DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2024

Opened with the Serenity Prayer. 7th Tradition. Responsibility statement. 12 Traditions

Attendance – 15 attendees signed the attendance sheet; 26 attended

DCM	Mike N
Alt. DCM	William W
Secretary	Brooke K
Alt. Secretary	Carolynn B
Treasurer	Paul K
Newsletter/Webmaster	Andy H
Grapevine	Open
Men's Corrections	Mark
Women's Corrections	Veronica W
Alt Women's Corrections	Mary Lou
Bridging the Gap	Tony P
PI	Glenn S
CPC	Deb P
Archives	Jeff
Accessibilities	Open
Hot Line	Mark W
District Events	Greg L
Literature Chair	Doug
Chair of Group Information	Mark F
Structures and Guidelines	Lauren Z
Subcommittee for NFL Draft	Tom N

GSRs Present: Debbie P, Brian B, Mary B, Brian W, Tom N, Mark, Sherry W, Nancy S, Erceal E, Linda, Bobby
VISITORS: Marty S, Christine, Danielle

Call to order – Alt DCM – 6:34pm

Serenity Prayer

7th Tradition – Treasurer - Paul

Responsibility statement – Alt DCM – William

12 Traditions – Secretary – Brooke

Tradition 11 – Erceal

Concept XI – Mike

Volunteers for next month for Tradition 12: Bobby; Concept 12: Greg

- Only sitting chairs or alternates acting on their behalf, GSR's or alternates acting on their behalf may speak, vote and/or second motions
- If you represent a group and are a District Chair, you must decide if your vote is in favor of your Group, or your vote is as a District Chair
- Sometimes, the business at hand takes longer than 1 hour. Please don't leave until business is completed if you are a voting member. We are trusted servants, and every group deserves to have a voice and be informed. In that spirit, this committee will allow each GSR up to 2 minutes to give a report from their group immediately following their introductions.

Introductions

Please submit your reports to the secretary by Monday after the District meeting

GSR Reports

Deb P GSR –Zoom Women in the Present - The Zoom Women in the Present group meets on Thursdays at 7 PM virtually via Zoom. We have attendees from all thru the Fox Valley area. Depending on the week, the group reads from The GrapeVine, Daily Reflections and the chairperson's choice. Attendance at these meetings is between 6-9 participants but we continue to see new members. We have posted a reminder about this meeting on the Recovery Friends FB page.

Lauren Z –Women In The Present **–**Our group continues to meet weekly on Thursdays at 7pm at The Bridge. Our group meets weekly, Thursday at 7pm at The Bridge. Attendance is steady with a variety of women sharing their experience, strength and hope.
We recently had an annual workday where we reviewed our meeting outline, procedures and service positions for appropriate adjustments. We have 10 active group level service positions, all are 2-year commitments, with half of the positions rotating annually.
We are also in the process of creating a second women's meeting to read the big book and plain language big book together. More details to come! Save the date for our annual women's workshop - 2/1/2025. As the event grows, we are relocating to Calvary Lutheran Church. Service opportunities available as the planning stage is in full swing. Our group requests the position description for the district accessibilities chair to be added to the district website. We also request the removal of the word "hierarchy" as there is no hierarchy in AA. An alternative suggestion is to rename it AA General Service Structure or something similar.

Sam J- New Hope Group - Saturday 9:00am at the Micah Center in Green - Bay Big Book Meeting - Closed Big Book Meeting. We're now upstairs. *No written report*

Nancy S – Came to Believe - Spiritual Awakening Wed closed zoom meeting at 9:30. *No written report*

Lucas H - Lunch Bunch - Thursday Noon at the Micah Center in Green Bay- Big Book Meeting. meeting attendance varies from 4-10+. *No written report*

Mary B – Saturday Sober Sisters - Zoom – Meets @ 8:30 am to 9:30am. *Our attendance varies from 15 to 20 people

*We have a member involved in corrections
*And one involved with the hot line
*We have new ladies attending
*We celebrate sober birthdays
*And, we are doing well
*Thank you for letting me be of service.

Tom S – Road to Recovery **–** 5:30pm Mondays at the 218 Club (Back Room) – *No written report*

Kimberly P – BYOBB – *No written report*

Sean S – There is a Solution – Saturdays, 8:00am @ The Bridge. *No written report*

Tom – Fisherman's Paradise – Tuesdays; 8pm @ St John the Baptist Church. *No written report*

Eric V – Recovery Crusaders – 8:00 a.m. Sunday @ Nativity of Lord Church. *No written report*

Brett – Early Birds – Sundays 7:30am at the 218 Club. The 7:30 a.m. *No written report*

Erceal – Never on Sunday **–** The Bridge 9:30am Sundays. *No written report*

Sean M – Early Risers **–** Saturday 8 a.m. @ St. John the Baptist Church. (Cardinal Ln. and Glendale Ave. in Howard. Early Riser's is a closed meeting that continues to grow and connects our fellowship every Saturday year-round opening each calendar month with a step study, open discussion, tradition meeting, with a guest speaker on the last Saturday. Just for today: I will think about the consequences of my actions before I take them.

