



The District View

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District 05 meeting in
Menomonie Wisconsin!
1412 6th Street E
Menomonie, WI 54751-3331
09/09/2015 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 12 Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and practice these principles in all of our affairs.

Tradition 12 Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Concept 12 The Conference shall observe the spirit of AA. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be

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Concept 12 Continued...its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action by the trustees.

District 05 meeting
November 11, 2015
6:45pm opened with serenity Prayer
Introductions: 13 GSR'S

Secretary Report: Derek B. filling in for Shane

Treasure Report: Attached

Reimbursements: Myron M. (\$129.98), Molly M.- Club 12 (\$30), Eau Claire Pacific Group (\$22.50), Nicholas S. (\$124.47), Ron S. (\$27.00)

Alternate DCM Report:

No update on

Corrections

- The committee requests rent to be paid to Club 12 for \$30
- The committee requests a check written to ECPG for \$22.50 for 10 copies of "Inmate To Inmate" at \$2.25 each. ECPG has no use for them so the committee would like to purchase them and bring them into the jails.
- Reminder: only recovering alcoholics will be put on the schedule of volunteers. Drug addicts who have been approved by Dunn County to volunteer along with a recovering alcoholic will not be put on the Dunn County AA volunteer schedule.
- Thank you to all GSRs who have provided the recent corrections flyer to your group. We do have a few more women going into the jails as a result. Several women have expressed interest in volunteering after going through the steps with a sponsor. Several other women, who are currently eligible as volunteers but are

unable to start volunteering at this time, are aware that the volunteer applications are on the district website and plan to complete the applications in the future.

- Ken P is our incoming Corrections Committee Chairperson. He and I will be meeting to go through all current contacts in District 05. He is already planning a new order of soft cover big books, as I have distributed the remainder of the committee's literature to the jails last month.

Public Information

- Since our last report in August, the committee held a regular bi-monthly meeting on September 16th, with nine members present.
- We congratulated Paul M. who will serve as PI Committee Chair for 2016-2017.
- We continued discussion of the organizational structure of the committee. Margaret D. will bring new energy to our Schools project. Andy W. will oversee all of our databases. Myron M. will lead the Seniors project. Brian B. will continue to lead our efforts to support the Treatment Facilities Committee on the west side of the district, and Susan G. will continue as our liaison with Pierce County Drug Court.
- We have accepted an invitation from the local D.A.R.E. officer to provide younger AA members willing to share their stories with middle- and high school students. Thanks to Brian B. for arranging this terrific service opportunity.
- In the coming months we will explore local PI/CPC opportunities with nearby police departments, a ministerial group, and with UWRF and Chippewa Valley Technical College in River Falls.
- The PI Committee page on aainwestwis.org is up and running, thanks to Webmaster Jason L. Check it out.
- Several committee members took part in the District 05 Service workshop on 11/1 in Menomonie. All who attended found it very rewarding.
- Our next regular bi-monthly meeting, the last one of 2015, is scheduled for 6:30 pm next Wednesday, November 18th at the River Falls Alano Club. All AA members who wish to do service to AA are welcome to attend.

- Requested expense reimbursements:
 - AA pamphlets for Seniors project: \$105.00
 - 1,500 CVI Hotline business cards: 24.98
- Total: \$129.98

Webmaster

- I want to reiterate that I intend to continue my commitment to the district as your webmaster until a replacement can be found, regardless of the timeframe that it ends up being. I do not have a firm end-date set.
 - I have had discussions with a couple of people, but will elaborate information about those discussions as to the people I spoke with, later in the meeting.
 - With that, the next time I intend to be back at a district meeting is when we have someone (or multiple someone's) who are strong candidates, whatever month that may be.
- The meeting directory has 1 update; the address for the Arbor Place meeting on Friday's at noon.
 - I sent the updated meeting directory to the secretary and newsletter editor last night, to forward onto the body
- Thank your for the opportunity to serve in the capacity that I have been for the past 4+ years. It has been an honor to serve you and at times our neighbors, and has been a privilege to serve the still suffering alcoholic

DCM

I attended the 11/1/2015 workshop – approximately 30 participants. Spoke with Bryan B regarding forming of committee for Fall 2017 Conference. We will be electing the Conference chair at the district meeting in Winter/Spring of 2016. That individual will report to district and be responsible for forming the committee for the conference. I propose the election of the conference chair to happen in February. This will allow the elected individual a month or so to plan and organize a conference committee meeting to elect other positions to have the committee set by Spring/Summer of 2016 which will allow approximately 14 – 16 months for conference planning.

I strongly encourage all incoming and outgoing GSR's and committee chairs attend in December!

Old Business

New Business

New website domain to district05.org while aainwestwis.org will be redirected to the new domain name.

Idea presented to bring someone on in January and adding a redundancy to the administrative side of things in case the Webmaster doesn't fulfill responsibility.

The new position will be revisited in January, refer possible candidates to Jason L. Desirable qualities include: tech savvy, service knowledge, and active in the program.

Amendment to the guidelines presented by Dave K. He will quickly make changes and get them to the secretary, after which will be emailed to the GSR's to bring to their groups.

Election for Fall Conference Chair will take place in February

Adam R. will not be able to fulfill the archives chair position, election for replacement will be next month.

GSR Sharing Session

Open Sharing

Next meeting is December 9, 2015!! Reports include: Grapevine, literature, and Newsletter

A Message from the District 5 DCM

To the Fellowship of District 5,

I want to thank you. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you the past two years. Alcoholics Anonymous has 3 legacies which seem to be equally vital for my recovery from a spiritual malady. Recovery – the twelve steps, unity – our fellowship, and service – actions that allow the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to be carried to the suffering alcoholic.

Over the past two years I have had the privilege of traveling our district, visiting our committees and hearing the stories, witnessing, and experiencing the work of our district creating the opportunities to have the message carried.

It is often said that “service is the secret”. It does not need to be. Those of us who have recovered and practice all three legacies owe it to the fellowship to share our experience, strength, and hope with service just as we do with the steps.

I am not sure what my “next job” in Alcoholics Anonymous is but I know that District 5 has created ample opportunities to serve.

Thank you again,

In love and service,

Nicholas S.

District 5 DCM

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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 QUARTERLY (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct) 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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