

District 05 meeting
March 9, 2016
6:45pm opened with serenity Prayer
Introductions

Secretary Report: Derek B.

- Passed around new contact sheet, it's blank so please provide your e-mails
- Please try to get reports to me before the meeting you're due to give a report, typing it in the body of the e-mail is acceptable

Treasure Report Mary Beth S.

- See Attached Report
- Reimburse Bryon B. for Workshop: \$103.50

DCM Report: Jim P.

Good Day to All and thanks to Jim P for chairing the meeting.

Last month I met with Andy B. and Jason L., together we transferred control of the Web page to both Andy B and myself. I have the utmost confidence in Andy to run the Web site. His knowledge and dedication are to be commended. If there are any suggested changes to the web site, please let us know.

On 2-24-16 I went to River Falls to meet with the Fellowship in Action Group. I sat in on their group conscious meeting and answered some questions about the fellowship of AA., the service structure, and voluntary contributions. Afterward I sat in thru the meeting, it was a very rewarding experience. If you get the chance, venture outside your normal routine once in a while and visit another group.

I attended the GSR Workshop at the Menomonie leisure Center and participated as one of the presenters. I felt the workshop went off very well and there was lots of good discussion on the service structure of AA. Jim P was also in attendance and can answer any questions. Expenses for the Workshop: Rent \$90.00, food and refreshments \$53.50, 7th Tradition donations \$40.00
Net cost: \$103.50. I paid for the rent and the supplies myself. Requesting reimbursement of \$103.50.

The coffee, plates, napkins, and plastic ware were all left over from the last big book study. If anyone needs these items for another workshop let me know and I will deliver them.

On 3-5-16 Craig H and myself went to the delegates Workshop in Three Lakes Wi. Also in attendance was John P, Alicia D, John S, Myron M, Chuck S, and Mary Jo R. If I missed anyone who was there, I apologize. There was lots of information covered and it was an honor to watch AA in action at the Area Level. One of the main purposes is to review the agenda items that will be discussed and or voted on at the next General Service Conference in New York. I want to take this time to bring to your attention two issues that can will probably be debated at length. One will be the consideration of creating a "Plain English" Big Book, and the other is a potential "Feasibility study" and "Brainstorming of ideas" that relate to the future financial situation for AAWS. There will be numerous other issues discussed but I felt these two items needed to be specifically mentioned.

Alt DCM Report: Jim P.

- Attended workshop and gave a rundown of agenda items
- Question posed about duplicating GSR Workshop or making the PowerPoint available on the website for gsr's to utilize

Delegates Workshop Reflection:

- Plain English Big Book- The original publication of the Big Book was written at a 8th grade reading level. An individual has brought the idea to the table to publish a simplified version written at a 3rd grade reading level. Most of the morning was spent on this issue and the vote was strongly against the creation of this publication.
- Peter R. read a statistic regarding literacy: 50% of the US population reads under a 8th grade level
- Broke into groups to discuss possible thought provoking questions to bring to your group:
 - **Is there a need? When would it be used?**
 - **Are there other options? Are they available?**
 - **Is the content consistent? What would it be called?**
 - **Does the Big Book serve the same purpose today? How is it used?**
 - **Would it cause contention between Original Big Book people and Plain English Big Book?**
- Financial feasibility study- the costs of GSO continue to rise, but contributions are constant. Consider the pros and cons of combining the grapevine/literature divisions at GSO to reduce costs. See Brian's Attached PDF for in-depth information.
- **Please get your group's input and e-mail it to Bryon by April 1, 2016.**
- This will be discussed the Friday Night of Area Meeting, April 1, 2016 in Three Lakes

WICYPAA: Katie J.

- Elections this Saturday at 5pm (Club 12 in Eau Claire, Small Building)
- Everyone is welcome and outside of EC participation is encouraged

CVIG: Mike M.

- 4 goals for the upcoming year:
 - Increased number of groups supporting CVIG by 4 – Send checks to: PO Box 574 Eau Claire, WI 54703
 - Visit every meeting/group in Chippewa and make CVIG presentations- teams of 2 to be identified to work on indicators of success for each goal
 - Maintain presence at all District 05 meetings and events
 - Plan and deliver at least 2 workshops plus the annual picnic
- New webmaster was elected to revitalize the CVIG website: Lucas Munns

Group Updates:

- New Meeting 630 pm Thursdays Alano Club 12 in Eau Claire “We Humanists”
- The Plymouth UCC Church in Eau Claire is offering their services to host a new meeting or, if a group needs to move. Contact the DCM for more information
- New group in River Falls meeting on Wednesdays at 3pm (RF Alano Club)

Old Business:

- Motion made by John P. to amend the committee name **Special Needs/Accommodations** to **Special Accommodations/Accessibility** in the District 05 Service Structure Guidelines. Purpose: to avoid any offensive language to those we serve
 - Motion carried to table above motion until GSO makes their potential name change

New Business

- When do we want to place a new meeting in the District 05 directory?
- Jim will forward consensus to Brian

GSR Sharing Session

Open Sharing

- A member has been approached by someone in the Dunn Co. Prison to let Dunn Co coordinate their speakers/meetings, due to miscommunication
 - Corrections Committee will give a report at next months meeting it will be presented to the district then
- Corrections requests: \$47.50 for Literature, payable to CVIG. Motion carries.

Next Month's Meeting - April 13, 2016 - Reports to be given by:

- Corrections, PI, CPC, Treatment, Special Accommodations/Accessibilities