

DECEMBER 2007

I AM RESPONSIBLE.
WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE, REACHES OUT FOR HELP,
I WANT THE HAND OF A.A. ALWAYS TO BE THERE.
AND FOR THAT; I AM RESPONSIBLE

“The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking”

**From : “THE DOCTOR’S OPINION”
Page xxv
The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous**

To Whom It May Concern:

I have specialized in the treatment of alcoholism for many years.

In late 1934 I attended a patient who, though he had been a competent businessman of good earning capacity, was an alcoholic of a type I had come to regard as hopeless.

In the course of his third treatment he acquired certain ideas concerning a possible means of recovery. As part of his rehabilitation he commenced to present his conceptions to other alcoholics, impressing upon them that they must do likewise with still others. This has become the basis of a rapidly growing fellowship of these men and their families. This man and over one hundred others appear to have recovered.

I personally know scores of cases who were of the type with whom other methods had failed completely.

These facts appear to be of extreme medical importance; because of the extraordinary possibilities of rapid growth inherent in this group they may mark a new epoch in the annals of alcoholism. These men may well have a remedy for thousands of such situations.

You may rely absolutely on anything they say about themselves.

Very Truly Yours,
William D. Silkworth, M.D.

**IF YOU WANT TO DRINK
THAT’S YOUR BUSINESS**

**IF YOU WANT TO STOP DRINKING,
THAT’S OUR BUSINESS**

AA HOTLINE – 469-9999

Example of contributions of funds beyond prudent reserves for groups that support 4 service entities
10% to district 10% to area 30% to G.S.O.
50% to Intergroup or central office

GSO
Grand Central Station
PO BOX 459
New York, NY 10163

Area 74 Treasurer
3056 Summerplace
Green Bay, WI 54303

District 01
PO BOX 0632
Green Bay, WI 54305

Central Office – contact Sam S. – 920-660-3341

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

DISTRICT 01 www.greenbayaa.org
AREA 74 www.area74.org
AREA 75 www.area75.org
AA GRAPEVINE www.aagrapevine.org
GSO(NEW YORK) www.aa.org

**Minutes of the GSR and Committee Service Meeting
October 21, 2007**

Those in attendance:

Debbi S.	Secretary	Sue A.	GSR-Mon. Road to Recovery
Glenn F.	Corrections	Marty S.	Fisherman's Paradise
Jim D.	Hotline Chair	Bruce K.	DCM District 01
John R. S.	Grapevine Chair	Patrick N.	GSR – Friends of Bill
Eric V.	Webmaster	Bob L.	Alt. DCM
Chris B.	friend of Bill	Mark P.	Archive
Phyllis W.	CPC Chair	Brad E.	Newsletter
Keith J.	GSR Steppin Up Gp Sun. St. Phillips	Sarah	GSR – Tues. 1pm Women's
Angy P.	GSR Serenity Now Gp	Nancy T.	GSR – St. Matt's Eye Opener
Elizabeth F.	GSR New Hope / P.I. Chair	Sid B.	friend of Bill
Bill E.	New Hope	Ivan C.	friend of Bill
Lynn L.	District Treasurer	Diane Z.	Alt. GSR – Thurs. Women in the Present

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. The secretary's minutes were accepted as written.

Lynn L. read the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

ELECTION RESULTS

WEBMASTER – ERIC V.	PUBLIC INFORMATION – Elizabeth F.	NEWSLETTER – Brad E.
BRIDGING the GAP – Glenn F.	ARCHIVES – Bill E.	GRAPEVINE – Bruce K.
TREASURER – Debbie S.	SECRETARY – Chris B.	ALTERNATE DCM – Tracy G.
INTERGROUP/PICNIC – Phyllis W. & Mark P.		HOTLINE – Jim D.
COOPERATION W/PROFESS. COMMUNITY – Bob L.		CORRECTIONS – Tim T.
DCM – John R.S.		

These positions are effective January 2008 – January 2010. Some people were re-nominated to keep their position because they came when they were needed, between the 2 – year election period.

OLD BUSINESS

Subject: Information Packets for new GSR's. The packets were last assembled in June 2002. There have not been any since then. A discussion was held about what items to include in the packets. Jim and Jayne will put together a packet structure for next meeting. New GSR's send your NY GSO forms to the Area 74 secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

Debbie S. suggested that committee chairs hand in reports at the district meetings. This will start in January 2008. Committee chairs can give their contact information to Eric V. He can then put a link on the District 01 website. Registration of \$99 is due for the website. A motion was made to have a yearly budget of \$100 for the Webmaster. Motion seconded and passed.

Sue A. has attended area assemblies / conferences and has noticed poor attendance by District 01. These are open to everyone. Committee chairs and GSR's are highly encouraged to attend.

