

FEBRUARY 2008

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 : “THERE IS A SOLUTION”
Page 24
The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous

At a certain point in the drinking of every alcoholic, he passes into a state where the most powerful desire to stop drinking is of absolutely no avail. This tragic situation has already arrived in practically every case long before it is suspected.

The fact is that most alcoholics, for reasons yet obscure, have lost the power of choice in drink. Our so called will power becomes practically nonexistent. We are unable, at certain times, to bring into our consciousness with sufficient force the memory of the suffering and humiliation of even a week or a month ago. We are without defense against the first drink.

The almost certain consequences that follow taking even a glass of beer do not crowd into the mind to deter us. If these thoughts occur, they are hazy and readily supplanted with the old threadbare idea that this time we shall handle ourselves like other people. There is a complete failure of the kind of defense that keeps one from putting his hand on a hot stove.

**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
2437 Sherman Creek Road
Eau Claire, WI 54703

District 01
PO BOX 0632
Green Bay, WI 54305

Green Bay Area Central Office
P.O. Box 1791
Green Bay, WI 54305-1791

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

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

Minutes of the GSR and Committee Service Meeting December 20, 2007

Those in attendance:

Debbie S.	Secretary
Don G.	GSR Winner's Circle
Jim D.	Hotline Chair
John R. S. Grapevine	Chair
Nancy D.	GSR Sat. Eye Opener
Mara H.	GSR Sun. Early Birds
Bill E.	New Hope
Mara H.	7:30am Sun. 218 Club Early Birds GSR
Lynn L.	Treasurer
Marty S.	GSR Core Literature Study Gp
Bruce K.	DCM-district 01
Brad E.	Newsletter
Jayne B.	Flintville Early Risers
Randy B.	GSR-Fisherman's Paradise
Kimberly S.	Intergroup
Mark P.	Archives
Eric V.	Webmaster
Chris B.	Sat. Eye Opener
Mike N.	Alt. GSR Serenity Now
Brian B.	GSR-Spiritual Axiom Fri. 5:15pm
Angy P.	GSR-Serenity Now
Pat N.	GSR-Friends of Bill
Mark B.E.	GSR-Thurs. Walk With Us
Keith J.	GSR-Sun. Stepping Up Group
Betsy N.	Tues. 1pm Women's Meeting
Joel D.	Area 74 Archives Chair
Jeff C.	Area 74 Panel 56 Delegate
Terri H.	Alt.GSR-Walk With Us
Phyllis W.C.P.C.	Chair

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer and Traditions.

Lynn L. read the treasurer's report. She will be meeting with the incoming treasurer Debbie S. and incoming DCM John R.S. to get necessary paperwork done.

The Secretary's report was accepted. It was brought up that the secretary should have a budget to allow them to get a voice recorder that can be handed down to future secretaries. The motion was made and passed.

GSR ISSUES / QUESTIONS

Pat N. asked about how groups distribute money collected. Betsy volunteered to go to his group and answer these questions.

Betsy suggested GSR's talk to their groups about the central office.

Committee Reports

ARCHIVES – Mark will be passing on the archive materials at the January Intergroup where he will have an archive display.

GRAPEVINE – John R.S. reported the Grapevine has new items for sale: 2008 pocket and wall calendars, a new cd, and La Vina has an anthology out.

HOTLINE – Jim informed us of a \$17 holiday charge for the answering service.

NEWSLETTER – Brad is learning new equipment he has.

WEBMASTER – Eric reported the district website receives 433 hits a day. The meeting list is being utilized a lot online. The website yearly renewal charge was \$49.50 not \$100.

INTERGROUP – Kimberly said things are going well.

OLD BUSINESS – GSR packets are going well.

NEW BUSINESS – There are questions on how the district and central office are going to be set up and how money is supposed to be distributed to them from the AA groups. A discussion followed with a motion to table until next month so more facts can be presented. Motion passed and carried.

There was also a discussion on how our district uses the word intergroup. Phyllis will be researching that more.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully submitted by,
Debbie S.

