APPROVED DISTRICT 70 MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 5TH 2023

District Committee Chairperson, Steve C. called the meeting to order.
Sobriety Birthdays: Denny had 33 years on September 16th and Leann had 17 years on September 24th
Present: Steve C. DCM; Jeff K, Alt DCM; Andrea, Treasurer; Leann N., Webmaster; Rebecca D., Answering Service; Jeremy, Alt Treatment; Carla S., Bridging the Gap; Ken K., Grapevine; George, Accessibility Chair; Terry, Alt Accessibility Chair; Curtis C., GSR HOW; Denny S. GSR Three Legacies; Michelle C., GSR Upper Room; Tobey V., Downtown; Jeanie E., GSR healthy Solutions; Collette G., Healthy Solutions; Gus, GSR NAG; GSR; Greg, visitor; Jeanne M., Belvidere Group; Randy B., Muddy River; Tiffany F., visitor; Kathy I., visitor and Marybeth S., visitor
Secretary report: motioned to accept, approved
Treasurer Report: Revenue was higher in Aug. than September. They fit with the average monthly donations of previous months according to donation patterns. Expenses were higher than previous months. In "unusual" expenses in August we paid for the Website and domain renewals, $401.17. There was a check that was placed in the Treasurer's budget because I don't know where it was sent, only the amount, $144.14. All other expenses in August were in line with previous months. In September we reimbursed Corrections for the books ordered back in Aug, $420.39, the DCM for printing and travel expenses, $470.05, added the Alt DCM budget line item, all other expenses were in line with previous months. Area of concern, when the old account was shut down and the new account was created we are missing $186.06. I have reached out to the bank to see if we can get a September 2023 statement from the old account in order to identify where these funds went. I will update in Oct. The Operating Fund "Excess Surplus" is now at $951.19.

GSR Reports:
Augury: Not present
Belvidere Bridge Group: No new report
Belvidere Group: At our board meeting on 9/17/2023 I discussed the possibility of purchasing the newcomer packets from the district's Grapevine Chair. We approved, buying 25 copies to start. Speaker meeting on Saturday 10/14/23. Speaker is Phillipe from Belvidere Group. Dinner is at 5:30. Meeting is at 7pm.
Central: No new report
Downtown: Speaker meeting and potluck at the downtown group. Saturday October 21st. Potluck starts at 5. Speaker is Christine
Healthy Solutions: Healthy Solutions is having a speaker meeting October 21 at 5:15 with a potluck to follow. Steve B. will be the speaker.
Home at Home Group: Not present
HOW Group: Tickets are available for our annual dinner. Had discussions about changing meeting times and the HOW cell phone at the business meeting.
Language of the Heart No present
NAG: We can use support for our Monday & Friday 7 p.m. meetings as well as the Wednesday 5:30 p.m.
NE Group: No new report
McFarland Group: No report
Muddy River: No new report
Our Primary Purpose – No report
SOS: No new report
Roscoe Recovery: No new report
Three Legacies: SOWANI has been canceled in November due to remodeling. Was asked if we wanted to do it during summer months but we declined due to busy schedules during the summer. October 31st Kim S will be our speaker at the 5:30pm meeting.
Upper Room: Speaker meeting went well. Good turnout.
We Agnostics: No report

Committee Reports:

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Treatment: We are averaging 4-6 volunteers weekly and have successfully continued a chairperson rotation which has been very helpful. Eastside How donated some big books. We have located a cabinet to keep the big books. We are working to get in touch with area treatment chairs to communicate with other districts about what they are doing.
CPC/PI: 1Harlem High School – An AA talk was arranged to be given to the Freshman students in health class at Harlem High School in December. 2) Winnebago High School Talk – An AA talk will be given to Winnebago High School students in their health class during the units on drugs and alcohol in October 2023. 3) High Schools, et. al. – Other high schools were contacted but no attempts were made to return my calls. 4) CPC/PI Zoom Meeting – On October 4 - Tom attended a PI/CPC zoom workshop where discussion centered on CPC/PI Digital Outreach and Outreach to Healthcare, Courts and Probation. 5) PI Assistance – Eric is assisting Tom with distribution of pamphlets to the various libraries, clinics, etc. in District 70. 6) CPC/PI for 2024 – Leonard from the HOW Group has expressed interest in taking over CPC/PI for the next rotation. Tom and Leonard have been meeting to discuss the tasks at a hand and Leonard has attended one of the presentations to the St. Anthony Nursing Students. The position is 80% sales and 20% AA and would best be filled by someone with extensive business and professional experience and who is connected within the community. Leonard has these qualifications and I believe he would serve the role very well with Tom giving him guidance at the beginning of a potential term
Corrections: Kim: Not much to report. Meetings every week for the women and Edward is doing a fabulous job. Edward: Weekly men's meetings at the jail continue to do well with excellent participation in the readings and shares during the meetings. The men report that they look forward to the weekly meetings.
Grapevine: Created new comer packets and providing them to groups when asked. Cost per packet is $1.05.
Webmaster: Views to our website are down from current months.
Accessibility: This month we have done the following; had 14 meeting, had 3 12 step calls and have given numerous rides.
Workshop: On 8/5/23 we had a very successful workshop hosted by District 70. So successful in fact, that another workshop (same topic: SERVICE WORK) is being put on in October! See the flyers that we are handing out at tonight's meeting. It will be on Sat. OCT 7TH, AT THE H.O.W. GROUP in Rockford. It's only a 1 hour workshop. (1:30 - 2:30 pm) How can that even work? Just show up to find out! I am so proud to be on this district committee.
Bridging the Gap: New volunteers to help with calls. No new needs from folks looking for hook-up to do 1st 6 meetings. No other news to report.
Answering Service: I got to take vacation and Eamonn ran things extremely well while I was gone. We had an issue with some mis-communication regarding calls from the jail he talked with everyone and made a decision to not take collect calls at this time. We can discuss under new business if anyone would like. Eamonn intends to stand for Chair 2024 but could not attend tonight. He will accept a nomination next month if you are so moved. We had 65 calls this month. HOW asked if they could "merge" with the District Phone - this would mean listing the District Number under the HOW group on schedules. It has been previously decided we won't list the District Number that way to avoid confusion for people making those calls and keep it clear we represent District 70 as a whole. We will continue to answer calls and help people find information and help for ALL of the groups in District 70
Big Book Conference 2024: We had a planning committee meeting on 9/23/23. It was attended by 7 people. The next meeting will be 10/28/23 at 1:00 pm. We will have handouts of the BBC guidelines, and will discuss the responsibilities that the chair people will have on this committee. There will be elections for 4 committee chairs and co-chairs on 11/11/23. These positions need to be filled by the Winter Assembly (12-9-23)
The BBC Chair and co-Chair, Secretary and alt. Secretary, the Treasurer and alt. Treasurer, and the Program chair and alt. Program chair. Please start announcing at your meetings this information so we can fill up this committee. Our district is committed to hosting this Big Book Conference next year. If we have unfilled committees on this conference, the district committee will have to step up and fill the gaps. BIG BOOK CONFERENCE 2024 MEETINGS are held at EVANS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 7605 N. SECOND ST., MACHESNEY PARK, IL 61115. The committee will meet monthly. The meetings are one hour long.
SOWANII: There will not be a SOWANII until December due to remodeling at the Rockton Community Center. If anyone has any questions they can text or call me.

