Jason opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Lisa read the preamble.

Tim read the short form of the Fourth Concept

Jason did the roll call. 16 here.

Minutes: Scott. Lisa moved to approve, Judy 2nd. Motion approved

Treasurer: Lisa. Balance February 28 \$8361.46. Donations: \$100, St. Thomas Meeting; \$35, Road to Recovery; \$15, 7th tradition; \$100, Shelbyville for Treatment/Bridging the Gap: for a total of \$250. Disbursements: Check #596, \$86.32 to Steve O. for Treatment/Bridging the Gap; #597 \$25 to CUMC for rent; #598 \$54.14 to Lisa C for workshop and ink; #599 \$15.50 to Lisa C. for stamps and envelopes for a total of \$180.89.

Balance March 27 \$900.57. Motion to approve from Linda. Scott 2nd, motion passed.

Literature: Judy. Balance March 1 \$165.89. Deposits from Sales: \$35.72 on March 16; \$20.46 on March 23; for total deposits of \$56.18. Literature purchased 0. Dividend paid on account \$.01. Ending balance March 31 \$222.08.

Corrections: Lisa. Step program is taking off. Got a nice donation from Sullivan. Volunteers are needed.

Treatment: Steve O. We have started informational meetings on Tuesday evenings at Geo Reentry Center for Parolee's in treatment for substance abuse this month. We seem to be getting a good deal of cooperation from staff as well as clients.

We have started an informational meeting at an IDOC contracted halfway house located in Decatur this month. This is also being aided by a great deal of cooperation by staff and clients. We currently have several other items in the works including the treatment volunteer workshops, which are within days of being ready to roll!

The volunteer packets are complete at the printer now, and scheduled to be picked up this week!

Bridging the Gap: Steve O. Bridging the Gap is going over well among our professional community. The CPC chair, Kent B. and I have been making rounds in the community to carry the message of this exciting program.

While it has been well received by professionals, it seems the uninformed populations of the AA community have some misgivings. Let me put your minds at ease (if at all possible)

- 1. This is a tried and proven AA program that works.
- 2. It does NOT violate the 11th tradition of attraction rather than promotion-in any way. We are in serious need of volunteers both male and female that would be willing to help these new people. You must have a minimum of 1 year of sobriety to give rides; however, you do not need 1 year to help in other ways!

Kent and I met with Amy Morganson, Program Director at Heritage Behavioral Health this month and she was very excited about the Bridging the Gap program and is ready to try it on her Alcoholic clients.

In Our dealings with the IDOC Geo Re-entry center Kent B and I had the pleasure of meeting with Sara Carter who has taken our Bridging the Gap literature and distributed it through every IDOC prison with a treatment center and specifying that anyone getting released to a location in AA District 11 be given Bridging the Gap information and our district 11 P.O. Box address. As with treatment there are still other irons burning in the fire at this moment with BTG. BTG will also be covered in the short treatment volunteer workshops that are coming up starting within the next month. They will be short, 1 hour workshops at different times and locations throughout the district.

If your home group is interested in sponsoring a short 1 hour workshop contact me, Steve O. at 217-358-2533

Webmaster: Tim. centralillinoisdistrict11.org. Send in announcements and events for posting.

Group reports

Old Business

Brought up a previously tabled motion from Steve O. to host an area assembly. We need to:

- 1. Find a place that is handicapped accessible with and occupancy of at least 100.
- 2. Make arrangements to provide lunch
- 3. Provide with our own money a continental breakfast.
- 4. Establish a committee to line up hotel rooms.
- 5. Arrange for a potluck and a speaker for Saturday night
- 6. \$50 for change
- 7. 6 volunteers minimum to be at the event.

Motion passed to bid at the area assembly to host the June 2017 area assembly.

New business

Steve O. moved to give Bridging the Gap/Treatment \$95 for literature. Lisa 2nd. Motion passed.

Lisa needs help setting up at 8 am at CUMC for corrections workshop.

Need a group to host the district meeting.

Steve O. brought up the spirit of rotation.

District elections in September.

Scott mentioned the Gratitude Banquet planning.

Motion to close by Lisa. Exits rushed.

Group Reports

Friday Group

8 pm at US Bank on the square.3rd Friday is open; all others are closed discussion meetings. Visitors are always welcome. Steve S.

Stepsisters

Wednesday night at 5:30-6:45 at St. Johns's Episcopal Church at Eldorado and Church Streets. Steps-traditions study in the Big Book and 12&12. 1st month is 1st step and tradition, etc. The 4th Wednesday is the business meeting. Meeting is growing and we invited more ladies to join us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda H.

701 Group

I'm Cathy and I am from the 701 group. We meet at 201 W. North Street at 7p.m. on Wednesday nights.

We give a couple of marbles to our newcomers and let them know if they "feel like they are losing there marbles or if they have lost their marbles to be sure to call someone." 701 is a fun, entertaining and informative meeting and thins are going smoothly. Respectfully yours in service,

Cathy M.