

# Minutes of the GSR & District 01 Committee Chair Meeting October 13, 2016

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

## **Attendance:**

Bruce K.	Archives Chair
Christina M.	Bridging the Gap Chair
Debbie P.	Web Master co-Chair
Jennifer A.	Alt DCM
Laurie M.	Corrections co-Chair
Nate K.	DCM
Patrick H.	Treasurer
Ronald M.	Newsletter Editor
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  
Henrietta D. GSR, Walk with Us, 9:30 am, Thursday, The Bridge  
James R. GSR, Don D., Early Birds, 7:30 am, Sunday, 218 Club  
Jill V., GSR, Women in the Present, 7:00 pm, Thursday, St. Norbert Abbey  
Kelly K., GSR, Serenity Now, Noon, Mon-Wed-Fri, Calvary Lutheran Church  
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  
Tamra D., GSR, Eye Opener, 10:00 a.m., Saturday, St. Matthew's Church  
Tim D., GSR, Promise Seekers, 9:00 a.m., Friday, Resurrection Lutheran Church  
Tim S., GSR, Fishermen's Paradise, 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, St. John the Baptist  
Matt B. GSR, Flintville Early Risers, 8:00 am, Saturday, St. Edward & Isidore, Flintville

**VISITORS:** Don D., President, Central Office

## **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. Nothing new.  
**Flintville Early Risers, Matt B.** Going well.

**Women in the Present, Jill V. Renae S.** Good attendance. They are in the process of organizing their officer. Renae went to the conference and thanks the District for financial support.

**Wed. Night Speaker Mtg., Lane M.** Is going well.

**Road to Recovery, Griffin W.** Going well. They had lost their secretary but already have a replacement.

**St. Matt's Eye Opener, Tamra D.** Going well. They are planning on having a business meeting in a couple of weeks.

**Walk with Us, Henrietta D.** As GSR, she attended the Area 74 Conference in Turtle Lake. She found the new GSR/DCM Orientation to be very informative and encouraged her to learn more about GSR service work.

**Early Birds, 7:30 am, Sunday, 218 Club, Tim D.** Attendance is growing, but they are lacking officers.

**Fishermen's Paradise, Tim S.** Going good.

**Coming Events:** Read by Jennifer A. from the October, 2016 Communicator.

### **Committee Reports:**

**DCM Report, Nate K.** Dear Friends, Last month I attended the Area 74 Fall conference in Turtle Lake, WI. It included the Area Assembly on Saturday and the Area Committee Meeting on Sunday morning. It was great to see more members of District 01 at the event. If it was your first time attending such an event I hope you enjoyed yourselves while seeing how the structure and service of Area 74 works.

The Assembly opened with a Sharing Session available to all AAs with the topic: "What does Area 74 expect from its trusted servants?" The minutes from that are available and I've forwarded them to GSRs.

There was also a lengthy discussion at the Assembly about a contribution of \$2886.44 from WICYPAA; Wisconsin Conference of Young People in Alcoholic Anonymous. The Area did vote to return the donation; with the reasoning primarily being the large sum taking the Area well beyond it's prudent reserve.

The Delegate also gave a report that included more information about the financial status of GSO. June 2016 AAWS sales were up 4.34% over budget. Net sales 2016 YTD, through June 30 are up \$345,600 over budget, or 5.4%. Contributions were \$257,200, or 8%, ahead of budget. Total operating expenses were \$609,600 or 7.4% less than budget. Net profit for the first 6 months of 2016 was \$305,900 compared with a budgeted loss of \$897,711.

The new Corrections video, *A New Freedom* is still available to view on [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). The board approved the Publishing Committee's recommendation that the price of the video be \$10.

At the Area Committee Meeting there was a discussion on the need for liability insurance coverage for Area 74 AA events. The Ad Hoc committee submitted a report concluding that Area 74 does not need liability insurance at this time and referred the Area, Districts, and Groups to the advice GSO has provided to groups that have inquired...

"...while some groups cooperate with the facility where they meet by purchasing a "rider" in the facility's liability insurance policy. Other groups may wish go get their own policy." The Area Committee voted to accept this recommendation.

