

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	30 attending (28 in person, 2 zoom), 44 not attending 0 guests
4	Readings	Tradition 1 read by: Bron Concept 1 read by: Mikala
5	Introductions and recognize new members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heidi, GSR
6	A.A. Anniversaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matt - 1 year• Rich – 5 years• Sarah – 5 years• Sheila – 20 years• Heidi – 6 months• Steve – 8 years
7	7th Tradition was observed	
8	Approve Minutes	Approval of March minutes Motion to approve: Bron Seconded by: Jeanette 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

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| 1 | District Committee Member
Kyle W. Alt: Elizabeth S | Kyle – See Addendum
Bridging the Gap – looking for experience and potential to offer in our district. Steve has taken the class and has info.
Elizabeth: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended the spring conference and assembly. Attended DCM breakout.• Contact Elizabeth for schedules. |
| 2 | Secretary
Kate K. Alt: Julie P (NP) | No report |
| 3 | Treasurer
Lance T. (NP) Alt: Rich N | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have Dist 61 envelopes for checks, if helpful |
| 4 | LCM
Bron M Alt: Kent R | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Still supporting unrepresented meetings• Respectful but not interested in having a GSR (generally)• Had one interest, not here tonight but hopefully in future. |

Old Business

1. 2026 Primary Purpose Resolution (budget)
 - a. Rich motions to approve
 - b. Heidi seconds the motion
 - c. Discussion:
 - i. Answering service: If we're not paying for answering service can we make a donation for NIA or GSO in lieu of it.
 1. Jeanette noted they may still need some budget, so asks to table the idea.
 - d. Vote: all in favor, none opposed. Passed.

New Business

1. Motion to purchase a dedicate Zoom Pro account for district use (Katie)
 - a. Ask: purchase of a Zoom Pro account, instead of using an individual's account.
 - b. \$170/yr plus minor maintenance
 - c. Allows for control, and there are safeguards in place for valid attendees.
 - d. Discussion
 - i. Think about validating phone numbers as well as email (phone call ins)
 1. Can validate attendees within the meeting (admin)

- ii. Are we getting the Charitable price? Will check but likely requires non-profit status
 - iii. Can be used for other District 61 business-type meetings
 - iv. How scheduled? Webmasters will manage (Rick, Katie, Betty), they can provide a password for usage
 - e. Bron Motion to approved and Jeff seconded. All in favor, passed.
- 2. Review District Body's desire for GSR school at a future meeting
 - a. What it is:
 - i. Would take up a meeting
 - ii. Run during one of our district meeting times
 - iii. We'd have a speaker(s) to review what it means to be a GSR (responsibilities) and answer questions.
 - b. Pizza would be involved.
 - c. Discussion
 - i. We had one last year, was there feedback?
 - 1. Katie got good feedback, people learned a lot. It went a little too long. Recommend 35-40 min presentation then Q&A
 - 2. We got a PowerPoint and PDF of the meeting
 - ii. Idea: have a recording on the website
 - 1. If someone records something Katie can get on the site.
 - 2. LCM will see if there is something available through GSO
 - iii. Suggestion: possibly separate from the District business meeting
 - 1. Katie noted time was extended in the past
 - iv. Potentially open to other local districts, Kyle will investigate
- 3. Question: is there anything members would like to see, learn, or ideas to bring to the meeting?
 - a. NIA representative for accessibility, to provide info
 - b. CPC & PI – presentation of information to use to find support
- 4. Filling committees
 - a. Bring information to your meetings, and invite folks to come to a meeting
 - i. If you need descriptions, check the website under Contact Us
 - b. Can encourage participation if we plan speakers

Committee Reports

1	Accessibility Open. Alt: open	No report
2	Answering Service Sheila P. Alt: Jeanette J	11 calls received, with 7 provided service with information. Phone has switched over, going to google voice (still being ironed out). Planning a zoom meeting with the area chair to sort out and if still issues, they'll start over with another google voice account. Numbers are being revealed, needs to be anonymous.
3	Corrections M: Todd M. (NP) Alt: Open W: Carol Ann (NP)	No report
4	CPC & PI Janan O. (NP) Alt: Open	This Friday is their high school event, they have their speakers Brian offered to be the alternate. Will bring to a vote next month
5	Literature Natalie G. (NP) Alt: Al S (NP)	(Kyle provided from Natalie's email) For the literature committee, I attended the Spring Conference w Assembly earlier this month. Received feedback regarding newcomer packets - other districts order packets from CASO for \$1 and replace the meeting schedules in the packet. They also provide hardcover big books so meeting can provide them to newcomers. Some people ask the newcomer if they will read the big book before just handing them out. I have a newcomer from CASO to pass around.
6	Grapevine John C (NP)	Encourage all to bring in grapevines.
7	Registrar Betty F. Alt: Dawn V (NP)	Will update Jeannette's info, let her know if there are other changes
8	Webmaster Rick N. (NP) Alt: Katie R	Rick is continuing maintenance. Katie is making the updates as needed. Open for suggestions, please contact Rick or Katie.
9	Treatment M: Steve H W: Terese S (NP)	Steve noted no changes/updates
10	Archives Sarah L. Alt. Missy R (NP)	Received a box of AA things (big book, events and flyers) – they'll do an inventory and consider preservation Attended an area workshop, helpful. Missy doing interviews with long timers. Ideas are welcome.

11	Young Persons	no report
	Dave D (NP)	

GSR Reports

- Betty has found 7:30pm & 8:00pm meetings are struggling for attendance. They used to be large.
 - Scott noted that a meeting moved from 8 to 7, and it was a positive move
 - It may be seasonal, and could pick up in the summer

Wrap Up

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by: Kate K

Addendum - Report Submissions

3/25/26 DCM Report

Since the last meeting, I attended the Spring Conference and Assembly. I voted in favor of the motion to combine the technology committee and electronic committee. There was a good debate but I felt that it was most appropriate to vote in favor based on your feedback and the debate. There were 180 people in attendance for the assembly! Thank you to all those that came out. I attended the Bridging the gap, treatment and corrections panel. It has inspired me to do more work in that area to make sure we are serving our area. I would like to see our district implement a more formal Bridging the gap plan, it's a great way to get those ready for recovery into the rooms of AA.

I participated in an Ad Hoc Conference advisory committee meeting. We discussed costs of future conferences. Analyzed options to seek new venues. There was a great sharing session on how we can make these events more well attended and accessible.

During the GSO report from staffer Karina, some updates were highlighted. The office is nearly complete and will be ready for tours soon. A new GSO service manual is in process. The GSC report will now be electronic. Season two of the official AA podcast "Our Primary Purpose" is out now, you can find it on all podcast platforms. It was brought up multiple times that the GSO is in need of our support with 7th tradition donations. The fund has been used to make changes that will lead to cost savings in the future, so our donations are being used prudently.

There was so much information from the event, if you have any questions or want to know more, please feel free to reach out.

In service of AA, Kyle

My YTD expenses are \$417.78