

Minutes of the GSR and District Chair Meeting at The Bridge November 13, 2014

Attendance

Bob K. GSR, Serenity Now, Noon, Mon-Wed-Fri, Calvary Lutheran Church
Dean H. GSR, Road To Recovery, 5:30 pm, Monday, 218 Club
Secretary, Area 74 Spring Conference 2015
Debbie S. Alt. GSR, Eye-Opener, 10:00 am, Saturday, St. Mathew
Don D. Alternate GSR, Early Birds, 7:30 am, Sunday, 281 Club
Vice President, Central Office
Donna Y. GSR, Letting Go, 1:00 pm, Thursday, 218 Club
Alternate GSR, Sisters in Sobriety, 1:00 pm Tuesday, 218 Club
Henrietta D. GSR, Walk With Us, 9:30 am, Thursday, The Bridge room 2
James R. GSR, DC/DC Devine Center, 7:30 pm, Monday, DC/DC Devine Center
Jason P. District Events Co-Chair, It's In the Book, 7:30 pm, Monday, DC/DC Devine Center
Josiah P. District Events Co-Chair, Attitude Adjustment, Noon, Wednesday, St. John the Evangelist Church
Kimberly S. Area 74, 2015 Spring Conference Chair, Road to Recovery, 5:30 pm, Monday, 218 Club
Marty S. District Secretary, Red Road, 7:00 pm, Tuesday, Westbrook Apts.
Mary S. BTG Chair, Happy Hour, 5:30 pm, 218 Club
Matt H. GSR, Red Road, 7:00 pm, Tuesday, Westbrook Apts.
Nate K. GSR, Flintville Early Risers, 8:00 am Saturday, Saints Edward and Isidore Catholic Church, Flintville
Pat H. District Treasurer, Red Road, 7:00 pm, Tuesday, Westbrook Apts.
Paul K. Public Information Chair, GSR, Never On Sunday, 9:30 am, Sunday, The Bridge commons
Ronald M. GSR, Fisherman's Paradise, 8:00 pm Tuesday, St. John the Baptist Church
The Communicator Editor
Tom Y. DCM, Flintville Early Risers, 8:00 am, Saturday, Saints Edward and Isidore Catholic Church, 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

Walk With Us, Henrietta D. The Secretary did not hear the report.

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

Eye-Opener, Debbie S. The Secretary did not hear the report.

It's In The Book, James R. The Secretary did not hear the report.

Early Birds, Don D. The Secretary did not hear the report.

Serenity Now, Bob K. The Secretary did not hear the report.

Road To Recovery, Dean H. The Road to Recovery Group is doing very well. We are striving to carry the message to newcomers who attend our meeting.

Flintville Early Risers, Nate K. Going well, developing a workshop at St. Isadore for early March 2015.

Red Road, Matt H. Going good.

Letting Go, Donna Y. Everything is going fine.

Sisters in Sobriety, Donna Y. Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Area Announcements, Josiah P. read from *The Communicator* the activities and events that are of interest to those in recovery in District 01.

District 01 DCM Report, Tom Y. Dear Friends,

With Thanksgiving coming in only a few weeks it is time to count the blessings our Higher Power has bestowed upon us. As I look back over the past eleven months of being your DCM I have so much to be thankful for. I am truly grateful for the GSRs and Committee Chairs that make District 01 function so well. All these trusted servants who give of their time, talent and treasure to serve our groups deserve our thanks. This time of the year I look back at all the selfless people I have met on this journey called sobriety. We need to thank all the people that have helped us along the way especially our sponsors. We also need to thank the old timers that have passed the wisdom of the program down to us and the newcomer who helps us to remember what it was like. Most of all we need to thank the Power Greater than Ourselves that has restored us to sanity.

In closing I pray that each of you have a sober and safe holiday. May you eat too much, laugh too much and remember it all not like the old days. In loving service, Tom Y. DCM

Secretary, Marty S. The October 9th minutes were reviewed by those present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the October 9th minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report, Pat H.

