

Meeting opened at 7:00 in person with serenity prayer

Sobriety Birthdays: There were 2 birthdays that I did not write down because, well, I was distracted with something shiny. I will make sure to put them in the minutes next month.

Present: Steve C, DCM; Michelle, Secretary; Jeff K., Alt DCM; Brian S., Treatment; Mari E, Workshop Chair; Rebecca D., Answering Service; Leann N., Webmaster; Curt C., HOW; Cheryl, GSR Language of the Heart; Sue P., GSR SOS; Janet C., visitor; Khonan P., GSR 3 Legacies; Carla S., visitor; Tim W., GSR Home at Home; Tom M., CPC/PI; Curtis B., Upper Room; Mark C., GSR McFarland. Kim S., Corrections; Amanda B., Alt Corrections; Debra U., visitor; Steve K., Downtown GSR; Norah O. visitor; Mike D., visitor

Secretary report: Updating information for Area 20 so I may be asking for email and last name if I do not already have it. motion to accept; approved

Treasurer Report: Provided by Jeff: income was down, and expenses were down. Venmo account is up and running. See treasurers report. motion to accept; approved

GSR Reports:

Augury: Voted to send money to GSO.

Downtown: Welcome new GSR Steve! We are still going. Come check us out and support.

Fourth Dimension of Existence – No new report

Healthy Solutions: There was a positive vote on sending \$3,000 to GSO

Home at Home Group: no new report

HOW Group: District phone working great. We have a group Venmo account. We voted to donate excess funds to GSO.

Language of the Heart LOH approved district \$3000 disbursement; Chris M will speak @ LOH on Sunday, April 10th @ 7:00pm

NE Group: No new report.

McFarland Group: Not present

Muddy River: No new report

Our Primary Purpose – No new report

SOS: No new report

Roscoe Recovery: Continuing to do both live and Zoom meetings. The Saturday morning meetings are hybrid and have been successful with strong attendance. We will likely resume the outdoor Wednesday meetings when the temperatures warm up.

Three Legacies: Our group conscience voted unanimously for District 70 to give their excess funds to the GSO. We voted unanimously to change our group contribution percentages to: 90% to the GSO 5% to Area 20 5% to District 70 We felt this reflects more of the current financial needs AA has. We are on track with hosting the Carrying the Message: Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous Workshop this Saturday March 5, 2022. We also voted unanimously to cover the cost of coffee for the upcoming workshop.

Upper Room: Not present

We Agnostics: The Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Zoom only meeting has been closed down. District 70 Webmaster was notified. Attendance remains steady at the Sunday 5:30 p.m. hybrid meeting.

Committee Reports:

Treatment: Still on

CPC/PI: The CPC chair was able to set up another in-person hour long session in March with the senior nursing class at St. Anthony School of Nursing. Messages were left for the South Beloit, Belvidere and Loves Park Police Departments to arrange a visit to the police force during roll call to give the officers information on alcoholism and AA. A meeting has been scheduled with the Harlem High School counseling office, and messages have been left with the counseling offices of the Rockford School District, Christian Life H.S., and Lutheran H.S. A visit by the CPC will be given to the freshman health classes at Rockford Christian sometime in April or May of 2022

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Corrections: – Not much to report. Meetings are going each week. We could use a few more volunteers. Please distribute fliers at your group. Looking into setting up a meeting in the evening for those who cannot attend during the day.

Grapevine: Open Position

Accessibility: I called Leann to change our website to indicate that ASL signers are on call. The accessibility email is on the website if someone needs a signer.

Workshop: Having a workshop this Saturday at Three Legacies. It will be from 10am-2pm. Come and check it out.

Web: Will be having a meeting with everyone getting a district email to discuss logistics. Groups are doing well with sending me their events. We have been getting more emails with questions about various district questions. Have been sending some to Steve and will start sending answering service type questions to Rebecca.

Newsletter: open position

Bridging the Gap: Open Position

Answering Service: No new report.

Ad Hoc Finance Committee: No new report

Announcements: ISCYPAA bid committee meeting on March 27th from 1:30-3:30pm. Will be held at the Alamo Club. Committee is being created to possibly host a ISCYPAA in Rockford in the next few years. More information to come.

