

# Minutes of the GSR & District 01 Committee Chair Meeting July 12, 2018

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

## **Attendance:**

Amy G.	CPC Chair
Debbie P.	Web Master
Henrietta D.	Alt DCM
Joe H.	Accessibility Chair
Marian K.	Bridging the Gap
Matt B.	DCM
Ronald M.	Newsletter Editor
Tamra D.	District Events co-Chair
Theresa D.	District 01 Secretary/Women's Corrections

## **GSR's:**

Bruce K., GSR, Never on Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Sunday, The Bridge  
C.J.D., alt-GSR, Sisters in Sobriety, 1:00 pm, Tuesday, 218 Club  
David S., Fishermen's Paradise, 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, St. John the Baptist  
Donna Y. GSR, Letting Go, 1:00 pm, Thursday, 218 Club  
Kathy B., GSR, Early Birds, 7:30 a.m., Sunday, 218 Club  
Jennifer A., GSR, Spiritual Awakening, 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, The Bridge  
Rena S., GSR, Women in the Present, 7:00 pm, Thursday, St. Norbert Abbey  
Sue C. GSR, Sisters in Sobriety, 1:00 pm, Tuesday, 218 Club  
Tim D., GSR, Promise Seekers, 9:00 a.m., Friday, Resurrection Lutheran Church

## **Opening:**

At 6:30 pm, with Matt B. 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:**

**Sisters in Sobriety, Sue C.** Going great. A couple of weeks ago they had their "biggest meeting" ever !

**Women in the Present, Rena S.** Their group is in the process of discussing the answers the members provided from the group inventory questions

**Early Birds, Kathy B.** The meetings are going well -- attendance is good.

**Spiritual Awakening, Jennifer A.** Meeting is going great. They have a business meeting scheduled for the end of the month.

**Never on Sunday, Bruce K.** Meetings are going good.

**Fishermen's Paradise, David S.** Their attendance numbers are up.

**Promise Seekers, Tim D.** Going well. The group is discussing the possibility of a group inventory. Tim reiterated what was reported at the June 2018 District meeting.

**Letting Go, Donna Y.** Their attendance levels are down a bit ... probably due to summer vacations.

Coming events were read by Tamra D. from the July Communicator.

**Committee Reports:**

**DCM Report:** Hello district chairs and GSRs: On August 11th I will be heading to the Area Committee Meeting in Three Lakes. The area will be once again discussing the tabled motions from the last conference. We have tonight's meeting and the August 9th meeting to provide group feedback on any and all of those items. We also will have an additional item to discuss as I received today a request from our area delegate that requires our immediate attention and feedback regarding the dates for the 2019 General Service Conference. I am forwarding that email to the district members for you to review prior to our upcoming district meeting. 1. Tabled motion from Dist. 02 on making the Now & Then Co-Editors 2 year rotational positions. 2. Tabled Motion from CPC. To change the Now & Then newsletter to a primarily electronic distribution. 3. Tabled Motion from PI to direct the Area 74 Webmaster to publish the Now & Then Newsletter in the password secure area of the Area 74 website. 4. Motion from Treatment/ Accessibilities committee to provide ASL sign language interpreter for all Area 74 Service events.

Yours in service, Matt B., District 01 DCM

**Secretary, Theresa D.** The June 2018 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 July, 2018 Meeting

Starting Balance as of 6/1/2018	5,081.99
<b>Deposits</b>	
Brewer's Bus Trip	350.00
<b>Total Deposits:</b>	<b>350.00</b>
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>5,431.99</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
DigiCopy (Newsletter)	125.28
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>125.28</b>
Ending Balance June 30, 2018	5,306.71
Prudent Reserve	-1,300.00
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>4,006.71</b>

A motion was made and seconded to accept the June 2018 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

**Old Business:** Discussion of the "Now and Then" items from assembly; discussion of accessibility recommendations from Area Committee.

Matt B., DCM addressed the cost of hiring an ASL interpreter. The general cost is \$50/hour with a 2-hr minimum -- so for a District 01 one-hour meeting the cost would be \$100.00. Quite costly at \$1,200/yr. Ultimately a motion of this nature will have to be brought to the individual groups. There are not many alternatives -- Area 74 has investigated different service utilizing "Apps" but after a cheaper introductory rate, the overall high cost was not acceptable.

