

District 02 NEWSLETTER

Alcoholics Anonymous

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Greetings District 02

Need a service position to complete your A.A. triangle? We will be voting for the following open positions at the September district meeting. Available service opportunities:

- Archives Chair
- Grapevine Chair
- Newsletter Chair
- Public Information Chair
- Local Committee Members (L.C.M.s) – six different positions: Appleton, Genesis Club, Northern Groups, Eastern Groups, Northern Winnebago, Southern Winnebago
- Treatment & Accessibilities Chair

The Two-year commitment starts in January 2024. Please get in touch with me if you want additional information on these positions.

The District Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 12th, 2023, @ 2:00 pm, located at Changing Lanes, 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown.

Stay Close,

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



District 02 Meeting Minutes for September

On September 10, 2023, the hybrid District meeting was held at the Peace United Methodist Church located at 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna, WI with a total of 22 attendees, comprising 16 in-person and 6 virtual participants. The meeting commenced at 2 p.m. with a moment of silence, which was followed by the recitation of the Serenity Prayer. To start the meeting, DCM Kendra provided an overview of general housekeeping, welcomed new members, and invited introductions of guests and new GSRs.

GSRs

Rachel - We had our business meeting on July 4th at 6:00 PM. During the meeting, we held a vote and decided to make our semiannual 7th tradition disbursements. We will send \$100 to the Oshkosh hotline and \$50 each to GSO, AREA, and District. Additionally, we voted to increase our Grapevine subscriptions for the club from 10 magazines to 15. This decision was made because we have seen an increase in attendance at the two Grapevine meetings held at the Algoma Club. Furthermore, we were grateful to receive a donation of about 50 Grapevines from one of our members. These Grapevines were donated to the Winnebago County Jail and were delivered on July 5th.

Twelve Traditions & Twelve Concepts

The Twelve Traditions were read by Jane and the Twelve Concepts were read by Maggie. A motion was made by Barb and seconded by Jane to approve the August meeting minutes. A motion was made by Jeff and seconded by Barb to approve the July meeting minutes with the following changes made down below.

Jane made a comment to change, "Card distribution update: committee members continue to postcards to district businesses and institutions" to "Card distribution update: committee members continue to post hotline cards to district businesses and institutions."

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 inquired about the possibility of posting the expense forms on the district 02 website for easy access by anyone needing to fill them out. Digger assured Barry that it would be feasible to add them to the website or alternatively, to simply scan or text the receipts to the treasurer.

Jane enquired about why Fox Valley Central Office paid the district \$36. Digger explained that the payment was for the production of the Meatin' Eatin' flyer. Kendra raised a question as to why we charged them if we were not physically printing the flyers.

A motion was made by Barry and seconded by Jane to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

LCMs

Subdistrict A: Jane. Design for Living Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m.. Four groups, including this one, are collaborating to hold an intergroup event. Details of the event can be found in their in-person flyers as well as in the September/October newsletter. The intergroup will take place on November 11th. Please bring a dish to pass and a non-perishable food item for St. Joseph Food Pantry. There has been a lot of newcomers and growing attendance at these meetings.

Subdistrict B: Dale. The AA Groups at the Genesis Club will hold our quarterly business meeting in Arne's Room this Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. We are thrilled to report a recent surge in attendance across all our meetings. However, two GSRs have recently stepped down, and we are currently working on getting their positions filled again. The vacant positions are for Anita K. from the Monday night 7:30 p.m. meeting and Brian P. from the 6:30 a.m. meeting on weekdays (Monday through Friday).

Subdistrict C: James. No report.

Subdistrict D: Brad. No report.

Subdistrict E: Open

Subdistrict F: Open

Archives: Open

Grapevine: Steve. No Report.

Bridging the Gap: Jeff. I continue to watch Box 704 and stock forms in all facilities. If anyone is interested in stepping into this position, please let me know.

Newsletter: John. No report.

Web Master: Trevor F.

September 10th, 2023 Meeting Minutes Continued

Corrections: Jeff.

At the September District meeting, two of us met at Peace United Methodist Church in Kaukauna at 12:30 PM to discuss multiple book donations and the current financial standing of the AA Groups. As of the meeting, the AA Group's balance is \$935.34, and corrections literature is \$747.44. Additionally, the district owes \$361 for books purchased on 9/8/23.

During the meeting, the attendees suggested moving the corrections meeting to the Sunday before the district meeting to increase attendance. We intend to test this approach at the November district meeting and will request other committees to join them in posting the dates/times in the newsletter each month via a new flyer. October's correction meeting will still be held on Saturday, October 7th, at 11:00 AM at the Appleton Genesis Club. Anyone who wishes to provide their opinions is encouraged to attend or reply to this email.

