

Minutes of the GSR & District 01 Committee Chair Meeting March 10, 2016

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

Attendance:

Amy G.	CPC Chair
Beverly V.	Public Information Chair
Bruce K.	Archives Chair
Christina M.	Bridging the Gap Chair
Dean H.	Treasurer
Debbie P.	Web Master co-Chair
Jennifer A.	Alternate DCM
Kimberly S.	District Events co-Chair
Kristen C.	District Events co-Chair
Nate K.	DCM
Ronald M.	Newsletter Editor
Theresa D.	District 01 Secretary

GSR's:

Donna Y. GSR, Letting Go, 1:00 pm, Thursday, 218 Club
Gary M., It's in the Book, 7:30 pm, Monday, DC DD Diving Center
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
Jennifer A. GSR, Serenity Now, Noon, Mon-Wed-Fri, Calvary Lutheran Church
Matthew H., GSR, Oneida AA Club, 6:00 pm, Wednesday, Three Sisters Library
Tom B. GSR, Flintville Early Risers, 8:00 am, Saturday
Sue C. GSR, Sisters in Sobriety, 1:00 pm, Tuesday, 218 Club

VISITORS: None.

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. Doing very well.

Early Birds, 7:30 am, Sunday, 218 Club, James R., Don D. Going well. No changes.

Road to Recovery, Griffin W. Doing fairly well. They are in the process of looking for a treasurer and an alternate GSR.

Serenity Now, Jennifer A. Going well. Betsy's son to update on memorial svc.

Flintville Early Risers, Tom B., Don D. Doing well.

Walk with Us, Henrietta D. The meeting is well attended with approx. 10-20 members. They announce at each meeting that the Central Office is in need of service workers to answer phones and attend to the office.

Sisters in Sobriety, Sue C. Going well.

Oneida AA Club, Matt H. Going well. Nothing new to report.

It's in the Book, Gary M. Going well.

Coming Events: Read by Kimberly S. from the March, 2016 Communicator.

Committee Reports:

DCM Report, Nate K. I attended the Delegate's Workshop and Area 74 Committee Meeting at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes, WI on Saturday March 5th, 2016.

I sat in on the Literature Committee discussion. I think 19 other AA members including DCMs and GSRs participated. There were 9 Items for discussion. The majority of the time spent focused on Item A: Consider Developing a plain language version of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Considerable time was also spent discussing Item H: Consider request for revision to the pamphlet "Young People and A.A.". The remaining topics were also discussed and consisted of reviewing continuing progress reports.

LITERATURE: Item A: Consider Developing a plain language version of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

- Current request shown in background information comes from an Area 78 A.A. member in Canada (Alberta/Northwest Territories) who presents this as a "Translation" for people in remote communities or people coming to AA speaking English as a second language. He also presented on this topic at the International Convention in Atlanta, 2015.
- In 1993 the Conference Literature Committee discussed a request for a simplified version of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous* and determined that there is not sufficient expressed need.
- From 1995 to 2001 during development of 4th edition of Big Book, multiple General Service Conference actions stating "The first 164 pages of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the Preface, the Forwards, 'The Doctor's Opinion,' 'Dr. Bob's Nightmare,' and the Appendices remain as is."
- Area 74 Literature committee discussed this at length with strong opinions on both sides. A vote was taken with 5 people voting Yes and 11 voting No on considering this.

Item H: Consider request for revision to pamphlet "Young People and A.A."

- At September 25, 2015 meeting A.A.W.S considered a request to create an *A.A. Guideline for Young People in A.A. (Y.P.A.A)*.
- The Board did not feel there was sufficient need, but felt it would be helpful to include information on young people's conferences in current A.A. literature. Forwarded a request to review the pamphlet "Young People and A.A" and consider adding information about young people's conferences.
- Discussion of this focused on whether or not Y.P.A.A is recognized as part of A.A. or if it is an A.A. group - my understanding of this is very limited.
- Also voted on this one with 9 voting yes and 3 abstaining.

Item B: Review A.A.W.S report on "pagination" of Conference approved digital texts.

- Digital versions of A.A. literature have page numbers that do not correspond to the printed versions. Some digital books have pages that do correspond, but it is up to the digital publisher (Amazon) to make this happen. A.A.W.S. books have not been selected by Amazon for this program, but A.A.W.S. will continue to research other options and work with Amazon on this.

Other Items:

- Review progress report on revision of the pamphlet “A.A. for the Woman.”
 - So far trustees’ Literature subcommittee is keeping two stories and will update/replace with new stories to be presented to Literature Committee by July 2016.
 - Area 74 Literature Committee agreed this should continue.
- Review progress report on revision of the pamphlet “A.A. for Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic”.
 - So far trustee’s Literature subcommittee agreed pamphlet is dated, agree to replace all stories with new stories, with goal of presenting new stories by July 2016.
 - Area 74 Literature Committee agreed this should continue.
- Review progress report on the development of literature for A.A.s with mental health issues and those who sponsor them.
 - So far trustees’ Literature subcommittee will continue to review stories and assess need for second call for stories (specifically sponsor submissions).
 - Area 74 Literature Committee agreed this should continue.
- Review progress on development of a plan for systematic review of A.A. recovery literature.
 - Trustees’ Literature subcommittee agreed that “a plan for systematic review of recovery literature” falls within the scope of A.A.W.S Publishing Committee in conjunction with the Publishing department.
- Review revised draft pamphlet “Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and Its Services”.
 - The revised draft pamphlets are for Committee members only; Committee may approve pamphlet and recommend it be approved by Conference as a whole or send it back to Trustees’ Committee on Literature with concerns about the draft submitted.
- Consider request to update the pamphlet “Twelve Traditions Illustrated”.
 - The pamphlet was written and illustrated in 1971.
 - Area 74 Literature committee had general agreement that illustrations are outdated and in need of revision.

