

District 05 of Area 74 Meeting

April 8, 2020

6:45 PM

Zoom Meeting

Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th St E, Menomonie, WI 54751 (usual meeting place)

Opening

- “We” version of the Serenity Prayer

Introductions Etc.

- 5 GSRs present.

Reports

- **Secretary** – Shannon S.
 - Read last month’s minute highlights.
 - **Approved:** *Last month’s minutes approved without objection.*
- **Treasurer** – Amy B.
 - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1d4JA5iGqCqjA7leHGEJO4zViUaL5VeQX>
 - **Approved:** *Concerns were made about anonymity, in the future using last initial instead of full name*
 - Outstanding Bill for yellow pages should be carried into PI budget since it didnt get paid last year and is now in collections...motion made to add 113.25 to PI budget to cover it. Motion carried

The following reports were given and accepted:

- **District Committee Member (DCM)** – Shane S.
 - Shane submitted a written report, which he read in person

DCM report for April 2020

Hello District 05, Shane Speckien alcoholic. I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the GSR's, committee members, and officers for what you do for the alcoholic that still suffers. Since our last GSR meeting I've watched individuals work with their home groups and start up Zoom meetings which has inspired me. A special thanks goes out to our webmaster Robert for getting the zoom meetings posted on our website. These are unprecedented times with covid 19 and for an alcoholic to be isolated usually doesn't bode well for us, with that being said if you are looking to start up a zoom meeting for your home group there are many of us that can help! Since our last GSR meeting I've been attending to 2 to 3 Zoom meetings a week and will continue to hit different Zoom meetings in district 05 and asking how we can help in any way! I attended the delegate feedback session Zoom meeting on April 4th. We spent seven hours that day giving are delegate, Char feedback on how area 74, districts, and groups feel on agenda items that were discussed at our last delegates workshop. We also voted to cancel the area 74 spring conference, but with that being said area 74 will still have our assembly on May 16th and 17th through Zoom! Also, if you haven't heard, the 2020 international convention in Detroit has been cancelled. Next stop Vancouver in 2025! Be safe out there, see you in the zoom meetings!

In love & service

Shane Speckien

DCM Report- Approved

Subcommittees-

- **Corrections** – Derek B.
 - They cant go into the jails right now
 - he will be speaking at Eleva Potluck via zoom

Be of service! Regular meetings take place on the First Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November, 6:00 PM, Club 12 (small building), Eau Claire. (Next meeting: May, 5 2020)

- **Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC)** – Monica B
 - absent and no report

Be of service! Regular meetings take place on the first Monday of the month, 6:45 PM, Club 12 (small building) Eau Claire.

- **Public Information (PI)** – Nicholas SS

District 05: Public Information Report

Greetings District 5 GSRs, committee chairs, and officers. The PI committee met on 03/09/2020 and 04/06/2020.

Our committee took a moment to check in with committee members and see how everyone was coping with the “new normal”. After sharing we opened the meeting with the following reading; “the spiritual principle service is behind A.A.’s Step Twelve: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.” Step twelve is where we A.A.’s step away from ourselves and step up to help others.

The committee discussed our previous projects are on-hold and we needed to face a more urgent need. How do we inform the public that Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and well during these difficult times? The committee decided to create an email that can be send to organizations traditionally served by the PI committee. The PI committee will be reaching out to media outlets, churches and other forms of disseminating publicly how to contact A.A. and how to find a meeting.

Our committee is interested in collaborating with CPC and Treatment on also getting this information into the hands of the professional community as well.

Our committee has discussed the possibility of doing a “virtual workshop on anonymity in the digital age” as well. Our committee intends to meet weekly to address the rapidly changing and emerging needs of our fellowship and the still suffering Alcoholic.

The District 5 PI Committee brings forth a motion that all meetings from Western Wisconsin that wish to be put on our district website be listed. We ask this as District 14, District 6, and District 7 have no active website and during these unprecedented times the still suffering alcoholic has no place to turn for meetings other than online.

- Background, unreached Alcoholics continue to suffer all around us and District 5 is a situation to be helpful. Our meetings are widely accessible on www.district05.org and the A.A. meeting App. By adding any virtual meeting that is occurring in Districts 14,6, and 7 we could be carrying the message to a still suffering Alcoholic. This practice in not unprecedented and occurs in many districts where AA meetings are listed on their website to help carry the message. A small and section can be

added to our site that says similar to the following; Our neighboring communities have meetings as well.....

The District 5 PI Committee brings forth a motion that each meeting be identified by their geographic location, open/closed, and if it is a specialty meeting to ensure we maintain the integrity of our meetings. Essentially, we ask that any registered groups or regularly listed meetings that have gone virtual be listed as they are on our regular District 5 directory.

- Background, The still suffering Alcoholic knows little to nothing about Alcoholics Anonymous and when access the list of virtual meetings through the District 5 Website the directory does not indicate if the meeting is open/closed, region it is in, and if it is a specialty meeting. Our district needs to ensure we help protect anonymity by labeling meetings as open or closed, guide people to any specialty meetings they may be inclined to attend and that the still suffering alcoholic be able to identify a meeting from a geographic area he/she wishes to in order to begin to connect with other alcoholics that will be there for him/her when we are able to gather in person.

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider

Be of service! Regular meetings take place at a time yet to be determined. (for info call Nicholas 414-803-9906)

Motion 1 and 2 approved

- **Treatment** – Megan S.
 - They cannot go into treatment centers
 - They will be meeting via Zoom

Be of service! Regular meetings take place on the second Monday of each month, 6:45 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire.

- **Special Accommodations -Jim S**
 - No Report

Other Reports

- **Fall Conference-** Bryan B
 - No Report

Be of service! Next Meeting: Call Bryon or Hannah for any changes

- **Intergroup** – Variable Representative
 - no report
- **Eleva Potluck**
 - Will be a zoom meeting
 - 3 speakers
 - Derek B-Corrections
 - Nicholas SS- PI
 - Zach H-GSR

Old Business

- Roundups/ Recovery on the River/ Club 12 Banquet
 - No motions on the table keep announcing and supporting
 - No objections

Open Sharing

- GSRs share on zoom meetings etc
 - Kyle-Back to Basics is having good attendance switched up format worked out glitches
 - Shane R-FlimsyReed is having good attendance having fellowship before and after
 - Jon S-SNA doing good on Zoom
 - Natalie H-Tuesday night Step, good attendance, seamless transition, positive feedback
 - Hannah-Freedom From Bondage Womens meeting is having good attendance including some joining from out of town they also have a email/text chain to help stay in contact

- *Motion that District has 1 zoom account for all subcommittees(out of DCM budget)*
- *Motion passed*

Closing

- "WE" version of the Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting: May 13,, 2020