

MINUTES OF THE GSR AND DISTRICT CHAIR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2014

Attendance

Benjamin W. GSR, Road to Recovery, 5:30 pm, Monday, 218 Club
Bob K. GSR, Serenity Now, Noon, Mon-Wed-Fri, Calvary Lutheran Church
Bruce K. Archives Chair, Never On Sunday, 9:30 am, Sunday, The Bridge Room 2
Christina M. GSR, Early Risers, 7:30 am, Sunday, 218 Club
CJ D. Grapevine Chair, GSR, Sisters in Sobriety, 1:00 pm, Tuesday, 218 Club
Jack S. Webmaster, GSR, Never On Sunday, 9:30 am, Sunday, The Bridge Room 2
Jan H. Visitor, Women in the Present, 7:00 pm, Thursday, St Norbert Abbey
Jean D. GSR, Women in the Present, 7:00 pm, Thursday, St Norbert Abbey
John S. GSR, Never on Sunday, 9:30 am Sunday, The Bridge Room 2
Josiah P. District Events Co-chair, New Hope, 1:30 pm, Daily, NEW Community Shelter
Marge K. GSR, Eye-Openers, 10:00 am, Saturday, St Mathews Catholic Church
Marty S. District Secretary, GSR, Red Road Gp, 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. 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 Room 2
Ronald M. Newsletter Editor, 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

The meeting came to order at 6:30 pm at The Bridge with DCM Tom Y. presiding followed by a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer and readings of the Seventh Tradition, the Twelve Traditions and the Meeting Reminders.

GSR Reports

Women In The Present, Jean D. We continue to have a strong core of members and share our experience, strength and hope with many new women. Our group remains solid and is growing.

Sisters In Sobriety, CJ D. Our group is doing well.

Early Birds, Christina M. We just had a business meeting and are working on editing our meeting etiquette format.

Eye-Openers, Marge K. Nothing to report.

Red Road, Marty S. The Red Road continues to sponsor Back to Basics Sessions at the House of Tawét - Healing Grounds, 601 North Broadway, Green Bay. A flyer is posted at:
<http://www.greenbayaa.org/PDF/events/BacktoBasicsFlyerFebruarypluswithbackground.pdf>.

Fisherman's Paradise, Ronald M. Is it possible to list group contributions to the District in the Treasurer's Report?

Flintville Early Risers, Nate K. Going well. Two of three subscriptions to the Grapevine donated to the Meet and Eat are active. One is not. We would like to know who received the third subscription.

Serenity Now, Bob K. Well attended. This Sunday will be our Group party.

Never On A Sunday, Jack S. Our group continues to grow, sent funds to GSO and Central Office.

It's In The Book, Pat H. Strong attendance.

Road to Recovery, Benjamin W. Strong, well attended.

Committee Reports

Josiah P. announced the events to be held in District 01 from *The Communicator*.

DCM Report, Tom Y. Dear Friends,

Last month we had the opportunity to get together, to share a meal and fellowship with the AA Family, a family with members that spanned between three days and over thirty years of sobriety. I would like to personally thank all the volunteers that made the Meet and Eat a great success. I would also like to thank the people who put on the Women's Recovery Workshop. The event was very well attended and will need a larger venue next year. Events like these just go to show what can be accomplished when we work together. If you or your group have ideas for workshops please bring them to the districts attention. The more activities we have the more opportunities there are to serve others and to grow in our sobriety. When I first came into AA my sponsor made it very simple for me. He said "the secret of staying sober is to not drink, work the steps and to serve other people." In loving service.

Tom Y. DCM

Motion made and seconded to accept the DCM report. Passed.

Secretary, Marty S. The minutes of the January 9th meeting were reviewed by all present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the January 9th meeting minutes. Passed. Thank you for the emailed and written reports I have received to include in the minutes.

Treasurer's Report, Pat H.

Area 74 District 01 Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance as of December 12, 2013 \$2,303.64

Expenses

Color Master – Newsletters	-\$ 108.00
Gary K - 3 Lakes Convention	-\$ 25.00
Bridge-rent	-\$ 15.00
Blackstone	-\$ <u>275.00</u>
Total Expenses	-\$ 423.00

Donations

December District Meeting	\$ <u>22.25</u>
December Total	\$1902.89

January 2014

Redeemer Lutheran	-\$ 184.00
Green Bay Bus Ads	-\$ 84.00
Color Master – Newsletters	-\$ 127.50
Bridge - Jan & Feb rent	-\$ <u>30.00</u>
Total Expenses	-\$ 425.50

Donations

Meet& Eat	\$ 487.28
Woman in the Present	\$ 147.00
Flintville	\$ 135.00
New Hope	\$ 100.00
Friends of Bill	\$ <u>150.00</u>
Total Donations	\$1,019.28

Total Cash on Hand 02/13/14 \$2,496.67

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

Newsletter, Ronald M. Nothing to report.

Grapevine, CJ D. The poster did well at Intergroup and is now on display at the Central Office. Reimbursement was made for materials.

Bridging the Gap, Mary S. BTG is doing well. Lots of inmates filling out contacts. A lot of new women have stepped up to help. Thanks so much.

Corrections, Ron O. Absent from illness and submitted this report:

People wanting to volunteer to bring AA into the prison call: Ron O. 321-1072 or the volunteer coordinator at the prison.

Cooperation with the Professional Community, Jennifer A. Absent and submitted this report:

Since the last meeting I have done the following:

- received permission from the Central Office to use their information on my business card. This gives me extra contact information to pass along. The cards look great and I can't wait for you to see them!
- have attended a business meeting of the home group of Paul S.
- have received the CPC manual and kit from the New York office.
- have started the book Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, and am doing a book study with my sponsor of this book.