Bill - Tues 12:05 How It works group - *No written report*

Bobby L – The Serenity Now Group of AA**–** Calvary Lutheran Church every Mon., Wed., & Fri. from 12:00 to 1 p.m. *No written report*

Linda V – Zoom into Recovery **–** meets 7 days a week at 300 PM. *No written report*

Donna Y– Letting Go – Meeting Thurs. 1 p.m. @ 218. Thursday, at 218. Our group typically has 12-15 members, with sobriety ranging from 1 month to 45 years. We're planning another social event for the holidays to celebrate our journey and support each other.

Brian – Walk with us – 9:30am Thursdays The Bridge - *No written report*

Lucas H – The Open Speaker Meeting – Wed. 7 p.m. @ 218 Club. *No written report*

District Chair Reports

DCM Report Mike N –
As I write this, I am preparing to depart early Friday morning to represent you as your DCM, and also Area 74 as CPC Committee Chair at the National Conference on Corrections in Charlotte,

NC, November 8-10. I hope to be able to prepare a full report prior to the District Meeting on November 14th. Regretfully, I was informed last week that my roommate attending the Conference representing Area 74 Corrections, Kevin "Hawk" Mahoney, passed away October 23rd. Hawk spent much of his 42 years of sobriety 'jazzed' in the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, particularly in the Area of Corrections. Let's remember him now in silent prayer.

November 2024 District Events

- November 8th 2nd Annual Gratitude Panel/Ice Cream Social, 6-8pm, Nativity of Our Lord Church, 2270 S. Oneida, Door #6.
- November 14th, District 01 GSR Meeting, 6:30pm Nativity of Our Lord Church, 2270 S. Oneida Door #4.
- November 16th, WICYPAA Bake Auction, 12-3pm, The Bridge, 2514 Jenny Ln. Fellowship, Ice cream, 50/50. Speaker Panel on Step 11, $5 suggested donation.
- November 23rd, Sobriety During the Holidays, 8-9:30am open Meeting & Panel discussion, The Bridge.
- November 28th, HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 10am Gratitude Meeting, 218 Club, 218 S. Oneida, all day fellowship.
- December 25th, MERRY CHRISTMAS! 10am Closed Gratitude Meeting followed by fellowship and food, open to all. 218 Club, 218 S. Oneida.
- January 25th, District 01 Intergroup, Redeemer Lutheran Gymnasium, 210 S. Oneida. Doors open at 4:30pm, dinner 5-6pm, speakers at 6, raffle at 8. For service opportunities call Greg L. 920-373-5877.

District Events – Greg L - The District 1 Intergroup planning committee has been making progress and having fun at our meetings. We have 6 members attending regularly with more members contributing outside of the meetings. This committee had previously met on Tuesday 10/22 and Monday 11/4 at 6pm.
Our next scheduled meeting is Monday 11/18 at 6pm. Mary has been a gracious host as we are holding these meetings at her home.
The committee has lined up the AA Speaker for an event and is close to having the Al-Anon Speaker signed up also. Andy is going to be the MC for the event.
We have a lot of work to do but we are continuously making progress.
The former Events Chair, Melanie, gave us all of her very thorough notes from last year's Intergroup which have been a huge resource to guide our committee.

On Friday 11/8, District 1 held its 2nd annual Gratitude - Ice cream Social Event at Nativity Church. This year's open event was attended by members from AA, Al-Anon, their family members and their friends. This group was approximately 50 people in attendance.
We had great support in planning, setting up, and cleaning up for the event.
The Gratitude speaker panel each carried strongly the message of AA. We thank them for their service.
Thank you to Mark for taking the lead in making this event possible.
Thank you to Miller Bill for being the MC of this event.

I'm very proud to have this opportunity to serve with you all at the district level.

Anyone interested in joining our Intergroup planning committee, anyone with an idea for an event, anyone at any time is welcome to reach out to me.

Secretary – Brooke – Motion for October 2024 Minutes and seconded by Erceal. October 2024 Minutes approved; Motion carried.

Treasurer -Paul –Motion to approve October 2024 Treasurer Report by William and seconded by Mark; October 2024 Budget Approved, motion carried.

