

DISTRICT 02

# NEWSLETTER

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE DCM.....***

The essence of all growth is a willingness to change for the better and then an unremitting willingness to shoulder whatever responsibility this entails" Bill W. -- AS BILL SEES IT, p. 115

Salutations!! Happy Spring!

WHAT's Happening?

Well, Nicholas, our Area 72 Delegate, is going to NY in mid April to be involved in the Canada/USA General Service Conference.

WHY?

To tell them WHAT our Area (including us in our District!) thinks about HOW BEST TO HELP the still suffering Alcoholic.

HOW can I HELP?

By contacting our Delegate Nicholas and tell him what you think about:

\*\*Whether the FOUNDER'S WRITINGS (Bill W. and Dr. Bob Smith) should be changed/ updated. This includes books, pamphlets, etc. This issue has been debated for years. The idea now is to get it resolved soon; either way, will there be changes or not. Folks are tired of rehashing this. It's time to speak up!

\*\*Tell Nicholas IF you think the idea of a PLAIN and SIMPLE version of the Big Book is a good idea. Give him your thoughts.

\*\*Tell whether you think Public Service Announcements to alert people about AA are still effective when shown on TV.

\*\*Do you care about LA VIÑA? It's the Spanish language version of Grapevine magazine. The print version may be axed. What's YOUR view?

These are just a few examples. Go to Area 74 website for more.

WHO? WHEN?

Do all these things affect PEOPLE trying to GET and STAY SOBER?

YES!

Nicholas NEEDS your views by April 11th. See ways to contact him below.

MORE INFO?

\*\*See [area74.org](http://area74.org) and click on the black box that says Delegates Workshop for more items to ponder and more details.

\*\*Contact Jane M at [dcm@district02aa.org](mailto:dcm@district02aa.org) for any questions and/or comments.

\*\*Come to or Zoom in to Winter Assembly, Quality Inn, Rhinelander, WI on Mar 30 - Saturday - 9am. ID 841 1096 5882 password 1212144

\*\* Nicholas has OPEN office hours on Zoom: APR 2, 5pm-7pm. ID 844 1963 8197 password Delegate

Email: [delegate@area74.org](mailto:delegate@area74.org)

Questions? Ask! Ask! Ask!!!!

There is a survey on [www.area74.org](http://www.area74.org) at the top of the page in blue print. It says "Area input for 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference."

Please participate!! Please take this action by April 10, 2024.

Stay safe, sane, and SOBER! In AA love and service,

Jane M - DCM District 02 [dcm@district02aa.org](mailto:dcm@district02aa.org)

## ***DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 2024***

District 02 Meeting Minutes for March 2024

The March 10, 2024, District meeting was held hybrid at Genesis Club 1213 Appleton St., Appleton. The meeting started at 2:02p.m. There were 23 people in person & 5 people on Zoom; 28 people total. We opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. DCM Jane went over general housekeeping, welcomed newcomers, and invited introductions of all Committee Chairs and GSRs. Housekeeping – silence phones, be courteous, no side conversations. Flyers are available on the table, make sure to take a look at the flyers.

### **Twelve Traditions & Twelve Concepts**

Mike read Tradition 3 – long form.

Greg read Concept 3 from the Concepts checklist.

Approval of February 2024 Minutes - Kim, has an amended correction from the January financial report that was in the February minutes. Under the column Bank Reconciliations, the withdrawal on 1/5/24 was incorrectly listed as \$246.60 and amended to \$264.60. The total withdrawals were listed as \$593.10 and amended to \$611.10. Corrections Literature available to the district has changed. This was incorrectly listed as \$531.98 and amended to \$\$513.98. The total available balance to the district was incorrectly listed as 4653.73 and amended to \$4671.73. Kendra made a motion to accept the January treasury report as amended by Kim, Harold seconded the motion. All in favor – pass. Jane questioned the verbiage in the minutes, under new business titled Group change forms GSR and thought more should be added. Original statement in February minutes reads, “Group change forms GSR – new GSR’s, please fill out the form” and is amended to “Jane reminded GSR’s of the Group Change forms-new GSR’s and others who haven’t done so yet, please fill out the form”.

Jane also questioned the verbiage in new business under the topic of ASL funding. The verbiage in the February minutes reads “Priority right now is that we are financially solvent for this service”. There will be more discussion later, no amended change to this statement. The February minutes will be tabled until the April District meeting when amendment to GSR’s statement is completed.

Secretary Report: Karla. Committee Chairs & GSR’s please submit your reports to me by Tuesday March 12, 2024, to ensure I can get the notes to Digger in a timely manner. Email reports to [secretary@district02aa.org](mailto:secretary@district02aa.org) If you are making a motion or seconding a motion, be sure to state your name. Thank you for being of service & for allowing me to be of service.

Treasurer Report: Kim. A motion was made by Digger to accept the Treasurers report. Kendra seconded. Motion passed.

## *DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 2024*

### GSRs Reports

Harold –Wednesday night Our Southern Friend Group at Changing Lanes Alano Club– good attendance at last business meeting.

