

District 61 Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2025

Serving:

Batavia - Elburn-Geneva – LaFox - Maple Park - St. Charles – Wayne

Welcome followed by a Quiet Time and the Serenity Prayer

1. Meeting called to order 7:00pm
2. DCM previewed meeting decorum and procedures.
3. Roll Call: 25 in attendance, 41 not present, 1 guest (11 emailed or texted).
4. Tradition 2 and Concept 2 read.
5. Introductions and recognize new members: none this month
6. A.A. Anniversaries: Marty 13 years, Ryan 3 years, Kyle 3 years
7. 7th Tradition – basket was passed
8. Approve January Minutes: AI moved to accept, Dawn seconded, minutes passed unanimously.
9. **Guest speaker:** David T. NIA 20 Answering Service Chair
 - Presented general information about answering service guidelines which are also on aa.org if needed. He can also be a resource. Upcoming motions at Area level to update Answering Service page. Discussed the advantages of using Google Voice over Taz United for cost. Our district hasn't done that yet because Google Voice has to be tied to a member's phone number.

10. **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

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

- Parking at this location is an issue. Checked into Lord of Life, Tuesday only possible evening available.
- Attended a Plain Language Big Book meeting and recommends to all.
- Spring Committee Meeting is coming up 5-10-2025, volunteers needed! Kyle, Kim, Rick, Dawn, and Julie so far. We signed up to set up & break down including lunch. Reach out to Katie or Kyle.
- Pre general service conference meeting being held in Dixon is coming up on 4-5-2025 to prepare Area Delegate for GSC in New York at the end of April. He wants to hear from all, especially GSRs.
- Housing available for 2025 Intl conference. The District 61 website has a flyer.
- 40 new updated service manuals on table and will be at each meeting for all service persons in district or anyone interested.

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

- No report

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

- 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 January budget reviewed

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11. GSR REPORTS:

- None

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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

- Following presentation by David T, Natalie reported she will continue to work on getting D61's answering service connected to Google Voice

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)

- Janann continues to work with St. Charles school district for presentation to health closes by members.

Grapevine: John C Alt: Sarah L (NP)

- Continue to bring read issues to be distributed to jails.

Literature: AI S (NP), Alt OPEN:

- Lee S was nominated and voted unanimously to act as Literature Alt

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

- Terese says all is good and getting good attendance at RCA meetings.

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

- QR codes continue to be a success.

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.

Resolved: We could speak louder. Everyone is ok with doing that.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING

Wednesday, March 26th