

Minutes of the GSR & District 01 Committee Chair Meeting September 8, 2016

Held at the Central Office, 1270 Main St., Suite 102, Green Bay, WI

Attendance:

Amy G.	CPC Chair
Bruce K.	Archives Chair
Dean H.	Treasurer
Debbie P.	Web Master co-Chair
Kimberly S.	District Events co-Chair
Kristen C.	District Events co-Chair
Laurie M.	Corrections co-Chair
Nate K.	DCM
Ronald M.	Newsletter Editor
Sean S.	Corrections co-Chair
Theresa D.	District 01 Secretary

GSR's:

Donna Y. GSR, Letting Go, 1:00 pm, Thursday, 218 Club
Griffin W. GSR, Road to Recovery, 5:30 pm, Monday, 218 Club
Jill V., GSR, Women in the Present, 7:00 pm, Thursday, St. Norbert Abbey
Lane M. GSR, 218 Club, 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Open Speaker Meeting
Rena S. Alt GSR, Women in the Present, 7:00 pm, Thursday, St. Norbert Abbey
Sue C. GSR, Sisters in Sobriety, 1:00 pm, Tuesday, 218 Club
Tamra D., GSR, Eye Opener, 10:00 a.m., Saturday, St. Matthew's Church
Matt B. GSR, Flintville Early Risers, 8:00 am, Saturday, St. Edward & Isidore, Flintville

VISITORS: Patrick H, President, 218 Club

Opening:

At 6:30 pm, with Nate K. presiding as DCM, the meeting came to order during a moment of Silence and was followed by the Serenity Prayer. Readings of the Seventh Tradition, the Twelve Traditions, the Responsibility Statement and the Meeting Reminders were heard.

GSR Reports:

Letting Go, Donna Y. Going well. Their numbers are growing.

Flintville Early Risers, Matt B. Going well.

Sisters in Sobriety, Sue C. Going great.

Women in the Present, Jill V. Rena S. Great attendance. There has been a spring cleaning going on with new officers. Putting together "newcomer packets"

Wed. Night Speaker Mtg., Lane M. Attendance is better. There are more speakers. Is going well.

Road to Recovery, Griffin W. Going well.

St. Matt's Eye Opener, Tamra D. Going strong.

Coming Events: Read by Kristen C. from the September, 2016 Communicator.

Committee Reports:

DCM Report, Nate K. Dear Friends -- I have nothing new to report on from Area 74. I will be attending the Fall Conference in Turtle Lake, WI from September 16th-18th. I will take part in the Assembly and Area Committee Meeting and will report on them at a future district meeting."

Thank you,

Nate K District 01 DCM

Secretary, Theresa D. The August 11, 2016 minutes were reviewed by those present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report, Dean H. Prepared for the September 8, 2016 Meeting

Starting Balance as of 08/11/2016	5,546.29
Deposits	-0-
Expenses	
ColorMaster (Newsletter printing w/inserts)	169.00
Rena S. (Conference expense)	130.00
Newcomers (PI advertising expense)	<u>75.00</u>
Total Expenses:	374.00
Ending Balance Sept. 8, 2016	5,172.29
Prudent Reserve	1,300.00
Total Funds Available	3,872.29

A motion was made and seconded to accept the 08/11/16 Treasurer's Report.
Motion passed.

Old Business: The GSR/Chairperson Email list is in the process of being updated and will be distributed upon completion. The AA hotline was discussed. Bruce K to intersect with Eric to get more information. The need for corroboration between the District and the Central Office was emphasized. Bruce K. volunteered to attend the Central office monthly meeting to act as a liason between the two groups. It would be beneficial if a member from their group would attend the District meetings. There is a need to see the hotline list. A weak link in the hotline is the inability to have enough volunteers to man the Central Office desk.

New Business: The Treasurer's position will be filled by Patrick H. (218 Club President), who has agreed to fill in as interim Treasurer. Thank you, Patrick. The Corrections funding budget has been increased. The need for a new Events co-Chair was discussed.

