

District 05 meeting
May 10, 2017
6:45pm opened with Serenity Prayer
Introductions

Secretary Report: Derek 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.

- Will be sent out separately

DCM Report: Bryon B.

- The new web site is up and running. I would like to thank Andy B, our web master for all his work. When you have the chance, visit the new site and check out the mapping feature for the meetings. There is a phone app which links to our web site that will enable a user to locate the next and or closest meeting. Free to download for both IOS and Android based phones. Search for "Meeting Guide" and the graphic is a blue circle with a folding chair.
- Tuesday, April 25th, was the Area 74 DCM conference call. It is held the last Tuesday of every month. One of the members was a little disappointed at how the Area handles their meetings. He was having a hard time trying to "wrap his head around how some of the discussions actually help the suffering alcoholic". I sometimes feel his frustration, but I also feel it is my obligation to participate in the service structure to ensure that the message is carried. I never know where my contribution may someday help another alcoholic, and that helps keep me sober another day.
- I attended the District 05 Committee Open house at the Menomonie Alano Club on Saturday the 29th. Thanks to all the committee members that attended. There were some good questions and it was well organized.
- On Friday May 19th I will heading to Munising , Michigan to attend the Area 74 Spring Conference. The Delegate, Derek T will be reporting on his trip to New York. More to follow, he usually gives a very good presentation on the business that was conducted.

Alternate DCM: Jim P.

- First and foremost, special "thank-you's" to:
 - Beth E. for helping to coordinate logistics between us and the Club, and
 - All the Committee Chairs and Byron for attending and representing their groups at this event, especially those who stayed for the speaker (a solid display of *unity*).
 - My old sponsor used to frame any 10th-step-like reflection using three questions: 1) What went right? 2) What did not go so well? And, 3) What did we learn?
- We did our job – well (especially for a first run). We put on a well-organized event,

in a great space, with about right amount of food and refreshments. The committee chairs did their jobs by bringing effective display materials and making their work look *attractive*. There was also great interaction between the various committee chairs, and I expect some short- and maybe long-term collaborations will develop from those. And (for me if no one else), it was nice to have some time simply get to know fellow AA's from other corners of the district – our Wednesday meetings tend to be all business – it is people that make a fellowship.

- Aside from the benefits noted above, I am not sure we reached a large number of folks not yet acquainted with general service. Turnout (besides us D5 folks) at the actual event was relatively low, in spite of the fact that there were a few meetings going on in the other side of the club. We just could not get too many to come over and see what we were doing. (*Maybe we looked to much like we had some idea of what we were doing?*) A few that did come and sample the tables did get engaged, and asked good questions; so many it is not about numbers. I think we may have expected that engaging large numbers at this event was going to be a challenge; given the extent to which Menomonee groups are represented by GSR's at our monthly meeting.
- Regardless, our job is to extend the hand – while letting go of the outcome in which someone grasps that outstretched hand. Nonetheless, there are probably opportunities for improvements, and you can email me suggestions or bring them to next months meeting (when most committee chairs will be giving bi-monthly reports).
- What we learned most of all is that we now know how to do this. And, I think we learned that just because we show up that we may not attract large numbers of people by default (but again that might not matter). And, when we approach a potentially bigger event in which we know turnout will be higher, we may need to re-think food – we cannot afford pizza for 80 attendees.
- I do think this format is worth rolling out again, and the tentative plan is to do it in September in Eau Claire (the week after the Fall Conference at Saturday Night Alive). We will discuss details during my agenda time at the summer GSR meetings.
- I am requesting reimbursement for the following expenses (these may exceed by budget once rent is included – which we did not know about until we were at the event.)
 - Rent: \$50 (Check to Menominee Alano club – I have an envelope)
 - Pizza (Dominos): \$51.53
 - Soda/Plates/cookies/etc (Target): \$37.10
 - Total (to Jim): \$88.63
 - (Receipts attached)
 - (There was also a printing charge of \$3.01 for those incredible table tents, but I gained about a dozen sodas in my cooler, post-event, so I say we call that a fair trade.)
- I will presume that MB and I can connect directly about getting the funds - maybe at tomorrow night's B2B meeting.

Grapevine: Sam L.

- Still need to get the supplies from Jim

Archives: Steve C.

- No report

Webmaster: Andy B.

- New website live
- New meeting list live
- Meetingguide.org app

Literature: Myron M.

- No report

Newsletter: Austin S.

- Haven't received any new ideas or stories for newsletter, if you'd like to submit something to the newsletter feel free to e-mail it to me
- Will be updating contact information for the mailing list

Wicypaa: Lucas M.

- Met on May 7th
- Voted on budgets and the banquet
- Next event May 27th 2p-6p at Demler Park in Eau Claire – Unity in the Community
- Next business meeting June 4th 2pm at the small building in Eau Claire

CVIG: Lucas M.

- Mental health and Recovery workshop has been postponed and is under revision
- Website updates were made
- Flimsy Reed has the phone this month

Fall Conference: Nicholas S.

- Conference planning is moving forward, change in Saturday night speaker due to the committee's inability to make contact with the Saturday night speaker.
- Printed program for weekend will be within the next 2 months.
- Committee wants to remind that no AA member will be turned away.
- Please direct people to www.district05.org for registration.
- Any committee chairs that would like to have things set up (i.e. literature, archives, grapevine) can set up material at the conference

Group Updates:

- Saturday Night Speaks and Saturday Night Alive on Saturday is Open not Closed
- LGBTQ Meeting in Eau Claire will begin June 6th at 6:00pm check website for location

Old Business:

- Meeting directory
 - Much feedback on list, keeping it on 1 sheet of paper, sorted by day
 - Now 2 pdf's on the front page: one sorted by day, one sorted by city

New Business:

- E-mailed out agenda items from The General Service Conference
- Corrections committee is changing from meeting monthly to meeting quarterly
 - Look for new meeting time on website
- CPC has twice given information about alcoholism and the older adult
 - Going to UWEC in June for Senior American's Day

GSR Sharing Session:

- None

Open Sharing Session:

- PI is meeting a May 17 at 6:30pm – Alano Club in River Falls
 - Doing the annual mailing to the local religious orgs
- Charcoal chicken feed and Round up are upcoming, look for flyer soon
- Salmon Feed that was supposed to be this weekend in Menomonie will be cancelled

Next Month's Meeting – June 14, 2017 – Reports to be given: Corrections, P.I., CPC, Treatment, Special Accessibilities