PCMCU Bank Account

AA District One Treasurer's Report

For The Period Ended October 31, 2024

Starting Balance $11,550.42

Deposits

Cash 18-Oct District Meeting $44.00 Check 8-Oct Early Risers Donation $170.00 Check 8-Oct Recovery Crusaders Donation $108.75 Check 29-Oct 218 Club Donation $100.00

Sub-Total $422.75 31-Oct Dividend $0.88

Sub-Total $0.88 **Total** $423.63

Disbursements

18-Oct Cash Nativity - Rent $22.00 17-Oct DC T-Mobile Hot Line $20.00 21-Oct DC Creative Outdoor Marketing Bus Ad $215.25 23-Oct DC Siteground Hosting Web $297.75

2-Oct CK1055 The Woods Golf Club $1,920.00 2-Oct CK1062 Drew Jepsen $27.00 2-Oct CK1063 Andy Hetzel $27.00 XX 9-Oct CK1064 DigiCopy $114.17

12-Oct CK1065 Deb P. - CPC Exp $60.50 14-Oct CK1066 Sue Druckery - Intergroup Deposit $75.00 XX

Sub-Total $2,778.67 218 Club $746.00

New Hope Group $210.00

Less Reimbursements-Literature $956.00

Sub-Total

Account Transfers From Literature

Corrections $13.00

Total $956.00

Balance Net of Uncashed Checks $10,151.38 **Uncashed Checks** X $102.00

Bank Balance $10,253.38 **Less Prudent Reserve** $1,300.00

Net Available Funds $8,851.38

Submitted by: Paul K.
Date: November 14,2024

Website/Newsletter report – Andy -

- **Website**: Nothing new to report on the website currently.
- **Newsletter:** Nothing new to report on the newsletter at this time.
- **Meeting List**: The meeting list is set and has been for some time, but it is probably important to note that there are changes (and cancellations) of meetings from time to time. The print meeting list that is printed and distributed on the first of the month can have some inaccurate information during the month if meetings change or go get cancelled, so please always keep in mind that the meetings on the website (*as well as the digital PDF meeting list document*) are always updated in real time so those are always accurate to within 24 hours. Please see me with any questions you may have on this.

Literature – Doug –

Announcing: a new book from AAWS on sale November 1, 2024

The *Plain Language Big Book* is a tool to help readers understand the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, which

was first published in 1939. This new book is designed so that the A.A. Twelve Step program of recovery from alcoholism may be easily understood and accessible by all people who have a desire to stop drinking.

Members of A.A. fondly call the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous* "the Big Book." It is the basic text of the A.A. program. The *Plain Language Big Book* has been written to present the original ideas and same spiritual message of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

This new text is not intended to replace the much beloved Big Book. Rather, the *Plain Language Big Book* is a book crafted over several years by A.A. members and publishing professionals to support alcoholics on the path to recovery. The book is intended to help people who have a problem with alcohol gain access to A.A.'s lifesaving message.

For years, A.A. members have expressed a need for a *Plain Language Big Book*. Based on the shared experience of A.A. members, some people may not have regular contact with other A.A. members to help them understand the A.A.

program of recovery and the specific vocabulary as it is used throughout the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Other people have a hard time reading, especially books that were written long ago. This *Plain Language Big Book* is written in simpler language to support readers in their recovery.

This book is published in accordance with Advisory Actions passed by substantial unanimity of the General Service Conference (GSC) of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 2021, the 71st GSC advised that this book be developed. Progress reports, then sample chapters were reviewed at the 72nd and 73rd GSCs. The final draft of the *Plain Language Big Book* was reviewed and approved by substantial unanimity at the 74th GSC, in April 2024. This process and outcome adopts this text as Conference Approved Literature.

The *Plain Language Big Book* covers the core content of what is the "abridged version" (the edition without personal stories) of the original Big Book.

Readers are also encouraged to seek out the current edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* and meet with A.A. members to support their own individual paths of recovery from alcoholism.

The *Plain Language Big Book* is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

PLAIN LANGUAGE
BIG BOOK: A Tool for Reading *Alcoholics Anonymous* •
Publication (on-sale) date: November 1, 2024

- **List Price $11.**
- **Item B-90**
- **192 pages; 8 ½' x 11"**
- **Softcover format with flaps**

Literature Available from District 01

Plain Language Big Book is now available. See attached flyer.

District 01 holds an inventory of most AA literature that is published by General Services in New York, NY. The price we charge is the same price charged by the General Service office. The books are stocked locally and can be ordered by contacting your GSR or the literature chairperson directly at literature@greenbayaa.org , or contacting me directly via text or phone at 920-590-3684. Literature can be delivered to the monthly GSR meeting at Nativity of our Lord parish or can be arranged to deliver to either the 218 club, the Bridge, or Calvary meetings.

District chairpersons are welcome to order any literature for their committees. The cost of the literature can be charged directly to the committee's budget and there is no need for payment.

