



The District View

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District 05 meeting in
Menomonie Wisconsin!
1412 6th Street E
Menomonie, WI 54751-3331
Second Wednesday of every month at
6:45pm

If you have or know of an alcoholic with the willingness to serve at the district level, this is the chance and time to do so! You can't keep what you have unless you give it away.

*Always looking for experience, strength and hope experiences to add to future newsletters. Submissions can be made to The District View email at the top of this page.

Step 5 Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Tradition 5 Each group has but one primary purpose, to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Concept 5 Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

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District 05 meeting
April 13, 2016
6:45pm opened with serenity Prayer
Introductions

Secretary Report: Derek B.

- Passed around new contact sheet, it's blank so please provide your e-mails
- Please try to get reports to me before the meeting you're due to give a report, typing it in the body of the e-mail is acceptable

Treasure Report Mary Beth S.:

DISTRICT 05 TREASURERS REPORT

3/9/16-4/13/16

Previous Balance 918.57

Payments:

Menominee Leisure Center 13.50

CVIG – Corrections Literature 47.50

Bryon Benson – GSR Workshop 103.50

Income:

Group Contributions 440.60

Balance: 1194.67

DCM Report: Bryon B.

- This last month there has been a lot of discussion on the future of AA as a whole.

- That was the subject of multiple conversions in three Lakes on April 2nd. I attended the Area Spring Conference with Peter R and Craig H. It was Peters first time at an Area Level conference. Congratulations and he wants to attend another one.
- The Main focus of the Area meeting was for our Delegate, Derek T, to get a feeling for the Group Conscience of the various GSC agenda Items. There was surprisingly little discussion on the “Plain English” version of the Big Book, the overall view point was there was currently no need. The next big item was the “Feasibility Study”, which had a fairly long discussion with the intent that it should be looked into. Another item of discussion was the “Strategic Plan” which I received an email about on 3-20-2016. I plan to discuss this further at the District Meeting. This was approved by the General Service Board on 02-01-2016
- I will be attending the 2016 Spring Conference in Ashland, May 20th to the 22nd. If anyone wants to share a room or a ride, let me know

Alt DCM Report: Jim P.

- Interest in revisiting GSR workshop, would be interested in hearing you thoughts on how to make another presentation happen. Weekends in May aren't ideal, but June opens up a little bit. Please talk to nearby groups and e-mail myself and Bryon with a few dates that and we'd be happy to deliver the presentations. No need to block out more than an hour and a half.
- Not much else to report, but I appreciated the opportunity to lead the district meeting last month and thought our discussion was a little more in depth than the area's discussion on the topic, but I found it very interesting and thank you to Peter for providing insight to literacy or lack thereof

PI: Paul M.

- The main committee meeting we spoke about including Alanon meeting list and literature in our lit- drops. We also discussed some philosophical and strategic directions. Data management and where to focus our energy now that the school season is ending, etc. We also discussed coverage gaps...how best to reach the alcoholic who still suffers and where these individuals may be concentrating in Western Wisconsin.
- Thanks to all the subcommittees for all their hard work. Here are their reports.
- PI Website: The district website has our meeting dates wrong- currently listed as the first Tuesday of the month when in fact the PI Committee main meeting is the third Wednesday of odd months.

- The meetings are at 6:30 pm at the River Falls Alano Club and the 2016 dates as follows: Jan 20th, Mar 16th, May 18th, July 20th, Sept 21st, Nov 16th Jim will continue to work on a draft for the website best practices.
- PI Schools: Doug had a great response to share about phoning the guidance counselor in Ellsworth at the HS. She is excited to get AA and Alanon literature and he has a follow up appointment to speak with her on April 8th.
- PI Senior Centers: As schools wind down Senior Centers will pick-up. These centers are mainly housing, non-nursing home centers for elderly. We feel there is a strong need for AA information in these facilities. Myron and Andy W. are working to improve the Sr. Center database. This will be used for mailing and in-person visit lit-drops.
- PI Programs for Change: Brian B. is giving 4 presentations per year at outpatient treatment via Hudson Hospital. This is traditionally not in District 05 or part of the normal PI scope, but since we are the closest organized AA service committee. In keeping with the Responsibility Statement, we will continue to support it until another such entity can. (Treatment Committee in District 14)
- Myron M. would like to request a \$23.00 reimbursement for pamphlet expenses. Approved

CPC: Robert S.

- Meeting held as scheduled in March and April
- CPC has new information on District 05 website.
- CPC generic email has been tested, redirects to current chair Robert S.
- CPC flyer for distribution to meetings is being reviewed.
- Rural Institute for Alcohol and Drug Abuse conference in Menomonie in June on the UW Stout campus. CPC will be at the AA booth.
- Continue to look into Law Enforcement\Community Relations Officer
- Discussed news from Corrections on drug court items. CPC has no duties, just hearing back from a referral.
- Completed looking into opportunities at Eau Claire Academy. One staff member so not an opportunity for a presentation. Connecting with Treatment and Corrections.
- Starting to look into opportunities at Mayo Social Services, Leadership Eau Claire, Chippewa Valley Learning and Retirement.
- Discussions on the role of CPC.
- CPC does not have any requests for checks.

