

District 05 meeting
September 14, 2016
6:45pm opened with Serenity Prayer
Introductions

Secretary Report: Andy B.

- Read last month's minute highlights
- 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

No objections to approving last months minutes.

Treasure Report: Mary B.

- MB read budget and explained charges. Motion to approve treasurer's report passed. A copy of the report will be sent out shortly.

DCM Report: Bryon B.

- On vacation, report given by the Alternate

Alternate DCM: Jim P.

- Bryon/Jim looking at dates for a GSR workshop in River Falls (Alano Club), Jim asked group for thoughts on dates. October 1st. Discussion followed about times on Oct 1st, there is a meeting in the morning, so afternoon seemed to be a good option. 1pm workshop tentatively. AARFWI.org for directions to Alano club in River Falls.

Newsletter: Katie J

- Katie read Austin's report, it says to contact him if you have any questions.

Webmaster: Andy B.

- Domain AAinwestwis.org expired, has been renewed for 2 years, cost around \$40
- Website updates, mostly calendar items
- Meeting directory format
- Considering putting meeting directory on front page
- Anything you want to see on the site?

Mary Beth – larger font, make it more mobile friendly. Ken – making it easier for the newcomer to see the meeting list.

Literature: Myron

- No workshops recently, nothing to report.

Jim – any other reports? Nope, moving on to fall 2017 conf.

- Mary Beth reports for Nicholas (2017 fall conf), says committees are in place and things are moving along. Dates and locations are set.

Wicypaa: Katie J.

- 2nd annual pasta cook-off, hosted by WICYPAA bid committee. Oct 14th, KC hall, EC. 5:30, speaker at 7. They meet last Saturday of every month at 5pm, Good Shepard church in EC. Jimmy explained bidding process to group.

CVIG – Randy

- Meet 3rd Wednesday of every month. Had picnic last week, well attended. They are reaching out to the area to explain what it is they do. Working on updating handouts so their information is current when they hand things off at meetings. They have a new, mobile friendly website that is up and running. Chippewavalleyintergroup.org. We talked about sharing flyers between CVIG and D05 website, dropbox was mentioned as a way to share files.

Group Updates:

- No updates from any groups.

Old Business:

- Dropbox – tested and is working by most people. Jim asked group, do we want to use this? Seems like an overwhelming yes, works well for group documents. Progress is made.
- Ken (corrections)- Daily reflections: Why do people need these? Prison cannot hand out personal copies of Big Books, they can only be checked out. Personal copies of daily reflections are allowed for men who are attending meetings. That is why these are needed in the prisons. Request from committee for \$107.50 for these for the committee. Motion to approve the money for the prisons, seconded. No discussion. All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed.
- MB- Discussion for possibly providing 12/12's to Arbor place. Discussion, do we want to buy these for a for profit treatment facility? They want these donated, the treatment committee meeting the motion was to bring it back here. Jim asked what the opinion of the treatment committee was. Laughter. MB says, not sure if they had a strong opinion about it either way. There was concern about this being a for-profit place. Dave S says they are working hard on the steps in that facility. Jimmy- Did an internship there, says they work the 12 steps there, he was a part of it. They have for a long time. Group concerns about donating to a for-profit. More comments: they are an outside-entity, that nullifies it right there. Jim-Expecting AA to supply an outside entity with books should not be something we do. More comments about them having a budget, they should have books. What is their focus? More opposition for providing this to them. A motion was made to close the debate/discussion on this. Seconded. All were in favor, none opposed.
- Archives chair: Needed, nominees were supposed to be present tonight. Crickets. None present. We are short a grapevine position as well. Flyer to circulate about having open positions? Jim will take tote home with him.

New Business:

- PI committee to review website guidelines – Myron: next month PI committee chair will make a report for next month
- Review of disbursement procedures – when guidelines were written committees could spend up to their budget limit without seeking approval. We have been seeking approval for everything. The idea with this, is are there any objections with moving forward on this rule of not having people need to ask for the money and a vote on it for every little thing. Dave- adds that it would be good to put in report the money you do spend, so it is seen and people

know where money is going. This is in an effort to streamline things and make things move faster. No further comments, no objections with following guidelines.

- Jim passed around list of meetings/contacts from the area registrar and wants us to cluster around and flip through to see if these meetings are active or inactive to clean the list up. Consensus is a lot of information is hard to say if this is accurate or not. Mostly seems out of date, some is fine. The area would like us to help get this information up to date. Myron – did we discuss not adding meetings to list without name/phone number? Comments this is a good idea since many of the names are out of date on the list that was passed around. Jim: are people willing to go to these meetings and contact the people on the list to get contact info for the list? What makes a meeting a meeting? Consensus: A name and number, someone accountable, registered with the GSO. No meeting dates/times or phone numbers on the list that was passed around. Group is not exactly sure what to do with this list. Jim will ask people who want this information for more information on what is needed. Jim has list of things to relay to Bryon to work on to get this moving forward. Privacy concerns made about this list containing names/phone numbers. No more discussion.
- Meeting directory format discussion: Concerns about the meeting directory not fitting onto a single sheet of paper. Jim passed around Bryons proposal on getting information on spreadsheet type database for storage purposes. Myron: New sheet does not have space for contact person/phone number. Is it bad that we are on another piece of paper? This gives us the option to provide more information. The printed meeting list is still used and needed as it gets passed around. Ken- talked about Rochester meeting list, covered several counties, looked like mini big book. Multiple people mentioned using the phone #'s which make it easier to find meetings near them in the past when out of town. Jim- **HOMEWORK: talk to your groups about this, what do they want to see for the meeting list?**

GSR Sharing Session:

- Margaret: PI schools subcommittee met last month, they are looking for anyone who is looking to carry the message to schools in this district. Jim is having Margaret contact Robert S about getting CPC committee involved in this.

Open Sharing Session:

- Myron: relay message from Fall 2017 conf committee – there is still tons of opportunity connected to the event that are available. Both for groups and for individuals. Committee is seeking money, groups can donate to conference committee by contacting the email address on bottom of flyer: 2017fallconference@gmail.com – This information in newsletter? It is on website already.

Next Month's Meeting – October 12, 2016 – Reports to be given: Corrections, P.I., C.P.C., Treatment, Special Accessibilities