

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

Sobriety Birthdays: Bill celebrated 11 years last Sunday.

Present: Steve C, DCM; Michelle, Secretary; Dan S., Treasurer; Jeff K., Alt DCM; Bill D., Alt Treasurer; Brian S., Treatment; Wendy L., Alt Treatment; Tom M., CPC/PI Chair; Tony J., Grapevine; Mari E, Workshop Chair; Leann N., Webmaster; Sandra, GSR Augury; Debra U, GSR Belvidere Alano; Alt GSR 4th Dimension of Existence; Kevin H, GSR Healthy Solutions; Tim W., GSR Home at Home; Curt C., HOW; Cheryl, GSR Language of the Heart; Alberto, GSR OPP; Sue P., GSR SOS; Doug G, Ros Rec; Janet C., visitor; Curtis B., GSR Upper Room; Phil K., GSR We Agnostics; Visitor from Belvidere Alano Club, Ginger A.

Secretary report: Correction to minutes regarding Brian's email for Treatment. Correct email is treatment@district70aa.org motion to accept; approved

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

GSR Reports:

Augury: Everything is going well. Speaker meeting on the 18th, speaker will be Scott S. Will be having banquet dinner on January 15th; 5pm social, 6pm dinner and 7:30pm speaker with Mel and Dave as speakers. Cost is 20

Belvidere Alano: Thanks for your service Debra U. They indicated that they are not interested in being a group at this time nor are they interested in having a GSR. More information in new business.

Forth Dimension of Existence – Hoping for some more people to attend. Meetings Wednesday and Friday at 5:30pm. Still waiting for final approval from GSO. Holding funds for donations until officially registered as a group.

Healthy Solutions: Elections are coming up December 7. It has been a pleasure serving as GSR. Group voted yes to having a newsletter and would be willing to help if needed.

Home at Home Group: Attendance is up and we continue to get newcomers from Rosecrance.

HOW Group: no new report

Language of the Heart: 12/7/21 Language of the Heart business meeting 5:30pm on zoom 12/12/21 Language of the Heart Speaker Meeting 7:00pm on zoom speaker Carlene S.

NE Group: No new report.

McFarland Group: No new report.

Muddy River: Attendance was strong but have seen a recent dip.

Our Primary Purpose – Group is getting stronger. Alberto will be sharing his story December 3rd at 7pm at the Alano Club.

SOS: Zoom meetings going well.

Roscoe Recovery: No new report.

Three Legacies: We will start an, "Aa Comes of Age", on December 6th.

Upper Room: Have discontinued the 5:15 meetings. Hope to have them return in the future.

We Agnostics: Attendance remains steady for the Tuesday Zoom meeting as well as the Sunday hybrid meeting held at the UU church in Rockford. Beginning in October the group has resumed bringing a meeting to Rosecrance on the 4th Sunday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Treatment: Meetings with Rosecrance were canceled. Waiting to reschedule to gather information and build a plan for schedule and volunteering.

CPC/PI: The CPC/PI Coordinator has set up a medical seminar through the University of Illinois' School of Medicine in January to talk about alcoholism and recovery through Alcoholics Anonymous. The seminar will be held for up to 80 first year medical students in Rockford, Chicago and Peoria. Additionally, a meeting will be held with the student counselor at Christian Life High School in December..

Corrections: –Winnebago County is still under quarantine, and we are not able to take meetings in. Katie will let me know Monday when we can resume. We have 4 more applications in for women to be approved to go with us, making our list 12. I had asked Katie about maybe adding another day available for an AA meeting to be held. I am sure that after the first of the year we will address it. I have contacted the Boone County Jail also and I am still waiting to hear back

on approval and the process to hold meetings there. Tony purchased literature for us, and we will be taking it in when we are able to.

Grapevine: Literature was bought for Corrections Chair. Spanish Literature for our Spanish speaking members currently incarcerated. Some of the Literature will be given to our Spanish speaking groups. Also gave out two 1 year subscriptions to our winners of the Central Groups Halloween Dance giveaway. Michael B of Rockford, IL and Ashley P of Roscoe. Congratulations and Thank You for your participation! More info on this to be discussed at district meeting

Accessibility: Rachel is requesting help from others to work with her on a subcommittee to make a plan for our current signer. We want to best serve those that need such services. If interested, please let her, Steve or Jeff know. Plan to have a preliminary meeting next week to brainstorm ideas.

Workshop: 3 Legacies voted to host a workshop at the beginning of next year. Specifics TBD.

Web: I have completed the meeting database and successfully uploaded it to the site. Now I need to build the other pages and connect our domains to the site. Requesting GSRs email or call me when there is a change to your meeting schedules. When we get multiple texts/calls/emails from your group members, it causes some confusion in communicating the information to the community. I've submitted my budget to Dan. We may need to discuss this as a group (I think it might be old business): I'm proposing we add GSuite (Google) for business emails. The cost is \$6/month per user. 8 users @6/month is \$576 for the year. 8 Users: DCM, Alt DCM, Treatment, Webmaster, info, Corrections, CPCPI, Literature Alternative email options with no or lower cost: Leave the email on the previous webmaster's service and server. District 70 could become a 501C3 and use G Suite for NonProfits. This requires some work for our treasurer to apply and annual tax reporting.

Newsletter: open position

Bridging the Gap: Open Position

Answering Service: Passed out the new 12 Step Call Sheet for 2022. Please take back to your groups and return them at the next business meeting. We need people who are willing to give rides to meetings or to take calls, but mostly for rides.

