

**Meeting opened at 7:00** in person with GSR preamble

**Sobriety Birthdays:** Curtis had 22 years on Monday and Rebecca had 6 years on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Present:** Jeff K. Alt-DCM, George M. visitor, Phil K., GSR We Agnostics, Tom M. CPC/PI Chair, Ken K.; Grapevine, Bill D., Treasurer; Debra U., Bridging the Gap; Curtis C.; HOW, Denny S. GSR Three Legacies, Sue P. GSR SOS, Michelle C., GSR Upper Room; Joe L. GSR Roscoe recovery; Janet C., Workshop Chair; Rebecca D. Answering Service Chair; Steve C. DCM, Steve K; Downtown; Jeanie E., GSR healthy Solutions; Collette G., Healthy Solutions; Leonard, HOW; Lucas, Alt GSR UR; Jeremy, Alt Treatment; John M, Central GSR; Allen, Augury GSR; Leann N, Webmaster; Terry, visitor; Dana, visitor; Gus, GSR NAG

**Secretary report:** See minutes. motioned to accept, approved

**Treasurer Report:** The only significant expense was \$380.92 paid to CPC/PI Chair for reimbursement of expenses to be incurred at the Northern Illinois Annual Conference. The Chair was asked to serve on a panel at the Conference. The cash position continues to be adequate, with a Prudent Reserve of \$2,843.00, and an Operating Fund surplus of \$1,079.35.

#### **GSR Reports:**

**Augury:** No report

**Belvidere Group:** No present

**Central:** Book study meeting on Tuesday's at 7pm. Currently reading Living Sober

**Downtown:** SOWANII went well. We had 202 in attendance. Speaker did great!

**Healthy Solutions:** Healthy Solutions annual banquet is being held March 18,2023 at the Radisson. Speaker is Jenny B.

**Home at Home Group:** Not present

**HOW Group:** We are hosting SOWANII this Saturday. 5:30 lasagna and speaker at 6:30pm. Speaker is Guy

**Language of the Heart** No present

**NAG:** Starting a meeting on Sunday at 11am. It is a closed meeting.

**NE Group:** No new report

**McFarland Group:** Not present

**Muddy River:** There has been an increase in attendance.

**Our Primary Purpose –** Not present

**SOS:** No new report

**Roscoe Recovery:** No Updates. Tim R. is being taken off of life support.

**Three Legacies:** We sent a letter to SOWANII requesting increase in ticket prices as we lost money. Will continue to support regardless. 3 L's finishing up with our BB Study and looking for suggestions for our next book study series

**Upper Room:** no report

**We Agnostics:** No report

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Treatment:** We are getting more volunteers coming in and we are starting to see a lot of people coming in by word of mouth. There have been some issues some weeks with this because some of the volunteers are not sticking with the format for the meeting. We are going to try to resolve this by making sure they are registered and by touching base with them before we go back to the meeting. I will be communicating with my co-chair to make sure they are signed up. By doing this we are hoping that the volunteers are more aware of why we are there and not going to cause any issues. If these distractions continue we take further measures as needed. I am excited to announce that we got Healthy Solutions in and scheduled for every third Sunday of the Month. They will be having their debut meeting this month and it will start at 7:30pm.

**CPC/PI:** 1) DuPage County Medical Society – Jan Schroeder, the Area 20 Chair for the Northern Illinois asked Tom to assist in writing an article for the DuPage County Medical Society newsletter on Alcoholics Anonymous. The article appeared in the February 17, 2023 edition. 2) March NIA Conference – Tom will attend the Northern Illinois Area March 2023 conference and join the CPC/PI portion of the event as a panelist. 3) DCFS – Rockford Office – Tom again contacted the Department of Children and Family Services to try and arrange a meeting with the staff. 4) Winnebago County Juvenile

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Detention Center – Contact was made with the juvenile detention center and the training director was interested in having CPC/PI come into the facility to speak with the center's staff. Future arrangements will be made. 5) Boylan High School – An attempt was made again to contact the health teacher at Boylan High School to try and speak with the students in the health class. A Rosecrance representative comes to the school once per week. The school has not responded. 6) Wheaton College – Attempts are being made to arrange a speaking engagement with the staff and students at Wheaton College in conjunction with Jan Schroeder, the CPC Chair for Area 20. Tom will be at the school in June for a seminar and will continue to try and arrange an engagement. 7) Rockford Christian School – The school is interested in having CPC/PI come to the health class to speak to the Freshman students. 8) Harlem High School – Tom will spend the day at Harlem High School in April or May talking with high school students in the school's health class.

**Corrections:** We have 4 men now that are in the weekly rotations and several others for fill in for Winnebago.

I ordered some pamphlets for inmates and for the chaplain, so that she can give them to the men that are on the waiting lists. I had asked about having 2 meetings for the men because of the waiting list. They mentioned maybe a Saturday meeting. I have not heard back on that, and I will follow up next week when I am there. I received the information for both the Bridging the Gap conference (Houston Tx) and Corrections (Oklahoma City Ok.) If anyone is interested, I can forward the email. Please donate extra grapevines if you have any.

**Grapevine:** Coordinated with Janet C., Workshop Chairperson dividing responsibilities for organizing a Grapevine workshop to be held this spring. Also assessed expenses and how they would be split between respective budgets. We have secured a venue for the event at Rockford Alano Club for 4/29/2023 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Flier created with the help of Jeff K., Alternate DCM. Fliers were printed and mailed out to all Groups in District on 2/27. To do in March includes: Research Screen rental and LED projector Costs. Compare feasibility of purchase versus renting an LED projector. Reach in deeper to Grapevine Resources to see what is available for the event. As an afterthought (unfortunately) to the printing of the flier, I would like to offer one or two free Grapevine subscriptions to be raffled off at the event. Will need to discuss the best work around to get the word out to District. In addition to the workshop flier, I included in the same mailer, an additional flier announcing the increase of AA literature prices effective in April as well as updates to what is progressing with other AA literature already in the works, including the new 5th addition of the Big Book.

