

District 05 Meeting

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

6:45pm opened with serenity prayer

Introductions: GSR'S Present- (11) Total in attendance (19)

**SECRETARY'S REPORT: Shane**

- Contact list was sent around, and updated list will be included with meeting minutes.
- Reports Due: Corrections, Public Info, Webmaster, Special Needs
- Reports Due next Month are: Grapevine, Literature, Newsletter, Intergroup
- As of September, 2015 Shane will be attending nightly classes at CVTC. For the remainder of my commitment I will find someone to take good notes at our meeting, and I will continue to send out monthly meeting minutes, and information to you.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Ron**

- Savings Acct: \$454.91
- Checking Acct: \$945.42
- Total Assets: \$774.73

**WORKSHOP REPORT: Paul**

- Paul attended the Eleva workshop

**CORRECTIONS REPORT: Molly**

(Due to a broken wrist, this report was dictated, and is therefore incorrectly punctuated and capitalized and totally disorganized-sorry)

Corrections committee quarterly report: May 2015

The committee requests rent for the monthly meetings (\$30 for \$10 per month) to club 12. I am requesting \$62 reimbursement to me for the corrections committee P.O. Box fee for March 2015-march 2016. APPROVED! Molly Morse address to send the check's to: 4811 Fairfax Street #2, Eau Claire 54701.

I met with staff from the doc at Eau Claire County, and they are requesting female volunteers to come in to the Huber side the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. At this time the male volunteers go into Huber but not the women. The committee is requesting more volunteers for Eau Claire County Jail as well as Dunn County Jail. Flyers will be provided to GSRs today and the Webmaster.

During this meeting I discussed concerns from volunteers about jailers turning away, and inmates claiming that jailers said the volunteers never showed. Moving forward: all volunteers please contact me directly with a date and time that you are turned away or have a concern with jail staff or their processes. Staff cannot alleviate any concerns unless they have a date and time.

I am working to update the overall list of volunteers who are willing to be of service to any District 05 committee needing assistance. At this time Kevin K is reviewing the list for any updates that he is aware of. This will assist us in dealing with drug court and treatment court requests.

Tom M. is the area 75, District 01 corrections chair. He has expressed interest in some of their jail volunteers assisting us in Trempealeau County. He will contact me when he has volunteers lined up to assist.

The Chippewa prison weekly speaker meeting continues regularly without any concerns. The weekly meeting that we are trying to start in addition to the speaker meeting is on hold until the program director's personal issues are resolved.

The committee has discussed the rotation of the service positions coming up soon. Because the duties of the corrections chair and the corrections volunteer scheduler will require knowledge and experience with the committee processes, the committee has nominated Pam to be the next corrections chair. She has accepted and is willing to work with the next volunteer scheduler between now and January to orient that person to the scheduler position. There are currently people on the committee willing to take on this position. If anyone in the district is interested in taking either of these two positions, the committee is requesting that you attend each corrections committee meeting for the rest of this year in order to get oriented to the committee and the processes. We do not believe that someone without any experience on the corrections committee should be elected the next chair or volunteer scheduler. Due to the nature of those positions.

The committee is also requesting the District 05 jail volunteer applications be posted on the district website.

The corrections committee meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at club 12, Time: 7:45pm

ATTENTION AA MEMBERS:

A great opportunity for 12 step work is available to you, if you have at least one year of sobriety, have done the steps with a sponsor, and have been off of probation for a year or longer. The Dunn County Jail, Eau Claire County Jail, Trempealeau County Jail, and the Chippewa Prison need more male and female volunteers. Please contact Molly at 715-577-0847 for more information! Service, Service, Service!

#### **PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT: Myron**

Since our last report on 2/11/2015, the committee held its regular bi-monthly meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>, with eight members present.

We reviewed the three **Anonymity Workshops** held over the winter, and agreed to plan three more for the upcoming fall/winter season. We welcome contacts with any group in the district who is willing to host a workshop.

We shared the P.I. background information from New York in preparation for the **Delegate's Workshop**. I attended the workshop on 3/28, sitting in with the PI committee discussion along with 4 other members from District 05.

We stuffed and mailed updated district meeting lists and contact information to 78 **hotels and motels** in District 05. This summer we will do a similar follow-up mailing to every **place of worship** in the district.

Through the efforts of Brian B., a PI Committee member in River Falls, we received an invitation for volunteers to make AA presentations to patient groups at **Programs for Change**, an outpatient treatment facility in Hudson, WI. Kevin K. of the district's Treatment Facilities Committee provided us with training materials, and we held a training workshop in RF Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> with 18 people in attendance. The first round of 4 quarterly presentations were held the following week, and went well.

