

District 61 Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2024

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.
2. DCM review of meeting decorum and procedures.
3. Roll Call: 31 in attendance, 25 not present (6 called or emailed).
4. Tradition 10 and Concept 10 read.
5. Introductions and recognition of new members: Bill Mc, Lee S, Michael T, Randall (Randy) D
6. Guests: Bob A-District, Terry M-NIA 20 Grapevine
7. A.A. Anniversaries – Michael A – 10 yrs, Lee Ann W – 42 years
8. 7th Tradition
9. Approve Oct/2024 Minutes – AI S motioned to accept and Michael A. 2nd; the motion passed unanimously.

10. **Guest speaker:** Terry M, Grapevine Chair, NIA 20 Grapevine, spoke of Grapevine's history leading up to today and how each of us can submit stories and or thoughts to be reviewed and possibly published, along with how we can individually and as a group support the "meetings in print."

11. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - Tabled until next month: a review of speakers at our district meetings for hard-of-hearing members at this meeting.
 - Lance T proposed 0.40 cents per mile vs. the IRS's current \$0.67. Discussion was completed; Diane M motioned to accept \$0.40 cents per mile, and AI S 2nd motion passed unanimously.

12. **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

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

 - DCM report was replaced with a review by Rick N of an upcoming motion at the NIA 20 Assembly on Dec. 14th to require NIA 20 committee members and officers to use only Microsoft 365 email.

Secretary: Dawn V (NP), Alt: Kate K (NP)

 - No report

Registrar: Betty F (NP), Alt: Rick N

 - Change of address at a single meeting will be forwarded to Betty. QR code on printed Schedules received two hits last month, bringing the annual to 46 hits.

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

 - Lance approved Katie's request to move the budget review to next month due to this meeting's time constraints.
 - Rich N will review the budget next month and report regular activities until March.
 - Two checks, as agreed for year-end contribution disbursements, were mailed: one for \$1,100 to GSO and one for \$1,100 to NIA 20.

13. **GSR REPORTS:**
 - **Guest speaker, Terry M Grapevine:** Please feel free to contact me if you would like me to attend your meeting and give a 5-10 minute presentation about the Grapevine. Both John and Sarah can assist, too. grapevine@aa-nia.org
 - **Steve H-GSR at BCH:** Events: Dec.21, 5pm: Christmas Party, Feb. 8, 11 am to 2pm, Emotional Sobriety and the Alcoholic Ego with speaker from Riverside, CA and later starting at 6pm, the 2nd Annual Gala.

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14. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Bria reports that the meeting is going well; other patients may be interested; Julie discussing with the current volunteer group.
- NIA 20 Accessibility Committee meeting reviewed the need for district websites to update meetings to determine whether meetings are wheelchair accessible. He did not call out our district.
- GSRs, please ask your group if there is any interest in starting a new meeting to read and discuss the new book Plain Language Big Book and let me know.
- Gathering interest in starting a home group meeting for one or more homebound members.

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

- 2 calls received for general information and 4 calls for meeting information.
- Natalie and Lee Ann discussed changing services to Ring Central. Details regarding Ring Central requirements will be addressed with Lance.
- Reviewed creating a workshop to attract volunteers and creating a sub-committee to respond to calls.

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

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

- Nothing to report this month; however, we have a few items in the works, and I will bring them next month.

Grapevine: John C Alt: Sarah L:

- Thanked Terry M for his presentation. To all, please ask your group's members for their old Grapevines and bring to next meeting. These are to recovery and correction facilities in the area.
grapevine@aa-nia.org

Literature: AI S, Alt OPEN:

- Currently have 60 newcomer packets available immediately.

Treatment: Steve H , Alt: Therese S:

- Continue attending RCA and Footprints. 60 attendees. Will need to increase our funds next year, a real positive.

Webmaster: Betty F (NP), Alt: Rick N:

- Ran a few upgrades in the background. Website running well.
- Will update Events page with new items.

15. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Calendar for 2025: District meetings will be held the LAST WEDNESDAY of each month EXCEPT November and December.
- No meeting in November
- December meeting will be in early December: Dec. 3, 2025.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:03 PM Respectfully submitted by: Katie R

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING

Wednesday, January 29th, 7 pm