

District 61 Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2024
First Congregational Church, Geneva

Serving Batavia, Elburn, Geneva, La Fox, Maple Park, St. Charles, and Wayne

1. Meeting called to order by DCM at 7:00 PM
2. Quiet time followed by Serenity Prayer
3. DCM reviewed meeting decorum and procedures.
4. Roll Call: 24 in attendance, 1 on Zoom, 4 called/texted unable to attend, 31 GSRs not present.
5. Tradition 6 and Concept 6 read.
6. Introductions and recognize new members:
 - New GSRs in attendance: Terri T, Kathleen F, Kent R
7. A.A. Anniversaries
 - Katie R – 44 years
8. 7th Tradition
9. Minutes
 - April minutes: approval motioned by Lisa V, Rich N seconded - Approved
 - May minutes: approval motioned by Elizabeth S, Marty B seconded - Approved

10. **OLD BUSINESS:**

District Comments and Observations of Service Presentation & Summer Assembly

- GSR and Committee breakouts were very helpful in learning what other districts do and the tips and suggestions we can implement in our district.
 - Possible use of Zelle and/or Paypal for individuals and groups to contribute.
 - QR cards and stickers with phone numbers for the district.
- Service Presentations in May were informative. Felt encouraged to attend assemblies.
- Motions on the floor were particularly difficult to understand before the assembly but were much more clear, listening to all those getting up to ask questions and/or make comments.
- Motions are motions until approved.
- Great need for motions to be as clear as possible - felt most people favored the idea but the wording caused it to fail. Also, be prepared procedurally and to present.
- Majority of the group agreed that a meeting prior to any future motion/s would be helpful, as would person/persons with more expertise on the motion.
- There was a general consensus that the wording of Founder's Writings should not be further altered.
- There is a mechanism whereby an individual, a group, a district, and/or an area can present a letter to the General Service Conference Committee for possible acceptance as a motion at the General Service Conference held each year. It's outlined in The AA Service Manual.

11. **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

District Committee Member (DCM): Katie R Alt: Lisa V

- Event flyers in packets:
 - 8-3 Picnic at Lions park, noted how to get involved, No Pets
 - 8-23 IL State Conference
 - 2025 International Convention.
- Lisa attended 3 more meetings, noting health/robustness of our district. Appreciation shown for her effort!

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OFFICERS REPORTS (Cont):

Secretary - Dawn V, Alt: Kate K

- April and May minutes are approved, nothing further to report.

Registrar: Betty F, Alt: Rick N:

- Fox Valley Open report:
 - 29th Annual at Lord of Life church was a success. Dawn was Master of Ceremony. Rick recorded three speakers. 263 in attendance, \$700 collected, \$347 remaining after expenses for next year's open.
 - The group acknowledged and applauded Betty's excellent work in continuously bringing this event about each year.
- One Schedule change: 10am Sunday Breakfast Club group is now closed and a big book study.
- A couple new GSRs will be added next month

Treasurer: Lance T , Alt: Rich N:

- Last month 930 contributed. Deposited funds from petty cash, spent some on printing and answering service.
- Updates to report: First column will have official group meeting number. This should be the number used by groups when contributing. The old number will still work with GSO or district but new number is better.
- Expenditures: Katie R ordered 15 AA Service Manuals for anyone at district who is in need. They should arrive next week.

12. **GSR REPORTS:**

- none

13. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Accessibility: Julie P (NP), Alt: Carol Ann M

- Working on a regular roster for Bria facility. Julie is gathering information on getting volunteers to bring meetings to other facilities as well, Carole Ann will follow up.

Answering Service: Brett O (NP), Alt: Bernie McC(NP)

- No representation: Katie will enquire what the next steps should be.

Corrections: Todd M (NP), Alt-Women: Open, Alt-Men: John M (NP)

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CPC & PI (Coop. w/ Prof. Comm. & Public Information): Janan O (NP), Alt: Larissa MacN (NP)

- No report this month

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (Cont.):

Grapevine: John C, Alt: Sarah L (NP):

- Subscription for Geneva public library is ordered. Plans to do the same for St. Charles public library
- Encouraged collection of grapevines; they'll be passed to corrections

Literature: Al S, Alt OPEN:

- Let Al know if literature is needed in your groups. Also, he has newcomer packets available.

Treatment: Steve H (NP), Alt: Therese S

- This month's speaker meeting was canceled at RCA. Will resume in July.
- Terese got some new ideas at assembly and will share & discuss with Steve
- Picked up QR cards and stickers at Assy with phone numbers for the district-can make them available to others.

Webmaster: Betty F , Alt: Rick N:

- Minutes will be retained on our website for 2 years.
- Changes in pictures: send Rick pics if you have some to include (scenery, no people)
- 31 QR code scans since launch
- Big Book Conference is in Rockford. Will add to website.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Open-** No topics on agenda.
- b) Inquiry about the number of schedules printed this month compared to last: are we seeing participation from GSRs ordering via email, and has there been a reduction in quantities ordered and printed?
 - GSRs are responding, and there has been a significant reduction in need and printing.
- c) Current Surveys were emailed to all:
 - One went out for AREA to see what they can improve.
 - 2025 International survey looking for feedback of what people will like to do.
- d) Assembly hearing issues revolving around presence of interpreter in same room has been addressed and a solution will be in practice at the next event.

15. Closed with Responsibility Statement

Meeting Adjourned: 7:47 PM
 Respectfully submitted by: Kate K

2024 District Meeting Calendar

January 26	February 23	March 22
April 24 Weds Going Forward	May 29 -Service Presentation	June 26
July 31 Next Meeting	August 28	September 25
October 30	November (Nov & Dec >>>)	December 4