**Secretary, Theresa D.** The September 8, 2016 minutes were reviewed by those present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report, Patrick H.** Prepared for the October 13, 2016 Meeting

Starting Balance as of 09/1/2016	5,172.29
<b>Deposits</b>	-0-
<b>Expenses</b>	
ColorMaster (Newsletter printing w/inserts)	169.00
District Picnic	<u>177.24</u>
Total Expenses:	346.24
Ending Balance Sept. 30, 2016	4,826.05
Prudent Reserve	1,300.00
Total Funds Available	3,526.05

A motion was made and seconded to accept the September, 2016 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

**Old Business:** The AA hotline was again discussed. Don D., President, Central Office attended. He expressed regret that Eric, who has been responsible for the AA Hotline, could not attend due to illness. Don also indicated that they are trying to get a new Hotline chairperson, and that Eric may know of someone willing to do so. The need for corroboration and unity between the District and the Central Office was again emphasized. There is a need to see the hotline list to see which persons are listed to take the Tier 1 calls and who are the names on the Tier 2 list. Jennifer A. indicated that at one time she had volunteers to help with the hotline, but did not have any folders, containing the hotline guidelines, to provide them. Problems with the

transferring of the phone lines, especially on weekends, was discussed. Bruce K. advised that there is a software program that will forward the lines when no one is in the Central office. One such program is called "Freedom Voice" with a monthly charge of approximately \$10-15. Patrick H. inquired as to the possibility of using a cell phone number that would have call forward. Don D. said he could follow-up with TWC. Donna Y. suggested the possibility of checking into remote activation. A weak link in the hotline that still remains is the inability to have enough volunteers to man the Central Office desk. Individuals who are interested in volunteering should contact Marty S., who is at the Central Office on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., or Dennis H., who is at the Central Office on Thursday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. It was mentioned that this information should be reflected in The Communicator.

Reimbursement and financial aid to a GSR to attend a conference or assembly was discussed. It was determined that each individual group should take the financial responsibility to ensure that their GSR attend. Scholarships for this expense should not be a line item, but can be addressed in the future on a case-by-case basis should the need arise for those GSR's coming from a small group.

A handout containing contact information for AA Groups in District 01 was circulated in the hopes that it can be updated.

**New Business:** A suggestion was made as to the possibility of relocating the monthly District 01 meeting back to the Bridge. Responses to that included that there is a rental fee of \$25 to use the Bridge facilities, as well keeping in mind that the Central Office is a part of the AA community.

With regard to the maintenance of anonymity at the meeting level, it was agreed upon that each group is responsible for addressing any issues that may arise pertaining to this. It has been the past policy of the District not to be involved in policing individual groups.

The co-Chair position for District events has been accepted by Missy F. Thank you Missy!!! The PI chair is vacant as Jack M. is no longer in that position.

It was also determined that all Chairs and GSR's will be receiving a copy of the Minutes, via email, before the next scheduled meeting.

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

**Corrections, Laurie M., co-Chair.** The next training and orientation program will be held on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to Noon. Currently there are 5 women applicants waiting for the back ground check to be completed, and 1 person with an approved background check. The women are fairly evenly divided between wanting to participate in the Tuesday Huber or the Wednesday Night Curry Lane meeting. Still looking for dedicated women for both meetings. Women can contact Laurie Metzger

at 920-336-7698 or Sean S at 920-445-9594 for details and applications.

**Webmasters, Debbie P., co-Chair.** The fee for the domain registration is due in November 2016 while the contract with the current hosting provider for [www.greenbayaa.org](http://www.greenbayaa.org) is up in March 2017. Research is being done towards moving to a new provider - one which will improve performance and save approximately \$200 over three years. Progress on new site goes well.

We also received various inquiries regarding our website last month - requests asking to post events and requests for more information

**Bridging the Gap, Christina M.** Nothing new.

**Adjourned:** At 7:50 pm by a motion made, seconded and passed. The meeting was closed with The Our Father.

Minutes submitted by Theresa D., Secretary, District 01