

District 70 minutes January 2nd, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Kim S

Present: Tiffany F, Kathy I, Sosze D, Tobey, Greg K, Michelle C, Carla S, Connie U, Jeremy, Zachary B, Andrea H, George M, Kim S, Melanie L, Mike B, Ken K, Eric H, Gus G, Mike P, Phil K, Leonard S, David, Steve C, Geoff B, Jeanine E

DCM: Dear District

70 Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the recent activities and progress within

District 70, as well as share some upcoming goals as we move into the new year.

NIA Assembly – December in Elburn

Several members from District 70, including myself, had the opportunity to attend the NIA (Northern Illinois Area) Assembly in Elburn this past December. The assembly was an excellent experience, providing valuable information and training. It was encouraging to see so many AA members engaged in the service structure.

During the assembly, District 70 had the honor of winning the bid to host the Spring Assembly, which will take place in Rockford. We have already reserved the First Covenant Church for the event, and I have assembled a small committee to handle the setup and cleanup. District 70 will also be responsible for providing hospitality items such as coffee, donuts, and other refreshments. In tonight's meeting, I am requesting \$500 to cover these hospitality expenses, to be taken from the DCM budget. A copy of the event flyer is attached for your reference, and I encourage you to share this information with your groups. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this assembly, which will feature breakout meetings for all service positions.

Area Inventory and District 70 Inventory

The area recently completed a comprehensive inventory, which I found to be very insightful and informative. I have one copy of the inventory with me tonight if anyone would like to review it further. Additionally, in November, I distributed a District 70 inventory list. I plan to revisit this in February, as I believe it's important that we continue to evaluate our efforts to ensure we provide the best possible service to our groups.

New Year's Eve Event at the Alano Club

I had the privilege of attending the New Year's Eve event at the Alano Club, which was a great success. There were over 110 attendees, and I believe members from all our District 70 groups were represented. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, and both speakers

were outstanding. It was a heartening reminder of the strength and unity of our AA community as we support one another.

Importance of Staying Within Budget

As we move forward with planning and executing various events and activities, it is essential that

we remain mindful of our financial responsibilities. Staying within budget is crucial not only for maintaining the financial health of District 70, but also for ensuring that we can continue to support our service initiatives and fellowship in the future. Adhering to the budget allows us to allocate resources where they are most needed and ensures that we can meet our commitments without compromising other important aspects of our service work. I encourage all committees and members to continue being diligent and thoughtful when planning and spending. Your cooperation in this area will help us maintain a stable and sustainable foundation for District 70's ongoing success. Thank you for your attention and continued commitment to fiscal responsibility.

Goals for 2025

As we begin the new year, I have a few goals in mind as your DCM. One of my primary objectives is to foster greater unity within our district. I am extremely proud of the work that our committees have been doing, and I look forward to seeing continued growth and collaboration.

Additionally, I am excited to welcome all of the new General Service Representatives (GSRs) who are coming on board. This will be a valuable opportunity for you to learn about the "business" of AA and contribute to our collective efforts.

Thank you all for your dedication and service. I am looking forward to a fulfilling and productive 2025, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your DCM.

In service,

Kim S.

District 70 DCM

Alt-DCM: waiting for written or emailed report

Secretary report: report was approved from December 5th 2024. Will be sending minutes out the week after the District meeting each month.

Treasurer : Dear Trusted Servants of District 70,

I hope this message finds you well. Please find below the financial summary for January 2025, along with key updates from the finance committee.

- **Income:** January 2025 income increased by **\$37.25** compared to January 2024, totaling \$772.88 for the month of January.
- **Expenses:** January 2025 expenses increased by **\$520.87** compared to January 2024, this was due in large part for the Area conference event.
- **Operating Surplus:** Is at a low point of \$415.48, 3.91% over total budget.

Summary:

While income saw a slight increase, expenses rose significantly, primarily due to the **DCM bill of \$1,383.75** for food at the Area Conference event at Mary's Market. This amount will be reimbursed by the area as the assembly nears. Additionally, the **total budget increase** has gone into effect, and the **prudent reserve** has been adjusted accordingly to 30% of the annual budget, totaling **\$3,829.80**.

Additionally, the **Finance Committee** voted on two motions in January:

1. **Approved** the reimbursement of **\$262.00** for accessibility committee expenses from attending two area assemblies in 2023.
2. **Approved** increasing the **Alt DCM budget** from **\$500 to \$1,200** for the 2025 budget.

If you have any questions or need further details, please feel free to reach out.

In service,
Andrea H
District 70 Treasurer

Roscoe Recovery: Wendy speaking at Sowani January 4th at 7pm

The Three Legacies: We will be starting the book "As Bill Sees it" soon for our Monday literature study. We also have a meditation meeting the first Friday of the month and a lead in meeting on the first Tuesday.

Downtown Group: no report

Healthy Solutions: no report

We Agnostics: no report. 8 year anniversary

New Attitude Group: meetings are well attended except Fridays, which could use some support.

Augury: no report

The Next Step: no report

Accessibilities: we are helping 1 person get to meetings. Tuesday meeting at 10:30 am at Park Strathmore.

Answering Services: We had 45 calls to the district answering service in the month of December. Most of the calls were people seeking a meeting and we had couple that the caller was drunk. Those who answered those calls handled them very respectfully and directed people to the next meeting available and sent a link to the district website, along with the meeting guide app. Everyone has been great in answering the calls and returning calls in a

timely fashion.

Bridging The Gap: Steve C to workshop on Bridging The Gap Saturday February 8th at the Rockford Alano Club 9am to 12pm.

CPCI: 3 calls . OSF School Of Nursing appointment for January 14th at 1pm.

Corrections: open . Alternate corrections is also open.

Treatment: going well. Good attendance for the holidays.

Grapevine: prices are going up for books February 1st. Please consider getting a subscription to the Grapevine magazine.

Webmaster: 2,528 views on website.

Workshop: District 70 workshop Saturday February 8th at the Rockford Alano Club(1210 11th Street ,Rockford ,Illinois,61104) from 9am to 12pm. There will be 2 panels: Bridging The Gap and The 2nd Step. No registration and it is free. Please call Steve C with any questions at 815-222-8871

All reports were approved.

Announcements: District 70 was mentioned 9 times at the last Assembly. The Spring Assembly will be March 1st in Rockford.

Old Business: positions were filled for 2024-2025 term. The Activities budget passed. The motion for changing the Webmaster guidelines also passed.

New Business: Motion to change the mileage reimbursement to an official expense report and turn in receipts within 60 days-passed. Voted to raise the rent for the District to 50 dollars-passed.

Motion to change the District guidelines to stop snail mailing the District 70 approved minutes and only have them on the website and email. Please discuss this with your groups . There will be a written motion next month and we will vote.