All GSR's should make sure they are receiving the Now & Then Area 74 newsletter.

The meeting closed with a round of congrats to everyone elected and the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,
Debbie S.

2008 GREEN BAY INTERGROUP

SATURDAY JAN. 19th

**Redeemer Lutheran Church school gymnasium
210 S. ONEIDA St. (behind the 218 Club)**

Fellowship	4:30pm
Dinner	5:30pm
Speakers	7:00 – 9:00pm

**Family & Friends are Welcome!
Hot meat sandwiches will be provided.**

**Beverages available for purchase.
*****Please bring a dish to pass*******

**Any questions? Please call Kimberly S. at 920.592.9337 or
Tracy G. at 920.983.2320**

CENTRAL OFFICE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Contact: Sam S. cell 920-660-3341

October 27, 2007

ATTENTION ALL AA GROUPS!

Please elect a member to represent your group for exploration of a central office in District 01. Your group opinion matters to AA as a whole!!

Those in attendance:

<u>Debbie S.</u>	Secretary	<u>Karl S.</u>	Rep. Common Solution Gp Men. MI
<u>Kami F.</u>	Chair/ Rep Winner's Circle	<u>Glenn F.</u>	Rep. Serenity Now
<u>Jim D.</u>	Legal chair-Hotline chair dist. 01	<u>John N.</u>	Crivitz-Thurs-Fri. GSR
<u>Geri L.</u>	Rep. 9:30am Sun. Bridge	<u>Shelly B.</u>	Rep. St. Matt's Eye Opener
<u>Terry H.</u>	Rep. Walk with Us group	<u>Craig M.</u>	Rep. St. Anne's
<u>R. Sam S.</u>	Rep. Wed. Bridge 8pm-real estate	<u>Pat N.</u>	Rep. Friends of Bill
<u>Nancy T.</u>	Alt. Sec./ Rep. Road to Recovery	<u>Tracy R.</u>	Rep. Thurs. Women in the Present
<u>Alan K.</u>	Eye Opener	<u>Don D.</u>	Rep. Thurs. St. Will's
<u>Troy F.</u>	Alt. Rep. Thurs. St. Will's	<u>Peter H.</u>	Alt. Chair / Rep. Wed. Newcomers
<u>Jayne B.</u>	Rep. Flintville Early Risers	<u>Eric S.</u>	Rep. Oneida; Tues.218 12x12; Back to Basics
<u>Marty S.</u>	Fisherman's Paradise	<u>Brian</u>	Rep. Steppin Up Group

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Sam S. read the Treasurer's report. As of Sept. 22, 2007 the balance was \$833.54. The bank took out \$24.00 for checks. Sam received \$300 in group / individual donations bringing the total to \$1109.54 at the start of this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legal

Jim reported attorney is willing to waive the attorney fee for us. That will save about \$650. The legal fees will now be about \$350.

Real Estate

Sam checked on more open offices in the area. Shelly B. offered his basement to be used if needed. Kami offered to put together a summary.

Literature

Jim and Glenn ordered catalogs for purchasing materials. The Milwaukee Central Office sent a complete list of vendors they use; therefore, they did not need gas money for Milwaukee.

Outreach

Eric found out an event could be held at the VFW on Kewaunee Rd. for \$25 for the whole day.

OLD BUSINESS

A VOTE took place to determine if we will have a central office. 23 group representatives voted. 22-yes and 1-no. The group that voted no believed a central office is not necessary. Also, in observation of selling non-conference approved literature, they felt it would be more business oriented than service oriented. However, the group decided if the end vote were yes they would support a central office.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to let the Outreach Committee put together a Summary Gratitude Event. Motion seconded and passed.

A motion was made to continue with present exploratory committee until this committee is dissolved and a Central Office Board of Directors is elected. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made to have elections at the Summary Gratitude Event the first or second week in December. Motion seconded and passed.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer,
Respectfully submitted by,
Debbie S.

MEETING DATES:
SAT. NOVEMBER 10, 2007 at the Bridge at NOON

CENTRAL OFFICE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Contact: Sam S. cell 920-660-3341

November 10, 2007

Those in attendance:

<u>Debbie S.</u>	Secretary	<u>Glenn F.</u>	Lit. chair/Rep. Serenity Now
<u>Jim D.</u>	Legal chair-Hotline chair dist. 01	<u>John N.</u>	Crivitz and Wausaukee New Hope
<u>Geri L.</u>	Rep. 9:30am Sun. Bridge	<u>Shelly B.</u>	Rep. St. Matt's Eye Opener
<u>Craig M.</u>	Rep. St. Anne's	<u>Betsy N.</u>	Tues. Women's Group
<u>Sam S.</u>	Rep. Wed. Bridge 8pm-real estate	<u>Pat N.</u>	Rep. Friends of Bill
<u>Don D.</u>	Rep. Thurs. St. Will's	<u>Paula</u>	Committee member
<u>Troy F.</u>	Alt. Rep. Thurs. St. Will's	<u>Don G.</u>	Alt. Rep. Winner's Circle
<u>Ron N.</u>	218 Happy Hour Tues.	<u>Eric S.</u>	Outreach chair / Back to Basics
<u>Marty S.</u>	Fisherman's Paradise		

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Sam S. read the Treasurer's report. He also passed around a bank statement.