We also have a literature display that is available to all groups for use at events. We have many pamphlets and books in a tabletop display. Please contact the literature chairperson directly to arrange.

Grapevine – **OPEN**

Men's Corrections – **Mark F** – No written report

Women's Corrections – Veronica K/Mary Lou – We have 16 Volunteers which allows us to have 3 women per week for the meeting. We have had 10-12 inmates attending the meeting. We are starting to see an interest in the girls filling out the Bridging the Gap forms. I ordered more Big books from Doug to bring into the meeting and pamphlets.

Bridging the Gap – Tony P –-It has been a busy and exciting month for Bridging the Gap. Although we have received sporadic requests to Bridging the Gap, the past month has seen six bridging the gap requests from corrections. We have an enthusiastic committee of letter writers who have been writing letters to the incarcerated persons.

After a two month slowdown, the Willow Creek "mentorship" program is in full gear again. We have several people who have gone into Willow Creek and spoke with individuals at the facility in the last month.

Bellin psychiatric has requested assistance from people in recovery. We are hoping the recovery community will be able to assist them as soon as possible.

If anyone is interested in any of these Bridging the Gap opportunities, please contact me.

CPC – Deb P. – Each month the CPC Committee members continue to reach out to current and new agencies regarding their need for additional information regarding Alcoholics Anonymous. This month we reached out to the churches that host AA meetings at their facilities. I continue to attend the monthly Area 74 and GSO PI/CPC working group meetings that take place virtually each month. I also attend the monthly Brown County Drug and Alcohol Coalition meetings.

P.I. – Glenn S.- No written report

Archives – **Jeff E. –**No written report

Hotline – Mark – *Not present.* No written report.

Accessibilities – **OPEN**

Structures and Guidelines – Lauren Z – I have started the process of printing all of the meeting minutes starting in November 2020, when the last update to the district bylaws was documented. I have one volunteer to assist with reviewing the minutes to determine what actions were approved. This is the beginning stage and will provide further information once we have the list compiled.

Subcommittee for NFL Draft -Tom N - No written report

Old Business

- Open positions: Accessibilities/Grapevine/Alt DCM
- Update on 2025 International Convention: there is space, tickets, hotels, etc
- New Meetings at Bellin Psych/NEW Shelter: any information wanted contact Debbie

New Business

- William announced that he is stepping down from the Alt DCM position, we thank him for his service to Green Bay AA and wish him well!
- Letter of non-compete for 2026 Green Bay bid for ICYPAA: Lauren Z spoke about the lengths that the WICYPAA committee is going to to have Green Bay be the site of the 2026 ICYPAA and that a letter from the DCM (Mike) of District 1 for a non-compete would be beneficial. Lauren explained the history of YPAA: YPAA is growing in district 1. We have started a 2nd YPAA meeting which is a big book meeting and it has seen increasing attendance each week. We are in the process of bringing a YPAA meeting into Libertas, thanks Debbie for getting us connected! **Young People in AA (YPAA) What is "YPAA"?** Young People's Groups in Alcoholics Anonymous began appearing around 1945 in Los Angeles, Cleveland, and Philadelphia, and can now be found across the globe. In 1958, a meeting of young AA's from across the U.S. and Canada started what is now the International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (ICYPAA), and it has met on an annual basis ever since. At the 1960 AA Convention, Bill W. noted that the age of new members was much lower than when he and Dr. Bob founded AA 25 years earlier. In a letter to ICYPAA dated June 15, 1969, Bill wrote *"... in recent years I have found nothing for greater inspiration than the knowledge that A.A. of tomorrow will be safe, and certainly magnificent, in the keeping of you who are the younger generation of A.A. today."* Mike stated that he would write a non-compete letter stating that District 1 would not hold any events within 30 days of the bid date.
- International Convention info July 3-6, 2025, in Vancouver B.C. please be aware that it is International and sometimes that comes with challenges but that there are hotels and tickets available, it is also available on Zoom.
- FY 2025 Budget review: each Chair needs to get their budget to Paul by 11/30/24; The Budget meeting will be in December, come prepared to have a firm budget for all Chair positions. Speaking of Budget Paul mentioned that Doug, the Literature Chair, has been doing a wonderful job at keeping up with the large demand of the District literature as well as building the enormous inventory and keeping it all within his budget, great job Doug!
- Understanding the Accessibilities Chair position: should Doug bring the explanations for all Chair positions from AA.org? There are explanations on each chair position and how they can best serve AA. Accessibilities includes helping with people with disabilities or physical needs, providing help with language barriers, and things of that nature to be able to help the person have access to an AA meeting.

Motion to close: 8:06pm

Close with Lord's Prayer