Ad Hoc Finance Committee: No new report

Announcements: No announcements

ALT DCM: On November 19th, 20th and 21st I attended the East Central Regional Forum via Zoom. This was the first forum I have ever attended and I really enjoyed it. Some of the workshops I was in were Financial, AA World Service and Participation. A few of the highlights I found interesting were: **Financial** – The prudent reserve was used during the pandemic but this is exactly the purpose of the reserve. The reserve is usually set between 9 and 12 months of expenses and is now coming back and sits at 8 months. Individual donations from AA's went from 1.9 million per pandemic to 4.3 million during. AAs really stepped up to help even though group donations were down. Another costly item was the cancellation of the convention. Even though it was cancelled and AA had event cancellation insurance it still had to be paid for. **Notes on the Big Book** – It was clarified to me that the GSB considers the Big Book to be a historical archive. That being the case it is not going to have any words or paragraphs changed even if a vote passes. The new edition will have new stories but the text will not change. There is also an ongoing effort for a plain version but this is a different project. **Participation Workshop** – AA recognizes Zoom meetings and there are people who have been sober 1 or 2 years now that have sponsors, attend speaker meetings etc... but have never been to an in-person meeting. It is important to know this and to make sure that they also have an opportunity for service work. Hybrid meetings, forums and assemblies are going to play an important role in this. Other topics were on how meetings can be more attractive to new comers. Simple things like having a greeter, paying attention to who is there, offer friendly conversation etc... can make a big difference. Finally on a person note. I would like to thank Becky for speaking at the Language of the Heart meeting on November 14th, Wendy who spoke at the MacFarland group November 16th and Matt who spoke at the HOW banquet on November 20th. It was my pleasure to get to hear all of you and a special thanks to the HOW for putting on a great banquet.

DCM: I have submitted updates to the Northern Illinois Area 20 Registrar on District 70 meetings. There was a message sent out on the Bill Wilson email with the changes. Freedom Faith & Fellowship's group (MMAAC) has moved to Wisconsin. I have been in contact with the Alternate Conference Committee chair. They are not going to register it as a group in Wisc. It will be changed from an Active group to an Inactive group, along with 4 other groups. There are 4 groups that are to be changed from Inactive to Active, also. A new Active group list has been forwarded to the District 70 Treasurer committee so they can update their reports. Bill D. our current Alt. Treasurer, will have a motion under Old Business on VENMO account. I was contacted by an AA member that the Rockford Alano Club was out of schedules. I had 100 tri-fold schedules printed for \$39.95. I turned in the expense in under the Literature Committee. The NIA 20 Winter Assembly is Dec. 11th 2021. G.S.R.'s will be voting on the motion that was discussed last District 70 meeting. Jeff contacted me with Mr. Walker's phone number. He is from the Marlow House. He is wanting to set up the 2022 schedule. I will make an appointment for the Treatment Committee to meet with Mr. Walker and help him with this schedule. The Belvidere Alano Club made it clear to Debra that they will not respond to my letter. There will not be a group conscious or an active AA group there. They said it is in their bylaws to appoint a G.S.R. I have included my letter with background material in your handout tonight. The comment was made at the BAC board meeting that the District is not going to tell us what to do. My letter did not tell them what they had to do. I just informed them why we could not take their money. Read this background material, please. Debra and I have been in contact with NIA 20, asking for more information on how to address this. There will be more info on this and background material to review at our January District 70 meeting. The options that we have are to remove the meetings for BAC from the District 70 schedule and to notify G.S.O. to un-register the group. If a group asks their G.S.R. about the 4th Tradition (groups are autonomous), the District can not govern over the group, they are right. At the BAC, there is no A.A. group, and the Belvidere Alano Club is not A.A.

Old Business:

- 1) Open Positions: No one stood for the open positions which are Bridging the Gap and several alternate chair positions.
- 2) Venmo: Bill D made a motion I make a motion that the District authorize the incoming Treasurer to establish a Venmo account, effective upon the start of the new Treasurer's term 2022. BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Following is what I've learned about using a Venmo account for District 70. 1. There is no fee to set up an account. 2. There is no monthly fee. 3. There is no fee to transfer money from the Venmo account to the District bank account. How it works: 1. Deposits are made directly to our Venmo account via EFT (electronic funds transfer) from local groups or individuals who also have a Venmo account. 2. The Treasurer receives notification that funds are available to be transferred to the District bank account, upon request. 3. The transfer is initiated by the Treasurer and the funds transferred. The benefits are: 1. Fewer trips to the PO Box and the local bank. 2. Faster availability of funds to the District. 3. Ease of payment of contributions by individual entities. 4. Less risk of lost payments. Motion was approved
- 3) Budget: The numbers that are highlighted have been changed. Last years income was 8100 dollars. Number asking for does not mean it will be spent. This is the primary purpose budget this allows us to make choices as trusted servants without long discussions over money each month. Bill made motion to approve 2022 budget as written. Approved.
- 4) Belvidere Alano Club: Please read guidelines and take back to groups. Further discussion next month.

New Business:

- 1) It has been voiced that groups want the newsletter to see the sobriety birthdays.
- 2) Handout Final Reports for 202 and 2021 G.S.C

Motion to close ; 2nd, approved,

NEXT MEETING: January 6th at 7 p.m

