

District 61
Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2025

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

Welcome followed by a Quiet Time and the Serenity Prayer

1. Meeting called to order: 7:00pm
2. DCM reviewed meeting decorum and procedures.
3. Roll Call checklist passed: 22 in attendance, 52 not present .
4. Tradition 10 and Concept 10 read by Julie
5. Introductions and recognize new members:
 - Kristin – visitor
 - Brian
6. A.A. Anniversaries –
 - Michael – 11 years on 10/27
 - Elizabeth – 4 years on 10/12
 - Missy – 40 years
 - Jason – 19 years this month
7. 7th Tradition was observed
8. Approve September 2025 Minutes – Bron moved to accept, seconded and passed.

GUEST SPEAKER – Erik L. NIA 20 delegate

Erik provided a very informative discussion around AA Service structure, the General Service conference and how everything works. He noted the AA service manual is helpful and informative, Katie noted she has copies or can purchase for \$4. Thank you, Erik!

OFFICERS REPORTS:

This month's reports were emailed and sent with the agenda packet; they are recorded here.

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

- Katie
In the follow-up to our September meeting discussion about service, I put together some questions for GSRs to share with their groups to prompt individuals to consider how they were personally affected by A.A.'s service structure and whether they are participating in helping to keep this structure going for generations to come. Feedback at the district level was not expected.

I reached out to Susan L regarding the Christmas Party twice and have not heard back. Kyle has counts in his report.

As of 10-30-25 Susan agreed that next year would be better and is looking forward to coordinating far ahead.

I attended the Big Book Conference at Lord of Life Church and was very excited about the 3-person panel, called *The Doctor's Opinion*. The panel had brought to life our disease using this chapter as well as the *Spiritual Experience*, from Appendix 2 at the back of the Big Book. I had never heard our disease presented in this way and found it incredibly inspiring. Multiple panels were covering other chapters taking place throughout the church simultaneously. I heard great feedback about those panels, too.

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Kyle and I attended the new monthly Zoom meeting for all Area 20 DCMs and Alt DCMs. This was created to help us share ideas, solve common problems, and learn about topics in a group setting without waiting for area meetings to get together to do.

The next NIA 20 Assembly is December 13:

NIA Winter Assembly

**Date: December 13, 2025 – Lord of Life Church
Doors Open at 8:00am / Meeting Begins 9:00am**

District elections are on December 3 this year. All positions will undergo voting, except possibly the Treasurer and Webmaster, due to the established expertise and trust in those positions.

I reviewed our district's list of service positions and their general duties and updated them. The updated list is printed for you and is under your agenda.

Please read your position's description and critique it to ensure it is accurate and return by this upcoming Monday evening. My goal is to have a completed copy by Tuesday for uploading to our website and for sending to all of you to share with your groups.

Remember: Anyone who would like to stand for a position must be present at the district elections meeting to be elected.

- **Kyle**

Since our previous meeting I attended Fall Committee Meeting. During the meeting I talked with the Alt Dcm of 41 about the job duties of the Alt DCM. I also attended the service manual breakout discussion. The Big Book cover PAI (that was voted on at the assembly) has been sent to committee. The meeting concluded by 11 am!

I attended the NIA Big Book Conference. The attendance from Dist 61 was low. The breakout about "The Spiritual Experience" was very good.

I also attended the Virtual DCM monthly meeting. This month we discussed the election process, addressing apathy in the fellowship and improving communication at the area and district level.

Based on responses from the District GSR's we have approx. 60 participants interested in the Christmas/Holiday party.

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

- No report

Registrar: Betty F, Alt: Rick N

- No Report

Treasurer: Lance T, Alt: Rich N:

- Information emailed and printed copies 2 were sent with the agenda packet.

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GSR REPORTS:

No GSR reports were submitted this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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Accessibility: Julie P, Alt: Carol Ann M

- No report

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

Answering Service is going well. The call log since our previous district meeting:

Date	Time	Volunteer
10/1/2025	12:31 PM	Voicemail
10/1/2025	5:19 PM	Natalie
10/7/2025	6:50 AM	Natalie
10/16/2025	10:18 AM	
10/20/2025	4:29 PM	Natalie
10/22/2025	7:52 PM	Voicemail
10/24/2025	7:13 AM	Chris
10/24/2025	11:23 AM	Chris

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)

- I have all 14 speakers for this upcoming Monday's Health classes at North St. Charles H.S. I will report in December how it went.

Grapevine: John C Alt: Sarah L (NP)

- We have now received approval for Grapevine subscriptions at the Batavia library and the Town and Country library. That gives us coverage for the district!

Literature: Al S (NP) , Alt Lee S (NP)

- I have newcomer packets available tonight for any GSR who would like to take them back to their meeting.

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

- All going well. Nothing new to report this month.

Webmaster: Betty F, Alt: Rick N:

- No Report

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OLD BUSINESS:

- Christmas party update: 60 responded interest. Will defer the party to next year mostly due to not enough time to prepare this year. As of 10-30, Susan agreed that next year is best and looks forward to coordinating far ahead.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Moving venue options
 - Stay here
 - St John Neuman – Tues or Thurs at 7 –
 - Lord of Life - Tues at 7
 - East side drive (prior venue) – not available
 - Cost for any option is whatever we want to donate
 - Move would occur in January
- Vote
 - Stay here: 12 (Decision)
 - Lord of Life: 2
 - St John Neuman: 6

Minority spoke – parking is an accessibility problem. Offer made to group to change vote, no changes.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement.

- Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by: Kate K

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING : Wednesday December 3, 2025 at 7 pm.