

District 05 of Area 74 Meeting

January 8, 2020

6:45 PM

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

Opening

- Responsibility Statement

Introductions/Getting to Know one another

- 10 GSRs present.
- Welcome to all the new Service Members!

Reports

- **Secretary** – Shannon S.
 - o Read last month's minute highlights.
 - o Reports scheduled for February (even-numbered year): All Committee Chairs, GSRs, Officers.
 - 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** – Vacant-Shane S gave a report per Sara
 - o Report Period: 12/11/19-1/08/20
 - o Checking Opening Balance: \$2488.36 (actual bank)
 - o Group Contributions: \$250.00
 - o Expenses: \$638
 - o Checking Closing Balance: \$1850.36 (actual bank)
(there is still a discrepancy between books and actual bank Sara will look into difference)
 - o Savings Account Balance: \$602.63?
 - o **Approved:** *Report approved without objection.*

The following reports were given and accepted:

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

Hi, my name is Shane Speckien Alcoholic. Welcome to our newly elected GSR'S, Officers, and Committee chairs. I'm very excited for us to work together to carry the message of hope to the alcoholic that still suffers. My homegroup is back to basics in Eau Claire that meets at 7pm on Thursday nights. My sponsor is Nicholas S.S who has walked me through the steps, traditions, and working on the concepts. I'm married to my beautiful Wife Jennifer and a stepdad to her two beautiful children.

I believe my job of DCM is to facilitate and create enthusiasm at our monthly district meetings. To uphold the Traditions and Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous. As I continue to work the steps in my daily life, I have much to learn about how the traditions keep AA alive and how the concepts help our service structure. I'm super excited for 2020 as our district will be hosting the Fall Conference in September. We have the District 05 Mini Conference on January 18th, 2020 here in Eau Claire, Recovery on the River in October, and hopefully many more events to be added to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the Alcoholic that suffers.

Sense January 1st, I attended the Fall Conference committee meeting held on January 5th. Bryon B. our Fall Conference Chair, and his committee are doing an amazing job putting together a conference in a short amount of time. I took my first Monthly DCM call in December. There was five DCM'S on the call. I've been active attending AA meetings and going into treatment centers, and jails. We have some positions to fill including,

Alternate DCM, Treasurer, Webmaster, and special accommodations. We will have elections in February for these positions. I encourage our GSR'S and Committee Chairs to take back to your homegroups and meetings these vacant positions so that we can have a healthy election in February.

Let's work together, have fun, and work for the alcoholic that suffers in and out of the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous

IN LOVE AND SERVICE!

Shane Speckien

Alternate DCM – Vacant

No report.

Corrections – Derek B.

Underlined denotes the committee's discussion

- Contact for transition out of Jackson Correctional Facility
 - o Look into offering this to other facilities?
 - o Derek found a AA World Services Org Pamphlet that has this type of transition request for inmates. Rather than sending out a PDF that volunteers have to print, lets look into making a welcome packet for new volunteers with script, pamphlets, and other materials to bring with on visits.
- Meeting script
 - o Thoughts on having script or freestyle meeting
 - o Type of meeting (beginner, topic, step, etc.)
 - o Volunteer to come up with draft?
 - o The group discussed the need for this and decided after going in for a couple times, speakers generally feel comfortable coming up with a format on the fly. Laurene is going to look through her files to find the old script to provide to new speakers. It should be noted new speakers are always sent in with an experienced member.
- Coordinators for facilities
 - o Schedule speakers
 - o Dunn County is currently on a set schedule with the same speakers, so no need for a coordinator, but we will re-evaluate when males are also going in. Trempealeau County is currently scheduled by Jim and the speakers have pre-arranged times they go in each month, Jim is serving as contact for facility. Laurene is currently scheduling speakers, but the group didn't think she should have to send a reminder text every week to four speakers, so Annette is looking into the possibility of an automated reminder text/e-mail. Derek and Laurene are currently contact people for Eau Claire

- o Serve as contact for Correctional Facilities
- o Recruit new speakers
 - § More female speakers are needed to fill schedule in Eau Claire. Will begin personalized requests to AA members to fill out applications.
- Offering speakers to both genders in all facilities
 - o Females in Trempealeau
 - § Jim is currently working to get more females on the volunteer list, only one female volunteer at this time
 - o Males in Dunn
 - § Derek will reach out to contact provided by Pam to inquire about adding male speakers
- Other:
 - o Derek will reach out to Eau Claire Jail to see if we can have books on site/in their library and ask if we can get an address added to volunteer application so we don't have to pass around or email documents with social security numbers on them
 - o The group decided it would be better for our committee to meet on the second Tuesday of every week, the next committee meeting will be March 3rd at 6:00pm in the small building of Club 12
 - o Rent was paid for the last half of 2019.

