



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 3 Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

Tradition 3 The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

Concept 3 To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. -- the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives -- with a traditional "Right of Decision."

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District 05 meeting
February 16, 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.:

- Checking Balance: \$925.06
- Check issued to Menomonie Leisure Center for \$13.50

DCM Report: Bryon B

- Continued working on upcoming GSR workshop
- Will be sending out flyers and other correspondence to everyone on the contact list

Alt DCM Report: Jim P

- Continued working on upcoming GSR workshop

Public Information (PI): Paul M.

- The PI Committee met on 1/20 at the River Falls Alano Club. We had a brief welcoming of Paul M. as the incoming chair and discussed objectives for the 2-year term.
- Discussed the added responsibility of managing the website and what this would entail from the committee. It was noted that it should not be incumbent on the committee to create a heavily regulated environment for the Webmaster to operate in. However, drafting some guidelines or best practices would be a good idea. We don't want to inhibit the Webmasters ability to make necessary technical updates to the website or require approvals for posting information. However, we felt that "anonymity is the spiritual foundation of our website."
- We then discussed other projects the committee is working on and soon discovered that the level of detail required for each project would greatly exceed our 1-hour time slot. Since we meet every other month, progress would be very slow. Therefore we decided to have the "projects" form into sub-committees and

hold their own meetings as they see fit. This would give them the time to discuss the details of the project and bring updates to the committee meeting. The committee can give feedback and communicate progress, problems or concerns to the District.

- Currently we have the following sub-committees:
 - Website Database Management, Schools, Churches, Senior, Homes, Hotels, Treatment Centers, and Drug Court

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

- January Meeting was held as scheduled. February meeting was canceled due to snowstorm.
- UW Stout Presentation - A CPC presentation was given 2/9/2016 4:45PM to 6:15PM. Details will be shared at next month's CPC meeting.
- UW Stout Counseling Services - Another presentation opportunity at UW Stout. This will be either February 17th or 24th.
- Rural Institute for Alcohol and Drug Abuse conference in Menomonie in June on the UW Stout campus. CPC will be at the AA booth.
- Arbor Outpatient Staff - The outpatient side of Arbor may be interested in a CPC presentation.
- Veterans - An AA visitor attended CPC meeting in January. Discussions on what CPC might do with veteran organizations. Information was given on how the VA works and what resource are currently available.
- Law Enforcement - Discussions on how CPC might work with law enforcement.
- Homeless Shelters, Community Table etc. - Discussions on how CPC might work with these organizations.
- CPC requests a check payable to Alano Club 12 in the amount of \$20 for 2 months of rent at \$10 per month.
- Requested reimbursement for \$20 made out to Club 12 – Approved

Treatment (TFC): Sara D.

- We are currently in the process of updating our temporary contact list and volunteer speaker list.
- Our secretary is creating a Google spreadsheet for all coordinators to use. The purpose of this spreadsheet is to be better organized in regards to not sending the same speakers into multiple facilities.
- There is an open position for Affinity House coordinator. In the meantime Mary Beth is filling in until someone is elected.
- Arbor Place is interested in sending a speaker in for their outpatient program.

Corrections: Ken P.

- The committee requests rent to be paid to Club 12 for \$30.
- At the March Corrections mtg. we will be stuffing packets for volunteers entering the jails, with viable information for inmates such as: Meeting Lists, Pre-release Forms, Informational pamphlets, etc.
- Volunteer Applications are to be sent to the chair of the committee for review. If the volunteer applicant does not qualify per the jail rules, the application will not be forwarded and the applicant notified. If there are no known issues, the chair will forward the application to the jail programs coordinator and notify the applicant.
- We are still in need of male and female volunteers to go into the jails we serve. Requirements 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 at 7:45 pm the first Wednesday of each month in the small building of Club 12 in Eau Claire.

Special Accessibilities: John P.

- The Special Needs/Accommodations committee met on January 28 and will meet the last Wednesday of every month at 6:45 pm at the Dish and the Spoon Café 208 N Main St River Falls, WI 54022.
- The 2016 meeting schedule is as follows.
 - February 24th
 - March 30th
 - April 27th
 - May 25th
 - June 29th
 - July 27th
 - August 31st
 - September 28th
 - October 26th
 - November 30th
 - December 28th
- Three people were in attendance at the January committee meeting, a secretary has been elected and minutes will be kept for all future meetings. A motion to change the committee name from Special Needs/Accommodations to Special Accommodations/Accessibility was written and will be presented at the February

Dist. 05 GSR meeting. Current business includes compiling an updated list of meetings and their accessibility, creating a flyer for the committee to be distributed to GSR's around Dist. 05 and prioritizing outreach to the still suffering alcoholic.

WICYPAA: Katie J.

- Will meet on March 12, at 5:00p (club 12 small building in Eau Claire) to elect new positions for the 2018 Bid Committee, all are welcome to attend

CVIG: John S.