We hosted a **Service Workshop** in RF on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> along with members of the Treatment Facilities Committee and the CPC Committee. Attendance was low on the best weather day of the spring. Combined with the April 11<sup>th</sup> training, we now have a good base of volunteers on the western side of the district willing and able to make AA presentations on behalf of 3 committees.

Our next bi-monthly meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the River Falls Alano Club. All AA members who wish to do service to AA are welcome to attend.

Myron requested a check for \$13.86 for cookies and paper supplies. Approved! Myron will get with Ron to collect that check.

### **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS REPORT: Shawna**

I am thankful to be of service as a liaison to the alcoholic with special needs. While there are no special A.A. members, some members need special help to receive the A.A. message. We define A.A.s with special needs as persons who are blind or visually impaired; deaf or hard of hearing; chronically ill or homebound, those who are developmentally disabled, and many others who may have less visible challenges. The magnitude of this work is somewhat overwhelming but according to AA Guidelines there are many easy ways for groups to help.

Services and material available for members who are chronically ill and/or have limited ambulatory ability include the Loners/ Internationalist Meeting (LIM), a newsletter for A.A. members who are in isolated areas, at sea, or home- or hospital-bound (known as Homers) and stay in touch with other members by mail and newsletters. For information about LIM call G.S.O., 212-870-3400, or email LIM@aa.org. Many A.A.s share via on-line meetings. You may contact the On-line Intergroup of A.A. ([www.aa-intergroup.org](http://www.aa-intergroup.org)) for further information.

The Special Needs committee meeting went well and we got some great ideas on how to proceed. There were 4 people in attendance. Some ideas were to contact the Center for Independent Living and ask about assisted devices we could borrow to see what could be useful. We were thinking that meetings who are willing could host such a device in the same way that we pass around the intergroup phone. Another idea would be to buy a microphone that hooks up to people's hearing aids using Bluetooth technology. This would allow people with hearing aid devices to hear the speaker at speaker meetings directly into their hearing aid. We will be meeting every second Tuesday at Lucy's Deli in Chippewa Falls. Our next meeting is Tuesday May 12 at 5:30 at Lucy's Deli in Chippewa Falls. Of course this meeting is before the District 05 meeting. I am hoping to submit what we are doing to the next District Newsletter and the Now and Then for June so stay tuned.

### **WEBMASTER REPORT: Jason**

- Will give his report next month.

### **INTERGROUP REPORT: Bob**

- Nothing new to report.

### **DCM REPORT: NICHOLAS**

I attended the day long workshop in Turtle Lake on 4/18, wonderful day-long event which is a workshop format I think could be worth duplicating.

I visited CVIG to further relationship with them. They are discussing the future of their website and how to serve that role, continued participation from district?

I have been asked to share my e/s/h in Menomonie on 6/27 and will be speaking at the International on 7/4.

I reached out to Special Needs chair and asked for communication from her committee which we received tonight.

I reached out to Newsletter editor multiple times and informed him yesterday via electronic communication that unless I hear from him by tonight's meeting I will be asking the body to move forward to fill the position.

I will be visiting the Sand Creek group – District 06 on Tuesday to discuss connecting to the service structure.

Reimbursement for travel and expense of \$15.00 Approved! Nicholas address to send the check to: was given.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- (12<sup>th</sup> step volunteer list) Not much was said by the group tonight on how to attract people to serve on different committee's (PI, CPC, Treatment, etc...) One idea came up to utilize the website, aainwestwis.org to have a place to go to get all information on our committees. Nicholas will talk with Jason L. our Webmaster for District 05.
- Our Ad Hoc Committee to create a motion on how" the now and then" area newsletter should be distributed has been disassembled. Nicholas will head up a committee in the next couple of months to create a motion to area. If you have any questions please see Nicholas.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- May15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Area 74 Spring Conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin. ALL GSR'S and Committee Members are encourage to attend.
- Structures and Guideline Committee will have a rough draft document to present to us next month.
- Does this body want a regular attendee to attend CVIG monthly meetings? The group said, No Need.
- Chippewa Valley round up: Dates July 24<sup>th</sup> threw 26<sup>th</sup>
- Looking for a temporary newsletter editor until elections this fall. Nicholas will reach out to Andy to see if he would take on the responsibilities until then.

#### OPEN SHARING SESSION:

- There is an AA spiritual Retreat in Marathon County. Myron will be gathering more information on whether or not it's an AA event or not.

Next Meeting: JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>. REPORTS DUE: WEBMASTER, GRAPEVINE, LITERATURE, NEWSLETTER, CVIG.