Area 74 District 01 Treasurer's Report - Prepared for the November 13, 2014 GSR Meeting

Starting Balance as of 10/09/2014 \$ 2,343.45

Expenses

Marian K - 3rd Annual Woman's Rec	125.00	
City of Green Bay - Bus Ads	42.00	
The Bridge - Rent	15.00	
US Postal Service -Stamped envelope	<u>6.20</u>	
Total Expenses	188.20	- \$ 188.20

Deposits:

Oct 09, 2014 7th Tradition	20.00	
218 Club	<u>140.41</u>	
Total Deposits	160.41	\$ 160.41
Ending Balance Sep 11, 2014		\$ 2,315.66
(\$1,300.00 for prudent reserve)		<u>-\$ 1,300.00</u>
Total Funds Available to spend		\$ 1,015.66

Motion made and seconded to accept the November 13th Treasurer's Report. Passed.

Bridging the Gap, Mary S. Bridging the Gap is doing well. Think about doing some service! Men and women are always needed. If interested email: msawyer@att.net.

Webmaster, Jack S. Absent. Report given by Marty S.

Our web site has been running very smoothly over the last few months. In March we paid for three years of web hosting to Ready Hosting .com. At that time I thought that we were paying for everything that was necessary to keep our website up and running. I was mistaken. In October I had to pay \$21.99 for our .Org domain. I am not going to ask for reimbursing for that charge. At this time our paid up services are as follow:

1. Ready Hosting One Plan Windows Hosting paid through 4/17/2017
2. Domain Privacy paid through 4/17/2017
3. .com registration/renewal which is through 4/17/2017
4. .org domain which is through 11/21/2015

I would like to request some money to go into our budget for 2015 maintenance on our website. I would like to request:

\$21.99 for our .Org domain,
\$48.00 for virus protection.

So I would like to request \$70.00 to go into our budget for the website. Yours in service, Jack S.

District Events Co-Chairs, Jason P. and Josiah P. District 01 will be sponsoring a game day at The Bridge, Saturday Nov. 22nd from 1pm-4pm. The event is open to all in recovery, including family and friends. Please bring a board game or card game you enjoy and a snack to share. Coffee will be available at no charge. Soda is available to purchase in the lobby vending machine.

District 01 will be having the annual Intergroup/Meet N Eat on Saturday Jan 17th at Calvary Lutheran at 1301 S Ridge Rd in Green Bay. Please note that this is a new location. Event will be held in the gym/multipurpose room. Arrangements have been made for the sound system. We are still looking for an AI Anon and AA speaker as well as an Emcee. Plans are under discussion as to what we may offer as a main dish from The District. It will still be a pot luck style dinner. The church doesn't charge for the use of the building, but a free will donation is appreciated. Social time will be from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Dinner will be at 5:30. Speakers will start at 7pm. Conclusion will be by 9pm.

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, it would be greatly appreciated. This is a large event for our community. Many hands makes for light work. Please speak to Josiah P. (920-264-2107 jcamporter@gmail.com) or Jason P. (412-3733 key2music1@yahoo.com) if you would like to help.

Respectfully Submitted, Jason P. and Josiah P.

Grapevine, CJ D. Absent

Corrections, Tim T. Absent

Newsletter, Ronald M. Nothing to report.

Archives, Bruce K. Absent

Public Information, Paul K. I received this letter/request. Contact me if interested:

676-2901 paul136@centurytcl.net

Hi,

I'm a sportswriter at The New York Times. I am attending next Sunday's Packers game at Lambeau Field, and had the notion of contacting you. There is a particular culture of revelrous alcohol consumption at Packers games, with in one famous instance the team deciding to shut off sales of alcohol at halftime. What I realized, however, is there also surely many sober Packers fans who might perceive this culture as especially challenging on gamedays.

I was wondering if your group holds a meeting at home games at the stadium and if I might speak with somebody about them. I think it would make for a fascinating article that gives readers a slightly different perspective than the typical gameday story, depicting a raucous atmosphere frequently lubricated with alcohol.

