

District 05 of Area 74 Meeting

January 10, 2018

6:45 PM

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

Opening

- Serenity Prayer

Introductions

Reports

- **Secretary** – Joe P.
 - Read last month's minute highlights.
 - Sent around contact sheets for new officers and GSRs.
 - *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.
 - **Approved:** *Last month's minutes approved without objection.*
- **Treasurer** – Sara D.
 - Report Period: 11/01/17-01/10/18
 - Checking Opening Balance: \$1420.60
 - Group Contributions: \$1165.00
 - Expenses: \$257.99
 - Checking Closing Balance: \$2327.61
 - **Approved:** *Last month's report approved without objection.*
- **District Committee Member (DCM)** – Marybeth S.
 - Marybeth submitted a written report, which she summarized in person:

I thought I might start out this report by telling you a bit about myself. I live in Eau Claire with my husband of 35 years. We have two grown daughters. Our oldest lives in Seattle and our youngest lives just down the road from us with her husband. Much of my work career was spent as an administrator of a county agency in two different counties. The past 17 years I have been employed as a trainer and curriculum writer for the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. I recently retired from that position—this is my second retirement.

My AA home group is Back to Basics—a Big Book study that meets on Thursday nights at Unity Christ Center in Eau Claire. I have a sponsor and I sponsor women. I have been actively involved in the service structure of AA at both the group and district level.

I am both humbled and grateful for this opportunity to serve as your District Committee Member. I am only 10 days into this position, therefore I don't have any real activity to report. My belief is the District Meetings should reflect the needs of the members of AA in our district as brought to the meeting by the GSRs. It is my intent that the voice we hear most in these meetings is from those in attendance.

Please feel free to use your experience, strength and hope to contribute ideas and opinions to me. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Marybeth S.

- **Alternate DCM** – Beth E.
 - No report
- **Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC)** – Pat T.

- o First meeting will take place on February 5, 6:30 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire.
- o Regular meetings will take place on the first Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire.
- o Looking for people to be of service.
- **Treatment Committee** – Matt A.
 - o Matt could not be present, so Marybeth gave brief report.
 - o New coordinators have been elected to find speakers for all of the treatment centers served.
 - o Speakers are going into treatment centers regularly.
- **Literature** – Cole K.
 - o Looking to get some volunteers together to work with him.
- **Corrections** – Ken P.
 - o The committee has not met for a while, but meeting are still being brought into the jails.
 - o Next meeting: February 5, 7:00 PM, Club 12 Small Building, Eau Claire.
 - o Books were brought books to the treatment prison in Chippewa Falls.
- **Intergroup** – Variable Representative
 - o Lucas gave report.
 - o Jennifer Anne is the new literature chair, so she will be the contact person going forward.
- **WICYPAA** – Lucas M.
 - o The final business meeting before the actual conference: January 14, 2:30 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire.
 - o Event: January 19-21 at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse, WI.
 - o Hotel is full, but you may try other accommodations.
 - o Registration fee: Increases from \$15.00 to \$20.00 on January 17.
 - o Help at the event is still needed.
 - o The program is scheduled to be released soon to the WICYPAA.org site.
- **Grapevine** – Bryon B.
 - o Bryon provided a description of what the Grapevine is, including its history, and how to subscribe.
 - o He has a display of old Grapevines and will help people subscribe at various events.
- **Webmaster** – Andy B.
 - o Andy has list of email aliases, so anybody who has a District position should fill out the sheet provided to get those working.
 - o Let Andy know about meeting changes and any fliers that need to be posted to the District05.org site.
 - o In July, we need to renew website domain to make sure the website still works.
 - o We have two domains, so we can discuss later about whether we should keep both.
- **Public Information (PI)** – Doug H.
 - o One meeting held with a discussion of goals
 - o Goal: Trying to get more members from other parts of District 05, instead of just the River Falls area.
 - o Goal: Getting information to homeless shelters.
 - o Next meeting: January 17, 6:30 PM, Alano Club, River Falls.
- **Newsletter** – Myron M.
 - o January newsletter went out.
 - o We need subscriber list because the current one is minimal.

- o A suggestion was made that GSRs should maybe print some copies and bring to their meeting/groups to build subscriber base.
- o Email thedistrictview@gmail.com to get on the list.
- o Myron is seeking people who are interested in submitting written pieces for the newsletter (Members View / Service View sections).

District 05 Meeting Updates

- Saturday Night Alive: Interactive Traditions Workshop (12 consecutive Saturdays starting in February). Fliers are available.
- Eau Claire Northside Group: Traveling Potluck, February 17. Dinner at approximately 5:30 PM. Al-Anon Speaker. AA Speaker (Chuck S.). Flier forthcoming.
- Club 12 Annual Banquet: March 17 at the Florian Gardens. Al-Anon Speaker. AA Speaker (Boomer [Bruce] from DeForest).

Old Business

- Election of Special Accessibilities Chair
 - o Brett Z. nominated for position.
 - o Elected by acclamation.

New Business

- Marybeth read from Service Manual to describe the role of DCM:
 - o They help GSRs make interesting reports.
 - o They encourage GSRs and others to bring new people into (District) service.
 - o They put on workshops and sharing sessions.
- Marybeth made the suggestion that we should share each month on some of the topics mentioned in the Service Manual:
 - What to do when group meeting attendance has fallen?
 - How do groups encourage sponsorship?
 - How do group conscience meetings work? How do groups get more people involved?
 - How do (or don't) groups support District/GSO/etc?
 - District 05 workshop inventory: How are we doing? Are we stale?
 - o Feedback on this topic:
 - Agreement that discussions about the above or similar topic is worthwhile.
 - o February discussion topic:
 - How to encourage service at the group level (within the group conscience).
 - Brainstorm your ideas for a discussion next month!
 - o March discussion topic:
 - District 05 workshop inventory: How are we doing? Are we stale?
 - Brainstorm your ideas for a discussion in March!
- Marybeth mentioned a history of somebody presenting on a Tradition/Concept to help foster better understanding of them, so... Do we want to bring that back?
 - o Agreement that this would be a good way to help newer people understand Traditions and Concepts, so we will go forward with that.
 - o Reminder: Don't let being new prevent you from doing one of these presentations because it is a great way to learn more.
 - o Bryon volunteered to do the first one in February (Tradition 1 & Concept 1).

Open Sharing

- Myron: Reminder about Sponsorship Workshop on February 3 at the River Falls Alano Club. A great turnout is expected.
- Bryon: Received an email from CVIG that District 6 has homeless shelter for veterans that is in need of an AA meeting. This is at Klein Hall in Chippewa Falls at the Northern Center grounds. About three people

are needed to be regular attendees for a closed meeting to take place there. If you know anybody who wants to help, contact Bryon. It is as of yet unknown if both men and women are needed.

- Beth: Menomonie Alano Club will be having a Valentine's Day dinner on February 14. \$40 per couple. Tickets and flier are both forthcoming.
- Marybeth: GSRs should regularly check the District 05 website and print announcements for their groups.
- GSR Change Form: Remember to fill that out and send it in to Area 74 and GSO.

Closing

- Responsibility Statement

Next Meeting: February 14, 2018.

- Normally scheduled reports: Corrections, PI, CPC, Treatment, Special Accessibilities