

OCTOBER 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”

**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 3 service entities
40% to district 30% to area 30% to G.S.O.

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

From Chapter 2: “There is a solution” Page 17
The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous

We are average Americans. All sections of this country and many of its occupations are represented, as well as many political, economic, social, and religious backgrounds. We are people who normally would not mix. But there exists among us a fellowship, a friendliness, and an understanding which is indescribably wonderful. We are like the passengers of a great liner the moment after rescue from shipwreck, when camaraderie, joyousness and democracy pervade the vessel from steerage to Captain's table. Unlike the feelings of the ship's passengers, however, our joy in escape from disaster does not subside as we go our individual ways. The feeling of having shared in a common peril is one element in the powerful cement which binds us. But that in itself would never have held us together as we are now joined.

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 @ The Bridge
August 16, 2007**

meeting.

Those in attendance:

Debbi S.	Secretary
John S.	Grapevine Chair
Nancy S.	Women in the Present
Betsy N.	Alt. GSR Tues. Women's Meeting
Tom R.	Alt. GSR Fisherman's Paradise
Marty S.	Fisherman's Paradise
Pat N.	Friends of Bill
Sue A.	GSR-Mon. Road to Recovery
Lynn L.	District Treasurer
Jim D.	Hotline Chair
Ben W.	Road to Recovery
Kimberly S.	Intergroup Chair
Winston S.	Flintville Early Risers
Craig M.	Alt. GSR St. Matt's 10am Eye Opener
Don G.	GSR Fri. night Winner's Circle
John G.	GSR Wed. night Big Book Group at Bellin Psych
Brad E.	Newsletter
Bruce K.	DCM District 01
Elizabeth F.	GSR New Hope / P.I. Chair

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

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

The secretary's minutes were accepted as written.

A new format for the district meeting is being tried. After the secretary and treasurer's report GSR's will have a chance to address any questions or concerns their groups might have. That will be followed by New Business, Old Business, and then Committee Reports.

GSR Concerns/Questions

1. The Tuesday 12:30PM meeting at Bellin Psych. Wants an explanation of how the district works and a suggestion for how to distribute their donations. Betsy volunteered to go and talk to the group.
2. A GSR asked for more information on the District 01 Picnic and Elections.

The District 01 Picnic is Sunday, October 21, 2007 at Green Isle Park in Allouez. The picnic starts at noon. **The District 01 Elections are being held ONE HOUR BEFORE THE PICNIC-ELECTIONS WILL BE AT 11 am.** District chairs and GSR's can vote. The minimum requirement to hold a district position is to be an AA member with 2 years of continuous sobriety. These positions are a 2 year term.

Opening positions will include:

DCM	chairs the district meeting and attends conferences and assemblies.
Alt. DCM	takes the place of the DCM when he/she cannot make it.
Secretary	takes notes for the District 01 meeting. Puts the notes together and gets them to the newsletter.
Treasurer	keeps track of all district money outgoing and incoming and reports at the district

Archives	keeps the history of district 01 and adds any pertinent materials. Sets up archive displays at Intergroup and other functions.
Bridging the Gap / Treatment	works with setting up alcoholics getting out of treatment or jails and connects them with Alcoholics Anonymous.
Cooperation w/ Professional Community	has contact with the professional community (doctors, schools, etc.)
Corrections	keeps up on how the jail, prison and Huber AA meetings are doing. Gets literature to inmates shows interested AA volunteers how to get cleared to attend a meeting in correction facilities.
Hotline	phone services for our district. Makes sure there are enough volunteers to return hotline calls.
Intergroup / Picnic	takes care of organizing the annual Intergroup and the annual picnic.
Newsletter	puts together the monthly newsletter and gets it printed and distributed.
Public Information	distributes AA pamphlets at various locations in our district.
Webmaster	keeps the District 01 website up to date.

The outgoing DCM automatically assumes the responsibility of Grapevine Chair.
All chairpersons should attend district meetings held every third Thursday of each month 6:30pm at The Bridge.

