APPROVED DISTRICT 70 MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 1st

Meeting opened at 7:00 in person with serenity prayer
Sobriety Birthdays: Joe celebrated 1 year on August 20th.
Present: Steve C., DCM; Michelle, Secretary; Jeff K., Alt DCM; Bill D., Treasurer; Mari E., Workshop Chair; Rebecca D., Answering Service; Kelly S., Corrections; Nora O., Treatment; Curtis C., Eastside HOW; Mark C., McFarland; Joe L., Roscoe Recovery; Cheryl K., Language of the Heart; Phil K., GSR We Agnostic; Curt B., GSR Upper Room; Alberto A., OPP; Jeremy W., Healthy Solutions GSR; Patti, SOWANII; Patti A., Augury; Angie K., CPC/PI Alt.
Secretary report: See minutes. motion to accept; approved
Treasurer Report: Revenue for August was $396.61. The only notable items in August were: 1. A $100 contribution from the Belvidere Bridge Group. This was the first contribution this year from that group and is much appreciated. 2. A $53.48 contribution was received from the Fourth Dimension Group. This group has disbanded and sent their remaining funds to the District. Expenses for the month were $811.30. Notable items include: 1. A $300 expense for the annual renewal of the WordPress platform used to manage the website. This was reflected in last month's website report. 2. A total of $300 in charges for the signer used at the Northeast Group meetings. This reflected six weeks of expenses. Other items: 1. The operating fund "excess surplus" was $2,791.50 at month end. As agreed to in previous meetings, I recommend that $1,600 be sent to GSO. 2. A Finance Committee has been formed. Members include DSM, Alt. DSM, Treasurer, and three GSR's. Current GSR's are Mark C, Phil K, and Sue P.

GSR Reports:
Augury: Picnic at the Augury on Monday, September 5th from 12pm -4pm. Bring your own meat and a dish to pass. We are hosting the first SOWANII on October 1st. Chuck J. is speaking and we will be serving mostaccioli and meatballs.
Belvidere Group: Not present
Downtown: Not present
Healthy Solutions: Healthy Solutions is having a Speaker Meeting and Potluck Saturday 9/17 @ 5:15 The Speaker will be Rev Randy.
Home at Home Group: Not present
HOW Group: No new report; Come check out the Alley Jammers on Saturdays after the 5:30 and before and 8pm.
Language of the Heart Next meeting is next Tuesday. Donations down -after expenses, only $24. LOH decided to spend all the $ on pizza & fried chicken. Anniversary celebration is Saturday, 9/3/22 @ 5pm @ Alano Club& is also a hybrid meeting. Main dish provided. Bring side or dessert. Speaker is Wendy L. G.
NE Group: Not present
McFarland Group: No new report
Muddy River: Could use support. Please check them out.
Our Primary Purpose – Meeting Wednesday and Friday at 7pm. We also meet Saturday at 9am which is a BB study. Topics always from the BB.
SOS: No new report
Roscoe Recovery: Talking with the webmaster about current online meeting times.
Three Legacies: Attendance is rising. We will be finishing AA Comes of Age and starting the BB soon. More information to come. We are hosting SOWANII in November. Tad is speaking and we will be serving chicken. Come check out our meditation meeting the first Friday of the month.
Upper Room: We have brought back the 5:15pm on Monday and Friday and attendance is picking up.
We Agnostics: No new report

Committee Reports:
Treatment: There has been a growing interest in chairpersons for AA meetings inside treatment centers. We have had a few new people sign up and at least one is willing to commit to chairing every Tuesday at Rosecrance. I will be in contact with Debra from Solaris and Cheryl from Remedies in the next two weeks to help get more volunteers. New fliers have been printed with updated information. I will have business cards printed with my information and districts to pass out to the client's at Rosecrance.

