

District 61
Meeting Minutes
May 28, 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: 23 in attendance, 47 not present.
4. Tradition 5 read by Michael and Concept 5 read by Joey.
5. Introductions and recognize new members: Mike B, GSR & Joey R, GSR
 - Guest attendees: Anne K and Tory
6. A.A. Anniversaries – none
7. 7th Tradition
8. Approve April 2025 Minutes – Jason F moved to accept, , Janette J 2nd, passed.
9. **Guest speaker:** Anne K -
 - Anne and Janette discussed the upcoming District Picnic in Elburn Lions Park
 - They need volunteers, and have been struggling recently to get coverage
 - Especially cleanup – they need people who can lift heavy things – from 3-5.
 - Want to promote its family-friendly, haven't had as many kids as they used to – there are fun kid activities.
 - Want to encourage other musicians to contact Janette. This year they have a band but want to include others.
 - They encourage treatment center participation
 - They're also working with the next generation of organizers who will take over from Anne and Janette after this year.

10. **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

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

- Kyle covered for Katie today, nice job Kyle!
- We hosted NIA20 Spring Committee meeting on May 10. It went very smoothly. Thanks go to Dawn, Natalie, Julie, Rob, Eric, Peter, Alex, RickN and RickR for their volunteer support.
- NIA20 Summer Assembly is 6/21 at Immanuel Lutheran in Palatine, light breakfast at 8 and meeting starts at 9am. Agenda with motions and information was emailed on 5/25. We will hear from our Delegate regarding the GSC meeting in New York in April.
- Reminder that there is still housing and registration available for the 2025 International Conference, information on the District 61 website <https://aadistrict61.org/>
- There are AA service manuals available

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

- No report

Registrar: Betty F, Alt: Rick N

- Betty will get the new GSRs added to the list
- Schedules have been updated with the latest information

Treasurer: Lance T, Alt: Rich N:

- May had 878 in contributions
- There was \$2061 in expenses, but that includes checks for expenses the Area will cover and checks that won't be cashed.
- We gave \$500 in seed money to the Trivia event
- We're in good shape
- District now has a debit card for recurring automatic expenses

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11. GSR REPORTS:

- Meeting the new GSRs – Welcome!
 - Joey with an Elburn group. This group had been without a GSR for awhile until Joey stepped up! He is looking forward to being of service
 - Mike is taking over for Frank who was having time constraints – right as Mike was looking to ‘step up’ his program so he ‘stepped in’.
- Jeff – GSR for weekend Lazarus House meeting.
 - This group is concerned with the use of the Lord’s Prayer at the end of some meetings, feeling that there are people, especially newcomers, that find it troubling and alienating.
 - They feel this prayer should not be used, and would like a message to go out to groups to use a different one, such as the responsibility prayer.
 - There was some in attendance that agreed
 - Other conversation noted that the program is not a religious one, each group is autonomous and can choose their format/prayers in a group conscious/business meeting. Each group can make decisions for itself as long as those decisions do not affect AA as a whole
 - It was also noted that AA members can go to meetings that fit them.
 - There was discussion of perhaps noting the format/prayer on meeting guides, Betty noted that meetings are tied to the Meeting App so the format is not one we can affect. There are agnostic meetings with ‘agnostic’ in the title.
 - Discussion ended with no motions or actions taken.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Kyle noted that in December he would like to see short, written reports submitted by each Committee chair to be used in the minutes.

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

- Report provided and shared by Kyle
- Attended the NIA accessibility committee meeting (on Zoom) – there was a small turn out.
- They’re still having meeting at Bria, and can use some more support on Wednesdays at 6pm.

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

- Lance noted that the last bill with TAS United was \$77 and he expects that to be \$0 next month
- Kyle noted there are calls coming from the new system that seems to be working well. Texts go out among the group to ensure coverage.
- Mike noted he gets a lot of missed call notifications, however others would have picked it up through the text communication
- There was one 4am call that wasn’t immediately returned (no one was awake), all others have been answered or promptly returned
- We can get further information from Natalie

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

- No report

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

- No report

Grapevine: John C Alt: Sarah L (NP)

- Renewed donations for St. Charles and Geneva library to get Grapevines
- They are still accepting used copies and will distribute them to corrections facilities

Literature: Al S (NA) , Alt OPEN:

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

- Treatment is going well. Terese needs a female for next Wednesday

Webmaster: Betty F, Alt: Rick N:

- Picnic flyer is up on website
- District debit card is auto-paying the fees so Betty doesn't have to cover them
- We own aadistrict61.org and .com. .com is redirected to the .org domain
- There have been plugin and application updates – while this is happening the site is unavailable so Rick makes updates at night.
- Will be updating banner images for the summer – if you have images you can send them to Rick (no people)
- Reminder – meeting content on the website is the same as on the meeting guide app.

13. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Fox Valley Open report
 - 2025– 30th Annual, Lord of Life Church in LaFox
 - Master of Ceremony: Dan Nelson
 - Special thanks to Dawn V. for the recording of the speakers. Betty will have copies available.
 - Speakers:
 - 1-5 Years: Alex S., Dist. 61 St. Charles
 - 6-15 Years: Hugo S., Dist. 64 Aurora
 - 16+ Years: Albert M., Dist. 22 Elgin
 - 169 in attendance
 - Budget
 - \$441 collected from Seventh Tradition, water donations & donation cans
 - Sold \$131 in literature furnished by Sunday Open Meeting
 - \$234 for treats, coffee, water & miscellaneous
 - Church rental \$400
 - \$276 reserve for 2026 Fox Valley Open

14. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Summer Assembly
 - All encouraged to attend
 - Delegate will review information from the New York meeting
 - Mileage can be compensated by individual groups or district, ask.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement.

- Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by: Kate K

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING

- Wednesday, June 25