Treatment: Sara D.

- The Google spreadsheet is working well and we have been able to send in newer speakers into facilities rather than having duplicates.
- We will be purchasing five different pamphlets for speakers to bring into facilities when they speak.
- We set the pamphlet budget at \$100.
- We discussed the pamphlet rack at L.E. Phillips and will bring discussion to District to see who should be filling that or if it would be one of our duties.
- We came up with a list of questions to ask speakers before they go into facilities to ensure we are sending people in that are currently active in the program.
- We will ask District for \$120 to pay rent for the year. Approved.

Corrections: Ken P.

- The committee requests two months' rent to be paid to Club 12 for \$20.
- The chair also requests reimbursement for the Corrections Committee Post Office Box 2142 in the amount of \$70. This is for one year box rent.
- At the March Corrections mtg. we stuffed packets for volunteers entering the jails, with information for inmates such as: Meeting Lists, Pre-release Forms, Informational pamphlets, etc.
- There are still some problems in the Eau Claire County Jail with meeting rooms not being available for our scheduled meetings. This has been addressed with the Programs Director of the jail and his response was that he was misreading the AA schedule. If there are any further issues, please let the Corrections Committee Chair (Ken Presley) know by calling him at 507-884-9954 (cell) or 715-834-9635 (home).
- The AA's taking meetings into the Dunn County Jail have requested that the Corrections Committee not schedule people for Dunn County at this time. Those who are serving in this location would prefer to handle their own schedule with their own people. The Corrections Committee is very happy for their service and will assist with literature or any other needs they identify. We are available to schedule volunteers again if requested.
- June 15 there will be a panel discussion in Eau Claire County Drug Court sponsored by the Corrections Committee. The panel will be made up of graduates of treatment courts who have become active in their AA communities and will be speaking to encourage drug court participants to not just attend AA meetings, but to become involved in service work to strengthen their recovery.
- There is a Corrections Conference in Madison Saturday, April 30, hosted by the Wisconsin/UP Michigan Corrections Committee. If anyone is interested please

contact Ken Presley for more info phone numbers are listed above or email mrebby227@gmail.com.

- A reminder that anyone interested in being of service to incarcerated alcoholics is welcome to attend meetings of the District 05 Corrections Committee. Meetings are held at 7:45 pm the first Wednesday of each month in the small building of Club 12 in Eau Claire.

Special Accommodations/Accessibilities: John P

Postponed until next month

WICYPAA: Katie J.

- Look for flyer for Bid Committee information on the District Newsletter, Website, and In E-mail

CVIG: Rick B.

- Relationships Workshop on Saturday April 23, 2016, 1p-5p at the First Baptist Church in Eau Claire (See Attached Flyer)
- Plans to do another workshop in September/October on fielding 12-step calls
- There has been a big push on improving CVIG recognition in the groups as previously noted in our annual goals
- Continuing to work on new website, should be out shortly
- Groups continue to participate in volunteering to carry the phone (through 2016), but no training sessions are scheduled at this time

Group Updates:

- If your GSR has changed, fill out the group information change form found on the website

Old Business:

- Qualifications for a meeting to be on the meeting list
 - Consistent meeting place/time
 - Contact person

New Business:

- GSO Strategic Plan will be sent out, please take it to your groups and get their input on the format/word choice used by the authors
- Now and Then can be distributed to your groups for \$10 per month, e-mail nowandthen@area74.org for inquiries

- Include a thank you note in the District View for group contributions discussion included:
 - Should we include monetary values?
 - Group names?
 - It would show appreciation to the groups and would acknowledge
 - How often? Most groups don't contribute on a monthly basis
 - A note on where the money is going?
 - **Please get your group's input and it will be discussed next month**

GSR Sharing Session

- Chuck B. – the Eleva Potluck was a success and thank you very much to all the groups who helped make it happen!!
- On Saturday April 30th, 2016 a 4th Step Workshop will be taking place in River Falls, Flyer to Follow

Open Sharing

- Nothing shared

Next Month's Meeting – April 13, 2016 – Reports to be given by:

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Monthly District 05 Events: District 05 Monthly GSR Meeting is held at 6:45pm, on the second Wednesday of each month, at the Leisure Center, 1412 Sixth St., Menomonie, WI. Any members are welcome to attend.

District 05 Committees offer AA service opportunities for alcoholics who want to help carry the AA message. **Unless otherwise noted, committees meet at Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.**

Treatment Facilities Committee meets at 6:45pm on the 2nd Monday of every month.

Corrections Committee meets monthly at 7:45pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee meets at 7pm on the 1st Tuesday of every month at Club 12 in Eau Claire.

Public Information Committee meets on the ODD months (Jan, Mar, May, etc.) at 6:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at River Falls Alano club

Chippewa Valley Intergroup meets at 6:30pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

** Care is taken to include all events. If your event is not listed we regret the error. To list your group's event please contact your GSR, any district officer, or the newsletter editor before the 20th of the month preceding the event.

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