA. To be fully self-supporting we will need to acquire our own domain. Leann will gather more information and potential prices.

Motion to close ; 2nd, approved,

NEXT MEETING: December 2nd at 7 p.m