

# Minutes of the GSR and District Chair Meeting at The Bridge August 14, 2014

## Attendance

Bob K. GSR, Serenity Now, Noon, Mon-Wed-Fri, Calvary Lutheran Ch  
CJ D. Grapevine Chair, GSR, Sisters in Sobriety, 1:00 pm, Tuesday, 218 Club  
Don D. GSR, Early Birds, 7:30 am, Sunday, 281 Club  
Donna Y. GSR, Letting Go, 1:00 pm, Thursday, 218 Club  
Geri L. GSR, Eye Opener, 10:00 am, Saturday, St. Mathew  
Josiah P. District Events Co-Chair, New Hope, 1:30 pm, Daily, NEW Community Shelter  
Jason P. District Events Co-Chair, It's In the Book, 7:30 pm, Monday, DC/DC Devine Center  
John C. GSR, New Hope, 1:30 pm, Daily, NEW Community Shelter  
Katie S. GSR, Carry the Message, 9:00 am, Tuesday, Green Bay Area Central Office  
Marty S. District Secretary, Red Road, 7:00 pm, Tuesday, Westbrook Apts.  
Mary S. BTG Chair, Road to Recovery, 5:30 pm, Monday, 218 Club  
Mat H. GSR, Red Road, 7:00 pm, Tuesday, Westbrook Apts.  
Nate K. GSR, Flintville Early Risers, 8:00 am, Saturday, Sts. Edward and Isidore Catholic Ch, Flintville  
Pat H. District Treasurer, It's In The Book, 7:30 pm, Monday, DC/DC Divine Center  
Paul K. Public Information Chair, GSR, Never On Sunday, 9:30 am, Sunday, The Bridge commons  
Ronald M. Editor of *The Communicator*, GSR, Fisherman's Paradise, 8:00 pm, Tuesday, St. John the Baptist Church, Howard  
Tom Y. DCM, Flintville Early Risers, 8:00 am Saturday, Sts. Edward and Isidore Catholic Ch, Flintville

## Opening

At 6:30 pm, with Tom Y. 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

**Carry the Message, Katie S.** We chose a "grab bag" theme for the meeting. Each meeting a topic will be chosen out of a grab bag. All topics are recovery related. One of our members inquired about WICYPAA (Wisconsin Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) in our area. Do we have a young person's meetings? Is WICYPAA active in our district? We have three core members. This is an upbeat meeting. Just a reminder that you don't need kids to join us! It's the only Tuesday meeting before noon.

**Sisters In Sobriety, CJ D.** Our group is doing well. I brought some cookies to celebrate my 4 year anniversary.

**Letting Go, Donna Y.** We now have a treasurer and checking account and will be starting to make donations to the Green Bay Area Central Office, District 01, Area 74 and AA General Service Office. We will have our first business meeting on August 28th after the 1:00 pm meeting.

**Fisherman's Paradise, Ronald M.** Nothing to report

**Early Birds, Don D.** Well attended; working on literature for newcomers, planning a hay ride for October.

**Flintville Early Risers, Nate K.** We are sponsoring time and eats for the 2015 Spring Conference hospitality room. We are planning a workshop.

**Eye Opener, Geri L.** Our group is doing well.

**New Hope, John C.** Going well.

**Serenity Now, Bob K.** Our group is very well attended, up to 90 people. We will disperse \$1500 in different directions.

**Red Road, Mat H.** Things are going well. Attendance is increasing. We have a solid home group.

**It's In the Book, Pat H.** Going well.

## Committee Reports

**Josiah P. announced several events that were of interest.** The Communicator and our website (<http://www.greenbayaa.org>) has the events listed with all the details.

**DCM Report, Tom Y.** Dear Friends,  
This past weekend I attended the Area 74 Committee meeting in Three Lakes. In this meeting we set the agenda

for the assembly being held at the Spring Conference in Eau Claire. At the assembly a sharing session will be held on lighting the fire of service in our districts. A panel of three DCMs and an Area 74 committee chair from very successful districts will talk about how they turned their mediocre districts into high energy districts. In addition to the sharing session there will be past and future Conference reports, elections of open area positions and other area business. I look forward to seeing you all at the Assembly. Remember as a GSR you are the Voice and Vote of your group. It is up to you to bring your group's conscience to the Area. In loving service. Thomas Y. DCM, District 01

A motion was made and seconded to accept Tom's August DCM Report. Passed.

**Secretary, Marty S.** Corrections to the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Secretary Report are as follows:

In the Attendance part of the minutes, the meeting location of Never On Sunday (3 places) is The Bridge Commons, not in Room #2.

