



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 9 Made direct amends to such people, whenever possible, except when to do so when injure them or others.

Tradition 9 AA as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards directly responsible to those they serve.

Concept 9 Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

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AA Area 74 Service Structure

Delegate Mary Jo R.
Area Chair Kim R.
Secretary Char V
Treasurer Derek T.

AA District 05

DCM Nicholas S
Alt. DCM Paul H
Secretary Shane S.
Treasurer Ron S.

AA District 05 Committees

Archives Derek B
Corrections Molly M.
CPC Jim P.
Grapevine Gary S.
Literature Wayne W.
Newsletter Andy W.
Public Info Myron M
Treatment Kevin K.
Webmaster Jason L.

District 05 Meeting

August 12, 2015

6:45pm opened with serenity prayer!

Introductions: (13) GSR'S (20) Total in Attendance!

Secretary's Report: Shane

Reports Due: Corrections, Public Information, and Webmaster

Passed around contact list.

Starting next month I will be attending night classes at CVTC

Derek B, will be are note taker for the rest of the year. Thank you Derek for being of service. I will continue to send out information and meeting minutes for the rest of my term!

At the end of the meeting minutes there will be attachments, Please open and print them off for your meetings back home.

Treasure Report: Ron

Savings Acct: \$455.36

Checking Acct: \$863.47

Cash Assets: \$1,398.83

Reimbursement for Nicholas \$30.60 for copying expense for District Meeting. And also looking for reimbursement of last months \$55.60 that was approved!

Reimbursement for Molly \$30.00 for rent!

Reimbursement for District Rent \$27.00

Workshop Report: Paul H.

A Workshop on AA's Primary Purpose will be held in Eau Claire on August 29th, 2015. Where: Alano Club, Time: 1-4pm. See you there! This flyer will be attached for you to print off and take to your meetings.

Corrections Report: Molly

The Committee requests 30\$ paid to Club 12 for rent for the last quarter. The Chippewa Prison orientation had a great turn out. Thanks to all who attended. Unfortunately, the original plan to have numerous volunteers come in every week to make it a regular group is no longer a possibility, due to a change in decisions from prison staff. The experience did, however, lead the committee to consider the possibility that the turnout may have been better because people were allowed to attend the orientation before completing a volunteer application and being officially accepted. I have sent emails to Eau Claire and Dunn county staff requesting feedback on that possibility for their facilities. I am awaiting their responses. A new flier has been created and is being emailed to all GSRs and committee chairs with volunteer applications attached. This flyer will be attached at the end of the meeting minutes!

Public Information Report: Myron

Since our last report on 5/13/2015, the committee held regular bi-monthly meetings on May 20th, with six members present, and on July 15th, with 13 members present. We stuffed and mailed updated district meeting lists, AI-Anon meeting lists, and contact information to 275 places of worship in District 05. We are discussing ways to structure the committee so there is a lead member for each of our on-going projects, in order to lessen the load on the chairperson. Going forward, there will be a committee secretary position; a lead member to generate and maintain databases; a lead for workshops; and leads on our projects for schools, churches, seniors, hotel/motels, and Pierce Co. drug court. We have identified our candidate for the next chair of the PI committee. He is Paul M., currently GSR for the Come to Believe Monday night group in River Falls. Paul has been very active on the committee for 3+ years. We have every confidence he will lead us well. We would welcome an invitation from any group in District 05 to organize a workshop on Anonymity. We hope to do 3 such workshops over the fall/winter season, as we did last year. We would especially welcome a workshop in areas of the district where we have not yet done one. Our next bi-monthly meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 16th at the River Falls Alano Club. All AA members who wish to do service to AA are welcome to attend.

Webmaster Report: Jason L.

I've done a LOT of work on the website in recent weeks, although you (hopefully) don't notice anything different than usual. Money verification for the conversion and 5-years of hosting included. the check I was previously given for 5 years of hosting and 1 year of domain renewal, was for \$257.33 I submitted a receipt to the Treasurer (via email) for \$258.11 and I am NOT asking for reimbursement but want to explain because this leads to pretty cool opportunity we have as a district

First, the quote I was given did not include the \$0.18 annual fee that ICANN gets for registering all of the website domains in the world.

Second, we were given a free (as in 1 additional, not existing) domain name for 3 years. Free that is except for the ICANN fee. Basically I paid \$0.78 for us to have an option to improve the ease at which people can find us; more details follow... **For more information about ICANN check out the following link...