Balance	\$1168.54
Meeting rent	-15.00
Balance	\$1153.54
Individual/group donations	20.00
	410.00
	105.00
	325.00
Balance Nov. 10, 2007	\$2013.54

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legal

Nothing new to report.

Real Estate

Glenn F., Paula and Alan K. looked at an office located at 1304 S Webster. It is 3585 sq. ft. (1960 sq. ft. on the first level and 1625 sq. ft. in the basement). In the downstairs there are 3 large rooms, a bathroom and storage area. The upstairs has a big room with a receiving area and included vending machines and counter space. It is on the bus line and wheelchair accessible. The rent would be \$700. The owner is willing to be very flexible with us for the first six months, allowing the central office to grow. There is ample parking. (There are 12 steps between the upper and lower level.)

Literature

Nothing new to report.

Outreach

Eric found out the VFW on Kewaunee Rd. is not available in December. The VFW is getting back to Eric about the second weekend in January. Eric and Glenn are also going to check into renting the facility on S. Webster St. for the Event. (Editors note: This appears to be in reference to the Summary Gratitude Event mentioned in the Committees October 27, 2007 notes.)

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to allow the lawyer to draw up a draft of by-laws, policy and procedures and articles of incorporation. It was seconded and passed.

There was a discussion about getting a PO Box for security purposes. A motion was made to get a PO Box at the Monroe / Walnut post office location. It was seconded and passed.

It was brought up that we need a name for legal purposes. A motion was made to have the name Green Bay Area Central Office. It was seconded and passed.

There was a discussion about the brown/gold envelopes going around. These are for group and individual donations. The card inside is for putting your group name or your first name and last initial and a contact phone number. Your group representative will take them to the central office treasurer. You will then receive a call from the treasurer confirming and thanking you for the donation. You can keep track of your donations for taxes. There will be a non-profit organization tax number to use.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer,
Respectfully submitted by,
Debbie S.

MEETING DATES:

SAT. December 1, 2007 at the Bridge at NOON

POTLUCK & SPEAKER MEETING

ALANO CLUB * 711 Mc CLELLAN ST.
WAUSAU, WI 54403

PHONE: 715-845-9914

NOVEMBER 17TH 2007
POTLUCK: 6:00PM
SPAGHETTI & GARLIC BREAD

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS

SPEAKERS: 7:00PM
ART B. 38 YEARS A.A.
CHAD M. 4 YEARS AL-ANON
PLEASE ...HELP WITH CLEAN-UP AFTERWARDS!!!

Announcing a new Alcoholics Anonymous Group

The Core Literature Study Group

Meets Monday 7:00 pm

1816 Oakdale Ave., Green Bay WI

East side, one block South of Newberry off Main St.
Park on the street. Enter front red door.

This is a closed, non-smoking meeting for alcoholics only.

Meeting Format: The Chair prepares the reading and guides the discussion. Reading(s) should be chiefly, but not exclusively, from AA's core literature that includes:

Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Steps and 12 Traditions
Language of the Heart The 12 Concepts for World Service
The A A Service Manual

It's a chance to read what I otherwise wouldn't read . . .
To clear up some of my misconceptions . . .
Discuss among our Fellowship, "What is A A?"
Through this study I hope to be made a better servant.

Contact: Marty S. 920-465-1401 martyjs@milwpc.com
John S. 920-471 5575

EDITORIAL PAGE

(From the Editor)

In your editor's opinion, it is pleasing to hear that the supporting groups have voted through the Central Office Exploratory Committee to go ahead with establishing a central office for the District 01 area. I believe the office will do well serving the area community in carrying the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers; and, will also serve to connect our groups in their areas of common need.

What is a central office?

A central office (or intergroup) is an A.A. service office that involves partnership among groups in a community – just as A.A. groups themselves are partnerships of individuals. A central office is established to carry out certain functions common to all the groups – functions which are best handled by a centralized office – and it is usually maintained, supervised, and supported by these groups in their general interest. It exists to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

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From the notes from the August 25, 2007 meeting of the Central Office Exploratory Committee, the following excerpt is reprinted.

Another question was raised, how much money should each group contribute toward a central office. The answer: Ultimately it is up to each group to decide how much to give. After a discussion, it was agreed we need to get more financial information to the groups.