ALT DCM Last Month Steve and I visited several AA groups to make sure they were still active and if so, were there any needs or concerns District 70 could be of service for, along with delivering documents from the GSO that belonged to them. We were pleased to visit the Belvidere Travelers Group, the Belvidere Bridge Group and Muddy River and get their locations, meeting times and contacts updated. Also, we found that Rainbow Recovery was no longer holding meetings, but was listed on the district schedule and we now have this corrected. The Carrying the Message: Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous workshop is coming up Saturday March 5th, 2022. I would like to thank Mari, the volunteer panelists and The Three Legacies Group for putting in so much effort to get this going. Reminder to everyone that there are several AA conferences and assemblies coming up soon. The NIA 20 Spring Assembly is on March 12, 2022, the Pre-General Service Workshop is on April 9, 2022 and the General Service Conference will be on April 24-30, 2022. Several emails and information about these have gone out and will go out via the Bill Wilson email. Our DCM has included the agenda items for the GSC in the district meeting packets. I have a copy and the main pages have links to much more than we can print. There are many agenda items that can be of concern to our groups and AA as a whole. For instance, there is still discussion on the 12 and 12 and the Big Book text changes, how the new Preamble is affecting groups, new literature etc... Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns on how to attend. Plus, I have found that attending these can be not only informative but fun too. Most are still on Zoom and a full day commitment is not always necessary. Finally, thanks to the Language of the Heart for their speaker meeting on February 20th. It was a pleasure listening to Eamonn's story of experience, strength and hope. He did such a wonderful job.

DCM: When Intergroup was shut down and District 70 absorbed the Answering Service, District 70 at the time, also had a schedule on our web page. At the same time, Covid hit and lot of meetings weren't on the schedule. Some groups did not come back and became INACTIVE. It was next to impossible to maintain an accurate meeting schedule. Our web master, along with our Answering Service (A.S.) did a great job doing this and adding info to the schedule as it became available. Covid guidelines changed last year and are still changing now. Groups are meeting again. Jeff and I for the last year, with the help of the web master, A.S. and members have been removing meetings from the schedule that are no longer ACTIVE. The inaccuracy of the schedule is no one's fault. It was a combination of things. Last year we had four A.A. meetings listed on the schedule that were not meeting. This past month, Jeff and Janet and I visited a group NOT OPEN. I contacted the church and was told they had not met there for a long time. For the last year the District has been mailing out minutes. I have been using my return address. If I get a returned letter, I make a follow up call to the place that the group was meeting for verification. One group was dropped from the schedule last year as a result of a returned letter. I did not get any return letters from the groups we visited this last month. I have received feedback from Answering Service that referrals have gone to groups for a meeting on the schedule and no meeting was being held there at the time on the schedule. It is so important to have an accurate schedule so when someone especially their first meeting, some is there. I would like to ask the groups when they change their meeting schedule or drop a meeting time

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to notify the District. As per Tradition 4: *Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.* The District is not directing groups what to do, but asking you to consider it. If you are going to change a meeting or discontinue a meeting Please have your GSR or group chairperson notify the District web master. (the email address for the webmaster is: webmaster@district70aa.org) The web master will coordinate with the Answering Service committee on the new information. The schedule does not always get changed at the requested time. It may take a little while. What I am asking the groups to consider is waiting for a confirmation back from the web master and then take the meeting time off of the list. Included in your packets are updates to the District 70 Guidelines. Please attach them to your copies to update them. Included in your packets are also the Agenda items for the 72nd General Service Conference. Jeff will explain more.

Old Business:

- 1) Open Positions: Mike D. stood for Alt. Treatment and was elected. Debra U. stood for Bridging that Gap and was elected. Carla S. Stood for Alt. Bridging the Gap and was elected. Open positions are Grapevine and several alternate chair positions.
- 2) Jeff K re-read the motion from last month from Bill D: I make a motion to transfer \$3,000 from the excess surplus of District 70 to the GSO - AA. Background: 1. District 70 has established a Prudent Reserve of 30% of annual operating expenses. For 2022 this amount is \$2,260. 2. At 12-31-21, the operating fund balance was in excess of the Prudent Reserve by \$6,078.22(the excess surplus). 3. The Ad Hoc Finance Committee would like surplus funds to be used locally, if possible. We encourage individual committees to search for additional ways to use these funds to reach out to alcoholics. 4. The Seventh Tradition says that AA treasuries should not accumulate funds for no stated AA purpose. 5. The GSO is operating at a deficit due to the pandemic. We have been informed that NIA 20 has approximately \$40,000 in excess of their Prudent Reserve. GSO has the greater need. 6. Donation of \$3,000 to GSO still leaves an excess surplus balance of over \$3,000. This is an amount which should be used locally, if possible.
Requires a 2/3 vote to pass now that is has gone back to the groups. No questions. No discussion. Unanimous vote yes.

New Business:

- 1) No new business

Motion to close ; 2nd, approved,

NEXT MEETING: April 7th 2022