

MINUTES FOR DISTRICT 41 MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 2018

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PRESENT AT MEETING:

Lora B., Lenny E., Susan H., Don H., Deanna J., Lee K., Leroy L., Brian L., Jeane M., Tom M., Joan N., Mike O., Dana S. and George V.

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with a Quiet Time, Serenity Prayer, GSR Preamble, 11th Tradition and 11th Concept for World Service. Basket passed for the 7th tradition.

Lora B. chaired the meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS:

New GSRs – None

Visitors – Heather

Anniversaries – Tom M. (9 yrs.)

Birthdays – None

Announcements – None.

OLD BUSINESS: Lee K., Leroy L., Joan N., Don H., Lenny E., Brian L. and George V. gave individual group updates.

GSR-CC & Q: None

NEW BUSINESS: Lora B. urged attendance at the Area Assembly on December 8, 2018.

Brought NIA 20 calendar for 2019.

ONGOING BUSINESS: Concerning the 2019 DuPage Open – Brian L. will attend a planning meeting in the next month.

Further discussion of two new locations for the D41 monthly meeting took place. The two locations are the Christian Church of Villa Park and the York Center Church of the Brethren.

The three motions to be voted on at the next Area Assembly on December 8, 2018 are as follows:

Motions for Winter Assembly Vote

1. Motion to Suspend Directories

We of District 22 are asking for the Area's support that the delegate write a letter to the GSB to discontinue printing of the Canadian, Eastern and Western United States AA Directory for consideration as an agenda item at the 2019 General Service Conference.

Dan Smith - DCM

Northern Illinois Area 20 - District 22

Background / Reasoning – First

Relevancy – Printed phone books are antiquated and faster, more reliable resources are available.

These directories are printed annually. They don't include meeting addresses. They do include a contact name and phone number. Updates are based on the Fellowship New Vision database. We know that changes are made to FNV year round. So it's reasonable to assume that the directories we're considering must contain a significant amount of misinformation.

The cost to print the last batch of 2,000 Eastern, 1,500 Western and 750 Canadian Directories WITHOUT postage was \$19,215.

Private and sensitive information included.

2. Translation services costs be included in 'allowable expenses' for Concepts Primary

Purpose. *(costs are per issue of a quarterly publication)*

Background: At the 2018 NIA Spring Assembly a representative of the Spanish community asked that Concepts, the Area Newsletter, be translated into Spanish. The editor asked if it web publishing was sufficient, as there is no way to differentiate those who need Spanish translation and those who don't on the mailing list. The representative of the Spanish community agreed web publishing would be sufficient.

Translation software has been reviewed and dismissed as an option, due to inaccuracy and reliability.

We solicited and received quotes from three professional translation companies.

☐ Translation Company A: \$925, 15% repetition discount applied

☐ Translation Company B: \$528.75, 10% discount for non-profits applied

☐ Translation Company C: \$600 - flat fee, regardless of word count

3. Motion: It is moved that the Area purchase a new laptop for use by the Area Registrar.

Background: The current computer in use by the Area Registrar was purchased in 2010-2011 and is hampering the efficient execution of the Registrar's duties. Since the computer was originally purchased, GSO has continued to make extensive updates to the Forward New Vision (FNV) database, which now allow the registrar to create several different complex Area reports which require the storage and manipulation of vast volumes of data. The current computer lacks the processing power to efficiently sort through and display data and create effective reports in a timely manner.

Winter Assembly December 8, 2018 9:00 am – after lunch

Registration 8:00 AM, Meetings begin at 9:00 AM.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

40W605 IL-38

Elburn, IL 60119

Hosted by districts 20 and 65

Lunch TBA usually \$8-\$10

OFFICERS REPORTS:

SECRETARY: (Tom M.) Minutes for October were put into the record.

TREASURER: (Deanna J.) Deanna J. reported ending balance of \$1,575.38. See report below.

CPC/PI: (Open)

CORRECTIONS: (Brian L.) Brian L. reported on National Corrections Conference that he attended in Portland, Maine. Motion to pay the \$70 registration fee for the conference was approved.

ALT. CORRECTIONS: (Open)

GRAPEVINE: (Open)

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LITERATURE: (Dana S.) Dana S. brought newcomer packets and passed around a sample.

LCM: (Open)

NEWSLETTER: (Mike O.) The next Newsletter will be on December 20. Topic will be Step 4.

TREATMENT: (Ernest K.) Absent. No report. Discussion of Treatment Chair position will take place next month.

ALT. TREATMENT: (Open)

WEBTECH: (Jeane M./Lee K.) Reported 1,011 October hits. Site has been under constant attack by malware. Security is being upped on website.

WORKSHOPS: (Open)

Closed with Responsibility Statement.

If you are a District 41 member and have not attended a district meeting within the last three months, chances are your name will be removed from the mailing list.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, December 20, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M. Anona Center East.