[A note from the incoming DCM]

My name is John and I'm an alcoholic. Starting January in 2008, I gratefully become your new DCM of District 1, Area 74. I feel quite honored to have been elected your DCM as well as your representative to Area 74. I can only hope to carry our district's message as my predecessors have in the past. Prior to being elected as your trusted servant I have served as GSR, Alt. DCM and Grapevine Chairman. To serve as your DCM means I represent each and every AA member and meeting within this district. District 1 is as progressive as any in Area 74, which can be proven by acceleration of the central office committee to bring about the reality of a central office within our district, to serve the needs of all districts. My only hope is that I can serve as your DCM proudly, by following the steps, traditions, and articles of service as mandated by the GSO and the General Service committee. I am proud to be your trusted servant.

John S. DCM District 1

The District Committee meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at The Bridge

DISTRICT COMMITTEE OFFICERS

District Chairperson	John R.S.	883-8538
Alternate Chair	Tracy G.	***_****
Secretary	Chris B.	609-3129
Treasurer	Debbie S.	494-8825
Archives	Bill E.	***_****
Corrections	Tim T.	***_****
Grapevine	Bruce K.	498-9750
Hotline	Jim D.	468-8141
Newsletter	Brad E.	265-9945
Public Information	Elizabeth	497-1812
Website Chair	Eric V.	468-9262
Bridging the Gap/ Treatment	Glenn F.	321-8039
Intergroup / Picnic	Phyllis W. & Mark P.	***_****
Cooperation with the Professional Committee	Bob L.	***_****
cpc@greenbayaa.org		

“THESE SERVANTS MUST ALWAYS BE IN READINESS TO DO FOR THE GROUPS WHAT THE GROUPS OBVIOUSLY CANNOT OR SHOULD NOT DO FOR THEMSELVES.”

AA DISTRICT 01
DECEMBER 20, 2007
TREASURE'S REPORT

Balance as of Nov. 15, 2007 **\$2,594.32**

Deposits:

Grapevine 7:30AM Wed. **\$ 35.00**
Kaukauna Monday Night **\$ 50.00**
Winner's Circle **\$ 50.00**

Total Deposits \$135.00

Checks or Debits

The Bridge **\$ 15.00**
Marty Slavic (Newsletter) **\$150.00**
Elizabeth Fagan (Public Inf.) **\$ 40.00**
All City Communications **\$224.83**
Check Image Fee **\$ 3.00**

Total Checks or Debits \$432.83

Balance as of Dec. 20, 2007 **\$2,296.49**

Submitted by Lynn L./District 01 Treasurer

INCARCERATION
Meetings within Walls.

Brown County Work Release, Huber
125 So. Adams St. Green Bay

Sunday 6:30 pm Men
Sunday 6:30 pm Women
(Alt. Sundays for women's group)
Tuesday 7:30 pm Women
Wednesday 8:00 pm Men

Brown County Jail
3030 Curry Ln. Green Bay

Sunday 6:00 pm Men
Sunday 8:30 pm Men
(Sunday meetings are open meetings with AA speakers. Clearance is expedited for speakers.)
Wednesday 6:00 pm Men
Wednesday 8:00 pm Women

Green Bay Corrections
2833 Riverside Dr. Green Bay

Monday 2:00 pm Men

Sanger B. Powers
N 375 County Rd. U Oneida

Tuesday 6:30 pm Men

CLEARANCE REQUIRED!
For an application:
Contact: Glenn F. 321-8039

2008 GREEN BAY INTERGROUP

SATURDAY JANUARY 19th

Redeemer Lutheran Church
School Gymnasium
210 So. 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

OPEN VOLUNTEER SERVICE POSITIONS:

HOTLINE:
The Hotline needs volunteers.
Hotline Chair: Jim D 468-8141

Cooperation with the Professional Committee:
CPC would appreciate referrals from anyone hearing of requests for information from the Professional Community.
Anyone interested in participating in CPC will be welcome!
CPC Chair: Phyllis 471-0749 cpc@greenbayaa.org