**Webmaster:** A lot of people are going to our website. I have updated service positions on website. Google is raising their prices so we are looking into yearly payments as it is a cheaper rate. If you have a district email make sure to check the apps as we can share information and keep it stored.

**Accessibility:** No report

**Workshop:** There is a Grapevine workshop being planned by this committee to be held on April 29 th , 2023.

It will be held at the Rockford Alano Club, 1210 11 th Street, Rockford, IL 61104 The times are 9 am to Noon. There will be free refreshments and there is NO COST to attend. I really hope the GSR's will mention this workshop at the meetings they attend. Please help make this a widely reached & noticed event. There is so much good information that will be shared. Bring your devices (mobile phone, tablet, or laptop). We are going to learn so much. I have flyers to hand out to everyone at the District meeting tonight. Please take them back to your groups and post them.

If anyone has an idea for a Workshop topic – LET ME KNOW!

If any group would like to host a Workshop – LET ME KNOW!

**Bridging the Gap:** No report

**Answering Service:** 36 callers; 4 Call handlers Business as usual. Still intermittent issues with the app. My employer recently switched to an app style phone system and it has just as many issues so I think it is just the nature of this technology. Still on the hunt for a Co-Chair

**Ad Hoc Finance Committee:** No new report

**ISCPAA Liaison:** Conference went well. There was a strong Rockford presence. We did not win the bid to host the next conference. Bid wen to Southern Illinois.

**Announcements:** 12 step retreat fliers are out.

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**ALT-DCM** At our last district meeting the subject of printed schedules was briefly discussed. I have been helping with a motion that addresses this. The motion and background material will be handed out tonight so it can be taken back to your groups. There will be no discussion until next month's meeting on 4/6/2023. Then a simple majority will be needed to proceed after which at the May meeting a 2/3rds majority will be needed to pass the guideline change. On February 8<sup>th</sup> I attended a service workshop put on by our neighboring District 8 in Wisconsin. Steve and Janet were part of the panel and I want to thank District 8 and the Beloit fellowship for all their hard work putting on this informative workshop. Our DCM has emailed all the GSR's the final agenda items for the next General Service Conference. I wanted to touch briefly on that document. The entire confidential document is 1021 pages (that's an entire ream of double-sided paper if printed), however under the folder link the 02-73 document that is four pages titled General Service Conference Committees Agenda Items our Area 20 delegate Chris D has highlighted and made active links to the more important issues being discussed so we can more easily navigate this document. Just a few of the examples he has pointed out are: Ongoing development of the Big Book 5<sup>th</sup> edition; Development of a simple language Big Book; Changes and new pamphlets for AA groups literature racks etc...The suggestions and agenda items all come from the groups and their GSR's to be brought up at the General Service Conference on April 23<sup>rd</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> this year. Our delegate Chris fully understands this entire document and needs to know the group's opinions on agenda items through their GSR. I encourage our district GSR's to review and discuss with their groups some of the agenda items that are important to them and to attend and vote at our Area Assembly on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and the Pre-General Service Conference on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. You can attend in person or zoom. Remember that the most important position in AA service (besides your greeter) is the GSR representing a group. Finally, I want to thank the two speakers I heard last month for their service in sharing experience, strength and hope. I was pleased to be able to hear Sheila W. speak on February 4<sup>th</sup> at SOWANI and our corrections chair Kim S not only did a great job speaking at the Upper Room on February 25<sup>th</sup> she stood in at the last minute to do this when another speaker could not make it. Please Remember to always support our speakers, they put a lot into doing this service.

**DCM:** Some of the General Service Conference (G.S.C.) Agenda items will be discussed briefly at the Spring Assembly, March 11<sup>th</sup> during the Spring Conference. More in depth discussion will be at the NIA20 PRE-GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE WORKSHOP (Pre-G.S.C.) on April 1st. These items will be discussed and voted on and input is given to our Area Delegate for the upcoming G.S.C. **Everybody that attends the Pre-G.S.C. Workshop has a vote.** You don't have to be an officer of Area or of a District. It is a consensus vote of our Area's Fellowship for our G.S.C. Rep. More info will be out on the Pre-G.S.C. soon. You can attend in person or on Zoom. I really like the fact that everyone who attends has a vote and can give input. Our 4<sup>th</sup> concept talks about the Right of Participation. You do get to participate in the G.S.C. No matter what level of service you are at, or just a member of A.A., which put you at the top of the triangle of the structure of the G.S.C. If you are a GSR and you do not attend the Area assemblies and the Pre-G.S.C. Workshop, your group is not connected to AA as a whole.

### **Old Business:**

- 1) Open Positions: Jeremy stood for Alt Treatment Chair and was elected
- 2) DCM explained how to access the information for the GSC agenda items.

### **New Business:**

- 1)** Motion for Gv/Literature to print D70 schedules. Motion and Background material handed out. No discussion. Dist meeting 4/6/2023 motion voted on, discussion, simple majority to pass. At the D70 May meeting 5/4/2023, second vote, 2/3 majority to pass. This is a guideline change and this is the procedure we have been using.

**Motion to close** ; 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved,

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**NEXT MEETING: April 6th.**