

District 05 of Area 74 Meeting

February 14, 2018

6:45 PM

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

Opening

- Serenity Prayer

Introductions

Reports

- **Secretary** – Joe P.
 - o Read last month's minute highlights.
 - o Sent around contact sheet for 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 Report Period: 01/10/2018 - 02/14/2018
 - o Checking Opening Balance: \$2,327.61
 - o Group Contributions: \$73.00
 - o Expenses: \$0.00
 - o Checking Closing Balance: \$2,400.61
 - 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:

This past month I had the opportunity to attend the WICYPAA Conference held in La Crosse but hosted by the Eau Claire WICYPAA Bid Committee. Incredible speakers, panels, and an amazing level of enthusiasm for this journey of recovery. Bravo to the Eau Claire Bid Committee.

Just received the DCM packet of material from the GSO and will be spending the next few days familiarizing myself with this box of goodies and sharing as much as possible.

Next up is the Area Delegate's Workshop on March 10 in Three Lakes. I have been notified that I am a member of the Treatment Committee. Discussion on GSO agenda items will take place at this meeting. GSRs: This is your opportunity to bring your group's voice on proposals that will be either discussed for voted on at the General Service Conference being held in New York in April. I have not yet received the background information on the agenda items but will be happy to share that information on any agenda item that is important to your group or to the various District Committees.

I was unable to attend the DCM Area conference call in January but Beth E. graciously attended in my place and will share her report. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Marybeth S.

- o The 68th General Service Conference Committees Agenda Items packet will be distributed via email with the minutes.

- **Alternate DCM** – Beth E.
 - Participated in conference call with 9 out of 24 possible DCMs in Marybeth’s absence.
 - Discussion about the importance of having a home group.
 - Discussion about districts with little participation at the Area level.

- **Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC)** – Pat T.
 - First meeting was cancelled due to flat tire.
 - About 5 people are interested in helping out with the committee. Looking for people to be of service.
 - First presentation this year at UW-Stout went well. The presentation was made to an adolescent substance abuse class.
 - **Be of service!** Regular meetings take place on the first Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire. (Next meeting: March 5th.)

- **Treatment Committee** – Matt A.
 - All 4 treatment center coordinators were elected for this year to bring presentations into the Fahrman Center, L.E. Phillips, Affinity House, and Arbor Place. They are doing well and speakers are going into treatment centers regularly.
 - There are more volunteers than speaking engagements. They are checking to make sure the speaker list is up to date.
 - L.E. Phillips coordinator (Colin P.) is working with them to help speakers meet their requirements (special orientation, etc.).
 - Affinity House wants minimum of 3 years sobriety for women speaking there. Matt is looking to set up a meeting to discuss whether they are being served well, based on their concerns.
 - A list of temporary AA contacts was passed around for updates.
 - The first offenders (underage drinking) program at UW-Eau Claire needs speakers, so either CPC or Treatment should help out.
 - *Agreement that this would fall under the purview of Treatment.*
 - The requirement for speaking at a treatment center is 6 months of sobriety (except for Affinity House). New speakers go in with an experienced person the first time. See Matt to apply to be a speaker.
 - **Be of service!** Regular meetings take place on the second Monday of each month, 6:45 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire. (Next meeting: March 12th.)

- **Corrections** – Ken P.
 - Ken submitted an emailed report.
 - Met on Monday, February 5th.
 - Ten copies of *Daily Reflections* were requested for the Pepin County Jail. (Order approved.)
 - Ten copies of the Big Book are on hand for distribution, but no requests from facilities at this time.
 - Ten copies of the *12 Steps and 12 Traditions* were delivered to the Chippewa Falls prison.
 - Eau Claire County Jail has requested an additional meeting for women who are being housed in the Huber side, but do not have Huber privileges. (Jail is full, so some were moved.)
 - Contact is being made with current volunteers to see who would be willing to do so, plus more volunteers are needed.
 - A flier will be made up for distribution to try to attract more female and male volunteers.
 - Discussion was held about Trempealeau jail meetings and whether we have volunteers, what the schedule is, and who the contact is. Ken is following up.
 - **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 7th.)

- **Special Accessibilities** – Brett Z.
 - Shane S. gave report for Brett.
 - Brett is looking for information about how to help in his new role and he may reach out to a prior representative for guidance.
 - **Be of service!** Regular meetings will occur at a time yet to be determined.

