

District 61
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 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: 29 in attendance, 0 zoom, 41 not present.
4. Tradition 9 and Concepts 9 read.
5. Introductions and recognize new members- Kate, Alt. GSR for Saturday Night Specials Meeting, Susan L visiting to discuss Christmas party
6. A.A. Anniversaries, Kim, 5 years
7. 7th Tradition
8. Approve August 2025 minutes – Bron moved to accept, Jeff seconded the motion, passed unanimously
9. **Guest speaker:** Susan L discussed restarting the district's traditional Christmas party. She is willing to head up and coordinate the following:
 - a. Looking at Dec. 6th, with doors opening at 4 pm, and the event running from 5–9 pm.
 - b. Considering Lord of Life Church
 - c. Approximately 50 volunteers will work within committees.
 - d. Seed money of about \$2,000 needed for rent, insurance, and raffle prizes (proceeds to reimburse seed money).

The group posed many questions, then unanimously voted to have GSRs take the information back to their groups to gauge attendance interest and count those willing to volunteer. Kyle will coordinate results through email and report in October.

10. **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

District Committee Member (DCM): Katie R.

- Attended a new online meeting for DCMs and Alt DCMs tonight via Zoom. Great way to share between districts.
- Reviewed the importance of AA's Spirit of Rotation for all positions. However, a few positions often do not rotate out due to the nature of the trust and expertise required, such as Treasurer and Webmaster.
- Voting will be in December. Updated explanations of all positions and duties will be provided at the October meeting and posted online for all members throughout the district to read and consider attending in December to stand. .
- Discussed the very low GSR attendance at assembly.
 - Area has approximately 700-800 meetings, our district has 72 meetings
 - We were not the only district with low attendance

Invited the group to open a floor discussion on what causes low attendance and if there was anything they would like Erik L, our NIA Delegate, to address when he visits next month. Thoughts shared:

- Already have long days
- Still need to attend meetings throughout the week, which takes time and time away from family
- District is once a month,
- District events also take up time
- Area meetings are often stale, unmotivating
- Saturdays are usually family days, and some work on Saturdays
- Alts experience these same issues.

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Alt DCM: Kyle W

- a. Attended same new online meeting for DCMs and Alt DCMs with Katie
- b. Service is a way to connect to AA as a whole and our higher power
- c. The spirit of rotation would engage more members as new GSRs in their groups, and outgoing GSRs could then step into committee positions.
- d. With more engaged GSRs, the entire district would have a better chance of being well informed and involved in possible changes – it could greatly reduce members' bewilderment and wonder as to "how did that get accepted".

11. **Secretary: Dawn V, Alt: Kate K (NP)**-No report

12. **Treasurer: Lance T (NP), Alt: Rich N:**

- Lance out of town. No report this month. Everything is good. Lance will send the report next month with all updates.

13. **GSR REPORTS:**

- None at this time

14. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Going well, and Bria meeting is going well

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

- 12 calls
- A couple of people organized a meeting for one of the callers
- All messages returned and connected

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

- A Pod every week
- Women's pod has been served every week on Mondays
- Also, the Plain Language Big Book is beneficial

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

- Talks at St. Charles North will be on ~~October 17, 2025~~ (Updated to Nov. 3).
- Will need 14 speakers-please discuss with your group. They can email me.

Grapevine: John C (NP) Alt: Sarah L:

- Work ongoing

Literature: Al S, Alt OPEN:

- 200 new packets in car

Registrar: Betty F, Alt: Rick N-

- Batavia 12-step club name appears differently in different places—Steve to clarify.

Treatment: Steve H , Alt: Therese S:

- Work ongoing

Webmaster: Betty F, Alt: Rick N:

- Updated meetings to exclude Zoom for some meetings
- New Answering Services

15. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

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16. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Officer and Committee position information will be provided to encourage others to stand for a District service position in December.
- Update descriptions of District Service Positions on website.
- Proposed New District Committee Positions
 - Young Persons Committee MemberLocal Committee Member
 - (LCM) - assists the DCM in attending meetings and spreading the word about service work and engagement in the district.
 - AA District Archivist
- Moving the district meeting place.
 - Stay here
 - St. John Newman Carol reported a possible Tuesday or Thursday at 7 pm
 - Lord of Life, most likely Tuesdays
 - Fox Valley Presbyterian-Missy will contact and have in October

Closed with the Responsibility Statement.
Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Dawn V.