

District 05 Monthly Meeting
May 14th, 2014

6:45pm opened with sharing on Concepts, and Traditions.

- Concept 5 was given by Greg E.
- Tradition 5 was given by Shawna

Serenity Prayer

Introductions: 12 GSR'S in Attendance, 21 total in Attendance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (SHANE)

- GSR'S contact list was passed around
- Thank You to all that emailed your quarterly reports before this meeting
- Quarterly Reports due for June are: **Grapevine, Literature, Newsletter, Intergroup, Web Master from previous month, Fall Conference, and WICYPAA.**

District Treasurer's Report

- **Statement Month: April 2014**
- **Savings Account: Starting Balance: \$454.14**
- **Transactions: \$0.00**
- **Savings Interest: \$0.06**
- **Ending Balance: \$454.20**
- **Checking Account: Starting Balance: \$716.64**
- **Transactions**
- **2206 CPC ***
- **2207 TX \$51.00**
- **2208 ADMIN \$13.50**
- **2209 TX \$15.00**
- **2210 DCM \$124.95**
- **Group Deposits \$200.00**
- **Ending Balance: \$712.19**

CORRECTIONS REPORT(MOLLY)

-Requesting check for 30\$ written out to Club 12 for rent for the Corrections Committee meetings. (This used to be \$10 quarterly but we are currently meeting monthly, rather than quarterly.)

- The committee had a Corrections Workshop on April 12 in Eleva. The workshop was very successful, in that all questions and concerns from potential Trempealeau County Jail volunteers were addressed. However, there were no Trempealeau County Jail volunteer applications filled out, despite several reminders and requests. At this time, the people who were interested in volunteering at the Trempealeau County Jail are considering whether or not they can make the commitment to the jail. Applications have been disbursed to AA meetings in the area by Pat C. and there has been no interest from any of the AA members at those meetings yet. Pat will be in touch with Molly if anyone does complete an application, or show any interest in volunteering at the Trempealeau County Jail.

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-The Corrections chairperson has been regularly receiving the Bridging the Gap forms from inmates in the surrounding jails and prisons for many years, and will continue to do so. The Bridging the Gap forms from inmates continue to get mailed to the Corrections Committee's P.O. Box, which is funded by the district. Gabriel K. attended the Corrections Committee meeting, as the Intergroup Bridging the Gap chairperson. He reported that the Bridging the Gap committee has been inactive since the committee was formed by the Intergroup. Gabriel K. volunteered to assist with the Bridging the Gap portion of the Correction Committee's responsibilities, since the Intergroup Bridging the Gap committee continues to be inactive. Thank you for your service Gabriel!

-The Corrections Committee is continuing to seek volunteers for any jails in district 05. If you are interested, please contact Molly M @ 715-577-0847. Please spread the word!

-The committee has decided to meet monthly, until some of the bridging the gap questions are resolved, for all people concerned. If you have input, suggestions, questions, or concerns, please join us next month, **the first Wednesday of every month at Alano Club 12 (small building) at 7:45**. All are welcome to attend!

PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT (MYRON)

The committee held a regular bi-monthly meeting March 19th at the River Falls Alano Club with 6 members in attendance.

We reviewed the two schools project-related workshops held in Eau Claire and River Falls. We now have 27 volunteers signed up to help with this project. An initial email outreach to the schools in the district has not brought any responses as yet. Volunteers are beginning school visits in the Eau Claire area, and efforts in the Menomonie and River Falls areas are expected to begin before the end of May.

We also reviewed and discussed the relevant PI agenda items for the Area 74 Delegate's Workshop held in Three Lakes, WI on March 29th. As committee chair, I attended that event and took part in the PI discussion, which lasted nearly six hours. Much of the time was taken up with discussion of issues related to current and future television public service announcements (PSAs) -- the production, distribution, and free airplay of these short AA films on commercial TV outlets throughout the US. In recent years, AA has contracted with an outside distributor to handle this process, and now has much more accurate information on which videos resonate with the market in any given area of the country. This information will help AA create better and more effective PSAs as we attempt to reach still-suffering alcoholics nationwide.

On Thursday evening, May 8th, I took part in a conference call with Area 74 PI committee members. The discussion centered on issues related to anonymity in electronic media; specifically, how the Area website can be used to better inform members about AA business conducted at Area-wide events or committee meetings while maintaining the anonymity of those members serving those bodies. The potential for anonymity breaks comes not so much from the actions of individuals, but from internet search engines. A password-protected area of the website will be developed to contain reports and meeting minutes from Area gatherings.