A motion was made and seconded to accept with changes the July 10th minutes. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report, Pat H.** Area 74 District 01 Treasurer's Report Prepared for the Aug 14, 2014 GSR Meeting

Starting Balance as of 07/10/2014 \$2,357.09

Expenses:

Color Master - Newsletters	143.50	
City of Green Bay - Bus Ads	42.00	
The Bridge - Rent	<u>15.00</u>	
Total Expenses	200.50	- \$200.50

Deposits:

July 10, 2014 7th Tradition	\$15.00	
Pulaski Mon Night	\$64.00	
218	\$136.46	
G/L Accepting All UCC of Christ	\$20.00	
Serenity Now	<u>\$150.00</u>	
Total Deposits	\$385.46	\$385.46

Ending Balance Aug 14, 2014 \$2,542.05

(\$1,300.00 for prudent reserve) - \$1,300.00

Total Funds Available to spent \$1,242.05

Motion made and seconded to accept the July 10 Treasurer's Report. Passed.

**Bridging the Gap, Mary S.** BTG is doing well. Could use a few more men and women to step up to help. Great way to do some service. Contact me: bridging@greenbayaa.org or 920-217-3550. Thanks to all the people that make BTG work.

**Grapevine, CJ D.** Nothing to report.

**Corrections, Tim T.** Report read by Tom Y.: I would be happy to assume the remainder of Ron O's Corrections Chair term. I wish I could be there to meet with all of you and hope to attend next month's meeting if my appointment is approved.

Our biggest need at this time is for volunteers, primarily men. I have been working with the Newsletter and Webmaster to advertise this need. I am planning to put up Brown County Jail Volunteer application form on the Website that prospective volunteers can fill out and send to me. I have also solicited testimonials from current volunteers describing what their experiences have meant to them which will be placed on the Website.

I would ask all GSR's to please make announcements at their meetings about our need for volunteers. Looking forward to seeing you all at next month's meeting! Yours in service, Tim T.

A motion was made, seconded and passed for Tim T. to serve as Corrections Chair.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community, Jennifer A.** Absent. (Received by email) Please accept my resignation as CPC Chair. Thursday nights are difficult for me to schedule. I seem to be better suited for spurts of impromptu service rather than a formal, office holding position. I learned a bit about myself. Thank you for your service, Jennifer.

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

**Archives, Bruce K.** Absent.

**Webmaster, Jack S.** This month you will notice some changes to the home, meeting, events, links, minutes and newsletter pages. Please take a look and let me know what you think. Also, please take the time to look at our entire web site from time to time and let me know if there are any mistakes. Feel free to send me suggestion

on how to make our web site more user friendly to the AA community.

Last month our web site was down for a day. I was able with the help of ready hosting to get it up and running with very little disturbance. It is my recommendation to get a virus control which would put up a fire wall to stop this sort of disruption to our web site. The cost of \$38.00 a year would give us The WordPress hosting bundle includes a firewall and a backup. So if the website is ever in a state that you don't want it then you can restore it to a previous version. It also includes Tier 2 level tech support so you can get to the root of the problem sooner. Respectfully submitted. Jack S. Webmaster District 01

**Public Information, Paul K.** The multiple efforts of trying to connect with a discussion group of Wisconsin Public Radio has not been good. They have approximately 21,000 discussions a year and ours is not in the cards today but might be in the future. I'll keep trying. The area has talked of this subject and does not like the opportunity per Gary K., Area 74. We at the district level had discussed this to go ahead if the area accepted and so now we may end this opportunity. Meeting lists are now going out to Pharmacies.

**District Events Co-Chairs, Jason P. and Josiah P.** The flyer Green Bay AA District 1 Picnic was passed out to those present. Plans have been firmed up for The District 01 Picnic on Saturday September 13th at Perkins Park Pavilion, 600 North Fisk Street in Green Bay. The event will be from 12pm-5pm. Josiah P. will be the main contact person that day as Jason P. will be out of state for a wedding.

Josiah P. will be meeting the representative from Green Bay Park and Rec at 10:30am on Sept 13th to open the pavilion. Park rental fee of \$100 has been prepaid by the District. He will also meet with the representative prior to 5pm to ensure that the pavilion is cleaned to their standards.

Sloppy Joes have been ordered from the Blackstone West and will be prepaid by the District. They will be picked up about 10:30am and will be hot and ready to serve. Soda, water, and some other supplies have been ordered from Webster Avenue Market and will be prepaid by the District.

Patrick H. will be bringing a volleyball net and setting up. Josiah P. will be bringing some board games to play. Feel free to bring along any games that you may want to share with others. There is a playground and some activities at the park. Any questions the day prior to the event or the day of the event should be addressed with Josiah P. He may be reached at 920-264-2107. Yours in sobriety, Josiah P. and Jason P.

## Old Business

- Ron O. is unable to finish the term for Corrections Chair. Tim T. has volunteered to serve through the end of the current term.
- Kimberly S. is asking the groups of our area to sign up for a block of time in the Hospitality Room for the 2015 Area 74 Spring Conference. The group would staff and bring eats and drinks during their block of time. Contact Kimberly S. for more info at kimmvschuyler@gmail.com or 920.592.9337.

