

## District 05 of Area 74 Meeting

July 11, 2018

6:45 PM

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

### Opening

- Serenity Prayer

### Introductions

- 9 GSRs present.

### Reports

- **Secretary** – Joe P.
  - o Read last month's minute highlights.
  - o Sent around contact sheets for officers and GSRs.
  - o  **Reports scheduled for August:** Corrections, PI, CPC, Treatment, Special Accessibilities.
    - 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: 06/06/18-07/11/18
  - o Checking Opening Balance: \$3,559.75
  - o Group Contributions: \$72.00
  - o Expenses: \$470.02
    - Coffee Supplies: \$11.77
    - Corrections: \$376.25
    - Treatment: \$82.00
  - o Checking Closing Balance: \$3,161.73
  - o Year-to-Date Budget Summary:

Budget Item	Remaining Budget	Yearly Budget
Administrative	\$680.00	\$800.00
DCM	\$975.00	\$1000.00
Alt. DCM	\$288.23	\$300.00
Archives	\$50.00	\$50.00
Corrections	\$41.75	\$500.00
CPC	\$145.14	\$250.00
Grapevine	\$100.00	\$100.00
Literature	\$50.00	\$50.00
Newsletter	\$150.00	\$150.00
PI	\$355.00	\$500.00
Rent	\$108.00	\$162.00

Special Accessibilities	\$100.00	\$100.00
Treatment	\$241.00	\$400.00
Webmaster	\$120.00	\$120.00

- o **Approved:** Report approved with correction to the PI budget.

The following reports were given and accepted:

- **District Committee Member (DCM) – Marybeth S.**

- o Marybeth submitted a written report, which she summarized in person:

Paul H. of Eau Claire has been elected as the Alternate DCM. Paul has many years of service at all levels of AA and will be a great addition to the District service structure. Paul will be responsible for assisting both the District and any groups with workshops they are planning. Please contact Paul for assistance if your group is planning to host a workshop.

I attended the Area 74 Conference Call at the end of June. One of my concerns has been the difficulty in getting updates made to the Area website. I was assured that this would there would be a discussion held between the area chair and the area delegate regarding this issue. I did request that this be an agenda item for the August assembly if there is no resolution.

The Area Assembly will be held in Three Lakes on August 11th. This is the most direct way for your group's voice to be heard. I am hopeful that all the District 5 GSRs will be able to attend. Your voice and vote are vital to the service structure. If anyone needs a ride please let me know.

I am so honored to be of service and please contact me if you would like me to attend one of your Group Conscience and/or Business Meetings. Marybeth Schuster

- **Alternate DCM – Paul H.**

- o No report.

- **Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) – Pat T.**

- o Would like to have more women involved.
- o Presentation scheduled in July at Arbor Place.
- o Still working with JONAH and clergy.
- o \$60.00 requested for rent at Club 12.
- o **Be of service!** Regular meetings take place on the first Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire. (Next meeting: August 6.)

- **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: August 13.)

- **Corrections – Ken P.**

- o Still working on getting into Pierce County Jail since last meeting. (Ken is waiting on his background check to clear.)

- o Still looking for women to volunteer, especially in Eau Claire County.
- 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: August 6.)
- **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 No report.
  - 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: July 18.)
- **Literature** – Cole K.
  - o No report.
- **Archives** – Stephe C.
  - o No report.
- **Grapevine** – Bryon B.
  - o No report.
- **Webmaster** – Andy B.
  - o Request for reimbursement for website expenses. This request will cause the website budget to go over by a dollar and some change next time.
- **Newsletter** – Myron M.
  - o Give Myron your email if you want to be on the email list and encourage others to sign up. Email [thedistrictview@gmail.com](mailto:thedistrictview@gmail.com).
  - o Print a copy of “The District View” to bring to your home groups.
  - o Submit articles and ideas to Myron.
- **Intergroup** – Bonnie B.
  - o There was a recent discussion about the prudent reserve.
    - Minimum book orders have to be \$500.00.
    - The amount in reserve has been determined to be good based on book order requirements and somewhat limited contributions (of late).
  - o Intergroup will have a table at the District 05 “Carrying Your Voice to New York” workshop.
  - o **Be of service!** Regular meetings take place the fourth Wednesday of each month, 6:00 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire. (Next meeting: July 25.)
- **WICYPAA** – Variable Representative
  - o No report.

## Old Business

- **Tradition and Concept Presentation**
  - o Marybeth S. presented on Tradition 5 and Concept 5.
  - o **Tradition 5:** “Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”
    - AA is one alcoholic helping another.
    - We can’t fix people’s other problems (marital, mental, physical, etc.), so we make referrals.

- For Bill W.'s explanation of this Tradition, see his 1948 *Grapevine* article called "Tradition Five." A Google search will get you there.
  - **Concept 5:** "Throughout our structure, a traditional 'Right of Appeal' ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration."
    - Everybody has a voice, including the minority after a vote, which is a very democratic process.
    - Every member of the minority gets to have their voice heard so that the variety of reasons for dissent can be known (which could persuade others to change their minds).
    - This protects from the tyranny of majority or minority.
- **Workshop Subcommittee Report/Discussion**
  - Shane S. gave final report.
  - Ready for the workshop and proud of the team who put it together.
  - Encourages spreading the word about the event and increasing participation.
  - Materials will be given to help groups plan their own workshops.
  - Taco bar and fellowship will follow.
  - Suggestion was made about recording parts of the workshop, but there was agreement that it is too late.

## New Business

- **August Presentation**
  - Paul H. will present on Tradition 6 and Concept 6.
- **District 05 Service Activity**
  - We have a healthy treasury, so what are things we can do to be of service?
  - How can we get more young people involved?
  - ∅ Bring back to your groups/committees: Discuss AA-related activities that would help carry the message.
    - Send suggestions/ideas via email to Marybeth, Paul, or Joe to get them onto the August agenda.
  - Ideas so far:
    - What about funding to send GSRs to assemblies, etc?
      - Carpooling can help and we should help make people aware of this option (who is willing to share rides).
    - Set up a booth at county fairs in the district to let people know about us.
    - Recovery fair to help explain what AA is, which would be open to the community.
    - Co-sponsored District 05/group workshops.
      - ∅ Discuss with your group. If you are interested in hosting a workshop, District 05 can help.

## Open Sharing

- Susan B. mentioned that she started two new meetings recently in Menomonie at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The church is willing to open the space for workshops.
- The [District 05 Service Structure Guidelines](#) document indicates when committee chairs should show up to give reports. The next month's scheduled reports are noted at the top and the bottom of these minutes. If somebody shows up with a report outside of the schedule, we'll take the report.
- The success of the District 05 "Carrying Your Voice to New York" workshop will be measured by how many workshops occur afterward.

## Closing

- Responsibility Statement

## Next Meeting: August 8, 2018.

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