Newsletter, Ronald M. Going well. Nothing to report.

Corrections, Sean S./Laurie M. In response to the flyers passed out at the various meetings last month, there are several applicants and they are waiting for the next training session. The Lt is checking to see how soon this can be arranged. Also, one of the Curry Lane Women expressed an interest in conducting a daytime meeting which they are also willing to consider based upon meeting room availability. Once the next group gets trained, that could become an actuality. Still looking for more interested volunteers.

Ten years ago, Sid B, a long time dedicated jail volunteer identified an acute need for Corrections Literature. She approached her regular meeting groups and requested assistance. Two groups, through a Group Conscience, the Thursday Night Women's Meeting at the Abbey and the Saturday Morning Eye Opener at St. Matt's, passed a can around at each meeting. Sometimes there is a need to temporarily divert the money for other causes. An example would be that all the money collected during July at the Abbey meeting went to help fund the GSR's expenses to travel to the District Conference in September. This is done through a Group Conscience. A third group, the Serenity Now group which meets at Calvary, votes quarterly at their business meeting to make up any shortfall.

All of the money is collected by Judy G. and she in turn purchases the books in bulk to obtain free shipping. This entails coordinating with the Central Office book purchases. If books are needed between purchase orders, someone drive to the Appleton AA office and purchases them at a discount and then delivers them to the jail. Judy is in constant contact with the Brown County Chaplin to keep both jails (Curry Lane and the Huber Center) well stocked. This involves numerous trips to Curry Lane to ensure that all inmates have the opportunity for reading material without undue wait. These books are given out to the inmates by the Chaplin, per written request to read, study, underline and/or take notes in them -- and then to take them home -- for their new life. The Huber meeting groups give out Big Books and 12 x 12's at the meetings if the inmate does not have their own personal copy.

The books supplied are the Big Book, the 12 x 12, Daily Reflections, Sober Living and two workbooks: Step 1-3 and Steps 4-7 from a Program for You. Grapevines are also donated and given to the library. Any Corrections Volunteer needing additional books for jail meetings can contact Judy G. at lazy44@hotmail.com.

This program has worked so flawlessly that the new representatives were not aware of its existence. In true AA tradition, they put their heads down, executed the service and have never drawn attention to seek praise for the work they are doing. Sid B., Judy G. and Tim T. have spent many, many hours getting books into the hands of inmates without lengthy waiting periods, which is the final goal -- the heart of our mission.

Cooperation with the Professional Community, Amy G.

Copies of The Communicator and meeting lists continue to be distributed to the Vet Center on Ashland Ave, the Veterans Outpatient Clinic on University Ave and the Bellin Cancer Center on Commanche Ave. A copy of The Grapevine, sponsored by the Never on Sunday meeting, continues to be distributed to the waiting room at the Bellin Cancer Center also. I will remind fellow members of the recovery community of the option to purchase two copies with one copy to be distributed to a meeting and the other copy to be distributed to the location of the meetings' choice. Any questions please let me know. Thanks!

Webmasters, Debbie P., Sam J. Maintenance of the website is going well.

District Events Co-Chairs, Kristen C./Kimberly S. Reminders of the upcoming District picnic this coming Saturday and the need for a new co-Chair was discussed.

Bridging the Gap, Christina M. Greetings --I do apologize for missing my monthly report last month! It sure has been a busy summer for me! Bridging the Gap is doing well. I am stopping down at the Central Office about every two weeks right now. I should be physically at the next district meeting in October. I am looking forward to it! I am still looking for new volunteers! If anyone would like to be a letter writer to someone that is incarcerated, please feel free to use my contact information in the newsletter! I am good at giving each person a fast response. I am still working on formatting a sign-up form for GSR's to bring to their groups! The more people that sign up, the merrier. These lists should be seen after October's district meeting.

Adjourned: At 7:40 pm by a motion made, seconded and passed. The meeting was closed with The Our Father.

Minutes submitted by Theresa D., Secretary, District 01