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CPC/PI: 1) Literature Racks – Steve C. and Angie visited each area around town where literature racks were located to check on the inventory and reconnect with the contacts. They visited the Crusader clinics and the Belvidere library. Steve will acquire additional literature racks and Angie will distribute the pamphlets and contact new locations. 2) Belvidere Police Department – On August 24, Tom held a meeting with a group of professionals in Belvidere to discuss AA and alcoholism. Attendees included the Belvidere Community Law Enforcement Officer, the Boone County Substance Abuse Outreach Director, the Boone County Jail Substance Abuse Clinician, the Boone County Drug Court Coordinator, and the COAR Team Program Manager. ("Community Outreach Advocacy and Recovery"). We discussed holding jail meetings and Bridging the Gap. The community group was very enthusiastic about teaming up with AA and getting help from our organization. Tom will coordinate with Belvidere AA members to try and arrange for future connections between AA and the COAR Team. 3) Big Book Distribution – Two big books were given to the Belvidere COAR Team and a Big Book was donated to the library at St. Anthony School of Nursing. 4) Boy Scouts of America – On August 29, 2022 Tom spoke with a representative of the Boy Scouts. The organization does not have any kind of program slot where an AA speaker can come in and give a presentation. But the coordinator will send out an e-mail to the scout leaders to see if a particular troop has any interest in me coming in to speak to the scouts or the leaders from each individual troop. 5) Girl Scouts of America – The girl scouts were contacted, and their response was the same as the Boy Scouts listed above. The scout coordinator, however, will post Tom's contact information on its website so that he can be contacted should any scout leader, parent, or girl scout have any questions. 6) Lutheran Pastors of Rockford – Pastor Frank from the Emmanuel Lutheran Church is checking on having Tom out to speak at a conference of Lutheran Pastors. 7) St. Anthony Nursing School – A third AA talk was given to nursing students at the St. Anthony School of Nursing on August 16, 2022. The response was very positive. 8) Construction Industry – It has been reported by OSHA that the construction industry has the highest suicide rate amongst all other industries. Tom will place this entity on his list of goals to contact in the future (trade organizations, labor unions, etc.) 9) RACMI – Tom will be joining a panel discussion/Q&A session at the Rockford Area Case Management Initiative (RACMI) Community of Practice on September 21 to speak to area case managers and human service staff on AA. The topic of discussion will be Addiction and Recovery Services and is being sponsored by Northern Illinois University and Northern Illinois Center for Nonprofit Excellence (NICNE). Panelists will include Rosecrance staff, Rush Hospital Outreach Medical staff, TASC, RRAGS, Oxford House, Sinnissippi Centers Recovery House and Remedies

Corrections: Mens & Womens Meetings are not going each week. It has been very sporadic, I am assuming a lot of it has to do with summer and schedules. If the GSR's could take another flyer back to the groups and maybe announce the need, I would appreciate it. Boone county is still no meetings until further notice. Life has been crazy for me the past few months and I have not gotten to the pink cans. I am however planning on a committee meeting at the Augury in the next few weeks to see what we can do to make the jail meetings more stable. I also plan on working on the pink cans at the meeting. I have made the reservations for the conference in November. I did not bring the receipts, I will next meeting.

Grapevine: Attended IL State Conference and Eastern Regional Conference 8/13/2022 - met with District 10 Grapevine Chair (Ted). Spent the afternoon going over District Grapevine responsibilities as he shared with me his experience. Stayed the entire time with the volunteers in the Grapevine/Literature room learning more about what all Grapevine has to offer. 8/13/2022 – Received box of extra Grapevines and literature from Tony, former Grapevine Chair. Received starter package from Director of Operations from the Grapevine. Connected with Area Grapevine workshop chair and will be attending those no monthly starting in September. Still need to contact all GSR's to fine out which ones if any have a GVR. Plan is to have much more progress next month, now that I have a path forward.

Webmaster: No report

Accessibility: Open Position

Workshop: Working on collaboration with ISCYPAA for something in winter. Also, possibly collaboration with CPC/PI.

Bridging the Gap: I have received some info from New York AA it was just some literature in the mail from them but other than that I really have nothing to report.

Answering Service: We logged calls from 41 different callers as of 8/29 for August. We had some changes in committee members. We have 3 full time members and 2 rotating weekly. Leaving 5 members plus myself. Joined an area meeting with other AS Chairs and talked about Google Voice which is being adopted by some districts. Its very similar to what we use but has a no cost option. At the time of our meeting nobody was actively using it so cannot say if this is a better

option or not. Some issues could be keeping our number and ease of use for the volume of calls we field. The experts said it probably would not be good for the call volume we get. Everyone was in shock at how busy our phones are so I was able to speak to what we do for our community. Interesting to find out we take a huge amount of calls in comparison to other districts who may get 5 a month. Or have no service at all. There are some districts still using the 800 number type services which are not only costly but not nearly as effective. If Google Voice doesnt go well I am going to share more on our service for those who are interested. I will also be looking into the Google Voice option as what we have has its own hiccups. Currently going with not fixing what is not broken, but keeping an open mind

Ad Hoc Finance Committee: No new report

ISCYPAA Liaison: Dont forget to check out the Picnic this weekend! We would love to see support from more Groups in Dist. 70 Next up we have a 2 night camping event in Sugar River Forest Preserve, please bring flyers to your groups. This is Sept 23 & 24th. You dont have to camp to go to the Fireside Meeting. We have several more events in the pipeline for 2022 and have been invited to host the December SOWANI. Look forward to a Halloween and NYE announcements. I have had a discussion with another Liason in our Area. Rockford ISCYPAA is all about Unity and we wanted some suggestions on how to get there. Its all about you folks please share our events! We are still interested in hosting a District/ISCYPAA co-workshop day - full of fun, food and fellowship on carrying the AA message. I would like to bring a motion to the next meeting regarding this, more to come.

