

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

Sobriety Birthdays: No sobriety birthdays

Present: Steve C, DCM; Michelle, Secretary; Dan S., Treasurer; Jeff K., Alt DCM; Bill D., Alt Treasurer; Brian S., Treatment; Wendy L., Accessibility; Mari E, Workshop Chair; Rebecca D., Answering Service; Leann N., Webmaster; Dave, GSR Augury; Curt C., HOW; Cheryl, GSR Language of the Heart; Sue P., GSR SOS; Doug G, Ros Rec; Janet C., visitor; Phil K., GSR We Agnostics; Mark C., GSR McFarland; Khonan P., Alt GSR 3 Legacies

Secretary report: Free stuff left over from intergroup please take and share with groups. motion to accept; approved

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

GSR Reports:

Augury: 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. Tickets currently sold out. New GSR appointed. Welcome Dave! Thank you for your service Sandra!

Fourth Dimension of Existence – Not present

Healthy Solutions: Not present

Home at Home Group: Not present

HOW Group: Going to be speaking with the group about consistently donating to GSO and Area.

Language of the Heart: December: GSR report was very long, Candlelight meeting tabled due to lack of interest, Eamonn needs to have 2nd covid vac. To get permission to speak @ Rosecrance: January: GSR report was very long, Speaker meeting Marty H. January 9 @7pm, Motion passed to give 40% to district, 30% to area & 30% to GSO

NE Group: No new report.

McFarland Group: No new report.

Muddy River: No new report

Our Primary Purpose – We will be having a roast beef dinner on the 8th with all proceeds going to alano club in Rockford and Curtis H will be featured speaker

SOS: No new report

Roscoe Recovery: No new report. Having quarterly meeting on the 11th.

Three Legacies: We will start an, "Aa Comes of Age", on January 3rd. Being discussed in an open format on AA history. As many of you know, we lost a longtime friend of AA and a co-founder of the 3 Legacies Group, Jim E. He will be sorely missed.

Upper Room: Not present

We Agnostics: Meeting attendance continues to be steady in person and on Zoom. The group took a meeting to Rosecrance in October and November but we were turned away in December due to coronavirus concerns. Rosecrance indicated that they are not allowing outside visitors, at least for now. The Rockford WA group was contacted by the OMAGOD (Our Mostly Agnostic Group of Drunks) out of Orlando Florida to participate in their Recovery Expansion project which is aimed at growing the fellowship. We will be hosting visitors from that group on January 23rd. OMAGOD is an AA group geared toward anyone who has an unconventional concept of a power greater than themselves. Like the WA group they follow a secular format, opening the meeting with a moment of silence to focus on why we're in recovery and close with AA's Statement of Responsibility.

Treatment: Meetings with Rosecrance were canceled again due to Covid. As soon as I can get the meeting scheduled, I will be able to come up with a game plan. Alternate chair recently took another position so alternate treatment chair is open.

CPC/PI: I met with the counselor at Rockford Christian Life High School in mid-December and we spoke about AA and her experience with students struggling with alcohol. The counselor will try to arrange for me to come out to the school and speak to Freshman students during health class. Next week, I will speak to the Senior class at the St. Anthony Nursing School regarding AA and alcoholism and the following week I will give a presentation to Freshman medical students at the University of Illinois School of Medicine in Chicago, Peoria, and Rockford. I also contacted a former parole officer who will look into setting me up with various active parole officers in Winnebago County in order to give an AA presentation.

Corrections: – We were able to get into the Winnebago County jail for a few meetings, but because of the increasing numbers of Covid the area is experiencing, we are on a pause again. Katie at the jail is keeping me updated on the decisions being made. Hopefully soon, we will get back to the normal schedule of meetings. We are having 2 men go in on Wednesdays for 2 separate meetings. The jail is keeping the men separated by pods. Since we have so many women volunteers approved, I have asked about having an evening meeting on a different day. When things get back to normal, I am sure this will be approved. Katie is awesome, and she is very much about helping the inmates. Still no word on Boone County meetings. I figure next month I will address going there again.

Grapevine: Attended Grapevine workshop. Attended Area Assembly breakout session. Dropped off Literature to Grupo Rockford. I will be stepping down from Grapevine Chair. I would like to thank Steve C. and District for the opportunity to serve and be part of.

