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Greetings District 02

Now that I am sober and practicing a recovery program, I can be present and enjoy these beautiful Wisconsin summer days. Recently at a meeting, we read Step 10 from the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (aka the 12 x 12).

I am grateful for the extended explanation of continuing to take personal inventory and, when we were wrong, promptly admitted it. Now that my alcohol hangovers are over, how do I handle my emotional hangovers? Taking a spot check inventory can regroup me and identify those character defects that popped up—remembering that the only thing I can control is my part of a situation that bothers me.

At the end of the day, completing another inventory (especially when calm) can further my understanding of what caused the emotional upheaval. Talking with my sponsor or another trusted friend about the situation gives me perspective.

These tools create self-awareness and personal growth – an even greater reward, a closer relationship with my spiritual creator. Cleaning house, once done, gives me peace. Have a safe and enjoyable month of June!

Stay Close,

Kendra R., DCM | District 02, Area 74 | Rule 62 Advocate | dcm@district02aa.org



District 02 Meeting Minutes for May

On May 7, 2023, a hybrid District meeting was conducted at St Marks Church located at 140 S Green Bay Rd. Neenah, WI, with a total of 23 attendees, comprising 15 in-person and 8 virtual participants. The meeting commenced at 2 p.m. with a moment of silence, which was followed by the recitation of the Serenity Prayer. During the meeting, DCM Kendra provided an overview of general housekeeping, welcomed new members, and invited introductions of guests and new GSRs.

GSRs

Sheila- The Wednesday Big Book study building has been sold to a home school music and theatre organization. As a result, the name of the location will be changing. We will be submitting this change to Trevor for record-keeping purposes.

Shelly - The attendance for Just for Today Thursday Night is consistently strong, with frequent visits from newcomers.

Barb - Thanks to Trevor, the Design for Living meeting at Prince of Peace in Appleton now has an updated meeting list that suits their requirements. Additionally, they recently held elections for the positions that were due, including the greeter.

Cindy - The Search for Serenity meeting on Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. at First Congregation is currently experiencing low attendance. We kindly request your support to help the group during this time.

James - In Seymour, the Thursday night meeting has a dedicated core group that has been meeting regularly. They have been discussing the creation of a Facebook page for the group. Additionally, they are currently planning for the intergroup event which is scheduled for July 22nd.

Twelve Traditions & Twelve Concepts

The Twelve Traditions were read by Matt and the Twelve Concepts were read by Jeff. The minutes from the March and April meetings have been approved.

Officer Reports

Secretary: Amanda C.

To ensure prompt delivery of the notes to John, I kindly request all committee chairs and GSRs to submit their reports to me by the Tuesday following the District meeting.

Treasurer: Digger

Barry made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, which was seconded by Steve. The motion carried.

LCMs

Subdistrict A: Jane. No report

Subdistrict B: Dale. No Report

Subdistrict C: James. No report.

Subdistrict D: Brad. No report.

Subdistrict E: Open

Subdistrict F: Open

Archives: Open

Grapevine: Steve.

The display has been set up at Moose and Goose, and literature has been ordered to restock the supply of Grapevine materials. The committee is currently seeking volunteers to serve on it.

Bridging the Gap: Jeff.

I am monitoring Box 704 and ensuring that forms are stocked in all facilities. I have been involved with Bridging the Gap for a long time, and if anyone is interested in taking over as part of the "rotation of service," please let me know.

Newsletter: John. No report.

Web Master: Trevor F. No Report

Treatment & Accessibilities: Rita. No Report

May 7th, 2023 Meeting Minutes Continued

Corrections: Jeff.

On April 1st, we held our last Correction Committee meeting at the Genesis Club to discuss the state of corrections in District 02. Eight of us attended, which is one of our best-attended meetings since I started in this role.

Please join us at the next corrections committee meeting on June 10th at 11:00 AM at the Genesis Club in Appleton.

We reviewed our seven facilities in District 02 and found that we have enough supplies except for the Winnebago County jail. We are waiting on an order of small Big Books from the central office. If anyone has any immediate needs, please get in touch with me directly.