## New Business

- This flyer was passed out and a discussion ensued.

### **A.A. VIDEOS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE PROJECT STILL ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS!**

The trustees' Committee on Public Information for A.A. in the U.S. and Canada is accepting video/digital submissions from the Fellowship that, if selected, could be used to carry A.A.'s message of recovery to young people in high school and college settings. There is no set deadline; submissions are being accepted on an ongoing basis. The following guidelines have been developed:

Individuals submitting videos must be at least 18 years of age and must reside within the boundaries of the U.S. and Canada A.A. General Service Structure.

We welcome video submissions in English, Spanish and French.

Do not show full faces or show/state full names of A.A. members. Submissions that do so will not be used by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (A.A.W.S.) for any purpose.

Please mail your video submission in an easily viewable format (e.g., QuickTime, Windows Media Player, etc.) on DVD to Attn: Public Information Coordinator, General Service Office, 475 Riverside Drive, 11th Floor, New York, New York 10115. Any questions about the project can be directed to the Public Information Coordinator at publicinfo@aa.org, telephone (212) 870-3119, fax (212) 870-3003.

**Important Legal Notice:** If your video is chosen to be used by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (e.g., DVD, web site or other P.I. project), appropriate assignments of copyright provided by A.A. W.S. will need to be signed. Additionally, the A.A. member making the submission must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

- This letter was read by Tom Y. to all present.

### **A. W.S. Literature Price Increase Effective October 1, 2014**

## Shipping and Handling Charge Decrease Effective October 1, 2014

As noted in our communication on July 3, we are providing the list of the adjusted literature prices that the A.A.W.S, Board has approved. This increase will become effective October 1, 2014.

As you know, literature prices help to cover costs for services provided by the General Service Office. As we strive to become more self-supporting it is necessary for Board to raise prices to maintain the level and quality of those services and the financial health and stability of the office. Attached is the adjusted literature pricing schedule.

We are also pleased to announce that the A.A.W.S. Board has voted to decrease our shipping and handling charges at the same time the literature price increase goes into effect, October 1, 2014. You will find the new schedule of those reduced rates also attached.

The Board and the office are grateful to you and to the A.A. groups throughout the United States and Canada who purchase our literature and hope that the decreased shipping and handling charges will be welcomed by those whom they affect most.

As a reminder, the new A.A. World Services, Inc. literature catalog will be available in October with the new pricing structure and new shipping and handling rates. Prices and shipping and handling charges listed on the Online Store will be updated at that time, as well.

### A.A.W.S. Literature Price Increases as of October 1, 2014

Current Price	New Price	Item	Title
8.00	9.50	B-1	Alcoholics Anonymous (4th edition)
7.60	9.10	B-30	Alcoholics Anonymous - Portable
8.30	10.30	B-16	Alcoholics Anonymous - Large Print
6.00	8.00	B-24	Alcoholics Anonymous - Large Print Abridged
4.00	5.00	B-35	Alcoholics Anonymous -Pocket Size
5.00	5.50	B-20	Experience, Strength & Hope
7.40	8.90	B-2	Twelve & Twelve
7.25	8.25	B-4	Twelve & Twelve - Gift Edition
7.00	8.25	B-15	Twelve & Twelve - Soft-cover
7.75	8.25	B-14	Twelve & Twelve - Large Print
5.50	8.50	B-17	Twelve & Twelve - Pocket-sized
8.50	9.50	B-3	A. A. Comes of Age
8.00	9.00	B-5	As Bill Sees It
7.60	8.60	B-18	As BiIl Sees It - Soft cover
8.50	9.50	B-27	As Bill Sees It - Large Print
9.50	10.50	B-8	Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers
10.00	11.00	B-9	"Pass It On"
19.50	21.50	B-10	Boxed set Dr. Bob and "Pass It On"
13.00	14.00	B-11	Boxed set Big Book/ESH
8.25	10.25	B-12	Daily Reflections
8.75	9.75	B-19	Daily Reflections - Large Print
2.25	2.50	B-13	A.A. In Prison
4.25	5.00	B-6	Came to Believe
4.75	5.25	B-26	Came to Believe - Large Print
4.25	5.00	B-7	Living Sober
4.75	5.25	B-25	Living Sober - Large Print

### A.A.W.S. Shipping and Handling Charges as of October 1, 2014

Order Amount	Current Rate	New Rate
Up to \$50	\$10	\$10
\$51 - \$250	19%	15%
\$251 - \$500	16%	12%
Over \$500	No Charge	No Charge

**Adjourned** at 7:20 pm by a motion made, seconded and passed. Closed with The Our Father.

Minutes submitted by Marty S., Secretary, District 01