Announcements: The Women to Women seminar is looking for volunteers to host a slot of time in hospitality during the seminar. They are also looking for group donations to aide in providing a light lunch. They are also looking for greeters and volunteers. The Seminar will be held October 7th – 9th 2022 in Rockford, IL. ON Thursday August 11th there will be a meeting for those who want to know more about ISCYPAA. It will be 6pm at the Alano Club.

SOWANII Update: Everything is going well with SOWANII. There will not be a meeting in May but all other months are filled and ready to go.

ALT-DCM On Saturday September 10th the DCM and I will be attending the Fall Assembly in person at the Lord of Life Church in Elburn, IL. This is also a hybrid meeting so I encourage everyone to attend. I sent out a power point prestation on navigating the Area 20 website that Dawn B. the Alt-Chair for Area 20 put together. If you did not get this email let me know and I'll get it sent to you. Some of the events and workshops coming up include: The Fall Assembly September 10, 2022 Legacy of Service Concept Study. Third Thursday of every month on zoom. Workshops for Grapevine, Accessibilities, Secretaries and more. The ISCYPAA Conference the Big Book Conference on Saturday October 29,2022 in Glen Ellyn, IL. Also, I have been looking into how a District like District 70 may be able (with the financial backing from Area 20) host a future Big Book Conference. More on that possibly later. I'm just throwing that idea out there. The Chair App is going to have an upgrade just after Labor Day and they would like all groups to look at the app and make sure their meeting times, locations etc... are all correct. They also would like you to make sure that meetings that no longer exist are removed. Finally, I would like to thank the speaker I was pleased to listen to this month. Dave P. from the New Beginnings Group in Sterling came to the Three Legacies group last Tuesday and spoke. I was a pleasure to hear his story.

DCM: At the 8/4/22 District 70 meeting we had a vote of approval for the District to have a one day event. It was not a motion. We do have approval from the groups for the activity. We are under no obligation to do it right away. We just have the approval. We will have discussion on this under Old Business. To move forward, we will need an ad-hoc committee to put together a set of guidelines. The Big Book Conference AA Northern Illinois Area 20 will be in Glen Elyn, IL on Oct 29 2022. It runs from 9am – 4:30pm with lunch. One day event. This conference is put on by Area 20 and financed by Area 20. There are guidelines for it. A district or districts put a bid in and host it with Area's support. This year it's hosted by District 23 & 40. I sent an email out to 4 committee chairs that have not signed up on our district's emails. I copied an excerpt out of the Webmaster's report (from the 8/4/22 District meeting) on why this is important. All of our committee chairs have district emails listed on our District 70 web page. We are going to include a brief description under each committee. This way someone looking for information from a committee may contact that chairperson directly. As of now, we have 4 emails on our web page that are dead. If someone reaches out for information, it goes no where. This also will help the next person who rotates in as committee chair; to have all the information and contacts on

file. Leann, our Webmaster can help you activate the email. Send me an email if you have a motion or business to be put on the Agenda at a District meeting. Please get in touch with me 10 days prior to the District meeting.

Old Business:

1) Open Positions: No one stood for an open position
2) Bill D., Treasurer: I make a motion that District 70 makes a contribution to the gso for $1,600. BACKGROUND MATERIAL: In February, the District Committee approved sending $3,000 of our operating fund surplus to the GSO. At that time, the surplus was in excess of $6,000. This brought the surplus down to approximately $3,300. Since then, even with spending on ISCYPAA and Grapevines for Treatment Centers, our surplus remains at $3,200. The Ad Hoc Committee recommends that half of the excess surplus, or $1,600, be sent to GSO. This still leaves us with an excess surplus of $1,600, and a Prudent Reserve of $2,260. Motion was passed. This was the final vote.
3) All Day event Discussion: It was discussed that the all-day event is a good idea but at this time it is best to put our energy into the events we currently have planned and find ways to support each other. It was suggested that we look into this matter down the road and consider having an AA fair where each committee can present information on what they do and how they could use help. We are not moving forward with this project at this time.
4) District Emails: Steve reminded committee members to use the designated district emails so the information can be passed to new committee members with ease.

New Business:

1) No new business

Motion to close ; 2nd, approved,

NEXT MEETING: October 6th