INTERGROUP:
Intergroup is interested in hearing from those who can help organize and/or help set-up and serve the Fun, Fellowship, Dinner, and Speaker event this January 19th in Green Bay. Interested members should please contact:
Kimberly S. at 920-592-9337

GREEN BAY AREA CENTRAL OFFICE MINUTES

Contact: Sam S. cell 920-660-3341

January 12, 2008

Those in attendance:

Debbie S.	Secretary / Alt. rep St. Matt's	Glenn F.	Lit. chair/Rep. Serenity Now	
Jim D.	Legal chair-Hotline chair dist. 01	John N.	Crivitz-Thurs;Fri;Tues; & Wausaukee Kami F.	Chair / Rep.
Winner's Circle	Angy P.	GSR-Serenity Now		
Craig M.	Rep. St. Anne's	Betsy N.	Tues. Women's Group / Business Cmte	
Sam S.	Rep. Wed. Bridge 8pm-real estate	Pat N.	Rep. Friends of Bill	
Paula	Committee Member/Back to Basics.	Ray S.	Rep. Flintville Early Risers	
Don G.	Interested Observer	Mark E.	GSR-Walk With Us	
Terry H.	Rep. Walk with Us group	Nancy D.	Alt. Sec.-treas./Road to Recovery	
Steve P.	Mon. Big Book Meeting	Eric S.	Rep. Back to Basics	
Doug M.	Business Committee	John S.	District 01 DCM	
Kathy D	Interested Observer			

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

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

Balance Nov. 26, 2007	\$2222.54
Basket Collection-Dec. 1	26.00
Rent-Dec. 1	- 15.00
Dec. Ind./ Group Donations	1169.00
Jan. 2 Donation	<u>100.00</u>
Jan. 2 Balance	\$3502.54

After recent donations are added in we will be over \$4000. We are one-third of the way to the goal for start-up costs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legal – Jim reported we have a mailing address: **Green Bay Area Central Office; P.O. Box 1791; Green Bay, WI 54305-1791**

Real Estate – Angy met with Kersten Real Estate. They have a suite available at the 1600 West Office Building on Military Ave. The suite is on the second floor and has four rooms-22x13, 12x12, 10x12, & 6x12 totaling 650 sq. ft. Angy got a quote with three options: 1 year lease: \$550 / month; 2 year lease: \$495 first year \$545 second year; 3 year lease: \$495 first year \$525 remaining two years. These include taxes, heat, electric, water, parking and recycling. Also would include the use of four desks, five chairs and small table. Could also rent additional basement storage if needed.

Literature – Nothing new to report

Outreach – **A Summary-Gratitude Event will be held on February 16, 2008 at The Bridge. Group Representatives will be electing a Board of Directors at this event. There will be a potluck-meat provided. The speaker is Jim D.**

QUESTIONS FROM AA GROUPS REPRESENTED

1. Has a baseline of monthly expenses been established? Answer: It is too early in the starting process to have an accurate monthly expense list.
2. Is it possible to bring literature for sale before an office is rented? Answer: That is how Menasha central office started out. Storing and securing literature would be more difficult this way. Menasha will be contacted and this option will be reviewed.
3. Has a funding committee been formed? Answer: No, not at this point.

Summary of what the central office has right now:

1. A name: Green Bay Area Central Office
2. A mailing address: P.O. Box 1791, Green Bay, WI 54305-1791
3. A good start on the treasury.
4. A Business Planning Committee that has begun meeting.

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

NEXT MEETING: SAT. February 2, 2008
12 PM NOON at the Bridge

EVENTS 2008

2008 GREEN BAY INTERGROUP
SATURDAY JANUARY 19
Redeemer Lutheran Church School Gymnasium
210 South Oneida Street Green Bay, WI
Behind the 218 Club
4:30pm – 9:00pm

AREA 74 COMMITTEE MEETING
SATURDAY JANUARY 19
2:30PM 218 CLUB
218 South Oneida Street Green Bay, WI

DISTRICT 07 WINTERFEST
SATURDAY JANUARY 19, 2008
Wildwood Park Pavilion
1800 South Central Avenue Marshfield, WI
Contact Number: 715-389-8362

WICYPAA XV
JANUARY 25TH-27TH
RAMADA HOTEL – Green Bay, WI
RAMADA – 920-499-0631
REGISTRATION CONTACTS:
Char S. 920-819-5509 or 920-869-1119
Darren J. 920-432-4196 or 920-360-5700

SHARING THE JOURNEY
This event was originally published in error in the newsletter. It has been removed here for the web edition. Apologies for the inconvenience. ED.