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These documents, which will necessarily identify AA members by name, would be available for members only to view. The details of how the password would be disseminated within AA, and how often it would be changed, have yet to be worked out.

The District 05 PI Committee will hold its next meeting Wednesday, May 21st at 6:30pm at the River Falls Alano Club. All interested AA's are encouraged to attend. On the agenda for the meeting will be: continuing progress of the schools project; revisiting the project to provide local AA information to hotels and motels in our district; and members' ideas for new committee efforts.

I request reimbursement for \$9.03 spent to purchase AA pamphlets for the schools project.

WEB MASTER REPORT (JASON)

- Jason will give his report next month in June!

FALL CONFERENCE REPORT (PETE)

- Committee met and toured the Plaza Hotel on May 4th, 2014.
- Program Chair, (Mike M) doing a fantastic job with the program
- Get your registrations in, as of right now we have 15 Registrations.
- Make sure Fall Conference Flyers are in your meetings.
- Next meeting will be on June 8th, at club 12, time 1pm.

GROUP UPDATES:

- Back to Basics Workshop, June 21st, 2014 Alano Club, Eau Claire, Time: 1-4pm
- Sunday Night Grapevine meeting, Riverfalls, Time: 5:30pm at the club.

ALT: DCM REPORT (PAUL)

- Paul was not present due to work! Nicholas had mentioned that Paul was concerned about the length of the workshops, and with summer, people in general just busy!

DCM REPORT (NICHOLAS)

Monthly Conference Call

District 5 Continues to be Active

Area Chair will facilitate discussion amongst area committees and DCM's will encourage our committee chairs to be more pro-active.

Groups/Events attended:

- Boyceville Monday Night Group
- Mondovi Monday Night Group
- Alma Monday Night Group
- Did not meet? Update list?

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- ECPG 20th Bday Party
- Just for Today Service Workshop

Requested Reimbursement of \$25 for Travel/Copies, Approved Spring Conference/Assembly

- Neenah – Secretary/Grapevine/Webmaster
- Finance Committee Reimbursement
- See Now & Then

Lake Tomahawk Courage to Change event

- 6/14 – Carpool?

Leadership Workshop at Club 12 by B2B on 6/21

- Please attend!

Have you personally invited a new person to our monthly meeting?

CPC (JIM)

- CPC will be meeting every other month for the summer months. That means in July, but not in June or August.
- District 05, CPC will be staffing a table at the Annual “National Rural Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse” @ UW Stout, Monday 6/9/2014 thru 6/11/2014.
- The table runs each day from 8:30am to 5pm. And we plan on staffing it in pairs; ideally we need 12 volunteers total. Thank You, Jim.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 7th tradition for the Fall Conference was discussed by the GSR’S tonight. **GSR’S feed back**, was the Bill W. Fund should be made Available, so anyone coming to the conference is not turned away, HOWEVER, the funds should not be promoted or people to come for free in honor of being FULLY SELF SUPPORTING!
- Nicholas will take the feedback from the GSR’S to the Fall Conference Committee on June 8th, 2014.

SPECIAL NEEDS (PETE)

- Project is ongoing, and Pete is actively seeking volunteers to form a committee. Please contact Pete if you are interested!
- Pete requested \$15.00 reimbursement for the Alano Club Rent. APPROVED!

CHIPPEWA VALLEY INTERGROUP:

Issue was raised in our last District Meeting about District Ordering Literature, which opened discussion about the districts cooperation with intergroup!!!

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- Tonight John S, and Randy were present from the (CVIG) Discussion was had from GSR'S that cooperation with (CVIG) for Literature Sales, **BEST SERVES THE GROUPS IF THEY SO CHOOSE TO.**
- Nicholas, Addressed Via GSO Guidelines, cooperation with intergroup, and has invited (CVIG) to have a more regular attendance at our District Meeting, for better Communication!

GSR SHARING SESSION!

Nothing was shared tonight!

OPEN SHARING SESSION!

- Jason B. Alcothon Chairperson for the Fall Conference Meeting needs your help!! Jason is looking for Homegroups to host three Alcothon time slots.
- The time slots are:
 - 11:30pm to 12:30am Friday night
 - 12:30am to 1:30am Friday night
 - 12:30am to 1:30am Saturday night

Please contact Jason B. by email (Jason@LindstromEquipment.com)

WICYPAA (Shawna)

- Looking for Chairperson for WICYPAA
- When: January 9th thru 11th, 2015
- Where: Eau Claire, Place (TBA)
- Please contact Shawna for more information

NEXT MEETING, JUNE 11TH, 2014

In loving service!

Shane Speckien