

**District 61
Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2025**

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

Welcome followed by a Quiet Time and the Serenity Prayer

1. Call meeting to order 7:00pm
2. DCM review of meeting decorum and procedures.
3. Roll Call: 21 in attendance, 47 not present (9 emailed or texted).
4. Tradition 1 and Concept 1 read.
5. Introductions and recognize new members: none this month
6. A.A. Anniversaries: Michael T. 1 year, Betty F. 37 years, Rob L. 17 years, Kate K. 17 years
7. 7th Tradition – basket was passed
8. Approve December Minutes: Kim O. moved to accept, Ellen J. seconded, minutes passed.
9. **Guest speaker next month:** David T. NIA 20 Answering Service Chair

10. **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

District Committee Member (DCM): Katie R, Alt: Kyle W (NP)

- Kyle attended winter committee meeting, nothing to report.
- Parking at this location is an issue. Katie checked into Lord of Life, Tuesday possibly only evening available.
 - Have not checked with St. Charles episcopal, however they are full on Wed's.
 - Further conversation on this topic will follow.
- Spring assembly is coming up 3-1-2025.
- Pre general service conference meeting coming up on 4-5-2025 to prepare Area Delegate for GSC in New York at end of April. He wants to hear from all, especially GSRs.
- Spring committee meeting – needs volunteers. Kim, Rick, and Julie so far. We signed up to set up & break down including lunch.
- Housing available for 2025 Intl conference. The District 61 website has a flyer, Rick N will add a link.
- Katie ordered 40 new updated service manuals and will have shortly.

Secretary (None): Dawn V (NP), Alt: Kate K

- No report

Registrar: Betty F, Alt: Rick N

- Schedules are from Nov 24, they're still usable but there have been some changes. The meeting app is up to date.
- Discussion regarding GSR packets, need to go through NIA 20 to get those. There are a few needed, Katie can follow up.

Treasurer: Lance T (NP), Alt: Rich N

- 2025 Budget discussion
- 2024 expenses/budget on the document for rough guideline.
- Discussion and Questions
 - Call service: Natalie noted new google number not ready yet and we should retain old number/service until new is in place and available for a few months – we'll need the current service for another year. Keep \$2000.
 - Fast Color Printing: Printing for treatment center included. Increase from 1200 to 1400.
 - District Committee Member: no changes anticipated, keep at 1200.
 - Secretary: keep 150
 - Webmaster: Keep at 300 for renewals (some are bi-annual and coming up)
 - Registrar: keep at 100
 - Treasurer: keep at 150
 - Accessibility: reduce to 150. Discussion around if this is ok with no representation here. Noted more funding can be requested if needed.

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Treasurer: Discussion and Questions – cont.

- Corrections: keep at 100
- Public Info & CPC: Leave at 100
- Grapevine: Keep at 200
- Literature: keep at \$1500
- Treatment: Need chips and pamphlets. Increase to 400
- Rent: Keep at same amount 360
- PO Box: Reduce to \$250
- Donations: GSO: donated due to reserve. No budget.
- Donation NIA20: donated due to reserve. NO budget.
- Miscellaneous: keep at \$500
- Big Book Trivia Night: n/a
- Note: picnic is now self supporting.
- 2025 budget total: \$8,960 (vs \$9,060 in 2024). Total 1024 spend was \$9,200.
- Motion to accept as is (Betty F), 2nded (Diane M). All were in favor, Motion passed.

11. **GSR REPORTS:**

- **Betty:** Noted attendance seems to be down at meetings. Thursday night at this church gets RCA attendees. RCA also attends Sunday open and other meetings too.
- **Terese:** Sunday 7:30 pm Sunday Night Fellowship meeting – could use more people and support.
- **Ellen:** Noted attendance at the club has been steady/full overall
- **Lee:** Noted that at many meetings where RCA attends there are only 3-5 attendees. It would be good to have more of the fellowship there. It would be helpful to know where RCA is going to encourage attendance - Katie will discuss with Terese & Steve
- **Kim:** Lord of Life BB : wondering about how others use and maintain a home group list of members vs phone lists (especially around home-group voting). Betty noted each group is autonomous so the meeting/group can decide.

12. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Katie gave an update on their behalf regarding a Plain Language big book study group, which is a zoom meeting.

Answering Service: Interim Chair-Natalie G, Alt: Lee Ann W

- 1 call since last meeting, 3 calls for /loved ones, 4 calls for meeting information

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

- There have been changes at the jail and now there are only 2 pods they can go to – one pod that s active with AA attendees.
- Changes in the jail have been challenging to have meetings
- Scott and John have stepped back to take a break
- Todd and his partner were doing all meetings, but his partner has stepped back and no one has been going since January.
- Todd trying to get a partner back for Feb to get started again with the one pod.
- Unsure what is happening with the women's pod.

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

- Janan will be here next month with a report

Grapevine: John C Alt: Sarah L

- Please bring any paper based grapevine copies & John will get them to corrections.
- Reminder there is a grapevine app
 - Rick will add a link to it to the website

Literature: AI S (NP), Alt OPEN:

- Check with AI for needs, he has packets

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

- Terese says all is good

Webmaster: Betty F, Alt: Rick N:

- SSL cert is installed/set.
- Some backend updates have been done.
- Will add links discussed in the meeting.

13. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Microphone & Speakers for those in need at district meetings.
 - Katie and Rick investigated an option of microphones with earbuds. Its cost effective but works for specific people only, not the whole room. Option is to move to somewhere that has sound equipment.
 - Noted upstairs was better, but concern is size of that space.
 - Potential to use the existing speakers in the basement – perhaps minimal expense if church allows us to use the speakers. Would need to pass a microphone or speakers need to go to a microphone. Which could increase meeting time.
 - We could speak louder. Every one is ok with doing that.

14. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Katie will be here to chair in Feb now – Kyle will chair a meeting later in the year.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted by: Kate K

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING

Wednesday, February 26th