Accessibility: Wendy L. is now the chair. Thanks for stepping up and thanks for your service Rachel.

Workshop: 3 Legacies voted to host a workshop at the beginning of next year. Specifics TBD. We are thinking about the topic of Young People in AA; to be hosted on a Saturday; possibly 10-2; possibly to be held in February.

Web: I committed several hours over my holiday time off to complete the new District70 website. The website stats over the last week or so since it went live are included. Most people are finding us by google search followed by Facebook. The most clicked item is the online zoom meeting schedule. All group meetings are updated and connected to the Meeting Guide App. I will be setting up email addresses for the following people over the next few weeks, per our approved budget discussion last month. Please contact me by text or email to facilitate this process: DCM, altDCM, info (Secretary), webmaster, treatment, corrections, CPCPI, literature. We discussed possibly adding workshop and bridging the gap to the email list and treasurer has already been added. Thanks for your work on the website Leann!

Newsletter: open position

Bridging the Gap: Open Position

Answering Service: No new report.

Ad Hoc Finance Committee: No new report

Announcements: No announcements

ALT DCM: I have registered and plan on attending the January 8th, 2022 Winter Committee Meeting and Service Orientation Workshop. I was looking forward to attending this in person but that does not seem to be the possible yet and this has been changed to a Zoom only meeting. Any GSR's or anyone interested in service work is welcome to attend this. You will need to register first, but that can be done any time before the start. A flyer was sent out from the Bill W email and I have included a link to register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUuccuopjwiEtPxNr-1huxdfmgtezOXtCDS> Also, I have been working with the Accessibilities Committee. They are doing some housekeeping and trying to have their committee involved in more ways to serve the groups than just a ASL Interpreter. I'll present a motion under new business as a first step for them. The District Hybrid meeting is also under some construction. We could always use additional help if anyone is interested, but thank you to all those people who are helping make this happen. And I had the pleasure of listening to Rachael speak on Friday December 17th at the Three Legacies Christmas party as well as Scott who spoke on December 18th at the Augury potluck. Thank you for telling your stories and thank you to both of those groups for feeding me very well.

DCM: I have been in communication with NIA20 and the Belvidere Alano Club about concerns over not having an A.A. group functioning in the club. Starting in July 2021, I have reached out to the BAC treasurer and board and have offered background material on the Traditions and how groups function in clubs. Dawn, our past NIA treasurer, was also the chairperson for an alano club and the DCM for her district at the same time. Dawn offered to meet with the BAC board and offer some suggestions. They declined. As a past registrar, Dawn's observations were that the BAC registered themselves (dishonestly) as an AA group a long time ago. The name of the registered group is The Belvidere Alano Group,

service # 000104410, first meeting 9/28/72. Where we are at now: The BAC is going to continue the way they now operate. *There is not a functioning AA group with officers, that meet separately from the club. *The club has appointed and elected the GSR's. *The club is not AA. *District 70 will not recognize a GSR from the BAC, or accept a report for our minutes. *Our District website only lists registered groups, per our District guidelines. As a District we have two options: (1) Take no action, (2) Make a motion to take the meetings at the BAC off of the District 70 meeting schedule. I have added BAC under Old business. If no motion is made, they will stay on the schedule. If a motion is made to take the BAC off of the District 70 meeting schedule, it will be discussed and voted on. I attended the NIA20 Winter Assembly on Dec 11, 2021. The motion on whether to have all NIA functions hybrid was confusing as presented. The motion was to approve the expenses to purchase equipment, start doing hybrid meetings to see if it is practical and will work. The amount was for \$ 5,000.00. The motion passed by 90% vs. 10%. I may have missed someone from District 70, but I did not see anyone from our District, so I represented our whole District with one vote. I voted NO on the motion. The background material is starting to come out for the 2022 General Service Conference. I will forward this as it comes in, sending it from the Bill Wilson email address. There will be a lot of information. I would like to ask the GSR's to download and print this material for their groups to go over. Your group should reimburse you for your expenses, if you wish. This will help reduce the District printing expenses. I would like to challenge our committee members to reach out to their NIA committee chairpersons and make contact, and attend the NIA20 Assemblies for your break out meetings. The District 70 Seventh Tradition Inventory was emailed out and included in your meeting packet tonight. We will not discuss this tonight. Take it to your groups and discuss it at your group's conscious meeting. It may take more than one meeting. Bring your group's comments back to District 70. This will be an ongoing service project for our District this year. Jeff and I are going to go to the group conscious meetings in our district for discussion and questions.

