

## District 05 of Area 74 Meeting

December 9, 2020

6:45 PM

Zoom Meeting 716-081-9669

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

### Opening

- Prayer

### Introductions Etc.

- 9 GSRs present.

### Reports

- **Secretary** – Shannon S.-
  - Read last month's minute highlights.
  - **Approved:** *Last month's minutes approved without objection.*
- **Treasurer** – Amy B.
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  - **Approved:** *Report approved without objection*

### District Committee Member (DCM) – Shane S.

DCM Report for December, 2020

Greetings District 05, A year in review. We have completed one year together, and what a year it has been. I can't find the words to say how grateful I am to work with such dedicated and compassionate AA members of district 05. If you would have told me a year ago that we would be in a pandemic, and meetings across district 05 would be closing and we would be meeting together on the zoom platform, I would have told you that you're nuts! Change can sometimes be difficult to embrace, not only in Alcoholics Anonymous, but in our daily lives at home and work. I've watched groups in district 05 embrace change with grace and working for the alcoholic that still suffers. What else has been inspiring was to watch our committee's find unique ways to carry the message to the public, into treatment centers and correction centers. As for your DCM, there have been times this past year wondering if I was the right person for this position. I struggled early on facilitating our monthly meeting, going to different meetings that I usually don't attend, and finding a balance between AA, Home, and work. In these times I believe humbling oneself, taking a step back and reaching out for suggestions from you, sponsorship, and the fellowship and most importantly to a God of my understanding has helped me immensely. I'm really looking forward to our second year together and working for the alcoholic that still suffers. Love to all, Be safe and may God bless you!

In love and service

Shane Speckien Alcoholic!

### DCM Report- Approved

## SubCommittee Reports

- **Treatment: Megan S**
  - Had Elections and all positions have been filled!! yay!!
  
- **Corrections: Derek B.**

### **Corrections Committee Report 12.9.2020**

Hello District 05,

The corrections committee met on December 1, 2020 for our monthly meeting. With hopes of trying to make as much of an impact as we can during the pandemic, we brainstormed how we can still reach the alcoholics who are incarcerated. One challenge we're met with is the correctional facilities not wanting to give the inmates a laptop to attend a zoom call. One idea we are pursuing is to reach out to the drug court coordinator to see if she would be an ally to get something in place, whether that is smaller groups or one on one sessions.

Another project we are beginning to work on is putting together packets for inmates who are leaving the correctional facilities. Our thought is to give them to the drug court coordinator or probation agents to give to their clients as they are released. These packets would include business cards with AA contacts, GSO pamphlets, and meeting lists.

Lastly, I reached out to all DCMs in Area 74 to inquire about which Corrections Committees are staying active during the pandemic. Sadly, of the 17 DCMs I emailed only 2 got back to me and neither were having much luck with their facilities either.

As our committee enters the second year of our term, we are committed to try our best to positively impact as many suffering alcoholics as we can. We are resuming monthly meetings instead of every other month. We meet at 6:00pm on the first Tuesday of the month:

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Zoom Password: 300255

In service,

Derek Bell

- **PI: Nicholas S**

Hello Fellow Servants!

What a year it has been! This year was a great reminder that when you show god your plans they simply smile. I could not be prouder of the work the members of the PI Committee put forth this year and I think it is important to recognize them. Shane R, Amy B, Claire Z, Jackie P, Andy B, Grant L, Kaufua X, Myra R.

Over the past year they 1.) Built a committee, 2.) Hosted two workshops, 3.) Created and placed PSAs in Eau Claire Transit, 4.) Posted PSAs in the Eau Claire Leader Telegram, 5.) Prepared for a booth at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair, and planned for 2021!

As we look forward to 2021 we hope public health conditions will allow us to resume in-person activities and broaden out presence and fairs, community events and more. We will also be looking at potentially launching a District 5 Public Information Facebook Page – look for a presentation on that in early 2021.

A reminder that we would love for each of your groups to have a representative on our committee and our committee is open to all AA members. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:15 on Zoom; Meeting ID: 557 003 651.

As we move to 2021 we remind ourselves and use our guide the following; "In all public relations, A.A.'s sole objective is to help the still suffering alcoholic. Always mindful of the importance of personal anonymity we believe this can be done by making known to him, and to those who may be interested in his problems, our own experience as individuals and as a Fellowship in learning to live without alcohol. We believe that our experience should be made available freely to all who express sincere interest. We believe further that all efforts in this field should always reflect our gratitude for the gift of sobriety and our awareness that many outside A.A. are equally concerned with the serious problem of alcoholism."

Excerpt from the Public Information Workbook

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Wishing you a safe and Happy Holidays and see you in 2021!

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider

## **2021 Budget**

Budget was looked at and voted line by line and was **Approved**

## **GSR Open Sharing**

- What do we do next year?
  - Theme of Unity.
  - Each group take a tradition
- How can you support your groups besides just contributing money?
- How can we motivate fellow alcoholics to embrace zoom meetings?
- Shane S.-- Flimsy Reed has switched back to completely virtual.
- Jim S.-- Accessabilities How can we reach people during this pandemic?

## **Closing**

- Responsibility Statement

**Next Meeting:** January 12, 2021