<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/welcome-2012-02-25-en>

More info about the 'free' Domain Name: I did have to name the 'free' domain name as part of the transaction and the 2 hour or so phone call. What I did was follow suit with what our area currently uses "area74.org" so I chose "district05.org" which (fortunately) was available. If we do nothing different, for the next 3 years we will have a mirror of our existing site (www.aainwestwis.org) at the new site (www.district05.org).

QUESTION FOR THE DISTRICT BODY with potential change in domain name: "Which domain name do you think would be easier for someone to find the website for District 05?"

Current: www.aainwestwis.org

Proposed: www.district05.org

SUPPORTING INFORMATION - Take a moment to please consider the following information I have heard comments several times from people about our website not being a bit obscure. If we are District 05, then most people are going to look for us at district05.something... Just like CNN is at cnn.com or the white house is at whitehouse.gov If we were ever going to make a change, we have a very safe opportunity to do so right now. If we changed the URL (website name) listed on our meeting directory, and in the District View, for the next 1 year we would have no cost associated with this. Also, we would be able to have our old URL point to the new one. We HAVE planned on paying \$18.17 per year (for the aainwestwis.org domain name) for the next 4 years (total of 5 years). IF we switch now, to district05.org, and if we decided to keep the old URL (aainwestwis.org) active for a few (3) years we would have no increase in cost associated with that transition, and we would have 3 full years for meeting lists to be pulled from circulation.

Moving Forward - Committees Page Addition to the website. I will begin working on this during the weekend of Friday, August 21st. The link for the Corrections Calendar will be replaced with the Committee Page, which will have a link for each Committee.

The link for "Information for Those Visiting District 05 Correctional Facilities" will be replaced with a link to a form that users can fill out to submit their name, phone, and email address as being interested in serving. We won't be able to capture information from a web-based form and put it into a spreadsheet or database without paying money.

We will be able to capture information from a web-based form and have it send an email with this information. I will set this up to email the webmaster account, which can then be easily forwarded onto the manager of this information. The district would need to determine who will create, manage, and maintain this information.

This report by Jason L. Was tabled until next month. There was much discussion!!!

CVIG Report: Bob was not present for report!

WICYPAA Report: Cole was not present for report!

Special Needs Report: Shawna R.

It's now been over a month since the Alcoholics Anonymous International Convention in Atlanta Georgia. It is estimated that 70,000 Alcoholics, Al-Anons and Alateens were in Atlanta, GA, July 2-5, representing 90 countries, to celebrate the 80th birthday of Alcoholics Anonymous. Nearly 800 speakers participated in topic meetings, panels, and special interest and regional meetings. Although most meetings were held in English, there were also meetings in Spanish, French, Italian, German, Japanese, Russian, Polish, Lithuanian, Swedish and American Sign Language. As District 05 Special Needs Chair I believe I took everything in with a different outlook than I had before. There were many strengths noted at the 80th anniversary Convention. American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters were widely used at the hundreds of topic meetings. Can you imagine how much coordination that must have taken to ensure there were ALS interpreters at all those meetings? Also it appeared that the Convention planners took special care to include AA's with differing abilities as speakers. One thing I noted was the long distances required to get anywhere at the convention. I saw many scooters and wheelchairs in use. Upon my arrival I saw one man resting off to the side of the huge throng of people walking to the Georgia World Congress Center. A bit later I saw another man trip and fall while stepping off a curb. Many other AA's went to help him up. Another area of concern besides walking distances was the need to get a badge holder. The line was literally overwhelming and I saw many people with disability challenges finding makeshift chairs while waiting in line. For the opening ceremony everyone was required to walk quite a distance to see the main speakers at the Georgia Dome. I was glad to see that

people with differing abilities had a front row seat to the opening ceremony that was strictly adhered to and enforced by The Convention Center staff. There were 3 speakers the first night and one was a man (Michael B. from California) who used American Sign Language and signed his talk to an interpreter. The interpreter then spoke it for him to the audience. His was an amazing story but my favorite part was at the end when he said he didn't like the term "Special Needs". He pointed out that if WE didn't have an interpreter telling us what he was saying, "who is really the one with special needs"?? Great Point! Lastly I received a letter from the General Service Office acknowledging my submission of information as District 05 Special Needs Chair, and I received the Special Needs Workbook from GSO. Dear Shawna, Greetings from the General Service Office (G.S.O.) of Alcoholics Anonymous. My name is Steve, I am a G.S.O. staff member and my duties include serving the Special Needs-Accessibilities desk. Thank you for writing

Group Updates:

Approved was to add Sand Creek, "New Hope Meeting" 201 W. Central to the district 05 meeting list. There was a question on the Thursday meeting in Augusta, Time: 6pm, United Methodist Church. If that meeting was alive or dark?

DCM Report: Nicholas S.