While the committees have yet to fully report their financial findings, I suspect the office will do fine judging from how our District Committee has been supported since I have been the newsletter editor. After initial fund raising efforts for a literature inventory, attorney fees, furniture and equipment (much of which might be donated) the central office should do fine. This month, the front page of this newsletter reflects an example of distribution of funds beyond prudent reserves for groups supporting four service entities. Keep in mind, this is only an example taken from the pamphlet "Self-Support: where money and spirituality mix" printed by A.A. World Services, Inc. It is evident from this example that the General Service Office realizes that considerable funds ought to flow to the Central Office. Along with these funds will follow various functions now handled by the District Committee.

For example, the Hotline responsibilities will likely be handled by the Central Office, but at a savings. An answering service now handles these calls, and provides direction to the alcoholic who still suffers (meetings list, contacts, etc). I imagine this service costs more than a business phone line, and of course we gain the added benefit of the phone being answered by an A.A. member. Since it is planned to have the phone answered at the central office during normal office hours and forwarded to a volunteer during non-business hours, this ought to leave some extra funds available from the example above.

The Central office will also have a source of income from the sale of literature. Previously, our groups have had to look outside our district to purchase needed literature.

Ultimately, whether the Central Office incurs more or less expense than the way we do business now, I believe the change in the way we do business will be very beneficial. Indirectly, the professional community will find us easier to approach at a central location. Directly, we will be easier to approach for the alcoholic who still suffers. It was unselfish legwork by R. Sam S. that provided the newsletter with information about a facility in need of our message of hope and meeting lists, the newsletter now provides this facility with 35 to 50 newsletters a month-what ever amount we can get to them. I believe the central office will facilitate this type of information exchange, as well as help the various committees do their work in providing a central point to meet for information.

Assuming the central office does fine financially, it is time then to consider what service we can do to help support it. Our fellowship's founders stress the necessity of following the 12 Steps for continuing recovery from our affliction. Assisting the office with it's tasks will give us opportunity to be of service to our fellows, and will be a rewarding experience as to our usefulness, just as helping to set up meetings and so on. Also, it will give a very important opportunity for many to carry on 12th step work, "Carry our message to other alcoholics!"

Life will take on new meaning. To watch people recover, to see them help others, to watch loneliness vanish, to see a fellowship grow up about you, to have a host of friends – this is an experience you must not miss. We know you will not want to miss it. Frequent contact with newcomers and with each other is the bright spot of our lives.

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Volunteering to have the phone forwarded anonymously to us for a shift during off hours however frequent or infrequent would be a tremendous opportunity to share our experience, strength, and hope with another alcoholic.

In anticipation of such an opportunity, I attended the Study and Action Group presentation in Manitowoc the weekend of Nov. 9th through the 11th. The knowledge of these folks and their sharing of the rewarding experiences from following the steps and 12th step work in their back to basics type study was a pleasurable and moving experience. I thank the guides for their travel and sharing from the Minneapolis area.

Our own Back to Basics groups can help us through the steps and prepare us for this humble endeavor. I believe the creation of the central office is a win – win opportunity for both our fellowship and the community.

Best of wishes in recovery! Yours in service, Brad E.

To submit information to the newsletter (events, group support, Committee info, etc.) please contact:
Brad E. 920-265-9945
newsletter@greenbayaa.org

Help keep our meeting list up to date. Please contact:
Marty S. 920-465-1401
meetinglist@greenbayaa.org

APPLETON INTERGROUP



December 8, 2007

St. Pius X Church

500 W Marquette, Appleton WI



Set-Up at 2:00 PM ~ Come & Help!

Doors Open at 5:00 PM

Dinner at 6:00 PM

Meat, buns, baked beans and potato salad provided

Please bring a dish to pass... a salad, pasta, side dish, appetizers, and of course the great dessert for a few of your closest friends.

OH!! Don't forget to bring your friends too.

Speakers at 7:00 PM

AA Speaker – Laurie J, Greenville, WI

Al-Anon Speaker – Pat G, Shawano WI

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS!

Please park in the lot behind the church by the playground.



**To help with the intergroup or if you have questions
please contact Denise S at 920-462-4379 or acrazycamel@yahoo.com.**



From 41 ~ Take the Richmond St exit. Turn left if on 41 S OR turn right if on 41 N. Take N Richmond St past Northland Ave. Turn left on Marquette Ave which is right after Mary's Place Restaurant (about 1 block after Northland Ave). Church is on left side after stop sign.

From 441 ~ Take the Northland Ave/ HWY 00 exit. Turn left if on 441 N or turn right if on 441 S. Take a left on Richmond Ave. Turn left on Marquette Ave which is right after Mary's Place Restaurant (about 1 block after Northland Ave). Church is on left side after stop sign.