

District 05 of Area 74 Meeting

April 11, 2018

6:45 PM

Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th St E, Menomonie, WI 54751

Opening

- Serenity Prayer

Introductions

- 12 GSRs present.

Reports

- **Secretary** – Joe P.
 - o Read last month's minute highlights.
 - o Sent around contact sheets for officers and GSRs (asked for additions, verification, and indication of GSR vs. Alt. GSR).
 - o *Note:* Please try to get reports to the secretary before the meeting you're due to give a report. An emailed report with or without an attachment is acceptable.
 - o **Approved:** *Last month's minutes approved without objection.*
- **Treasurer** – Sara D.
 - o Submitted emailed report.
 - o Report Period: 03/14/18-04/11/18
 - o Checking Opening Balance: \$2353.21
 - o Group Contributions: \$1247.00
 - o Expenses: \$210.86
 - Corrections: \$82.00
 - Rent (March and April): \$27.00
 - DCM: \$25.00
 - Treatment: \$17.00
 - CPC: \$59.86
 - o Checking Closing Balance: \$3389.35
 - o **Approved:** *Report approved without objection.*

The following reports were given and accepted:

- **District Committee Member (DCM)** – Marybeth S.
 - o Marybeth submitted a written report, which she summarized in person:

I attended the Area 74 DCM Conference Call at the end of March. The discussion again centered on how to encourage attendance at both the group and District level.

Area Assembly was held on April 7th in Three Lakes. A few GSRs and other representatives from District 05 were in attendance. Committee reports from the Delegates Workshop were presented and voting took place on a number of committee recommendations. Our Delegate will carry the Area voice to the General Service Conference in New York later this month. If your group wants more information on this important work, please contact your GSR or myself. Participation at the Assembly was an important reminder of the important work being done by Alcoholics Anonymous. If your group does not have a GSR, please consider electing one and sending them to District and Area meetings. That is the only way you have a voice at the General Service Conference. The next Area Assembly will be held at the Area 74 Spring Conference in

Green Bay in May.

Now that the weather is better, I am planning to attend as many AA meetings as possible. Please contact me if you would like me to attend one of your Group Conscience and/or Business Meetings. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

- o Mailing address for Area 74 is currently not that easy to find because it is the Area treasurer's personal address.
 - Should Area 74 have a PO Box?
 - Marybeth will make the suggestion that the address should be more accessible. Perhaps we could put it in the "District View."
- o Brittany B. suggested more GSRs should attend assemblies to make sure group voices are heard.
- o Shane S. mentioned that the recent Area 74 Assembly was a powerful experience, but there was a very tight timeframe for getting group conscience on a lot of information.
- o Rent for the Leisure Center is going up. Alt. DCM Beth E. will call for exact amount.

- **Alternate DCM** – Beth E.
 - o No report.
 - o Beth will call Menomonie Leisure Center for new rent amount and WiFi information.

- **Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC)** – Pat T.
 - o Pat T. was absent.
 - o Jim P. gave report.
 - o A presentation at UW-Stout was very well received.
 - o **Be of service!** Regular meetings take place on the first Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire. (Next meeting: May 7.)

- **Treatment** – Matt A.
 - o No report.
 - o **Be of service!** Regular meetings take place on the second Monday of each month, 6:45 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire. (Next meeting: May 14.)

- **Corrections** – Ken P.
 - o No report.
 - o **Be of service!** Regular meetings take place on the first Monday of February, May, August, and November, 7:00 PM, Club 12 (small building), Eau Claire. (Next meeting: May 7.)

- **Special Accessibilities** – Brett Z.
 - o No report.
 - o **Be of service!** Regular meetings will occur at a time yet to be determined. Contact Brett to help.

- **Public Information (PI)** – Doug H.
 - o Currently reaching out to schools/guidance counselors and shelters.
 - o Sending out packets of information.
 - If interested in the AI-Anon portion of these packets, contact Myron M. He coordinated with AI-Anon for this information.
 - o Reaching out to homeless and women's shelters is new this year is the current project/focus.
 - o Expense for yellow pages listing was presented for reimbursement.
 - o **Be of service!** Regular meetings take place on the third Wednesday of odd-numbered months, 6:30 PM, Alano Club, River Falls. (Next meeting: May 16.)

- **Literature** – Cole K.
 - No report.
- **Archives** – Stephe C.
 - Met with Pete W. and Bryon B. about having a workshop in July to outreach and get historical information about the District.
 - Will be a recorded panel of old-timers.
 - Stephe requested people to bring historical documents to scan in during this event.
 - Either July 21st or 28th, starting at 11:30 am for about 1.5 hrs.
 - The workshop will start in Eau Claire and then move every 6 months or so to other areas of the District.
 - Stephe will be reaching out to GSRs to gather information about group histories via emailed questionnaire.
 - Jim P. suggested that it would be good to have a history page on the District 05 website. Jim is willing to write some copy.
- **Grapevine** – Bryon B.
 - No report.
- **Webmaster** – Andy B.
 - No report.
- **Newsletter** – Myron M.
 - No report.
- **Intergroup** – Variable Representative
 - Bonnie B. gave report.
 - Workshop is coming up:
 - “How to Get the Most Out of Meetings”: May 12th, 2:30-4:00 pm before Italian Potluck at the Triangle Club in Eau Claire.
 - Topics: How to share, meeting types, etc. A brochure will be present to participants.
 - Annual Picnic:
 - Figuring out what they can do to spice it up.
 - Maybe a jam session with games.
 - Probably around September.
 - **Be of service!** Regular meetings take place the fourth Wednesday of each month, 6:00 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire. (Next meeting: April 25.)
- **WICYPAA** – Brittany B.
 - May be a bid committee forming to bid to host WICYPAA in 2020.

