

District 05 Meeting
February, 12th 2015
6:45pm opened with serenity prayer
Introductions: GSR'S present – (11) total in attendance (22)

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Shane

- Sent around contact list for updates, will update and send out ASAP!
- Reports due- Corrections, public info, web master report
- Reports due next month – Grapevine, Literature, Inter group, and web master
- Was asked by the DCM to be more detailed on the action items that are presented in the meeting. Can Do!

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ron

- Savings acct: \$454.68
- Checking acct: \$1,127.10
- Cash Assets: \$1,867.16
- Ron passed out the 2015 budget for the committee chair members
- Ron requested \$13.50 to pay for rent. **APPROVED!**
- There was a request for \$13.08 to Eric K, our district view editor for supplies, **APPROVED!**

WORKSHOP REPORT: Nicholas

- District 05 workshop: When – Feb 21st, Time: 1-4pm, Where: Hope Lutheran Church, E/C
- Anonymity Workshop: When – March 14th, Time: 1-4pm, Where: First Baptist Church, E/C
- Corrections Workshop + Eleva Pot Luck – When: April 11th, Time: 4-10pm, Where: Eleva

CORRECTIONS REPORT: Molly

The committee requests rent for the monthly meetings (\$30 for \$10/month) to club 12, Steve Heath for \$100 for reimbursement of pamphlets for the district jails (the pamphlets are called "sure beats sitting in a cell"). Reimbursements needed for the corrections party on Saturday November 15th include: Pete Wagner \$52.39 for buns, soda, cups, napkins, and coffee supplies. Please provide clarification about whether or not the rent to the Menomonie club for that event was paid, as requested.

-The Chippewa Prison has requested that regular AA members bring in AA meetings to the prison on a weekly basis. Corrections committee members have taken on the task of fact finding, and decision making re: meeting format, etc. Please contact me if you are interested in being a volunteer for the Chippewa Prison. (Chippewa is outside District 05, but the committee decided to continue serving the area, because there is a need that is not otherwise being filled).

-There is confusion about which committees have decided to take over drug court. My understanding from the joint meeting with corrections, treatment, CPC, and PI, was that corrections was taking on the drug court issues. However, other committees are actively working on this as well. Please clarify.

- Molly Requested, and all was APPROVED!
- \$30.00 for rent, \$52.39 to Pete W. for supplies
- \$100.00 to Steve H. for supplies, \$25.00 for Menomonie leisure center

PUBLIC INFO: Myron

Since our last report, the committee held regular bi-monthly meetings Nov. 12th and Jan. 21st at the River Falls Alano Club, each with 6 members in attendance.

Volunteers are now in place for the **Pierce County Drug Court** support effort. At least 3 River Falls AA members currently are sponsoring individuals who are clients of the program.

Currently, we are updating our database of all **Hotels/Motels** in District 05. The most current meeting lists and contact information will be sent to all. In 2015, we will reach out again to all **Places of Worship** in the District to provide updated information.

Our project to establish ongoing contacts with **School Guidance Counselors** continues. There are many schools we have yet to visit, due to a shortage of local volunteers. We have an invitation from the Plum City school district to address an assembly of middle school and high school students. This event, as yet unscheduled, is expected to take place in March or April.

Our second **workshop on Anonymity** was held Jan. 31st at the Alano Club in Menomonie, with approximately 35 people in attendance. We were very pleased with the wide-ranging and in-depth discussion among the panelists and those in the audience, as this was our stated goal in organizing the workshop. It is our intention that Anonymity workshops should be an annual event across District 05. **A third Anonymity workshop** has been scheduled for March 14th, 2015 in Eau Claire. A flyer has been prepared and submitted for disbursement. Panelists have been identified, and planning is nearly complete.

Our committee has begun an effort to provide AA information to **Senior Citizens** in District 05. I have had discussions with the respective directors of the Aging & Disability Resource Centers in Pierce and St. Croix counties to seek their input on how we may best reach out to seniors, especially those living in senior housing facilities. I will submit an informational article to be printed in their newsletters, reaching approximately 2,000 seniors. I have an invitation to speak at a St. Croix ADRC staff meeting. We soon will reach out to ADRC directors in the other counties in the District. We will provide meeting lists for both AA and Al-Anon, as well as contact information and AA pamphlets, to every senior housing facility in District 05. We hope to provide the same information, and a copy of the Big Book, if possible, to senior centers in each town. **We request that the District's supply of books be made available to this purpose.**

Our next bi-monthly **PI Committee Meeting** will be held Wednesday, Mar. 18th at 6:30pm at the Alano Club in River Falls. All AA members who wish to do service to AA are welcome to attend.

- Myron requested:
- \$22.00 for snacks, for the workshop in Menomonie
- \$89.40 for yellow page advertising for the inter group phone number

Tonight at the district meeting, a discussion was had by the group. Topic was how do we want to attack service over a large geographical area. Suggestion of one service group for Eau Claire County, where people wear multiple hats. GSR'S take back to your home groups and talk about this topic!!

WEBMASTER REPORT: Jason

- Webmaster report will be given next month!

INTERGROUP REPORT: Bob

- Nothing new to report

Big Book Study Recap: Bryon B.

DCM REPORT: Nicholas

- I have attended the monthly DCM conference Call. I have been tasked with contacting the Now and Then to receive clear parameters on flyers from groups/district being placed in the newsletter and if so, at what cost?
- **Received an email from Kim R. area 74 chairperson.**
- Presented on anonymity workshop in Menomonie.
- Asked PI to host another in March in Eau Claire.
- Attended Big Book Study in Menomonie.
- Northside Group had incorrect date at last month's meeting, date of event has both Paul and myself out of town so I asked Jason L. and Jim P. to coordinate – doing wonderful job.
- I have been asked to speak at Prescott Traveling Potluck on 3/21
- Ad hoc committee has met and the second date is set.

NEW BUSINESS:

The letter by Kim R was read by Nicholas tonight, the letter states for personal reasons our Area 74 Secretary/Registrar, and our Area 74 Structures & Guidelines committee chair have resigned from their positions effective immediately!

- The question was brought up in our meeting tonight, should we hold Special Elections for these two Area positions at the next Area Assembly, March 29th, 2015. GSR'S bring back to your home group this letter by Kim R. and discuss some thoughts on this.

One last thing for the GSR'S. Committee Chair Elections will be held this fall. Let's spread the word in our meetings, and generate some excitement leading up to our elections this fall.

NEXT MEETING MARCH 11TH, 2015.

In Loving Service
Shane Speckien