We now have a flyer (see attachment) shared at the district meeting yesterday, as volunteers continue to be our most significant need. Please share this flyer at your meetings. (Our flyer did not make it to the May newsletter, but I will make sure I get it to the next one.)

We talked about our current funds of \$993.27, a possible future workshop, and our correction literature budget. The correction literature budget was spent down to \$113.89 before prices increased.

Urgent Volunteer needs:

Winnebago County Jail, 4311 Jackson St, Oshkosh, Men's Meetings: Wednesday @ 7:00 PM Women's Meetings: Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM
D.A.C.C. – Drug Abuse Correctional Center, 4280 N. Sherman Road, Winnebago, Men's Meetings: Thursdays at 6:00 PM, 2nd & 4th Friday of the month at 6:30 PM and Saturdays at 2:25 PM (Women Volunteers are welcome)
W.C.C. – Winnebago Correctional Center 4300 Sherman Rd, Winnebago, Men: Wednesday 6:30 PM (Women Volunteers Welcome)
Calumet County Jail, 206 Court St, Chilton, can help on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Please get in touch with Buzz L. at zbuzz2002@yahoo.com (This is our most accessible facility to enter and may only require a driver's license.)
WRC - Wisconsin Recourse Center on 1505 North Drive in Oshkosh has asked me in an email if we can bring meetings into their facility for the first time since COVID. This was a Tuesday evening 6:30 meeting. With our current shortage of volunteers, I may have to let them know that we cannot do this now. We will discuss this further on June 10th.

Public Information: Barry B.

The PI committee met on April 20, 2023, via Zoom. There were six members in attendance. The March minutes were read and approved.

Old Business:

Card distribution update – Committee members continue distributing cards to district businesses and institutions.

Recovery Fest is 9/10/2023 at Solutions. We will again staff a booth at the event.

PI example, Facebook pages were distributed to GSRs and Committee chairs. These will be discussed and voted on hopefully today.

We also plan on doing another round of Little Lending Libraries to replace Grapevine magazines that have been borrowed.

We are also considering doing the same at doctor's offices where magazines are allowed into the facility. We are waiting for a little warmer weather to perform this work.

Another project would be to put Hotline cards in hotels, motels, and some businesses in the district.

I have heard from 2 of the 3 fairs in our district. I have filled out and applied for the Winnebago County Fair to be held August 2-6 in Oshkosh. I created a Signup Genius for volunteers who would like to staff the booth and will provide the link to sign up shortly. We will be hosting in 3-hour increments (9-noon, noon-3, and 3-6, except Sunday, which will not have the 3-6 PM slot. I have contacted the Calumet County Fair and will receive the application in the mail shortly. That fair is held on Labor Day weekend (September 1-3 (Friday thru Sunday).

New Business:

The committee voted to continue to hold our meetings via Zoom. I am still seeking an individual willing to stand for the Public Information chair for District 2 for the next rotation. Anyone willing to stand, please get in touch with me.

DCM: Kendra.

The 2023 Area 74 Spring Conference is just around the corner, and there is still time to register for this event. The conference is conveniently located in Green Bay, making it accessible for many of us to attend. Our Delegate, Bryon B., will be providing his report of the AA General Service Conference, so please take the time to hear his message of the informed group conscience of our AA membership. We want to express our gratitude to those AA members who participated in the Delegates Workshop in March and attended the April Assembly. Your participation is significant! The conference will be held from May 19-21, 2023, at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center at 2040 Airport Dr, Green Bay. The registration fee is \$20, and you can find the conference flyer at <https://area74.org/conferences/>.

May 7th, 2023 Meeting Minutes Continued

Old Business

Open positions - LCM E, LCM F and Archives. There were no nominations and these positions carried over.