Thank You Paul for fulfilling your role as Alternate DCM this evening and facilitating this meeting of GSR's in my absence. I am fulfilling an obligation tonight that is AA inspired. It is the epitome of taking spiritual actions and leaving the outcome to our higher power. I send you hello along with the 60 youth visiting me this week from Selma, Alabama and the 60+ youth and host families they are meeting tonight to begin a week long exchange program that I have been a Co-Creator of. Our book tells us to become of maximum service to God and our fellows. AA has taught me to do that and I have been graced with an abundance as a result. It is truly remarkable. Each of you have played a significant role in my recovery and I humbly thank you. Next Month is elections night! Please have AA Members in mind for all the positions that need to be elected. We will be seeking the most qualified individuals. I will have bring counters with that will conduct the elections. We will be using substantial unanimity for the officer positions and simple majority for committee chairs if the body is agreeable to that. This past month I have visited the Northside Group in Eau Claire, attended the Chippewa Valley Round Up, a number of speaking engagements and met with a disenfranchised resident who lives in the geographic borders of district 6. I (we) see where and how we might be able to be helpful. I attended the Chippewa Valley Treatment Prison/Corrections orientation for the new weekly meeting which will be held there. There were approximately 25 in attendance! Great Stuff! Thank You Again for allowing me to serve District 05!!!!

OLD Business:

2016 Fall Conference Bid – Read letter from Jay Hands. Vote on if District 5 wants to put forth a bid.

Tabled until next Month!!!

October Workshop – Do we want a comprehensive district 5 workshop? Yes

Guidelines Review and Vote. Approved and will be included into the minutes.

Sand Creek on Meeting Directory. Added to district 05 meeting List!

New Business:

Mary Jo will give delegates report in October. Nicholas will make flyers and announcements.

SEPTEMBER ELECTIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

NEXT MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2015 REPORTS DUE, Grapevine, Literature, Newsletter/Intergroup

Elections will be held at the September District Meeting. Here are Job descriptions from the District Guidelines

Duties of District 05 Officers and Committee Chairs

District Committee Member (D.C.M.)

1. Coordinate a monthly District G.S.R. Meeting.
2. Visit all registered group meetings or maintain some form of contact (Once per year).
3. Attend all District 05 functions.
4. Attend required Area 74 functions, including the delegate's workshop, area assemblies, area conference and committee meetings, and functions of the Area 74 standing committee of which the D.C.M. is a member.
5. Maintain group status throughout District 05 and correct schedules
6. Provide written reports of all Area 74 assemblies and conferences to newsletter for publication.
7. Provide guidance to new G.S.R.s.
8. Contribute written articles to newsletter.
9. Carry out mandates of the district meeting.
10. Make sure G.S.R.s are acquainted with A.A. service material and service work.
11. D.C.M. will traditionally rotate to Grapevine Representative upon completion of term.

Alternate District Committee Member (Alt. D.C.M.)

1. Assume the duties of the D.C.M. when the D.C.M. is unable to perform his/her duties.
2. Attend all District 05 functions.
3. Help D.C.M. visit all registered groups.
4. Responsible for scheduling and coordination of District 05 workshops.
5. Host service oriented workshops within District 05 on a per quarter basis.

Newsletter Editor

1. Publish and distribute the District 05 newsletter (District View) on or near the first of each month.
2. Provide a financial statement and report to the district based on District 05 Meeting and Report Schedule.
3. Maintain a current mailing list.
4. Attend as many District 05 functions as possible.

Public Information (P.I.)

1. Provide a copy of updated District 05 meeting schedule for the newsletter.
2. Work with groups by helping to facilitate any problems they are having at the public level
3. Maintain an inventory of video, audio, and print media for lending to outside sources.
4. Attend as many District 05 functions as possible.
5. Prepare and present a report for the district based on District 05 Meeting and Report Schedule.

Webmaster

1. Possess a valid debit/credit card as required by the service provider to make purchases and keep the account active or in a status that is current.
2. Serve as the main point of contact with the service provider designated by the body, to maintain both the domain and hosting accounts as needed, ensure the www.aainwestwis.org domain is reserved for our District, and that the site remains functional at all times.
3. Create and edit pages using (at minimum) HTML, keeping in mind the demographic of the users of the District's website and its purpose as a central point of information for the membership.

4. Maintain a meeting schedule of all registered meetings in District 05 with timely updates.
5. Update website files using an F.T.P. client, to maintain the Meeting Directory, Events Calendar, Monthly Corrections Calendar, Monthly Newsletter, Monthly Meeting Minutes etc.
6. Perform a full backup of the website files periodically and submit a copy to the D.C.M.
7. Email - Personally respond to all webmaster emails, and in a timely manner whenever possible, ensuring a working auto-reply goes out to people who email the webmaster, prior to your response.
8. Update and maintain email forwarding accounts for every new trusted servant to help protect anonymity.
9. Prepare and present a report for the district based on District 05 Meeting and Report Schedule.