Be of service! Regular meetings take place on the Second Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November, 6:00 PM, Club 12 (small building), Eau Claire. (Next meeting: March 3, 2020.)

- **Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) – Monica B**
 - o This committee met on 01/07/2020 at 6:45pm
 - o Updated contact list
 - o Discussion of goal for this year
 - o New members
 - o Materials needed

Be of service! Regular meetings take place on the first Monday of the month, 6:45 PM, Club 12 (small building) Eau Claire. (Next meeting: February 3, 2020.)

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

District 05: Public Information Report

Greetings District 5 GSRs, committee chairs, and officers. I hope your first meeting is going well and you are having a chance to become acquainted with each other. The PI committee is having a workshop in

February in River Falls that is being led by past PI committee members Myron and Gary. The intended audience for this event are members of the public and professional communities and AA members are welcome to attend as well.

As we begin to rebuild a new PI committee based in Eau Claire here are the steps we have taken, Our first meeting will be held on January 13th at 6:30PM in Eau Claire. We currently have 9 individuals committed to attending our first meeting. The committee has ordered workbooks and the welcome kit. Our first meeting will be going through the workbook and brainstorming ideas about what we hope to work towards over the next 2 years. The committee will also be discussing the Delegates workshop in March and encouraging the committee members to attend.

I am requesting a reimbursement of \$27.90 for literature expenses. The check can be made directly to CVIG and if they are in attendance please give directly to them, otherwise please give to DCM whom can give to me.

I will attend the February District meeting to give my report as scheduled in the District guidelines.

We continue to seek representatives and AA members to join our committee, please contact me at 414-803-9906 for further information.

In love and service,

Nicholas S.

Be of service! Regular meetings take place at a time yet to be determined. Next Meeting: January 13, 2020, 6:30pm (for more info call Nicholas 414-803-9906)

- **Treatment** – Megan S.
 - treatment books
 - set goals for the new year

Be of service! Regular meetings take place on the second Monday of each month, 6:45 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire. (Next meeting: January 13, 2020.)
- **Archives** - Zach
 - Picked up all of the Archives has not gone through it all yet
 - talked about how much it would cost to scan it and it would be very expensive (est, \$1000.00)
- **Grapevine**-Pat T
 - no report still learning position
- **Literature**-Dave
 - No Report
- **Special Accessibilities** – Vacant.
 - No report.
 - **Be of service!** Regular meetings will occur at a time yet to be determined.

Newsletter – Myron M.

Thank you for this opportunity to Grow. It has been a gift.
Will cover the position until March.

Other Reports

- **Fall Conference-** Bryan B
Underlined=Take back to groups!
 - Most positions filed
 - New ASL -Area pays for it
 - Send Marybeth or Bryan Theme Ideas
 - will need help with registration and programs please contact Bryan and he will call you when they need help
Be of service! Next Meeting: February 2, 2020, 1pm Club 12 (small building)
- **Recovery On The River-**Derek B
 - They have speakers etc. all set!
 - look for more events
- **Intergroup** – Variable Representative
 - **Be of service!** Regular meetings take place the fourth Wednesday of each month, 6:00 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire. (Next meeting: January 22.)
- **Mini Conference-January 18, 2020**
 - Everything looks good just need outreach.

New Business

- **Mini Conference-January 18, 2020**
 - GSRs encouraged to come
 - great service opportunity
- **Eleva Traveling Potluck**
 - For April come up with a panel from 3:30-4:30 before potluck
 - will talk about it next month
- **February Elections**
 - **Alt DCM**
 - **Treasurer**
 - **Special Accomodations**
 - **Webmaster**
 - **Newsletter**
 - **PLEASE TAKE BACK TO YOUR GROUPS IF THESE POSITIONS DO NOT GET FILLED THE STUFF WILL NOT GET DONE!!**
 - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1yzyIKEDYxCN5IkKbKyiz4eOKN2danj4B>
- **Chippewa Meeting Lists-John B update**
 - put on hold as John and others are going to try to get district 06 up and running again
- **Delegates workshop**
 - GSRs are encouraged to go to the New GSR orientation

Closing

- “WE” version of the Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting: February 12, 2020.

- Normally scheduled reports: All Committee Chairs, GSRs, Officers.