It was emphasized that GSRs were expected to bring the example pages of the Facebook mock-ups. The committee clarified that the Facebook page was purely informational and prohibited posting. Additionally, the like button may be removed. Mike raised concerns about another District 02 page already existing and whether it would need to be clarified for people. In response, Trevor explained that our page was more of an informational page than a private one where people could post. The committee agreed to contact the owner of the existing page to see if it could be taken down. Amanda motioned that the Public Information Committee proceeds with publishing the Facebook page as presented in the April Newsletter, which is purely informational. James seconded the motion, and it was passed.

The Guidelines for Consideration

1. Definition of Terms

District Committee Member Currently reads: District Committee Member (D.C.M.) is defined in the A.A. Service Manual as follows: "He or she is a G.S.R. elected by the other G.S.R.s to represent the groups of their district in area committee meetings and coordinate service activities in the district. Suggest replacing it with "The heart of A.A. is the group, which elects a general service representative (G.S.R.). The G.S.R. attends district meetings that are made up of the groups in that district. The G.S.R.s elect a district committee member (D.C.M.). Thus, the D.C.M. is the vital link between the group's G.S.R. and the area service structure, including the area's delegate to the General Service Conference." From the A.A. Pamphlet Your D.C.M. F-12 Reasoning: Original content is no longer valid.

2. Article III: D.C.M., L.C.M.s, and District Officers and Duties, Section 1.00

Currently reads: The duties of the District Committee Member (D.C.M.) and the Alternate D.C.M are described in Chapter 3 of the A.A. service manual. Update to read: The duties & responsibilities of the District Committee Member (D.C.M.) and the Alternate D.C.M are described in the A.A. Service Manual. Reasoning: Chapters in the A.A. service manual can change. This leaves it general yet directs us to the A.A. Service Manual resource.

3. Article III: D.C.M., L.C.M.s, and District Officers and Duties, Section 6.00

Currently reads: The L.C.M.'s job is a two-way communication link between the District and the G.S.R.s in the Local Committee Members' sub-districts, and the L.C.M.s are responsible to the D.C.M. The L.C.M.s regularly attend all district meetings. They receive reports from the groups through G.S.R.s and frequent personal contact with groups in their sub-districts. They may hold special meetings of all G.S.R.s in their subdistricts. They help the D.C.M. cover the District, which would be impossible for the D.C.M. to do on a group-to-group basis. They provide groups with "Group Change Forms" and generally assist the D.C.M. in obtaining group information. They keep the groups and G.S.R.s informed about District activities and make sure that G.S.R.s are acquainted with The A.A. Service Manual, Twelve Concepts for World Service, the G.S.O. bulletin, Box 459, the Twelve Traditions, workbooks and guidelines from G.S.O., and other service material. They help the G.S.R.s make reports to their groups and encourage them to bring new A.A. members to district service events. They keep groups informed about Conference-approved books and pamphlets. They regularly keep in touch with the D.C.M. and bring Traditions problems to the attention of the D.C.M. They also regularly practice talking to groups, new and old, about the responsibilities of general service work and its rewards, as well as helping groups elect a G.S.R. and other service positions. The L.C.M.s assist new groups with A.A. catalogs, recommended literature, and books. L.C.M.s also help the groups develop a well-informed group conscience on matters affecting the group or A.A. as a whole, encouraging the use of A.A. Traditions and Concepts to achieve harmony. Update to read: "The L.C.M.'s job is primarily that of a two-way communication link between the District and the G.S.R.s in the Local Committee Members' sub-districts, and the L.C.M.s are responsible to the D.C.M. The L.C.M.s regularly attend all district meetings." Reasoning: each D.C.M. is different in the way they facilitate the District. If we list these in the guidelines, then we are limiting flexibility. Second, the A.A. Service Manual offers suggestions on Role & Responsibilities for D.C.M.s, listed in the service manual, are common, but not all districts take on all those tasks. Third, L.C.M.s should not replace the voice of the group, the G.S.R., reporting back on the G.S.R.'s/Group's behalf.

4. Article I: Membership; Section 2.00 Voting Membership; Section 2.04

Currently reads: L.C.M.s are each afforded one vote. Update to read: L.C.M.s are non-voting members of District 02 Reasoning: If the L.C.M.s report to the D.C.M., their vote is duplicated and could interfere with G.S.R. votes at the district level. The L.C.M.s should not replace the voice of the group, the G.S.R.