Old Business:

- 1) Open Positions: Wendy L stood and was elected to be the Accessibility Chair. Open positions are Bridging the Gap, Grapevine and several alternate chair positions.
- 2) Jeff made a motion to have Belvidere Alano Club removed from the meeting list. Questions included how soon this would take effect. (immediately) Long discussion about how this will affect the recovering alcoholic. It was shared that they are not currently recognized as an AA group from Area due to not having a registered AA group apart from the Alano Club. Information was provided last month to take back to groups to discuss. There was one vote against the motion. Minority was given chance to share. Vote taken and motion approved with 17-1 vote.
- 3) **Prudent Reserve disbursement for District 70 DISTRICT 70 meeting 1/6/2022** Tue, Jan 4, 2022 at 3:02 PM, from Bill D. District 70 Treasurer. At the November 4, 2021, District meeting, a motion was passed to establish the Prudent Reserve at 30% of annual operating costs. The question was raised about what to do with the excess of funds over the Prudent Reserve. That decision was deferred to a later date. The final 2021 total annual operating costs of District 70 were \$7,533.23. 30% of this amount equals \$2,260.00(prudent reserve). The Fund Balance at 12-31-21, was \$8,338.22. Therefore, the excess of Fund Balance over Prudent Reserve, or \$6,078.22, should be donated to the appropriate organizations. This is per our District 70 Guidelines. VOTING PROCEDURE The decision on how to make our disbursement will be voted on at the Feb District 70 committee meeting 2/3/22. Example: 80 % to General Service Office, 20 % to Northern IL Area 20 Example: 100 % to G.S.O. There will be background material sent out (NIA 20's end of year treasurer's report) for you and your groups to see if any of this amount should go to NIA 20. This info will be sent to you from the BILL WILSON email address. Please watch for it! I am sending this info by email because it is a 4 page document and I want to save printing costs. As far as the finances for the G.S.O. - there is some info on our Dist 70 Seventh Tradition inventory. You can also go on aa.org and find that. This will be the amount that we will be voting on (\$ 6,078.22) to get to our prudent reserve. Any less amount would require a guideline change.

New Business:

- 1) **Jeff made a motion to change District 70's ASL interpreter from a weekly expense to an on-demand service.**
TO BE ADDED TO THE ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE GUIDELINES: A contact for our Accessibility committee chair will be listed on our District 70 webpage and schedule for someone to request an ASL meeting. The

District 70 Accessibility committee will provide a signer at any registered group in District 70 for 2 meetings a week. The District 70 Accessibility committee will maintain a list of active signers that have agreed to sign at our meetings. The District 70 Accessibility committee will do all it can to make arrangements for the signer as quick as possible to attend the meeting. If there is a need for an extended period of signed meetings 2 times a week, the District 70 Accessibility committee will negotiate the best rate possible. **BACKGROUND MATERIAL:** In consulting with Area 20's Accessibility Committee Chair, Susan and with our own Accessibility Committee, we feel that this is more in line with how other Area's and District's handle ASL interpreter needs. On demand service would mean that any group would be able to let the district know ahead of time when and where an ASL interpreter is needed and then that service could be provided. We anticipate that if this motion is passed it will free up resources that our Accessibility Committee can utilize for other needs falling under their responsibilities to our groups. Discussion: regarding how quickly we will be able to get interpreter once requested. More information on that to be provided after motion is approved. As it is now there is one group that offers services 1 day a week. This will allow for more meeting options for those who need such services. This will also open funds for accessibilities to use on other areas need. Motion was passed unanimously.

2) Steve has provided 2 Tradition Contribution Forms to be taken back to your groups. This goes along with the 7th tradition inventory that was sent out prior. (Will be sent out electronically)

Motion to close ; 2nd, approved,

NEXT MEETING: February 6th 2022