.....sobriety is only a bare beginning, it is only the first gift of the first awakening.

Language of the heart,
Bill W.'s Grapevine Writings p.233

Support our new Groups

BEGINNERS WORKSHOP
ST. MATT'S
2575 South Webster Green Bay
9:00am SATURDAY MORNINGS
Closed meeting - non smoking

Native American Service Center
410 Dousman Street
Open AA Meetings
Tuesday Nights Starting
December 11, 2007 @ 7:00 PM
Red Road AA Group
Contact: Native American Service Center
Georgia (920) 445-0388
Or Daniel and Alice (920) 264-5910

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Monday Night Women with Gratitude

Starts: Monday, January 7, 2008

Time: 7PM Location: The Bridge; Room #2

Meeting Type: Closed meeting; women's group
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The Core Literature Study Group

1816 Oakdale Ave. , Green Bay, WI

Meets Monday 7:00pm

This is a closed meeting, non smoking

We are currently reading **The Service Manual** and expect to be with it for a while. We will be reading about the Group, the G S R and the D C M. If you wouldn't usually read the Service Manual on your own yet have questions and experience to share, come join us.

Contact: Marty S. 920-465-1401
John S. 920-471-5575

EDITORIAL PAGE

From the Editor:

Recently, questions have been raised about how the groups donate or should donate their funds beyond prudent reserves within the District 01. This is understandable, considering the current state of flux the district's services appear to be in.

The trouble is that no one at the district level is in a position to tell the groups how to donate funds. The district committee (and a central office or intergroup) are here to serve the groups, not govern them. The groups need to support them in their endeavor to do for the groups that which the groups cannot or should not do for themselves. Ultimately, the groups must decide through their business meeting procedures how to distribute their extra funds.

The example of contributions of funds on the front page of this newsletter is only an example. At this time, to the best of the editor's knowledge, the Green Bay Area Central Office is in the process of raising 10 to 12,000 dollars to adequately fund its' start up. It does not yet exist in the form of a material office. I believe this is where the confusion sets in. How do the groups continue to support the District Committee to do its' functions as well as contribute to the central office start up fund. These concerns on the part of the groups are coming at a very good time in the editor's opinion.

With the district committee reforming itself this January for another two year term, this is an opportune time for the committee and the central office to begin a dialog and begin planning for how the two entities will work together when the central office opens. Certain functions presently performed by the committee will flow to the central office because it will be better positioned to perform these functions. Because of the centralized information flow, the newsletter may become a function of the central office. More certainly, the hotline will be a function of the central office, and possibly Cooperation with the Professional Community, Public Information, Corrections, etc.

At least these functions will overlap, with one entity needing more funds to perform than the other.

Discussions between the district committee and central office committee will inform the groups as time goes on as to how they want to donate to the district committee while bolstering the central office fund.

The groups are showing their interest and concerns in asking these questions, as well as they should. This interest leads your editor to believe the groups will support the service of the district very well, as they have in recent history. The questions, it seems to me, are sometimes misunderstood as a request for guidance, rather than requests for information. How do the groups deal with the current state of flux in the district, what does the district committee need to get by and as a result of this information how quickly can the groups build the fund for the central office. These questions can be answered with the resulting minutes from the district committee and the central office committee in this newsletter. This newsletter can also circulate more information in the form of editorials, which are always welcome.

Perhaps a representative from both committees attending the others meetings would facilitate this information exchange. It will be exciting to see this service work develop, as the groups help these entities evolve.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellows for their support and electing me to serve for two years as your newsletter editor. I find this service very rewarding and the service helps maintain focus in my quest for continued sobriety.

Yours in service,
Brad E.

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