District 05 Meeting Updates

- The Friday night women’s meeting at the Affinity House has been removed from the meeting list.

Old Business

- **Tradition and Concept Presentation**
 - Jacki B. presented on Tradition 3 and Concept 3.
 - Tradition 3: “The only requirement for 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.’”
 - Centers around trusting others to make decisions.

- Groups are the ultimate authority, but GSRs and Delegates are given authority to make decisions based upon new information if they think it will reflect their group's conscience.
 - This concept allows for mistakes, but also for reprimand.
- **Workshop Subcommittee Report/Discussion**
 - Members: Shane S., Ken P., Marybeth S., Katie B-B., Paul Mc., Matt A., and Brittany B., Beth E., Shane R.
 - Shane S. gave report.
 - District 05 Workshop: "Carrying Your Voice to New York."
 - July 14th, 10:00 am-1:00 pm.
 - Fellowship and picnic lunch to follow at Club 12.
 - Interactive workshop. Learn how to become an informed member of AA with suggestions about how to do a workshop.

New Business

- **Shared Google Drive/Groups Proposal**
 - Joe P. emailed out proposal and presented in person.
 - See Appendix A for details.
 - Privacy concerns addressed.
 - Good place to house historical documents and centrally store District information.
 - Motion made to implement Google Drive/Groups for a trial period with evaluation in the future.
 - *Motion passed, unanimously.*
- **Events Calendar**
 - Not very many events are showing up on the District05.org calendar.
 - It is a GSR job to announce events, so check website regularly for announcements.
 - Submit your events to webmaster@district05.org. You can also email secretary@district05.org.
 - Suggestion was made that all committee meetings should show up on the events calendar. (Joe will email the Webmaster.)
- **May Presentation**
 - Myron M. will present on Tradition 4 and Concept 4.
- **May Discussion**
 - Dealing with resentments in service.

Closing

- Responsibility Statement

Next Meeting: May 9, 2018.

- Normally scheduled reports: Grapevine, Archives, Webmaster, Newsletter, Literature.

Appendix A

District 05: Shared Drive and Google Group Proposal

Purposes

- To define a space to centrally house District 05 documents.
- To offer a space to collaborate on District 05 documents.
- To make sharing information and emails with District 05 easier and more efficient.

Benefits

- Centralization of District 05 documents offers a “continuity” plan when group membership changes.
- Collaborative channels offer the ability for members to work on the same documents without the time and hassle of emailing documents back and forth.
- Google Group email lists offer the ability to use one email address to reach all District 05 members or subgroups of members.
 - Group membership can change and members will not have to remember which people to email.
 - Member email addresses will be kept private, helping to make District 05 a safe place to be.
 - Members of the group can opt out or in at any time with minimal maintenance by the administrator.
- A single sign on allows access to all of the functionality listed below. Other options, like Dropbox, do not have such a wide range of storage, sharing, and collaboration options.

Access and Functionality

- **Google Account:** to-be-determined@gmail.com
 - Password:
 - To be highly secure.
 - Maintained by the Secretary and DCM has a copy.
 - Changed at least yearly for security.
- **Google Drive:**
 - Members of the District 05 contact list will be invited to join the Drive.
 - A Google account is required. Any email can be used. Sign up [here](#).
 - Access levels will be granted based on District 05 role. Documents will either be Read or Write, depending upon access level assigned.
 - Document Naming Conventions:
 - The following conventions will be adopted for consistently naming files (for ease of access and understanding):
 - FourDigitYearTwoDigitMonthTwoDigitDay_Document_Name.type (i.e., 20180407_Shared_Drive_Proposal.docx).
 - Folders:
 - Folders will be created and named according to content. Here are some examples:

- **Agendas and Minutes** (self-explanatory)
- **Approved Documents** (documents, such as District 05 Service Structure Guidelines, that have group approval)
- **Working Documents** (documents that members or a subcommittee are actively editing and collaborating on)
- **Finances** (a place for the Treasurer to house documents, such as spreadsheets, etc.)
- **Archives** (a place to house documents about District 05)
- **Google Group:**
 - There will be several groups so that emails can be directed to the whole group or subgroups:
 - D05-GSRs@googlegroups.com (will go to GSRs/Alt. GSRs only, if the address is available)
 - D05-Officers@googlegroups.com (will go to DCM, Alt. DCM, Secretary, and Treasurer, if the address is available)
 - D05-Committees@googlegroups.com (will go to Accessibilities, Corrections, CPC, PI, and Treatment chairs, if the address is available)
 - D05-Support@googlegroups.com (will go to Archives, Grapevine, Literature, Newsletter Editor, and Webmaster, if the address is available)
 - D05-All@googlegroups.com (will go to all of the above email address, which is the whole contact list, if the address is available)
 - Membership:
 - Populated by directly adding members of the current email list.
 - New people may request membership by emailing to-be-determined+subscribe@googlegroups.com or by contacting the Secretary.
 - Members may unsubscribe by clicking the link in any email from group, by emailing to-be-determined+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com, or by contacting the Secretary.
 - Emails will not display individual email addresses.
 - The Group will not be public.
 - We will need to be conscious to email only relevant materials to the entire group.

Recommendation

- District 05 should utilize Google in the ways described above as soon as possible in an effort to:
 - Streamline the process of communicating with our group.
 - Provide a centrally located place to house important documents so that we do not have to rely on individual group members for certain documents (which allows for continuity when District 05 membership changes).
 - Provide a transparent record of activities and information as it pertains to District 05.