

District 05 Monthly Meeting

December 10th, 2014

6:45pm opened with Serenity Prayer

Introductions: GSR'S present- (10) total in attendance (21)

Nicholas S. Comments:

- Nicholas read an article from Bill W. on "Responsibility of Leadership" and spoke to the group with a deep heart about his shortcomings and failures of leading last month's meeting, and apologized for that, showing his humanness!

Secretary's Report: Shane

- Sent around contact list will update Soon!
- Reports Due: Grapevine, Literature, Newsletter, and CVIG
- Reports Due next month: Archives, CPC, Treatment, and Treasures Report.

Treasures Report: Ron. S

- Savings Acct: \$454.62
- Checking Acct: \$1,190.83
- Total cash assets: \$1,645.45

Workshop Report: Paul H.

- River Falls treatment workshop was a success! Hoping to expand treatment over to the west side of our district
- Anonymity Work Shop, When: January 31st, 2015. Where: Menomonie Alano Club. Time: 1-4pm
- Big Book Seminar, When: February 7th, 2015. Where: Menomonie Leisure Center. Save the Date! More information to come, It will be free to attend!

Grapevine Report: Gary S.

- Gary has been busy attending the workshops and bringing grapevine display with.
- Gary will be at the Anonymity Workshop on January 31st, 2015

Literature Report: Wayne W.

- Literature was set up at two workshops since the last report was given.
- 2 books sold for a total of \$19.75, which is the replacement value.
- Wayne said he will have purchase replacements to have on display for the next district 05 function.
- ***There are 37 hardcover Big Books available for the district to distribute from the Fall Conference 7th tradition. Wayne has those books.***

Newsletter Report: Andy W.

- Thank you Andy for stepping in, and getting the newsletter out this month!

Fall Conference Report: Bryon B.

- Bryon brought a final copy of the financial report. Any questions with the report please contact Bryon.

Wicypaa Conference Report: Shawna R.

- Shawna was not present to give her report. Come and support Wicypaa on January 9,10,11th at the Plaza Hotel, in Eau Claire.

Intergroup Report: Bob B.

- Bob brought a new order form that will go in effect on April 1st, 2015 for literature purchases.
- Contact Bob at 715-590-2026 if you have any questions.

Group Updates: Jason L.

- The Blair and Augusta meetings are now off the meeting list.
- A new meeting on Friday in Eau Claire has been added to the meeting list. "6:30pm, Awesome Women Empowered (Women Only!) Big Book. Affinity house 3042 Kilbourne Ave."

DCM Report: Nicholas S.

Registered for the 2015 Conferences and booked hotel, please do the same. Carpool room pooling!

Attended the treatment committee workshop in River Falls on 12/6/2014

Registered for the 2015 International Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous – Please look into it!

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Area Committee Meeting this Saturday in Three Lakes – Will not be attending

Conference Call was Thanksgiving Eve – did not attend.

I again thank you for your patience as this past 1-2 months have not been leadership by example. I have had a post-conference hang-over and lost proper balance in managing my time allotment to AA, school, work, and family. I seek to improve upon that balance that will allow for more consistent constructive leadership!

Old Business:

- Newsletter Editor: Ron S. has stepped down from Newsletter Editor. Last month Andy W. was suggested to be our next newsletter editor. Andy was present at the meeting and spoke to the group, and took his name out of the hat for our next Newsletter Editor.
- After much discussion and a vote by the group, we have a new Newsletter Editor. Eric K. Eric brings much experience, and will do great. Congrats Eric for being of service!

New Business:

BUDGET FOR 2015:

- I have attached Ron's proposed budget. Please open, and look it over. Committee Chairs and GSR'S please take back to your groups and discuss. Bring back next month for any revisions and a statement, why.
- A motion was brought forward to vote on at our next district 05 monthly meeting, January 14th, 2015. **On the creation of an AD HOC COMMITTEE. I have attached the motion, please open and look it over, and take back to your groups to discuss.**

Reimbursements that were approved today!

- \$87.00 to Nicholas S. for Expenses
- \$23.00 to Jason L. for copies of the meeting list.
- \$50.00 gift card to the care taker of our Facility.

NEXT MEETING JANUARY, 14th 2015

Motion submitted by Jason L. on behalf of the Back to Basics Big Book Study of E.C.:

I propose a motion to vote at the District 05 Monthly Meeting on January 14, 2015, on the creation of an Ad Hoc committee; composed of up to 6 persons including current DCM, previous DCM, elder statesman (not gender specific) with significant Area level experience, and up to 3 GSR's; charged with creating recommendations for District Guidelines with the following criteria:

- Update job descriptions
- Define who has a voice, a vote, and/or the ability to make motions at regular Monthly District meetings, and at Committee meetings.
- Procedures for reimbursements for both an officer and a committee chair's budget, as well as non-budgeted reimbursements by anyone.
- Procedures that define how to handle Elections for officer positions, also both normal elections of committee positions and special elections in the event of absence of a chair (ie: Corrections, CPC, PI, Special Accommodations, Treatment), recommendation-based positions (such as Webmaster and Newsletter Editor) as well as defined election cycles. This will include how to handle nominations and voting process, requirements to vote, also special elections for position vacancies.
- Consideration of periodic review (such as every 2 or 4 years) possibly comprised of the same or similar roles.

Documentation to assist with this process should include at minimum but not limited to, the following:

- AA Service Manual
- 12x12
- Area 74 Guidelines
- Guidelines of any other District that can be located and deemed useful by the committee
- Recommendation and Voting process for Webmaster and Newsletter Editor positions approved by District 05 at the November 12, 2014 Monthly Meeting
- Any pertinent documentation that may be available from archived DCM files which would include job descriptions.

Timeframes:

- Begin meeting in February 2015
- Final recommendation to be presented no later than the July 8, 2015 District 05 Monthly Meeting.
 - Note: August through October may be needed to consider suggested revisions/clarifications.

Intent of the Motion:

This motion was created in hopes of clarifying procedural matters that will minimize the need for discussion of how to conduct some of our district's business; specifically elections, reimbursements, and who has a voice and/or a vote. Further, to allow our leadership and our body to make better use of meeting time, especially for those who come to serve in future election cycles. Last, in creating the above mentioned recommendations, the committee should possess a spirit of flexibility and a spirit of cooperation, not setting too tight of restrictions so that District 05 would not in any way lose the ability to be flexible on most procedural matters in normal business meeting, that would allow good ideas to be heard and considered.

Brief History:

Multiple members of our district were surprised to discover that no District Guidelines exist, after discussion at the November 2014 District 05 Monthly meeting. After participating in conversations initiated by a few members, I reached out to more than 10 members of my home group as well as 6 other GSR's, all of which expressed support of the idea of forming an Ad Hoc committee to make recommendations for District Guidelines, consisting of the membership identified above.