NEW BUSINESS

A member asked for an update on the central office exploratory committee meetings. There is a report in this newsletter.

A question was raised about what the parameters of an open AA meeting consist of. There was a long discussion and some tradition and other AA literature were read from. A motion was made and carried to table the topic until next month.
There was no Old Business brought up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOTLINE -- Jim renewed the hotline phone listing in the local phone books.
The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully submitted by, Debbie S.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Contact: Sam S. cell 920-660-3341

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: August 25, 2007

<u>Debbie S.</u>	Secretary	<u>Don G.</u>	Rep. Fri. Night Winner's Circle
<u>Jim D.</u>	Legal chair-Hotline chair dist. 01	<u>John N.</u>	Crivitz-Thurs-Fri. GSR
<u>Geri L.</u>	Alt. 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>LeCreesha A.</u>	Women in the Present
<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>Mark E.</u>	Alt. Rep. Walk with us
<u>Peter H.</u>	Wed. 7:30pm Newcomers at Bridge	<u>Marty S.</u>	Fisherman's Paradise
<u>Eric S.</u>	Back to Basics Rep./ Outreach	<u>Maggie B.</u>	Thurs. Night St. Will's Meeting
<u>Jayne B.</u>	Rep. Flintville Early Risers	<u>Ron N.</u>	Rep. 5:30pm Happy Hour 218 Club

A motion was made and carried to start the meeting 10 minutes late for any late arrivals.

Sam reported \$409.50 in the treasury.

Debbie read the minutes from July 21, 2007.

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

There were not 25 group representatives present. There was not a vote at this time on whether to have a central office or not.

Someone asked why we needed 25 group reps to take a vote. The answer is the committee agreed it was good to have at least 25% of the AA groups in our general area participating in this decision.

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 for the groups. To do this the following committees were defined.

Real Estate Committee – Responsible for finding out cost of office furniture, communications, office equipment, and functional forms.

Legal Committee – Responsible for finding out the cost of all legal items needed.

Outreach Committee – Responsible for commitment awareness, requested group visits, and maintaining a list of financially committed groups and individuals.

Literature committee will be responsible for finding out how much an initial literature inventory would cost. They will also find out how much literature to start out with and suggestions on maintaining inventory.

Committee Reports:

<u>Legal</u>	Jim D. has found an attorney. The attorney will voluntarily waive the attorney fee. He will only charge for out of pocket expenses.
<u>Real Estate</u>	Sam will be getting more people on his committee.
<u>Literature</u>	Glenn F. and Jim D. volunteered to co-chair this committee.
<u>Outreach</u>	Glenn and Terri have volunteered to help with commitment awareness.
<u>Treasury</u>	Sam is going to set up a checking account.

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

MEETING DATES:

Sat. Sept. 22 at the Bridge at NOON
Sat. Oct. 27 at the Bridge at NOON

Manitowoc (WI) Weekend Session
November 9, 10 & 11, 2007

Study & Action Group

“Precisely how we have recovered”

We recover in AA by taking the Steps, and if we don't take the action as described in our Big Book, we may not recover. This group will study and do the steps precisely as the first one hundred men and women laid them down. This is a back to basics kind of group, accepting the “simple kit of spiritual tools” that has been laid at our feet.

This is the 5th annual weekend sponsored by the Fourth Edition Big Book Study Group as well as other Manitowoc AA Groups.

Call Marv S. at (920) 901-9509 to register or register on-line at www.into-action.com
Suggested Contribution = \$5.00/day

History

During the 1950's, a man by the name of Mac C. (now deceased) started a group in Winnipeg Manitoba called the “Golden Slippers”. The group was a back to the basics of the “Big Book” kind of group, especially for those people who just could not stay sober for any length of time. The group took a bunch of chronic “slippers” and walked them through the steps, taking the action exactly as laid out by the first 100 men and women who wrote the basic textbook, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

The results were miraculous and word soon spread throughout Winnipeg. Many people with all lengths of sobriety wanted to join this group. During the 1975 International AA Convention in Denver, Mac talked about their experience and many AA members around the country began to replicate this amazing process.