In the next month I plan to review the CPC Manual/Kit. After some study, I hope to have a plan of action to make contact with professionals in the community.

Public Information, Paul K. Am organizing literature packages and have 8-10 places to put them. After a short discussion, a motion was made and seconded to increase the Public Information annual budget from \$600 to \$1000 for literature purchases. Passed.

Webmaster, Jack S. As your website administrator it is my job to maintain and organize your web site to represent Alcoholics Anonymous in District 01 and to reflect all its members.

To help me accomplish this I am asking any members from District 01 to let me know if there is ever any mistakes on our web site. If you notice any mistakes to the posted meeting list, please email me at webmaster@greenbayaa.org.

I will continue to create and manage the information contained in our website to the best of my ability. I will strive to examine and analyze the sites traffic. On the sheet that I sent all of you I have put a chart that shows you the traffic for the last year on our website. I have also, included a short description of the meaning of each column. You will notice that the traffic on our website is quite active. Some months are slower than others but over all we have a lot of visitors looking for information about AA in Green Bay.

I added the Hot Line phone number to the website.

Jack gave to all present a report of website usage information titled "Summary Period: Last 12 Months" (Feb 2013 – Jan 2014)

Archives, Bruce K. I have reviewed the location of the archives at the Central Office. I would like to propose that the archives be put out into display cases in the front of the office, arranged and rotated to allow more viewing by visitors to the Central office. Bruce was encouraged by all present to do this suggestion.

District Events Co-Chairs, Jason P. and Josiah P. January 18th Green Bay Inter-group Attendance was roughly between 150 to 200 people. The event went off exponentially. We had several people show up before the event to help with the setup and preparing of the coffee. There were booths in the back of the room for the Grapevine, and Central Office. Several different items were donated from different groups and the Central Office which were "raffled" off.

We would like to thank Paul W. and Gloria for their inspiring stories of how alcoholism has affected their lives. We had lots of left over sloppy joe's and other foods which we donated to St. Johns Homeless Shelter, the Women's Recovery House, and the Oxford House. Clean up went pretty well. Lots of people stayed after to help with the effort and a handful stayed until we locked the doors. We would like to thank the district for allowing us to set up and be of service with this event.

Currently we are working on a dance in Spring.

Old Business

- **District 01 Bylaws.** Tom Y. asked that an Ad Hoc Committee be formed to review the District 01 Bylaws/Guidelines dated July 1st, 2009. Bruce K. offered to serve as Chair and will form the committee.
- Tom Y. announced that the General Service Office is updating its GSR information in the EASTERN U.S. A.A. DIRECTORY and asked our GSRs to email their current group information to Area 74 Secretary/Registrar Scott K. secretary@area74.org or to Tom Y. at dcmtom01@gmail.com.
- Report on the "Women's Recovery Workshop" held at The Bridge on Feb 8, 2014:
We considered it a huge success; attendance was "standing room only" estimated at 80-100 people.
When asked, the participants were enthusiastic about having another next year—longer than 3 hours and at a larger facility (last year attendance was 30-40).
We neglected to obtain the \$125 seed money from the district, but please receive \$74.50 after all expenses have been paid (that includes rent to the Bridge, printing of hand-outs and day-care costs).
Thank you for your support of this function which seems obvious to us is very worthwhile.
Submitted by Marian K. (absent from this district meeting due to a need to be present at "Women in the Present" Thursday night meeting)
- **District 01 Game Day**, "Beat The Winter Blues" is set for Saturday, March 8th, 2014 1pm-4pm at The Bridge, 2514 Jenny Lane, Green Bay. An open event for friends and family. Kids are Welcome! You can copy the flyer to pass around at: <http://www.greenbayaa.org/PDF/events/BeatTheWinterBlues.pdf>
- The New Group and GSR Change Forms are available for pick-up during this District 01 meeting.

New Business

- After some discussion and a withdrawn motion to separate the District 01 Event Funds into its own account, a motion was made and seconded to eliminate the separation/designation of District 01 Event Funds in the Treasury and to increase the prudent reserve from \$650 to \$1300. Motion passed.
- Tom Y. announced that on Saturday, March 29, 2014 there will be at the Reiter Center, 1858 S. Michigan St., Three Lakes, WI the Area 74 Delegate's Workshop from 9:00 am to 11:30 am opening with a welcome by the Area Delegate and an Area Standing Committees discussion of the General Service Conference Agenda items.

Then beginning at 3:30 pm the Area Chair will open the Area 74 Area Committee Meeting to approve the December 1, 2013 minutes, receive the Delegates and DCM reports, the Area Committee Meeting (to be held on May 18, 2014 in Neenah, WI. at the Spring Conference), Old Business, the P.I. update on Websites, New Business, and a review of the Agenda for the March 30, 2014 Assembly.

The next day, Sunday, March 30th will be the Area 74 Delegates Workshop Assembly. It will begin at 8:30 am with

the new GSR and DCM orientation. At 9:00 am the Open Assembly will begin with a roll call, approval of Assembly Minutes from 10/19/2013, the Officer Reports, the Standing Committee Chair Reports (consisting of the work done the previous day during the Delegates workshop), New Business, and Conference Reports and Bids.

Tom Y and the District 01 GSRs attending will bring back to us the changes and issues for Group discussion. The consensus reached by the Groups will be given to Tom Y. and forwarded to the Area 74 Delegate, Mary Jo R. when she attends the General Service Conference in New York on April 27 to May 3, 2014.

Tom Y. encouraged us to familiarize ourselves with the Service Structure beyond the District level.

Adjourned at 7:55 pm with The Our Father.

Submitted by Marty S., Secretary, District 01