We also reviewed the seven facilities and discussed holding a possible corrections workshop titled "Why AA is important in our corrections facilities." They are targeting February 10, 2024, from noon to 2:00 PM and plan to use the Oshkosh Solutions Recovery as the venue to bring together speakers, recruit more volunteers, and offer education opportunities.

Although we considered adding a crosstalk definition to their opening readings, they ultimately decided against it. They are excited to welcome Mike M. to their volunteer list for Chilton and WCC.

Finally, we reviewed the AA meetings at the seven facilities.

The Outagamie County Jail meeting is scheduled every Monday night at 7:00 PM, though they need someone to fill in for the fourth week if the regular host is on vacation.

The Winnebago County Jail men's meetings take place on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, and urgent volunteers are needed.

The D.A.C.C at Drug Abuse Correctional Center holds meetings every Thursday at 6:00 PM, the second and fourth Friday of every month at 6:30 PM, and Saturday at 2:25 PM, with women volunteers welcome.

The WCC at Winnebago Correctional Center meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, with women volunteers welcome.

The Calumet County Jail meeting takes place every Thursday at 6:30 PM, and men and women who are interested in volunteering should contact Buzz at <zbuzz2002@yahoo.com>.

The WRC at Wisconsin Recourse Center meets on the fourth Wednesday every month at 6:30 PM, and men and women volunteers are needed.

Public Information: Barry B.

The Public Information (PI) committee was not able to convene in August, as I had forgotten. Nonetheless, the committee's report was read by Amanda B. in its absence, and we extend our thanks to her.

Regarding old business, the PI committee is continuing to work on its projects. The committee members are still actively distributing hotline cards in district businesses and institutions, and efforts to develop the PI Facebook page are ongoing.

We are still in the process of our second round of placing Grapevines and hotline cards in Little Lending Libraries to replace borrowed Grapevine magazines. Although the distribution of literature to doctor's offices remains wait-and-see, seeing as many offices currently do not have magazines in their waiting rooms. In addition, the committee is looking into the possibility of placing hotline cards in hotels, motels, and other businesses in the district.

Recently, we staffed a booth at the September 10, 2023 Recovery Fest held at Solutions. Moving on to new business, the committee has submitted a finalized 2024 budget and is taking steps to address the need for more hotline cards by submitting an invoice for a \$91.99 supply for District 2.

Finally, the committee is still in need of a Public Information chair for District 2 for the upcoming rotation, and we are always open to welcoming new members to join the team. We encourage anyone interested in joining the PI committee to reach out to us by emailing publicinfo@district02aa.org.

Web Master: Trevor F. No Report.

September 10th, 2023 Meeting Minutes Continued

Treatment & Accessibilities: Rita.

This morning, the committee convened and focused their discussion on the budget. We also conducted research on the cost of hiring an ASL interpreter, which was estimated at \$300 per month. The committee plans to seek approval from the district regarding this expense and is curious about the possible funding source within the budget. As a side note, we are considering collaborating with the corrections committee on a workshop.

There was an issue accessing the committee's designated Zoom account. Despite being listed under Treatment and Accessibilities, we were unable to gain entry into the account.

DCM: Kendra. No Report.

Old Business

Open positions - 2024 Elections -

Archives: There were no nominations for this position.

DCM (District Committee Member) - Jane was nominated and accepted the nomination, and was subsequently voted in.

Grapevine: No nominations were received.

Newsletter: No nominations were received.

PI (Public Information): No nominations were received.

LCMs (Local Committee Members): For positions A, B, C, D, E, and F, no nominations were received.

T&A (Treatment and Accessibility): No nominations were received.

The Guidelines for Consideration

5. 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 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. They receive reports from the groups through G.S.R.s and through frequent personal contacts 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 make a regular practice of 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 in getting started 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., encouraging the use of the A.A. Traditions and Concepts, so that harmony may be achieved.

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September 10th, 2023 Meeting Minutes Continued

Presented at 5/7/23 district meeting) (Presented at 6/11/2023 district meeting no changes) (Presented at 7/9/2023 changes were made by Barry) (Presented at 8/13/2023 no changes were made) (Presented at 9/10/2023 no changes were made)

Printed Newsletter- James asked what the minimum number of subscriptions we would be willing to print? Kendra shared we currently do not have a minimum number of subscriptions needed. Kim asked how much does it cost to send out the subscription? John shared he could bring back the actual cost of how much to print. Barry brought up that groups could want their flyer out there for a long time or people just putting in any flyer for a free flyer. Kendra shared how it is difficult to manage the subscriptions when people are signing up at different times and different people taking over the role. Jane asked if their rates could be adjusted depending on when people sign up to bill until the end of the year. Digger shared it seems it would be more difficult to set up a system then to just print the one. Brad shared he thinks that if someone wants to get a printed newsletter it should be available. He tracks subscriptions at the club using an excel document and that it is doable. Kendra shared she doesn't want to be unfair to people who are paying for their flyers to be put in the newsletter when we are not physically printing it. Please bring this back to your groups "Should we accept money from people (\$18) for putting flyers in the newsletter if we are not printing? Should we put subscription information on the newsletter? What should we do for the person who does not have the ability to print?"

