

District Committee Chairperson, Steve C. called the meeting to order.

Sobriety Birthdays: No birthdays this month.

Present: Steve C. DCM; Jeff K, Alt DCM; Andrea, Treasurer; Tom M. CPC/PI Chair, Janet C., Workshop; Rebecca D., Answering Service; Kim S., Corrections; Edward S., Corrections; Jeremy, Alt Treatment; Carla S., Bridging the Gap; Ken K., Grapevine; George, Accessibility Chair; Terry, Alt Accessibility Chair; Leonard, Alt GSR HOW; Curtis C., GSR HOW; Sue P. GSR SOS; Denny S. GSR Three Legacies; Phil K., GSR We Agnostics; Michelle C., GSR Upper Room; Jeanie E., GSR healthy Solutions; Collette G., Healthy Solutions; Allen, Augury GSR; Gus, GSR NAG; GSR; Greg, Alt GSR 3 Legacies; Steve K., GSR Downtown; Randy B., Muddy River; Mark C., GSR McFarland; Joe L., GSR RR; Eamon T., visitor; Tiffany F., visitor

Secretary report: Kathy I. took minutes for Michelle. Thanks Kathy! See minutes. motioned to accept, approved

Treasurer Report: The District checking account is frozen. We have to change signatures at the bank and furnish a copy of our tax ID number, which we are working on. We have the files from our past treasurer, who passed away suddenly last month.

GSR Reports:

Augury: No new report

Belvidere Bridge Group: No new report

Belvidere Group: Speaker meeting on Saturday the 9th. Speaker will be Joe from Belvidere Group. Will speak at 7 and dinner at 5:30pm.

Central: No new report

Downtown: Speaker meeting and potluck at the downtown group. Saturday September 16th. Potluck starts at 5. Speaker is Ann G.

Healthy Solutions: Healthy Solutions has a speaker meeting Sept. 16 at 5:15 with a potluck to follow. Vicki M. will be the speaker.

Home at Home Group: Not present

HOW Group: No report.

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 – not much new going on with our group this month. only news i have this month is we will be planning a speaker dinner in January and February I believe with all proceeds going to Rockford alano club. I will have more details in the upcoming months.

SOS: No new report

Roscoe Recovery: Meetings are going strong. No new report

Three Legacies: 3 Legacy's hosting SWANI Nov. 4th. We'll be serving chicken, salads and a host of desserts. Female Guest speaker will be determined later. \$8.00 per adult's \$3.00 for children under 12 years of age.

Upper Room: Still trying to get fliers for our 40th anniversary picnic which is on Sept 9th

We Agnostics: Meets are steady. Zoom bombers have subsided. We are back in Rosecrance.

Committee Reports:

Treatment: The district meeting is going well this past month. We have been getting more people volunteering and we have implemented a rotation with the committee members that we're willing to chair each week. By doing this, it has helped us commit to that week making sure someone is there to run the meeting and welcome any new volunteers. Jeremy has been making flyers for sign-ups for members interested in doing service work and has been getting book donations from HOW. Eric has also been getting book donations as well that we have stored at Rosecrance. We are currently looking for a cabinet that we keep books and material instead of having the staff hold on to them. Everyone is

working well together and think the meeting is going well. Other groups are still going on Sundays and Healthy Solutions are going every third Wednesday of the month. We are planning a meet and greet this month as well to see if anyone wants to volunteer.

CPC/PI: 1.) St. Anthony Nursing School – An AA talk was given to the nursing students at St. Anthony School of Nursing. Leonard, who has expressed interest in chairing the CPC/PI committee, accompanied Tom and also spoke to the students. 2) Harlem High School Talk – Harlem H.S. was approached with respect to setting up a speech for the Freshman health class. 3) High Schools, et. al. – The following high schools were contacted: Winnebago, Christian Life, Rockford Christian. Messages were left but no return phone calls were received.

Corrections: Kim: Ladies meetings are awesome. Full attendance every week. I am working with one lady in prison and one in treatment. Our area alt corrections is revamping things. We are having the zoom meeting on September 13th at 7pm. It is information for all districts in our area for corrections, treatment, and BTG. I have information if anyone is interested. I ordered 24 soft cover BB and 10 Spanish BB. *Julie O from Upper Room drives van to pick up for Anderson Gardens. Edward: Weekly meetings are going well. There is good engagement from the group that shows improvement with each week. Sheriff's office approved our recent new application for volunteer work at the jail. He is scheduled to co-chair a meeting on September 20.