In 1994, a group of experienced AA and Al-Anon members decided to try and replicate this process in the Twin Cities with equally amazing results. Since then, a number of these people have gone on to guide dozens of these groups. The guides for these groups have led hundreds of people through the steps in this kind of a setting.

What do we do?

This is not your typical “thanks for sharing” kind of AA meeting, nor is it like any seminar. Participants are asked to DO all twelve steps as laid out in our basic textbook. A couple (or more) of the people who have done this work before will be guides to lead you through the instructions in our textbook using a dictionary published at about the same time as the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* to help us better understand the directions as they were written by the first 100 men and women. We ask every participant to commit to the entire process.

We who have participated in these groups before have come to understand that these sessions make us much better sponsors. We can now lead people through the Steps *exactly as given to us by those who have gone before, unfettered and unchanged*. In addition to being a boot camp for sponsors, we also feel this is especially valuable to those who have been through some sort of treatment or rehab and have been, in effect, left off at Step Three or Step Five. Recovery requires that we do all twelve steps.

Where do we meet?

The Manitowoc (WI) weekend session will be held on November 9, 10 & 11, 2007 at the Manitowoc Alano Club, 404 South 29th Street in Manitowoc, and runs Friday night 7:00pm to 9:30pm, Saturday 8:30am to 6:00pm and Sunday morning from 9:00am to noon. The guides for this session will be Dick C. and Mary C.

Please register for these sessions by calling Marv S. at (920) 901-9509 or visit www.into-action.com. There are no fees for these sessions; we do a voluntary seventh tradition contribution to pay for space rental and other expenses. The suggested contribution is \$5.00 per day.

Tape or CD Sets

A complete eight CD set or single mp.3 format CD of the Study and Action Sessions is available from Gopher State Tape Library. Please call (952) 927-0050 or visit www.gstl.org for more information. CD sets are also available from HP's Little Helper. Please call (715) 845-0012 or visit helpful@g2a.net

27th East Central Regional Conference
Area 75 56th Fall Conference
October 12th – 14th 2007

Holiday Inn, 4601 Calumet Ave., Manitowoc, WI.
Please call hotel direct at 920-682-6000 – Refer to
Code WAA.

For more information call Mike S. 920-769-0109 or
Ann P. 920-769-0109

Scheduled Events

Friday, October 12

Registration: 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Open Meeting: 8:00pm
Joyce T. – Keshena, WI
Ice Cream Social: 9:30 – 10:30 pm
Alkathon 10:00 pm – 6:00am

Saturday, October 13

Registration: 8:00am – 6:00 pm
AA/Al-Anon Panels Begin at 9:00 am
Al/Anon/Alateen Speakers: 3:30 pm
Ruth B. – Eagle, ID
Kelly K. – Pewaukee, WI
Banquet: 6:00pm
Open Meeting: 8:00pm
Otto M. – Plano, TX
Dance: 9:30 pm – midnight
Alkathon: 10:00 pm – 6:00am

Sunday, October 14

Breakfast Buffet
Open Meeting:
Bob M. – Oak Creek, WI

Registration Form

27th East Central Regional Convention
Area 75 56th Fall Conference
Hosted by District 3
October 12 – 14, 2007
(One person per form, please)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State & Zip _____

Delegate Area _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please check

AA _____ AlAnon _____

Alateen _____

Special Needs

(Request by Sept. 12, 2007)

Spanish Interpreter _____ ASL _____

Registration: \$15.00

Sat. Banquet: \$23.00

Vegetarian Option? Yes (please circle)

Sun. Buffet: \$11.00

Total:

Make Checks Payable to:

Conference Treasurer

PO BOX 302

Manitowoc, WI 54220