- **Public Information (PI)** – Doug H.
 - Myron M. gave report for Doug.
 - First meeting was January 17th, with 8 people present.
 - Voted in favor of project to work with homeless and women’s shelters. Organization of effort is underway.
 - Invoice received for Yellow Pages listing for Intergroup phone number. Comments are welcomed as to whether this should be continued, with note that phone books are in hotel rooms, which may be places where the alcoholic still suffers. (Working with Intergroup to make sure they are not duplicating efforts/payment.)
 - **Be of service!** Regular meetings take place on the third Wednesday of odd-numbered months, 6:30 PM, Alano Club, River Falls. (Next meeting: March 21st.)

- **Archives** – Stephe C.
 - Wants to find people who are willing to provide information about District AA history for archival purposes. Must be willing to be interviewed.
 - Please send by email digital records of any fliers or historical records to archives@district05.org.
 - Will accept any hard copies of information to be archived.
 - Noted that archives will transition to digital, since that is safer.
 - Open to suggestions about how to help in his archival efforts.

- **Intergroup** – Variable Representative
 - Bonnie B. gave report.
 - Intergroup Goals:
 - Maintain presence (at District and other meetings).
 - Put on two workshops, possibly one in conjunction with District. (Maybe after SNA Traditions workshop is done.) Possible topics: *Drop the Rock*, Concepts.
 - Annual Unity Picnic in September.
 - Working on keeping literature inventory (24 Big Books always available).
 - Making website more mobile friendly.
 - **Be of service!** Regular meetings take place the fourth Wednesday of each month, 6:00 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire. (Next meeting: February 28th.)

District 05 Meeting Updates

- **A Vision for You (Young Persons’ Meeting):** Started giving out medallions for 24 hours, 1-6 months, 9 months, and 12 months.
- **Northside Group:** Western WI Traveling Potluck, February 17th.

Old Business

- **Tradition and Concept Presentation**
 - Bryon B. presented on Tradition 1 and Concept 1.
 - Tradition 1 was read in short and long form.
 - Unity is key, as Bryon noted that he tried to stay sober by himself for 7 years and it did not work.
 - Concept 1 was read.
 - Noted that the upside down triangle structure of AA comes from this concept. Ultimate authority comes from the AA groups and trickles down to GSO.

- **Discussion: How to Grow Interest in the Group Conscience**
 - Kevin M. brought forward his group's trouble getting people to attend and participate in his group's conscience.
 - Discussion points brought up:
 - Home group members who actively sponsor people are more likely to bring sponsees to be of service at home groups.
 - Hold an event on the night of elections to spark interest.
 - Provide food.
 - Personally invite people to group conscience.
 - Get rid of belief that you have to be a home group member to attend group conscience meetings.
 - Educate people about what a group conscience meeting is so that new people will know.
 - Adjourn meeting early and go straight into group conscience.
 - Encourage fellowship culture.
 - Encourage district participation.

New Business

- **March Presentation**
 - John B. will present on Tradition 2 and Concept 2.
- **March Discussion**
 - Shane S. and Beth E. will facilitate a discussion about workshops (how we are doing, topics, etc.).

Open Sharing

- **Veterans Meeting in Chippewa Falls**
 - Bryon B.: Director of Veterans Assistance at Klein Hall (for homeless or indigent veterans) wants a meeting run by veterans. Bryon met with him and gave explanation of what AA is and is not. Suggested to have a group of at least 3 people to start and run the meeting (not just veterans). This is in District 06, but we have been helpful there before. John B.B. gave history that the meeting was not working well and people did not really want AA.
 - *Agreement that John B.B. and Bryon will discuss and see if things should be started up again.*
- **Prisoner to be Released to Alma**
 - Bryon B.: Received email from District 02 bridging the gap coordinator noting that a prisoner will be released on April 1st to Alma. Help is needed with bridging the gap from incarceration to new home.
 - *Agreement that Corrections should work on that, so the request will be forwarded to Corrections Chair, Ken P.*

Closing

- Responsibility Statement

Next Meeting: March 14, 2018.

- Normally scheduled reports: None. (Delegate's Workshop preparation.)