

**District 1 - General Service Representative (GSR) Meeting
February 13, 2020**

Bill D. DCM Report: Since I'm new to the position, if you have any feedback, please be gentle but let me know if there is something that needs to be changed. I now have the correct email list of District Chairs. Thank you to Lauren and Lloyd for the great job on the Intergroup in Jan. I've met with Alternate DCM Steve and we are getting to know one another. I've registered for the Spring conference. Just to confirm the District pays for gas, hotel, registration and meals – confirmed by GSR's. Bill wondered if anyone stays in his room if they need to pay any money towards the cost, GSR's said, "no" as the District is responsible to pay the cost for the room. We don't get involved on caring "who's" in it.

Renaë/Secretary – not present. Jan meeting minutes could not be approved. Kimberly/Treasurer volunteered to take minutes at Feb meeting.

Kimberly/Treasurer's Report:

Starting balance:	\$6,915.90
Deposits	\$2,437.88
Payments	<u>(\$1,802.62)</u>
Balance	\$7,551.16
Prudent Reserve	<u>(\$1,300.00)</u>
Available funds	\$6,251.16

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Jan 2020 Treasurer's Report.

Theresa/Corrections:

Women's Corrections has four new volunteers approved by Brown County to chair Huber meetings. Huber meetings are short-staffed, so we are allowed to have a new volunteer co-chair meetings on the condition the new attendee attend the next scheduled safety training course. Women's Corrections has been operating short-staffed and it requires two ladies to attend each meeting. The current volunteers have been doubling up on meeting attendance to keep the meetings going. Hopefully our new volunteers will stick and stay so the jail meetings may function smoothly.

I had a face-to-face meeting with Corporal Brian Laurent, our liaison for Brown county jail meetings. We discussed Bridging the Gap and the time delay between when an inmate writes a letter and the volunteer receives it. There's a possibility of corresponding via email. All inmates have access to a computer, each with their own email address, so this may be an option. The cost of each email is .25. Marian/Bridging the Gap is aware of the situation.

Marian/Bridging the Gap: We are excited at the prospect of email correspondence with inmates. I'll work with Theresa on the situation.

Lauren & Lloyd/District Events: The intergroup went very well. We had a larger group than anticipated and ran out of sandwiches but believe everyone got enough to eat with the other food available. The Brewer bus is 1/3 full. If you plan on attending, do not wait to sign up.

Dean/Interim Newsletter: Worked with the printer to obtain information to submit content along with deadlines. Newsletter will be picked up each month the night of District meeting so they will always be available. Bill D. wondered if we need to have a monthly newsletter versus bi-monthly. After a discussion it was decided to have the GSR's bring back to their groups to vote on whether they would like monthly, or bi-monthly newsletter. There is no financial worry in terms of cost.

Linda/CPC/PI, Sam/Webmaster, Adam/Men's Corrections, and Denzil/Archives – not present.

Accessibility – open position.

Old Business:

Dean H. voted in as Newsletter Chair.

New Business:

Grapevine Representative - Mary B was voted in as the new chairperson.

Sponsorship Panel – Discussion on having a Sponsorship Panel. Topics would need to be narrowed down but suggested: How to Sponsor, Fear in Sponsoring, How to drop a sponsor, How to find a Sponsor. Bill D. agreed to speak with other Districts strong in sponsorship to see if they would be willing to assist. Darcey volunteered to assist. Lauren will look at April dates.

Distributing Funds – A discussion was held on the possibility of distributing funds to Central Office, Area 74 and GSO. More discussion needed to see if Area 74 and GSO have enough funds. William/Central Office will speak with the Treasurer to see how much they would need in order to keep ordering literature without putting the Central Office in a financial hardship.

2020 Budget – The only changes from the 2019 budget is to combine the PI & CPC funds for a total of \$850 and increase the PO Box budget from \$95 to \$110.

GSR Reports:

Never on a Sunday, Bruce – The meeting is going well on Sundays and our attendance continues to increase.

Let It Go, Donna – Meeting is going well.

Flintville Early Risers, Joe – Please remind your groups about the retreat in March in Greenlake.

Promise Seekers, Tom – We just elected new group officers and the attendance continues to be strong.

Eye Opener & Central Office Volunteer, William – The Central Office is now open 5 days per week! We are still seeking afternoon volunteers.

Early Birds, Kathy – Meeting is very strong

Road to Recovery, Lynn – The group has all newly elected officers and is going well.

Next month – Linda to bring back options for radio advertising. Bill D. to let us know how GSO and Area 74 are doing with funds and GSR's will bring back group recommendations on Newsletter.

Next meeting; Thursday, March 12 at 6:30pm at Central Office.