

# District View

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## THE DISTRICT VIEW

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## Step Ten

Continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.

## Tradition Ten

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

## Concept Ten

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

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## September 12, 2012 District 05

### Meeting Minutes

**Meeting was opened with the Responsibility Statement.**

**Introductions:** 21 people present - 15 were GSR

**Secretary's report:** Was accepted.

**Treasurers report:** The beginning savings account balance was **\$453.35** with **.02 int.** leaving the ending balance at **\$453.37**. Checking account beginning balance was **\$1364.88** with (3 groups) contributions of **\$170.00**, and disbursements of **\$353.84 (rent \$13.50, DCM expenses of \$139.80, corrections rent \$10 and PI Expenses of \$.54)** creating an ending balance of **\$1181.04**. Report was read and approved.

**DCM Report** Gary discussed Area 74 Assembly at the Fall Conference in Houghton, MI. Questions for open discussion were asked. Pete Brought up bringing 1 conference of the 4 west of Wausaw to get districts in this area involved. Another questions asked was what are our Area Committees doing for our districts? Anita and Jason haven't heard from the Treatment Chair for the Area who stated he would be contacting the districts. Another question was asked of what our Area's committees are doing for the dark districts and getting those districts more involved. Gray asked for discussion on the motions for the fall conference. One of the concept workshop being sponsored by the area. Most think it wouldn't work out well because it's a concept workshop. Everyone seemed to agree a Traditions workshop would work out better. Concern of cost about putting this workshop on also came up. 2) Proposed prudent reserve motion - Everyone thought this was a good idea. 3) Discontinue Catering at the Assemblies in Three Lakes - All in favor of discontinuing this.

**Group and meeting updates** Step 12 workshop coming Oct 6th 12 to 4 PM and pot luck during at the United Christ Center on Folsom Street in Eau Claire. Panels and Open discussions. Contact Tony H. at 715-864-5202 for details. New group list was provided.

**Workshop report:** No WS scheduled this month and nothing coming up in the district.

**Old Business:** Dates Confirmed as Feb 23 and 24th 2013 for Dennis and Roger Big Book study. 9-5 on Saturday and 9-2 on Sunday. Bob B. from River falls was nominated and voted in as the Interim Grapevine Committee Chairperson.

**New Business:** Pete W. discussed groups not being listed in the AA directory. There are approximately 101 meetings from our district list but only 82 groups listed in our listing of that only 33 groups are showing registered in the GSO. The Area Registrar is responsible for getting information in through the new group forms. Pete has suggested creating a committee chair at the district level for updating meetings and directories. This person would also Record regular all conference group information, maintain and update meetings at the district level, interface with the area Registrar and create tools for updating this information. The GSR's was asked to take this back to their groups for discuss. Suggestion was also made to add the GSO group numbers and contact for each group in our districts meeting list. Budget review for 2013 will be in October as our 3rd qtr update will be provided by the treasure. Craig from the treatment committee has many receipts to turn in. **\$92.48** for Nicholas the secretary for the committee, **\$84.01** for Craig and **\$7.50** a month for 7 months rent equaling **\$52.50**. Total payments for **\$228.99** was approved.

### **Quarterly reports:**

**Grapevine:** No committee chair this month but Bob B. from River Falls was voted in. Thank you Bob.

**Literature:** Ed was not available for a report to be given.

**Newsletter:** John J will be stepping down effective immediately. He will continue to do the report will someone is found to replace him. Please take to groups to find someone that would interested in replacing John till December, 2013.

**Intergroup:** Report provided by Cheryl as John wasn't there. Over 80 people attended the CVIG picnic. Over the past months, over 169 calls were taken by the cellphone volunteers. CVIG is nearing it's goal to have groups commit to carrying the cellphone for each of the 12 months. Book sales continue to grow. CVIG expenses are about \$100 a month. They maintain a prudent reserve of about 6 months worth of expenses. Monthly meeting for CVIG is held every 4th Wednesday of the month at 6PM at Club 12 (little building) in Eau Claire. Thank you for all you do for the still suffering Alcoholic CVIG.

**Concept 10 will be presented by Gary S. and Skip will do Tradition 10. Next months reports are Archives, CPC, Treatment and Treasure. DCM will have assembly report, and we will talk about Meeting registrar, 2013 budget and the Newsletter replacement.**

**We closed with the Serenity Prayer.**

## Readers Thoughts

Believe what you say you believe. My sponsor has reminded me of this many times. If I say I believe something then act differently, then do I really believe? Perhaps I want to believe it, or it makes me feel good to say I believe it. I was reminded of this when I began my volunteer time at Eau Claire's homeless shelter a few weeks ago. I had said for a long time "I want to volunteer there." I never took any action, what I was saying wasn't matching what I believed. I wanted it to be known that I wanted to spend time there, but I wasn't willing to take the action, therefore I didn't believe what I was saying. It wasn't until I was nudged by a university requirement that I did. How do we reconcile what we say we believe with what we actually believe; and are we even aware?

I think of this often in meetings, it is often shared that we are powerless, powerless over alcohol, powerless over people, powerless over things. We stress to the newcomer and each other that we must rely on a higher power. Then we say things like taking back our will, keep the plug in the jug, don't pick up the first drink, and change your attitude. These are all statements of control, statements that imply we have the power; it implies reliance upon our own power.

We hear in meetings "it" will get better? What does that mean? Our alcoholism will get better, the disease gets better? Isn't that contradictory to the progressive nature of our disease? The "it" never gets better, always worse.

We talk about God having all the power, the power to remove our desire to drink, but then say I'm always going to be selfish, self-centered, and afraid. Doesn't God have the ability to remove those defects?

I often think of the mixed messages newcomers and those struggling can get at an AA meeting. Our entire program is based on powerlessness and we often then tell people all the things they can do to fight the addiction. Gratitude lists, nature walks, avoiding triggers, 90 in 90, the list can be increased ad infinitum. The book tells us there is only one way in AA WE can get better, not "IT", that is through steps, 12 of them to be exact.

Nicholas S.

### Monthly District 05 Events

**District 05 Monthly GSR Meeting** is held at 6:45pm, on the second Wednesday of each month, at the Leisure Center, 1412 Sixth St., Monomonic, WI. Any Members are welcome to attend.

**District 05 Committees** offer AA service opportunities for

alcoholics who want to help carry the AA message. The following committees meet at the Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona DR. in Eau Claire. (Note: Public Information Committee is currently meeting in River Falls)

**Treatment Facilities Committee** meets at 6:45pm on the 2nd Monday of every month.

**Corrections Committee** meets QUARTERLY (Jan, Apr; July, Oct) at 7:45 pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community**

meets at 6:45 pm on the 2nd Monday of even months

**Public Information Committee** meets QUARTERLY

(Jan, Apr; July, Oct) at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the River Falls Alano club

**Chippewa Valley Intergruop** meets at 6:30pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

*\*\*Care is taken to include all events. If your event is not listed we regret the error. To list your group's event please contact you GSR, any district officer, or the newsletter editor before the 20th of the month preceding the event.*

### Upcoming Events

Check out the District website or ask your meetings's GSR for what's ahead

**District 5 Big Book Seminar**  
February 23 & 24 2013  
Menomonie Leisure Center

### **PLEASE SEND GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS TO:**

If you have an event you'd like listed in the newsletter, just contact the editor [DistrictView@aainwestwis.org](mailto:DistrictView@aainwestwis.org)

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