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Announcements: None

ALT-DCM On Saturday September 16th I attended the Area 20 Fall Assembly. There are Conference Final Report Books here. Please bring one back for one for your group. There should be enough for all groups and the groups that do not send a GSR to our District meeting the DCM and myself will be visiting to make sure they get a copy. The Area held elections that day and most of the committee chairs rotated out after serving a two-year term and took on new roles or chairs. I have a list of all the new committee chairs and I will provide that for everyone next month. I know most of the people who serve in Area positions, and they all do an excellent job. It was neat to see how the spirit of rotation worked at the Area level. People stepped aside after their two-term and let another AA step in. In January Area 20 will consist of some of the same people and new people but no one will remain in a role that they have served in for two years. This is a big part of how AA service works. I am pleased that our District also follows the same spirit of rotation as we hold our elections today. Thank you.

DCM: Northern IL Area 20 will help fund district's trusted servants to attend the East Central Regional Forum held 11/17/23 – 11/19/23 in Independence, Ohio. The DCM and one committee chair person are eligible for $400.00 to help cover expenses. If the DCM is not attending, the Alt. DCM is not eligible. I will not attend so we have $400.00 available for one committee member to use. If no committee chair wants to go we can send a GSR. The last day to register for the 2023 Big Book Conference lunch is Oct 25. There will be no lunch available for walk in registrations. I discussed with Bill and Andrea that I would cover the expense for the 2024 Big Book Conference until we receive the seed money from NIA20 in Nov of 2023, after the B.B.C. this year. This would be easier than mixing the expenses with the District 70 account. The expenses now are for mailing stamps, envelopes, and copies. It is about $150.00 now. The B.B.C. Guidelines for treasurer state: Open a P.O. Box and checking account if these 2 times are not available from the District. Under new business, I will take a non-motion consensus vote that the B.B.C. Will have their own p.o. Box and checking account. I do not feel the District Treasurer should take on this responsibility and extra work.

Old Business:

1) Open Positions: Tom stood for Alt Grapevine chair and was elected.

New Business:

1. Elections for service period 2024 - 2026:

   Secretary: Tiffany F. stood for Secretary and was elected

   Alt. Secretary: Kathy I. stood for Alt. Secretary and was elected

   Treasurer: Andrea H. stood for Treasurer and was elected

   Alt. Treasurer: no one stood for Alt. Treasurer

   Accessibilities: George stood for Accessibilities Chair and was elected

   Alt. Accessibilities: Terry stood for Alt Accessibilities Chair and was elected

   Bridging the Gap: Carla stood for BTG Chair and was elected

   Alt Bridging the Gap: No one stood for Alt. BTG

   CPC/PI: No one stood for CPC/PI Chair

   Alt. CPC/PI: Mary Beth S. stood for Alt. CPC/PI chair and was elected

Corrections: No one stood for Corrections Chair

Alt. Corrections: No one stood for Alt. Corrections Chair

Grapevine: Ken K. stood for Grapevine Chair and was elected

Alt. Grapevine: Tom stood for Alt. Grapevine Chair and was elected

Treatment: No one stood for Treatment Chair

Alt Treatment: Jeremy R. stood for Alt. Treatment Chair and was elected

Workshop: Steve C. stood for Workshop Chair and was elected

Answering Service: No one stood for Answering Service Chair

Alt Answering Service: No one stood for Alt. Answering Service Chair

Alt Workshop: No one stood for Alt. Workshop Chair

Alt DCM: no one stood for Alt. DCM

DCM: Jeff K stood for DCM and was elected

Webmaster: Leann continues to appointed as the Webmaster

2. Big Book Conference will secure their own bank account and their own PO box. It was voted with a show of hands, no motion.

Motion to close ; 2nd, approved

NEXT MEETING: November 2nd