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New Business

Budget - Kendra said that committee chairs should review their budgets periodically throughout the year. This helps determine if committees require additional funds and if the allocated budgets are effectively utilized. Kendra emphasized the importance of transparency with groups by informing them about how the District spends its donated money.

Lastly, please mark your calendars for the **next District meeting on Sunday June 11th, 2023, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2230 E Calumet St. Appleton WI.**

Thank you for your ongoing support and participation in District 02. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

District 02 Monthly Financial Report – April 2023

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Tom “Digger” A., District 02 Treasurer

District 02 Meeting and Agenda June 11, 2023

Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer
Twelve Traditions---Twelve Concepts

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Treasurer's Report – Digger

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- a. GSRs
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- d. Grapevine – Steve
- e. Corrections – Jeff R.
 - 1. Bridging the Gap – Jeff R.
- f. Newsletter – John W.
- g. Public Information – Barry B.
 - 1. Webmaster – Trevor
- h. Treatment – Rita R.
- i. DCM – Kendra R.

Old Business:

- Open positions – LCM-E and LCM-F; Archives; Corrections BTG
- Facebook Page for District 02
- District 02 Guidelines Amendments for consideration
- Printed Newsletter

New Business:

- Frequency of Area 74 Assemblies/ACMs

The Next District Meeting is Sunday, July 9, Solutions Recovery, 621 Evans St, Oshkos

Please Note

Please check the District 02 Website, your email, or the District 02 - to verify current meeting situations (hybrid, in-person, cancelled, etc.)

June 2023 Listings

**First Sunday of the month, June 11th,
District Meeting at 2 p.m.**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
2330 E Calumet St, Appleton WI
1:00 pm - GSR Roundtable
2:00 pm - Meeting

NOTE: This will be a hybrid meeting.

Meeting ID: 875-9555-4987

Password: 844696

**First Friday of the month, June 2nd,
Potluck at 6 p.m., Open AA Speaker Meeting at
7 pm**

Genesis Club, 1213 Appleton St, Appleton, WI.
Please bring a dish to pass.

NOTE: This is a in-person meeting

**Second Sunday of the month, June 11th,
7 p.m., Open AA Speaker Meeting**

First Congregational Church,
724 E South River St., Appleton, WI.

NOTE: This is a hybrid meeting.

Meeting ID: 897-8011-3671

Password: 027543

**Third Friday of the month, June 16th,
8 p.m., Open AA Speaker Meeting**

Peace United Methodist,
2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna, WI.
AI-Anon Speaker if available

NOTE: This is a in-person meeting

**Last Sunday of the month, June 25th, 10 a.m.,
Open Speaker Meeting**

St. Elizabeths
1506 S Oneida St, Appleton WI

**Last Sunday of the month, June 25th, 7p.m.,
Open Speaker Meeting**

Solutions Recovery,
621 Evans St, Oshkosh, WI.

NOTE: This is a in-person meeting

July 2023 Listings

**Second Sunday of the month, July 9th,
District Meeting at 2 p.m.**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
2330 E Calumet St, Appleton WI
1:00 pm - GSR Roundtable
2:00 pm - Meeting

NOTE: This will be a hybrid meeting.

Meeting ID: 875-9555-4987

Password: 844696

**First Friday of the month, July 7th,
Potluck at 6 pm., Open AA Speaker Meeting at
7 p.m.**

Genesis Club, 1213 Appleton St, Appleton, WI.
Please bring a dish to pass.

NOTE: This is a in-person meeting

**Second Sunday of the month, July 9th,
7 p.m., Open AA Speaker Meeting**

First Congregational Church,
724 E South River St., Appleton, WI.

NOTE: This is a hybrid meeting.