Treasurer

1. Maintain a District 05 checking account with the correct tax status.
2. Present a quarterly report for the District G.S.R Meeting.
3. Provide a copy of the quarterly report to the District View for publication.
4. Attend as many District 05 functions as possible.
5. Present a monthly report to the district.

Archives - Archivist

1. Maintain and care of existing District 05 Archives by updating with current newsletters, District 05 events, etc. as needed. Responsible for the collection, the documents, and artifacts of District 05. Takes care of and maintains the physical integrity or condition of the collection. Develops finding aids, so as to add to the collection. Is responsible for ensuring the protection of members and the confidentiality of all A.A. records. An A.A. Archivist is "keeper of the past".
2. Display archives material at district meetings and other events.
3. Write articles for the District View on archive activity.
4. Keep supplies in stock used for archives.
5. Prepare and present a report for the district based on District 05 Meeting and Report Schedule.
6. Attend as many District 05 functions as possible.

Grapevine

1. Traditionally filled by previous term's D.C.M.
2. Maintain Grapevine display with necessary stock and order forms.
3. Set up Grapevine display at all District 05 functions.
4. Register with the Area 74 Grapevine Representative.
5. Assist groups with any ordering problems.
6. Prepare and present a report for the district based on District 05 Meeting and Report Schedule.

Literature

1. Maintain a stock of prescribed literature required for the D.C.M. to give to new G.S.R.s.
2. Keep a stock of current price lists for A.A. World Services Inc.
3. Order literature for District 05 activities as needed.
4. Work with groups in their problems with getting orders.
5. Set up a literature display at all District 05 functions.
6. Attend as many District 05 functions as possible.
7. Prepare and present a report for the district based on District 05 Meeting and Report Schedule.

Secretary

1. Take minutes of the District G.S.R. Meeting and type them into usable form.
2. Make sure that a copy of the minutes are provided to the Newsletter Editor for publication prior to the 20th of each month.
3. Keep an updated copy of a "Secretary's Book" that would document any action by the District Committee that goes beyond what is in the Service Manual.
4. Attend as many District 05 functions as possible.

Special Needs-Accessibilities

1. Provide cooperation and mutual understanding between District 05 and any alcoholic with special needs.
2. Use the A.A. Guidelines and the A.A. Workbook as guides for Special Needs-Accessibilities work.
3. The Committee Chair should attend as many District functions as possible.
4. Prepare and present a report for the district based on District 05 Meeting and Report Schedule.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C.)

1. Provide cooperation and mutual understanding between professionals concerned with alcoholism within District 05.
2. Use the A.A. Guidelines and the A.A. Workbook as guides for CPC work.
3. The Committee Chair should attend as many District functions as possible.
4. Prepare and present a report for the district based on District 05 Meeting and Report Schedule.

Treatment Facilities (T.F.C.)

1. Provide coordination and support for groups wishing to carry the message to alcoholics in treatment in District 05.
2. Use the A.A. Guidelines and the A.A. Workbook as guides for T.F.C. work.
3. The Committee Chair should attend as many District functions as possible.
4. Prepare and present a report for the district based on District 05 Meeting and Report Schedule.

Corrections

1. Provide coordination and support for groups wishing to carry the message to alcoholics in jails, prisons, or other correctional facilities within District 05.
2. Use the A.A. Guidelines and the A.A. Workbook as guides for Corrections work.
3. The Committee Chair should attend as many District functions as possible.
4. Prepare and present a report for the district based on District 05 Meeting and Report Schedule.

District 05 Treatment/Corrections/P.I./C.P.C./Special Accessibilities Committee Chair Job Responsibilities

- Facilitate a regularly scheduled committee meeting.
- Report to District 05 on the following months:
 - Jan of new rotation (1st month of new term)
 - Feb/April/June/August/October/December
- Seek to build standing committee through outreach activities.
- Attend Delegate's Workshop each year (committee expense).
- Hold a minimum of 1 workshop per calendar year.

The District View is a nonprofit newsletter published by District 5 in Area 74 for the purpose of providing local communication between the district committee, groups within the district, and individual AA members.

It is published monthly for members of the AA fellowship. Electronic subscription to The District View is free.

Print subscriptions are available at the cost of \$10 per year but members are urged to use the electronic option. Approved AA related fliers may be inserted into the District View for a nominal fee, contact the editor for more information.

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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