



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 2 Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Tradition 2 For our group purpose, there is but one ultimate authority, a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.

Concept 2 The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in world affairs.

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District 05 meeting
January 15, 2016
6:45pm opened with serenity Prayer
Introductions: 17 GSR'S

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 Ron S:

- \$13.50 Menomonie Leisure Center - Approved

DCM Report: Bryon B

- Brief introduction and has prepared the items for this meeting, contact Brian with any questions

Alt DCM Report: Jim P

- Introduction and presented potential workshop ideas, but nothing is planned at this point

Newsletter Editor: Austin S.

- Still learning the ropes, but if you would like to be on the list email thedistrictview@gmail.com
- Would love any suggestions for submissions

Webmaster: Jason L

- Apparently there has been some slightly incorrect information floating around about the change in our url. I have had more than one person inquire about the updated url. Rest assured, the old website url will be valid (and free of charge) for more than 2-1/2 years.
- You can find the updated (attached) Meeting Directory PDF. There really wasn't anything changed other than the "CHANGED" date now reads 01/03/2016. This is posted on the website and may be my final revision.
- Regarding the new url:
 - The new url will be "district05.org" and files will be officially transferred at some point this month
 - Currently either "aainwestwis.org" or "district05.org" will work and

contains all the same information. Similarly, for the next 2-1/2 years, either url will work

- The meeting directory was updated after the December 2015 District 05 monthly meeting to reflect the new url
- The meeting directory will continue to include verbiage "formerly aainwestwis.org" to attempt to minimize potential confusion

Archives: Jason B

- Allow me to introduce myself my name is Jason B. and I'm a grateful recovering alcoholic and I'm your district 05 archivist. I'm looking forward to serving you this year I would love to make as many pot lucks or group anniversary as I can please let me know how I can help, you can contact me via email at jason@lindstromequipment.com or on my cell [715 829 4072](tel:7158294072). I also will be on the look out in the next year for items to add to our extensive inventory if you have any thing to submit please bring it to my attention. Finally I have been in contact with both the area 75 and area 74 archivist also the WICYPAA archivist, my question I would like a group conscience on from District 05 is would we like to have a archives work shop some time this year??? Please bring this to your groups and report back to District next moth I will be attending that meeting to find out what you think. What my thought is we would bring in a gust speaker on the history of AA I have heard the talk and it is spot on

Grapevine: Steve G.

- No report

Public Information (PI): Myron M.

- \$89.40 for CVIG Phone listing in the Yellowpages – Approved
- Meeting next Wednesday January 20, 2016 at 6:30pm at River Falls Alano Club

Literature: Myron M.

- Please contact Myron M. in advance if you would like the literature set up at workshops/events

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Robert S.

- Continuing to work with local universities and considering working with law enforcement and VA
- \$37.49 for Literature - Approved

Treatment (TFC): Derek B.

- During our last meeting we discussed having pamphlets with us when we go into treatment centers. I will be getting a list of possible pamphlets to take in and then as a committee we will vote on which ones to use next month
- Affinity is now taking speakers and there will be two being sent in early February

Corrections

- District 05 Corrections Committee is off to a good start this year. Following the long tenure of former chair Molly M. we are excited to keep serving alcoholics who are currently incarcerated
- An order of 25 soft cover Big Books has been recently placed with Intergroup. When the bill has been received, I will present it to District for payment
- We are still in need of women volunteers to go into the jails we serve. Requirements (for both men and women) are: Have worked through the steps with a sponsor, AND have been off probation, parole, etc for at least two years
- 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 the first Wednesday of each month in the small building of Club 12 in Eau Claire @ 7:45pm
- \$187 for Big Books - Approved

Special Accessibilities: John P.

- As of right now it is a committee of one or two, but looking for more members
- Contact John if you're interested in joining
- Looking for updated accessibility for all meetings in District 05
- Will put together motion for updating all literature to read "Special Accessibilities" not "Special Needs-Accessibilities"

WICYPAA: Katie J.

- Just attended WICYPAA and presented bid, but weren't successful, Milwaukee will be hosting
- Working on putting together a new bid committee for 2018

CVIG: Eric M.

- Working on electing someone to attend district on a regular basis

- CVIG now has a Smartphone to make assisting the alcoholic who still suffers easier on those carrying the phone – Steps were taken so certain applications are blocked to prevent unauthorized activity

Group Updates:

- No updates

Old Business

- Fall Conference 2017 Committee Chair Discussion – **Nominations and election in February**
- Webmaster election timeline – **Nominations and election in February**

New Business

- Presentation on Roberts Rules of Order – Cancelled, reschedule at a later date
- Discussion on next workshop (date and location) Subject GSR (Money in AA), Bryon B. and Jim P. will tag team the logistics of the workshop, ideas include:
 - Glossary of terms
 - Experience then Q&A
 - Where is money coming from and where is it going??
- Discussion on Area 74 Delegate workshop to give our ideas to the delegate to present on 3/5/16 To be discussed in February

GSR Sharing Session

- No Sharing

Open Sharing

- No Sharing

Next Month's Meeting - February 10, 2016 – Reports to be given by:

- CPC, PI, Corrections, Treatment, and Special Accessibilities

A Message from the Eau Claire WICYPAA Bid Committee for 2017

WICYPAA is the Wisconsin Conference for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous, which was held in Eau Claire for the first time in 2015.

Dear Advisory Members,

Eau Claire experienced hosting its very first WICYPAA in 2015 and it has been on everyone's mind ever since. A friend of ours was just days out of jail when he was exposed to this incredible conference. You can imagine his absolute shock of seeing so many young individuals having fun free from alcohol. That same young man recently celebrated 1 year sobriety, is sponsoring young men in the program and has become a prime example of what Alcoholics Anonymous can do for the suffering alcoholic. Another one of our friend's went to WICYPAA for the first time last year as well. Actually, it was her first YPAA conference ever, and she finished off the year in Kentucky for KCYPAA and her fourth YPAA of the year.

To say this conference changes lives is an absolute understatement. It cannot be put into words what WICYPAA has done for the countless alcoholics in the Eau Claire area and beyond.

To put it simply, WICYPAA lit a fire in our AA community. Eau Claire is buzzing with young alcoholics looking to have fun, help their fellow alcoholic and bring a sense of unity to our area.

Eau Claire is ready for WICYPAA 2017.

Sincerely,

Eau Claire Bid Committee for WICYPAA 2017

Our Bid committee had a disbandment meeting on Saturday and we set a date for elections for the EC Bid Committee for WICYPAA 2018!! Saturday, March 12th @ 5:00 pm at Club 12 (the little building).

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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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