

**District 61
Meeting Minutes
August 27, 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.
2. DCM review of meeting decorum and procedures.
3. Roll Call: 27 in attendance, 2 zoom, 41 not present.
4. Tradition 7 & 8 and Concepts 7 & 8 read.
5. Introductions and recognize new members,
6. A.A. Anniversaries, Dale 1 year, Dawn V 8 years, Natalie G 13 years, Rick N 15 years, and Randy 21 years.
7. 7th Tradition
8. Approve June 2025 Minutes & July 2025 – Bron moved to accept, Elizabeth 2nd motion, passed unanimously
9. **Guest speaker:** None
10. **OFFICERS REPORTS:**
District Committee Member (DCM): Katie R, Alt: Kyle W
 - Katie discussed Delegate, Eric L., topics covered at the recent Committee meeting. Erik will be our guest speaker at our October district meeting. Also reviewed upcoming events.
Secretary: Dawn V, Alt: Kate K (NP)
 - No report
Registrar: Betty F, Alt: Rick N
 - Firehouse Meeting is changing, please see schedule. Meetings at Lazarus House are changing immediately, no new location at this time. Check schedule for updates.
Treasurer: Lance T, Alt: Rich N:
 - Over \$4000 bank balance with healthy reserve
11. **GSR REPORTS:**
 - None at this time
12. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
Accessibility: Julie P, (NP) Alt: Carol Ann M
 - Work ongoing
Answering Service: Interim Chair-Natalie G, Alt: Lee Ann W
 - Updating information on website.
Corrections: Todd M (NP), Alt-Women: OPEN, Alt-Men: OPEN
 - Meetings at KCCF continue
CPC & PI (Coop. w/ Prof. Comm. & Public Information): Janan O (NP)
Alt: Larissa MacN (NP)
Grapevine: John C Alt: Sarah L:
 - Work ongoing
Literature: Al S, Alt OPEN:
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Treatment: Steve H , Alt: Therese S:
 - Need women speakers for Wednesday nights 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm for RCA
Webmaster: Betty F (NP), Alt: Rick N:
 - Everything going well

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13. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- GSR discussion request from June meeting continued: What does your group think about the seeming conflict a newcomer could feel when hearing AA's preamble read before each meeting, stating, 'AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution' then ending the meeting with the denominational prayer, The Lord's Prayer.
- This was not to be voted on, only discussed as consideration for the newcomer.
- One group changed from the prayer to the Responsibility Statement. Most groups chose to continue as before, having no conflict.
- GSRs were given a copy by DCM of a G.S.O. Archive item, 'The history behind reading The Lord's Prayer at 12 Step meetings' taken from <https://bigbooksponsorship.org/articles-alcoholism-addiction-12-step-program-recovery/aa-history/history-reading-lords-prayer-12-step-meetings/> along with Tradition 4 Short Form.

14. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Prepared GSRs for voting at 9-13-2025 Assembly on motion to return to using a plain blue binding with embossed letters (Alcoholics Anonymous) in the same color, for the hard copy "Big Book, either with or without the dust cover.
- Proposed New District Committee Positions
 - Young Persons Committee Member- young member to represent and engage younger AAs
 - Local Committee Member (LCM)- assists DCM to attend meetings and spread the word about work and engagement in district.
 - AA District Archivist
- Need to update descriptions of District Service Positions on website to include all positions in preparation for voting in December.
- Spirit of rotation- please read handout.
- Move to Lord of Life Church in Elburn – church is open on Tuesday evenings. Will be on September agenda for vote.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement.

- Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 PM

PM Respectfully submitted by: Dawn V

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING

- Wednesday, September 24, 2025