Letting Go, Donna Y. Input from the group was received re the "Now and Then" publication as well as the motion on the floor from Treatment/Accessibilities committee to provide ASL sign language interpreter for all Area 74 Service events. The group recommended a 2-year rotation of the Editors for the Now and Then, with the option of serving additional time if needed (and the individual agrees). They would like a hard copy of the publication sent to GSRs, as well as providing it to electronically to those wanting additional copies. Regarding "Accessibilities" the group felt that registration forms for Area 74 Assemblies/Conferences should include language questioning whether an individual may require any special needs. Committee chairs could provide "volunteers" whenever possible.

Fisherman's Paradise, David S. Accessibilities -- Need to find out if there is a need -- and provide accommodations on an "as-needed" basis. If there is, the cost should be paid.

Women in the Present, Renae S. Yes to electronic delivery of the "Now and Then" publication. The group also voted to post the Now & Then on Area 74's secure website. A 2-year rotation of editors may be too short of a term -- consider a 4-year rotation of editors. Accessibilities -- Need more information. What about options such as using Skype for an ASL interpreter or a system such as closed captioning? The biggest concern is the cost.

Promise Seekers, Tim D. Their group conscience is as follows:

1. They are in favor of the "Now & Then" Co-Editors follow a 2 year rotation \*
2. We agree that the "Now & Then" be distributed electronically. The option and mechanism for someone to receive a paper copy should be included in the motion.
3. We are NOT in favor of publishing the "Now & Then" in a password secure area of the Area 74 website. We this should be studied in greater depth and possibly combined with item 2 above.
4. We are NOT in favor of providing an A.S.L. (American Sign Language) Interpreter at any or all Area 74 Assemblies and Conferences as written in this motion. We would be in favor of providing this service only if this service was specifically requested for that particular event.

- \* This motion needs further review to take into consideration of the background and skills necessary to carry out the position.

Theresa D./Secretary/Women's Corrections: What are other Districts doing? What is New York, Chicago, the bigger cities -- how are they dealing with this?

Early Birds, Kathy B. The position of editor of the Now and Then can be quite complex -- why should there be a 2-year limit on the position of editor? If a person is willing to stay on ... why not? Regarding accessibilities: the motion is too vague. The need for an interpreter should be specifically requested.

Never on Sunday, Bruce K. Each GSR should ask their meeting members how many have read the last edition of the Now and Then. To continually generate so many paper copies is not environmentally good. If the publication is to be viewed on the Area 74 website -- this too poses a problem as last names are published.

Accessibility Chair, Joe H. Perhaps contributions could be made by the individual AA groups by the passing around of an additional basket for this need. He will contact an AA friend who lives in Milwaukee who has used an ASL interpreter to see if perhaps he might be able to attend a District 01 meeting in order to address these concerns. Joe also indicated that anonymity should not be a factor in that the interpreter is bound by a code of conduct/nondisclosure agreement.

A motion was put forth, seconded and agreed to that further discussion regarding Accessibility be tabled for further discussion under Old Business at the next District 01 meeting in August.

**New Business:** Discussion re proposed change of dates for the 2019 General Service Conference. District 01 voted on and agreed to the proposed dates of May 19 - 25, 2019. Theresa D. to return Poll Voting Sheet indicating acceptance via email to the GSO.

**Webmaster, Debbie P.** She and Sam J. are in the process of re-designing our website and looking at various firewall protection systems/providers.

**Women's Corrections, Theresa D.** Seven new volunteers have submitted applications and are awaiting the next Safety Training Course to enable them to chair a women's AA jail meeting.

Once this training has been completed, **the Brown County Jail as OK'd that an additional weekly meeting can be added at the Huber Center !!!!!** With regard to Bridging the Gap, it will be announced at the jail meetings how important it is that when an inmate receives a letter from a BTG volunteer that they write back.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community, Amy G.** Nothing new to report.

**Accessibilities, Joe H.** He has Posted on the "Recovery Friends" website, AA website, and in the Newsletter looking for volunteers to serve on a committee to bring the AA message to those that are home bound, hospitalized or to any other members would like a meeting but cannot get to one.

**District Events. Tamra D.** Lloyd Z. could not be present and Tamra presented his report on the successful Brewer Bus trip and gave details as to the upcoming golf outing. A future Mindfulness Walk, the possibility of a hay ride were also discussed. Are looking at again combining the District 01 picnic with the Central Office picnic which was done last summer.

**Bridging the Gap, Marian K.** Bridging the Gap committee wants to emphasize the importance of having the applications filled in COMPLETELY and legibly. We are still experiencing delays in the communications between inmates and committee people. We are still trying to find out why. An ongoing problem is that the women that are being contacted are not writing back.

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

Minutes submitted by Theresa D., Secretary, District 01