Selected Items from the other Committees

ARCHIVES:

- Item A: Explore ways to encourage groups to write or update their histories.

C.P.C:

- Item A: Consider discontinuing the pamphlet “Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W”.
- Item B: Consider adding text regarding A.A. and medications to the pamphlet “If you are a professional...”
- Item C: Consider adding text to the pamphlet “Is there an Alcoholic in the Workplace?” regarding A.A. as a resource for small businesses.
- Item D: Review draft text changes to the pamphlet “How A.A. Members Cooperate with Professionals.”

FINANCE:

- Item A: Review suggested Area contribution for Delegate expense to the Conference.
- Item B: Review the conference approved level of \$5,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. Members.
- Item C: Review the conference approved maximum annual contribution to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member of \$3,000.

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CORRECTIONS:

- Item A: Review draft of video created to replace “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell”.
- Item B: Discuss the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.).

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

- Item B: Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan
 - In January 2016, trustees’ committee on Public Information agreed to forward to the Conference Committee on Public Information two recommendations:
 - develop Google-Not-Profit Account and Twitter account for carrying the message of A.A. to the Public
 - develop a Guideline on “Carrying the A.A. Message Online and in Social Media
- Item E: Discuss request to reconsider “Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos produced by the General Service Board or Its Affiliates.”

TREATMENT/SPECIAL NEEDS--ACCESSIBILITIES:

- Item A: Consider removing “Special Needs” from Conference Committee on Treatment/Special Needs--Accessibilities’ name and throughout the committees’ Composition, Scope, and Procedure.

These topics and the remaining topics reviewed by the other Area 74 Committees will be presented at the Area Assembly on Saturday, April 2nd at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes, WI. There the Delegate will listen to Committee summaries and the following discussion in order to better represent the Area’s opinions on these items at the General Service Conference. On some of the topics, the Delegate may ask for an actual vote. Between now and then, the GSRs can take this information to their Groups, so that they can return and discuss/vote at the Assembly (with their Group’s conscience in mind).

Since I participated on the Literature Committee, I’ve focused on those topics here. The background information on all other topics is available in digital form (PDF). If you have any questions about any of the other topics, just ask. Contact your GSR or me and I’ll do my best to help.

Thank you,
Nate K. DCM

Secretary, Theresa D. The February 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 March 10, 2016 Meeting

Starting Balance as of 02/22/2016	5,152.62
Deposits	
New Hope Groups	100.00
Serenity Now	150.00
Saturday Eye Opener	151.89
Women's Recovery Workshop (Seed \$)	125.00
Women's Recovery Workshop (Proceeds)	<u>62.25</u>
 TOTAL DEPOSITS	 589.14
SUBTOTAL	5,741.76
 Expenses None.	
Ending Balance March 10, 2016	5,741.76

Prudent Reserve	1,300.00
Total Funds Available	4,441.76

A motion was made and seconded to accept the 03/10/16 Treasurer's Report.
Motion passed.

Old Business: Marian K's report was read regarding the Women's Recovery Workshop. This was the 4th year this event was held.

Dear District 01: We would like to thank you for supporting the Women's Recovery Workshop, that was held on Feb. 13, 2013. Over 100 women attended this function, which was held at The Bridge and was very well received.

I sent the treasurer a check for \$187.25. One hundred twenty five was for the seed money that you gave us for this event last October, and \$62.25 which was left over after we paid our expenses for rent, childcare, printing and decorating.

Thanks again for your support.

New Business: None.

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

Grapevine, John P. His submitted report stated that there are 10 new subscriptions.

Corrections, Sean S./Laurie M. We are continuing to make calls to the outdated list of correction volunteers' that we were given. Progress has been slow, but we are making headway. We are also working on goals and an agenda to have a Corrections Meeting to gain input, try to lateralize processes and recruit new members. Expect to complete all by next district meeting.

Bridging the Gap, Christina M. Going well. Nothing new to report.

Cooperation with the Professional Community, Amy G. I will be distributing copies of The Communicator which include meeting lists to the Vet Center & the Veterans Outpatient Clinic. A suggestion was made to drop off copies at the ADRC. I will follow up with members of the district committee about this idea. Nate & Jennifer gave me the contact information for Barry Brewer, the CPC for Area 74. I will reach out to him for suggestions and advice.

Public Information Chair, Beverly V. On March 14th, speakers will be at two sessions at the Brown County Mental Health facility. One is at 9:00 am and the other at 5:30 pm. Speakers are needed every other months, i.e., for the months of May, July, September and November.

Webmaster, Debbie P./Sam J. : Nothing new to report.

Archives, Bruce K. Going well. Nothing new to report.

District Events Co-Chairs, Kristen C./Kimberly S. Discussions are being held regarding the annual District Picnic. Looking at the possibility of a new venue. Bay Beach was discussed, along with the possibility of having it held on a campground. It was suggested that the "75 Years of AA in Green Bay" theme be carried through to

include the picnic. Also, more games should be included in the event. Upcoming panel discussion events that are being considered are Relapse Prevention and Sponsorship, which would be scheduled for next year.

Adjourned: At 7:30 pm by a motion made, seconded and passed. The meeting was closed with The Our Father.

Minutes submitted by Theresa D., Secretary, District 01