- Brought flyers explaining book orders can be made via e-mail
- Just upgraded from a flip phone to a smart phone
- Groups carrying the phone are scheduled through 2016
- Maintaining inventory of over \$1000 in literature to satisfy orders without waiting period
- Planning a workshop on 12th step work, which will include role play scenarios for 12 step work, both with the cell phone and in person. Date and location to be determined

Group Updates:

Old Business:

- Presentation on Roberts Rule's of Order – Todd F. (Simplified notes attached)
- Bryon presented agenda for GSR workshop (Flyer attached)

New Business

- Motion made by John P. to amend the committee name **Special Needs/Accommodations** to **Special Accommodations/Accessibility** in the District 05 Service Structure Guidelines
 - Purpose: to avoid any offensive language to those we serve
- Delegate's Workshop- Three Lakes on March 5, 2016 please contact Bryon if you would like to tag along. Leave and return on March 5.
- Election for 2017 Fall Conference Chair
 - Nominations: Nicholas S. (Accepted)
 - Nicholas wins by acclimation – Gave acceptance speech
- Motion to temporarily change the position of "Webmaster" to "Co-Webmaster"
 - Called to question: In Favor – 15 Opposed - 0
- Election for "Co-Webmaster"
 - Andy B. (Accepted)

- Andy B. wins by acclimation – Gave acceptance speech
- Jason B. is looking to put together an archives workshop on the history of AA, please take back to your groups and bring ideas back

GSR Sharing Session

- Chuck B. - Having Eleva Big Book Annual potluck April 9, 2016 and will get flyer out to the groups
- Steve G. - February 24, 2016 at 7:30p having a panel at River Falls Alano – discussion on district and how it functions. ANYONE IS WELCOME TO GIVE INPUT

Open Sharing

- Archives and Literature displays to be at GSR Workshop
- Jason L. – Biography's for all committees on website, e-mail forwarding accounts will be set up shortly
- Prescott open traveling potluck March 12, 2016 at UCC Church in Prescott
- Club 12 Banquet – March 5, 6, 2016

Next Month's Meeting – March 9, 2016 – Reports to be given by:

- Delegate's Workshop preparation

DCM Report March 2016

Good Day to All and thanks to Jim P for Chairing the meeting.

Last month I met with Andy B. and Jason L., together we transferred control of the Web page to both Andy B and myself. I have the utmost confidence in Andy to run the Web site. His knowledge and dedication are to be commended. If there are any suggested changes to the web site, please let us know.

On 2-24-16 I went to River Falls to meet with the Fellowship in Action Group. I sat in on their group conscious meeting and answered some questions about the fellowship of AA., the service structure, and voluntary contributions. Afterward I sat in thru the meeting, it was a very rewarding experience. If you get the chance, venture outside your normal routine once in a while and visit another group.

I attended the GSR Workshop at the Menomonie leisure Center and participated as one of the presenters. I felt the workshop went off very well and there was lots of good discussion on the service structure of AA. Jim P was also in attendance and can answer any questions.

Expenses for the Workshop: Rent \$90.00, food and refreshments \$53.50, 7th Tradition donations \$40.00

Net cost: \$103.50. I paid for the rent and the supplies myself. Requesting reimbursement of \$103.50.

The coffee, plates, napkins, and plastic ware were all left over from the last big book study. If anyone needs these items for another workshop let me know and I will deliver them.

On 3-5-16 Craig H and myself went to the delegates Workshop in Three Lakes Wi. Also in attendance was John P, Alicia D, John S, and Myron M. If I missed anyone who was there, I apologize. There was lots of information covered and it was an honor to watch AA in action at the Area Level. One of the main purposes is to review the agenda items that will be discussed and or voted on at the next General Service Conference in New York. I want to take this time to bring to your attention two issues that can will probably be debated at length. One will be the consideration of creating a "Plain English" Big Book, and the other is a potential "Feasibility study" and "Brainstorming of ideas" that relate to the future financial situation for AAWS. There will be numerous other issues discussed but I felt these two items needed to be specifically mentioned.

Thank you for letting me be of Service

Bryon Bensen DCM District 05

Lastly, I received a poem in the mail by Mike S.

I am never ever gonna have another

I remember when I quit the first time ~ 16
Saying this is it I've had enough then like
It was my 18th and I though
One why not? alca thinking

I quit again but 3 of us go to see a bar band
Server says how many? I say 3 each I'm the man
But it's 2 for 1 so we get 18
I say drink up~get drunk~pass out~alcamath

Ohhh I called it off again that time
And ohh this time I'm telling me I'm telling me
I am never ever ever gonna have another
I am never ever ever gonna have another
I gonna go out and have a soda or a juice or a watah
And I am never ever ever ever gonna have another

Like ever

I'm really gonna miss me picking fights
And falling down and screaming that I'm right
And then hide away and find my piece of mind
With a cold one that's much warmer than life

Ohhh I called it off again tonight
And ohhh this time I'm telling me I'm telling me
I am never ever ever gonna have another
I am never ever ever gonna have another
I'll just say no thanks, stay at home and watch tv and watch tv
And I am never ever ever ever gonna have another

Ohh yeah ooh yeah ooh yeah ooh yeah oh oh oh
I used to think that never was forever ever
And I used to say never say never
Uggghhh so I'm 49 at a fundraiser with my second beer in my hand
And I'm like what the..... I mean this is exhausting you know like
I am never gonna have another like ever

NO

I am never ever ever gonna have another
I am never ever ever gonna have another
I get invited to a Thursday night church meeting
Surprise it's AA sez the wall banner greeting

They don't have another..one day at a time
With the help of each other and a higher power
thanks AA I haven't had another for 10 years

“we are never ever getting back together” written and sung by Taylor Swift
Retitled and reworded for personal use (to reflect my step 1 experience) and
educational purposes (to carry the message)
By Mike S.

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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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