I appreciate that this is a sensitive request, and would pledge to work with you guys to make sure my reporting is something you are comfortable with, and to respect the anonymity of anyone who desires it.

Thanks so much. Marc Tracy

Cooperation with the Professional Community, Amy G. Absent

Old Business

- **AREA 74 SPRING CONFERENCE 2015, Kimberly S. Conference Chair,** Update.

Received 8 registrations for Spring Conference.

Received \$100 from the Road to Recovery Group for the Bill W. fund.

\$1161 currently in checkbook.

Revised the flyer by deleting Alateen panels. The Alateen conference is 2 weeks after the Spring Conference and they couldn't support people for the panels.

Young person panels topics: Young women in AA, Social media and Anonymity, Identifying with older AA members, Balancing alcoholism and other addictions.

Terry L. is the new Chairperson for cake, decorations and speaker gifts.

Greeter Chair - seeking shirts to ID them as greeters. Suggestion to walk people to their destination, not just point.

Al-anon Main speaker - Missy P.

Hospitality - Call Kimberly if your group would like to host a three hour slot. Kimberly will call you with your assigned time slot.

New Business

- Marty S. made a motion: That the GSR and Committee Chair Meeting be held at the Green Bay Central Office the 2nd Thursday of the month. It was seconded and opened for discussion. Marty S. read the following:

I attended the Green Bay Central Office Board Meeting on October 28th and it is clear to me that we are about to let go of this service for our District.

Bill W. said that it is up to the autonomous groups in the vicinity to organize and support the services they need. As a selfless servant, I give selfless service freely. I don't want it to be wasted, or taken advantage of.

The Office shouldn't continue because it has been with us for several years or to honor the founder. It is not a commitment of the groups. We are not bound by any rule or law to keep a Central Office. It can be let go for any reason a substantial consensus is reached. In our case it is the Central Office board's decision.

Bill crafted our Fellowship this way to help us keep a simple unity. We are not burdened by what we no longer need and all our service goes to the alcoholic who still suffers.

The Traditions protect us from ourselves.

The service of the Central office is different than that given by the Bridge and the 218 Club. The clubs support the need for a convenient, safe place to meet and host recovery events.

As I walked through their doors I found the experience, strength and hope I needed to stay sober. The Clubs

were my place to go when I did my 90 in 90.

The Central Office supports the practical, daily activity generated by our Home Groups and Meetings and Events on a "one day at a time" basis. It combines our orders to save the cost of shipping and provides a place to receive it. It offers a no rent facility for our use.

Currently the Central Office is barely self-supporting. It requires donations from the groups and has to strain to list volunteers willing to take a shift. How many of us have come to be grateful to our conveniently located office that is open during usual business hours and staffed by selflessly given free service?

The Central Office Board has voted recently to keep the door open though one member said that he would not again vote this way. It seemed to me a last effort of the Board to keep the door open.

I asked the Merchandise Chair for some perspective of what goes through the Office. He said, "A reasonable estimate would be: AA literature averages \$400 - \$500 a month, sales of chips or medallions is around \$100 a month, Al-Anon literature is about \$300 - \$500 a month and the free literature picked up by visitors is about \$200 a year. Using the conservative estimate that comes to \$11,000 a year through the door.

Will the Clubs begin purchasing literature for us to keep on hand? I think not. It would be a distraction from their stated purpose. They provide literature for their own use. Groups will again begin to pool their literature orders and some will drive to get it.

Having our District meeting at the Central Office will give it the visibility asked for and show our support.

The Central Office strives to make more efficient use of our own service freely given. Hopefully, we will come to appreciate its convenience and gather around it as the central focus for the practical matters of recovery. This becomes easier as the Central Office supports itself.

Thank you. Marty S.

After a brief discussion the motion was tabled till the next meeting on December 11th.

Adjourned at 7:40 pm by a motion made, seconded and passed. Closed with The Our Father.
These minutes are submitted by Marty S., Secretary, District 01.