Grapevine: Printed new schedules.

Webmaster: No report.

Accessibility: This month we have done the following; 5 volunteers

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.

Big Book Conf. 2024: No chair yet.

Bridging the Gap: No big change. 2 new volunteers to assist with getting patients/folks to 6 meetings too introduce them to a new group.

Answering Service: We had a busy August! We had 85 calls. We had some rotation in and out of the committee as interest was high after the workshop! Eastside HOW is doing a short Service Workshop through Dist 70 in October and we have been asked to be at that one as well. We are happy to see more interest in service work amongst the community.

Ad Hoc Finance Committee: No new report

ISCPAA Liaison: No report

Announcements: None

ALT-DCM I just wanted to remind everyone that District 70 elections will be during our October 5th meeting. All committee chairs and alternates are up for elections. Some chairs have only been served by a partial term. Those committee chairs can stand for the position they hold now and complete a new 2-year commitment. Also, even with our newly elected committee chairs this will not affect District 70 organizing and hosting the 2024 Big Book Conference. The committees and chairs for organizing that project will be elected separately at another time. Although officially we are hosting this conference, I will be attending the Area 20 Fall Assembly on September 16 th to formally announce our unanimous vote to host the 2024 Big Book Conference.

DCM: The NIA 20 Fall Assembly will be September 16, 2023 at the Lord of Life Church in Elburn, IL. There will be elections and motions to vote on. One motion is to amend the NIA service manual to include "Green can" duties to Treatment chair responsibilities. Another motion is to amend the NIA Ltd. Bylaws to include Area Registrar as an officer of the corporation and to update the list of voting members. Another motion is to provide for translation of all Area documents and to provide a language interpreter at all Area functions. Another motion is to send the General Service Board a \$15,000.00 contribution to relieve the excess funds in the treasury. There will also be a vote for District 70 to host the Big Book Conference in 2024. See the flyer in your packet. This is a hybrid meeting. All GSR's have a vote. As per the motion at the Area Summer Assembly, the Area will reimburse the DCM \$400.00 to go to the East Central Regional Forum. Also a

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reimbursement to the District committee \$400.00 for another member to attend. See flyer in your packets, and an email has been sent out.

BIG BOOK CONFERENCE 2024 report for District 70 meeting 9/7/23.

At the Fall Assembly 9/16/23 the Area committee will have a vote to approve Dist 70 hosting the 2024 BBC. There are no other districts showing interest in hosting this conference. Please plan to attend the assembly, in person or hybrid, and vote yes. There is a BBC advisory committee made up from our district committee. It will be made up of the DCM, the Alt DCM, two GSR's: Michelle from Upper Room, and Denny from Three Legacies. Their duties are to help and assist the BBC committee. The first committee organizing meeting will be on Saturday, September 23 at 1 PM at EVANS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 7605 N. SECOND ST., MACHESNEY PARK, IL 61115. It will be a 1 hour meeting. The committee will meet monthly. There will be another committee organizing meeting scheduled in October, to be announced at a later date. The third meeting will be in November, as per the BBC guidelines. 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. The purpose of the 2 organizational meetings will be to establish a meeting format, similar to the district's, where all the BBC committee chairs give reports. Also we will have handouts of the BBC guidelines, and we'll discuss the responsibilities that the chair people will have on this committee. We want everybody to give this plenty of thought before they make a commitment to serve on this conference committee. The DCM will chair the first 2 organizational meeting and the election meeting. After that the BBC chairperson will chair the meetings and set the agenda items, with help and support from the Dist 70 BBC advisory committee.

Old Business:

- 1) Open Positions: There was a motion made by the Alt. D.C.M., Jeff K. and seconded by Workshop chair Janet C, that Andrea H. stand for District 70 treasurer. All present voted yes and Andrea H. was elected.

New Business:

1. There was a motion made by Corrections chair Kim S. and seconded by Answering Services chair Rebecca D. that Alt. D.C.M. Jeff K. be the second signature on the District 70 treasurer checking account. All present voted yes and Jeff K. accepted.

Motion to close made by Greg K., and seconded by Tom M. All present voted yes, motion was approved. Meeting adjourned by D.C.M. Steve C. Meeting ended at 7:50pm.

NEXT MEETING: October 5th 2023