Meeting ID: 897-8011-3671

Password: 027543

**Third Friday of the month, July 21st,
8 p.m., Open AA Speaker Meeting**

Peace United Methodist,
2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna, WI.
AI-Anon Speaker if available

NOTE: This is a in-person meeting

**Last Sunday of the month, July 30th, 10 a.m.,
Open Speaker Meeting**

St. Elizabeths
1506 S Oneida St, Appleton WI

**Last Sunday of the month, July 30th, 7 p.m.,
Open Speaker Meeting**

Solutions Recovery,
621 Evans St, Oshkosh, WI.

NOTE: This is an in-person Meeting

District 02 Committee Information

Archives Committee - Responsible for the collection and care of archival documents and items for the District.

Archives Chair: Char. archives@district02aa.org

Corrections Committee - Carries the message behind the walls.

Corrections Chair: Jeff R. corrections@district02aa.org

Literature Representative: None.

Bridging the Gap—Corrections: Jeff R.
(same Corrections email)

Grapevine Committee - Relays information about the Grapevine magazine and other information to groups via their GVRs.

Grapevine Chair: Steve. grapevine@district02aa.org

Public Information Committee - Provides information about AA to general public and responsible for District Website.

Public Information Chair: Barry B.
publicinfo@district02aa.org

Newsletter Committee - Medium for communication of District business and events to groups, GSRs, and individual members.

Newsletter Chair: John W. newsletter@district02aa.org

Treatment & Accessibilities Committee - Helps others make the transition from Treatment to Recovery in AA.

Treatment Chair: Rita. tfc@district02aa.org

Bridging the Gap—Treatment: Open
(same treatment email)

AA Website Addresses and Other Contacts

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Visit District Website

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Contact: **DCM** Kendra R.

secretary@district02aa.org:

Contact: **Secretary** Amanda C

treasurer@district02aa.org:

Contact: **District Treasurer** Tom A.

support@district02aa.org:

Contact: **Webmaster** Trevor F.

www.area74.org:

Visit Area 74 website

www.aa.org:

Visit AA International Website

AA DONATIONS

DISTRICT 02 TREASURY
P.O. Box 2632 Appleton, WI 54912

AREA 74 TREASURY

Area 74 Treasury
P.O. Box 171 Manistique, MI 49854

GSO

James A Farley Station
P.O. Box 2407 New York, NY 10116
212-870-3023

OTHER DONATIONS

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1528 North Ballard Road, Suite 16
Appleton, WI 54911
920-997-0221

Fox Valley Hotline

Joe S. (Coordinator) P.O. Box
2382 Appleton, WI 54912

Oshkosh Helpline

920-410-4620

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414-690-4991

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*We are currently seeking men and women to carry the message of AA behind the walls.
We share our experience, strength, and hope with other alcoholics who are currently incarcerated.*

AA Service Opportunities in Various District 02 Jails and Institutions

Outagamie County Jail, Appleton
Winnebago County Jail, Oshkosh
D.A.C.C – Drug Abuse Correctional Center, Oshkosh
O.S.C.I. – Oshkosh State Correctional Institution
Calumet County Jail, Chilton
WCC – Winnebago Correctional Center, Oshkosh
WRC – Wisconsin Resource Center, Oshkosh

Bring AA to the general population inside both county and state-run correctional facilities, where those populations cannot attend outside AA meetings.

If interested in volunteering and carrying the message behind the walls:
email corrections@district02aa.org





We welcome you to support a new AA
Open Topic Meeting "Our Southern Friend"

Located at: Changing Lanes
Alano Club

344 Broadway St.
Wrightstown, WI 54180

Wednesday's
7:00pm



THIS IS A CLOSED DISCUSSION MEETING.



Seymour Intergroup
Saturday July 22, 2023

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
349 N. Main Street, Seymour

Doors open @ 4:30pm, Dinner @ 6pm

Hot sandwiches provided,

We are a small group so please bring a side dish to share.

Don't come alone, bring a friend or two..

Meeting starts @ 7:00

AA Speaker: Sara P Porterfield, WI

Alanon Speaker: (TBA)

Door Prizes & Fellowship

Air Conditioned....Wheel Chair Accessable Coffee, Soda & Water available

50/50 raffle

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