

District 05 meeting
December 9, 2015
6:45pm opened with Serenity Prayer
Introductions: 19 GSR'S Present

Secretary Report: Derek B. filling in for Shane

Shane's letter to the district:

I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to be of love and service for the past two years as your Secretary. As I depart from my duties, you'll be in good hands with Derek as your new Secretary. For the past two years on every 2nd Wednesday of every month I looked forward coming to the meeting and being with each of you. You embraced me with love and showed me this is what we do at the district level to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic, and that's what it is all about. You have not seen the last of me, as I will continue to seek out service positions in Alcoholic's Anonymous. I love each and every one of you, and thank you for allowing me to be of love and service for district 05.

God Bless,

Shane S.

Treasure Report: Attached

\$13.50 for rent, so move

\$50 for Christmas donation to Menomonie Leisure Center

Alternate DCM Report:

Nothing to report

Grapevine

Thank you to the district for allowing me to serve as your district 05 Grapevine Chair. I have really appreciated meeting all of you through my service and I will miss seeing you every month.

Literature

Not much activity since last report. Literature display was set up at the November district workshop, thanks to Gary for working with it in my absence.

Cash on hand remains at \$4.00

I would like to thank the district for the chance to serve as literature chair. I had the opportunity to attend several district functions which I always got something out of that was a benefit to my sobriety. I was able to meet new friends and spend more with the people around the district and area that make this journey of service a gift to be a part of.

Newsletter

Hello, everyone. My name is Austin S. and I am now taking over as newsletter editor. I completed December's letter with only a few hiccups. It says September instead of December, but besides that I think everything went well. If you are not on the e-mail list for the newsletter and would like to be added, please email thedistrictview@gmail.com. Also if you ever notice any errors and things like that, please e-mail me also. Lastly, I am hoping to publish a story/interview every month, so if you would like to have something published, just e-mail it to the newsletter e-mail and I will be happy to include it in the newsletter.

Thanks so much,

Austin S.

Group Updates:

Young Person's Meeting now meeting on Friday in Eau Claire at 9:00pm at First Baptist
The Farman Center in Eau Claire has a new format and still meets at 10:00am

DCM

I attended the Sherwood Intergroup in Kimberly, WI and spent a wonderful evening with many of the district 2 AA and Al-Anon members and ask the next rotation of servants to consider reestablishing the traveling group potluck.

Reimbursements: \$68 for Printing, District view, and Administrative Expenses

Old Business

Discussed amendment to the position guidelines. Motion made to approve guideline amendment starting January 1, 2015.

Election for Archives position, Jason B. is the new Archives Chair by acclimation.

New Business

Treasurer's proposed budget. It was brought to the group's attention that the new guidelines encourage chairpersons to attend workshops to be reimbursed by the district, but no changes were made to their budgets. The group was reassured that through GSRs encouraging group contributions, the budget shouldn't be an issue moving forward. Budget Approved!!

GSR Sharing Session

Discussed tactics for presenting information to their groups to effectively receive input from group members:

- Ultimately these resources improve our chances of carrying the message to still suffering alcoholic and that requires contributions from the groups, if the contributions cease our chances of being there for the person looking for help go down drastically
- A workshop may be helpful in educating individuals on the importance of group contributions
- In the end it is attraction rather than promotion, so being enthusiastic about how the district is utilizing the money can also be effective

GSR orientation workshop is going on next month's agenda

Open Sharing

Next meeting is January 13, 2016!! Reports include: All Committee Chairs, GSRs, and Officers