

🏠 **Location:** First Congregational Church, Geneva

📅 **Date:** Wednesday, Feb 25, 2026

🕒 **Time:** 7:00 p.m.

DISTRICT 61

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

MEETING MINUTES

Welcome

1	Meeting Called to Order	7:00
2	Meeting decorum and procedures	Reviewed by DCM
3	Roll Call checklist	35 attending 39 not attending No guests
4	Readings	Tradition 2 read by Sarah L Concept 2 read by Mike
5	Introductions and recognize new members	Welcome new GSRs Ingrid Todd Bob
6	A.A. Anniversaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ryan – 4 years• Ingrid – 19 Years• Mike – 3 years
7	7th Tradition was observed	
8	Approve January Minutes	Motion to approve: Bron M Seconded by Jeanette J All in favor, minutes approved
9	Elections / Positions	Open positions remain for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accessibility Chair• Accessibility Alt• Grapevine Alt.• CPC/PI Alt

Officers Reports

1	District Committee Member Kyle W. Alt: Elizabeth S	Kyle - See Addendum Elizabeth: Continues to send the Friday Flyers, if you're not getting them check your email on the signup. Looking forward to the conference!
2	Secretary Kate K. Alt: Julie P	No report
3	Treasurer Lance T. Alt: Rich N (NP)	\$5133.15 in checking, \$2633 above prudent. Total annual income in contributions is typically ~9K
4	LCM Bron M Alt: Kent r	Bron noted big book trivia was very well run, congrats! Focused on Batavia, going to meetings for the 12-step club. Some seemed interested. Left materials. Will continue to hit meetings without representation.

Old Business

1. Newcomer Packet discussion
 - a. Getting requests for packets (AA groups and Delnor), packets were made
 - i. Included the pamphlets. Pocket book/little big book price went up to 7.92, significant increase, so didn't order or include those.
 - b. Packet updates & Big Book
 - i. Discussion on if the packet needs a Big Book, if so, is it the small one or a full sized. Cost of full size is ~\$12 for soft cover
 - c. Comments – the small book tiny copy can be difficult to read, some groups offer Big Books anyway, people have the option to access it digitally. Packets going to Delnor or non-meetings likely don't have an option to include a Big Book, people are getting packets before their first meeting. It was also noted that the original purpose of packet was to provide information & pamphlets on meetings and AA, it didn't originally include a Big Book.
 - d. Topic tabled for future consideration.

New Business

1. 2026 Budget Discussion
 - a. Question on if Fiscal year should end March instead of December. Gives some buffer between new annual updates and when we do distributions. Lance didn't see an issue, he can cut a check at any time.
 - b. Discussion points:
 - i. Answering Service – service is free (google voice app). \$300 is for incidentals.

- ii. Archives (new service) budget could be used conferences, scanning of artifacts, perhaps recordings.
- iii. Corrections: Area is providing books for Men. Assume that area can provide for the women's meetings too.
- iv. Literature – request raise to \$2500
- v. Treatment – increase to \$400 for additional pamphlets and materials.
- vi. Webmaster – Increase to \$400 due to currently unknown cost implication for required server move, although expected to be minimal.
- vii. Special Events discussion – Picnic & Fox Valley open are self supporting. Trivia – expectation it will become self-supporting. Some events (trivia) may request seed money. We can evaluate these on a case-by-case basis and don't need a specific budget line item for them.
- viii. LCM – add a line item for \$50
- ix. Contributions to NY and Area: Lance will ask for permission to send a check when we have surplus funds. Split is 50/50 between the 2 groups.

2. Area Motion to combine ECC & TC

- a.** Doesn't appear to be an issue with the proposal, its streamlining.
- b.** Rick noted there are still outstanding questions on merging the groups due to positions, it may pull back.

GSR Reports

- None this month

Committee Reports

- 1 Accessibility
Open. Alt: open

- 2 Answering Service
Sheila P (NP). Alt: Jeanette J
Natalie – working n the transfer to Sheila. No cost for the sevice, its free.

- 3 Corrections
M: Todd M. Alt: Open
W: Carol Ann (NP)

- 4 CPC & PI
Janan O. Alt: Open

- 5 Grapevine
John C Alt: Open

- 6 Literature
Natalie G. Alt: Al S ()

- 7 Registrar
Betty F. Alt: Dawn V (NP)

- 8 Treatment
M: Steve H
W: Terese S (NP)

- 9 Webmaster
Rick N. Alt: Katie R

- 10 Archives
Sarah L. Alt. Missy R (NP)

- 11 Young Persons
Dave D

Wrap Up

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by: Kate K

Report Submissions

February 2026 DCM Report

This past month has been a continuation of my learning curve. It's amazing what I continue to find out I don't know. We had our monthly DCM zoom meeting where we discussed the importance of service sponsorship. If you feel you could use a service sponsor, feel free to reach out and I can help get you connected with someone. I have also been assigned to the Conference Advisory Committee for area. I hope to bring some fun ideas to future conferences.

The spring conference is quickly approaching. I would like to see a large District 61 attendance number. If you can only attend Saturday, it will be worth your time. All committee chairs should attend to network with their area and other district counterparts. This is how good ideas get spread and the vital work of the committees grows. Committee chairs should also attend the Pre GSC breakouts for their respective committees. Kyle will send this week.

I have begun working with Katie R on a plan for a formal zoom meeting to allow all district members to attend and see the work we are doing. This brings up a point that GSRs are the voice of the groups. If there is something that needs attention at the group level, we can be there to help.

My year to date expenses are 122.06.