Brad made a motion that we no longer charge for flyers to inserted in the newsletter if they are not being printed Maggie seconded. Brad retracted his motion. -Please bring this back to your groups.

Budget 2024- Please bring this to your groups to talk about let the committees know if they have any questions. Kendra shared Steve for Grapevine totaling \$820, Rita may have some additional funds being requested, Newsletter is still up in the air because district is still deciding if the newsletter will be printed or not.

Jane was asking why there was an increase in the Grapevine budget. Printing, online grapevine subscription, and a display for libraries. Jane asked if we should be asking for an ASL interpreter that is inside AA. James shared you cannot advertise for an ASL interpreter they have a code where they will not give it away

New Business

District Committee meeting dates and times- Kendra was wondering if there should be some information posted on when the committee meetings are being held. Kim shared she thinks this is something that should be posted to help recruit people to attract others to help out.

This will be posted at the end of the newsletter stating when the meetings are being held with the contact information.

A motion was made to close the meeting at 3:24 p.m. by James seconded Jane motion passed

Lastly, please mark your calendars for the **next District meeting on Sunday October 8th, 2023, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 349 N Main St., Seymour, WI.**

**District 02 Meeting and Agenda
October 8, 2023**

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

Secretary's Report – Amanda
Treasurer's Report – Digger

Committee Reports

- a. GSRs
- b. LCM reports
- c. Archives – Vacant
- 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 2024 Elections – Archives, Grapevine, Newsletter, PI, LCMS (A, B, C, D, E, F), T&A
- District 02 Guidelines Amendments for consideration
- Printed Newsletter vs Electronic Only Newsletter
- Budget 2024

New Business:

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The Next District Meeting is Sunday, November 12, 2023 at Changing Lanes, 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown.

Please Note

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

October 2023 Listings

**Second Sunday of the month, October 8th,
District Meeting at 2 p.m.**

Emmanuel Luther Church
349 N Main St, Seymour WI
1:30 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, October 6th,
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, October 8th,
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, October 20th,
8 p.m., Open AA Speaker Meeting**

Peace United Methodist,
2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna, WI.

Al-Anon Speaker if available

NOTE: This is a in-person meeting

**Last Sunday of the month, October 29th,
10 a.m., Open Speaker Meeting**

St. Elizabeths
1506 S Oneida St, Appleton WI

**Last Sunday of the month, October 29th,
7p.m., Open Speaker Meeting**

Solutions Recovery,
621 Evans St, Oshkosh, WI.

NOTE: This is a in-person meeting

November 2023 Listings

**Second Sunday of the month, November 12th,
District Meeting at 2 p.m.**

Changing Lanes
344 Broadway St, Wrightstown WI
1:30 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, November 3rd,
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, November 12th,
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, November 17th,
8 p.m., Open AA Speaker Meeting**

Peace United Methodist,
2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna, WI.

Al-Anon Speaker if available

NOTE: This is a in-person meeting

**Last Sunday of the month, November 26th,
10 a.m., Open Speaker Meeting**

St. Elizabeths
1506 S Oneida St, Appleton WI

**Last Sunday of the month, November 26th,
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

www.district02aa.org:

Visit District Website

dcm@district02aa.org:

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.

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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

Central Office

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

OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION

NOW AND THEN

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P.O. Box 213 Appleton, WI 54912
414-690-4991

Fox Valley Central Office

FVCO now offers free delivery to your AA group meeting. They stock aluminum medallions for every month.

10% discount at the Central Office Bookstore any time the purchase is made by the registered group rep, alternate group rep, or treasurer.

Call 920-997-0221 or email fvco54952@gmail.com to place an order. Payment is expected at time of delivery.



You're invited to the fall Attitude of Gratitude Dinner

An evening of food, fun, fellowship,
speakers and drawings.

Come help set up
and decorate at
2:00 p.m.
Several door prizes
from Appleton Area
Groups and a 50/50
drawing.

Saturday, November 11, 2023
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
2330 E Calumet St
Appleton, WI 54915

5:00 p.m. Registration and Coffee
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Speakers:
AI-Anon - TBD
A.A. - TBD

Please bring a large dish to pass (with something in it!)

Meat and tortillas will be provided and drinks \$1 each.

Please bring a non-perishable item to donate.

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