Jeff-Tuesday Night Study at First United Methodist Church in Appleton –Discussed ASL funding. The group recommends the same thing be done for ASL as what is being done for corrections. Separate donation. The group wants to eliminate LCM positions.

Michelle – Thursday Women in Recovery at Genesis Club – good attendance 15+ in attendance.

James – Thurs Night Group in Seymour – got a new member.

Mike – 101A group Oshkosh – discussed suggestion on ASL. The group thought it should be a line item. Donated ½ of their group Grapevines to PI committee.

### LCM Reports

Subdistrict A: Open

Subdistrict B: Open

Subdistrict C: James. Attended a meeting in Weyauwega and brought info to the group. Their meeting is listed as 7:30 p.m. but they meet at 7:00 p.m. They want someone to change it on the website. James will email the webmaster.

Subdistrict D: Open

Subdistrict E: Open

Subdistrict F: Open

Archives: Open.

Grapevine: No report

Corrections: Kendra. The Corrections Committee met on 3/10/24 and there were five people in attendance. We discussed the upcoming Corrections Workshop scheduled for 3/16/24 from Noon - 2:00p at Solutions Recovery at 621 Evans St, Oshkosh. Speakers include: two AA volunteers to share the benefit of carrying the message behind the walls, three persons with lived experiences of receiving meetings while incarcerated, and hopefully two facilities to share why our service work is important. We will have refreshments, applications for the facilities available, along with pamphlets and ways to sign up for corrections correspondence.

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Bridging the Gap: Brad. Received info from Jeff last month. No new contacts.

Newsletter: Digger. Delivery of the newsletter went smoother than the previous month. The upcoming newsletter will be posted in the last week of March. Send any inserts for the newsletter to Digger by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Public Information: Susan. The PI Committee met on February 20, 2024, with 4 members in attendance.

### **Old Business**

The committee continues to work on projects.

- Hotline Card distribution will continue – the cards are currently being distributed to bulletin boards at for example – gas stations, restaurants, grocery stores, laundry mats, and stores that have a spot for businesses or individuals put cards or flyers.
- Hotline Cards are available for the use by the members or the District 02  
The cards have hot line phone numbers and a QR Code (Quick Response) Code that take opens with a Smart Phone. Meetings and District Website can be found using this method.
- Distribution of Grapevines into Little Lending Libraries will continue in the spring and summer of 2024. We need more Grapevines to continue, so please see if your groups can help. Any member of our committee will be able to take them.
- Distribution of Hotline Cards to Hotels and Police Stations will begin in 2024, compiling a list; 65 hotels and 29 police stations are already on the list.

### **New Business**

- Our committee is collecting Grapevines to be distributed to Little Lending Libraries
- PI Committee meetings will be 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 7 PM March 19 , 2024

Zoom: ID 920 379 4718

PW 123456

- Our Committee is looking for a few more members if interested please let us know

Susan B. 920 858 2379 or email [publicinfo@district02aa.org](mailto:publicinfo@district02aa.org)

- New project still being considered; will keep the group updated

Our next meeting will be March 19, 2024, via Zoom.

Web Master: Trevor F. Changes were made to email distro system. Went better this month. A lot of changes to the g-mail spam requirements. Continue to make updates to website as they come through.

## ***DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 2024***

Treatment & Accessibilities: Jodi. Has 2 people present to report new business, Kim & Joe. The group is good with either of them speaking as it relates to the ASL background information, which is in new business.

Minutes from February 25, 2024, T & A meeting – 4 in attendance.

We would like to welcome Dilly to our committee!

**Review of last district meeting:** Reviewed the Treatment and Accessibilities ASL Interpreted AA Meeting Background and How We Do It flyer that were both submitted to the District at the February District Meeting.

- In summary the ASL meeting and its location have already been approved by the District. The thing that is pending is how to fund the meeting.
- District 02 needs to decide on how the ASL meeting will be funded. This decision will be voted on at the April 2024 District Meeting.
- Questions that were raised include:
  - Q - What is the need – first we need to establish the funding method, and then reach out to the community to offer.
    - Are there other ways this can be funded that aren't as costly. Things that were brought up include:
      - cPrint Captioning or in-person interpretation. cPrint captioning is a computer-aided speech-to-text service for people who are deaf/hard of hearing and prefer printed text rather than sign language as an accommodation. C-Print often is used in educational settings. Remote C-Print captioning occurs when a service provider or captionist is not in the same classroom as the instructor or students.
  - Can't they just zoom? (committee discussion below)
    - How many of us prefer in person to zoom meetings? Why should the deaf community be expected to do what we as hearing alcoholics don't want to do.
    - Many in the deaf community prefer to have an in person signed interpretation. They are better able to pick up contextual and emotional nuances of the speaker.
    - We as the hearing community shouldn't make these decisions without input from the deaf community. *Note:* One committee member reached out to two deaf individuals. One a non-alcoholic and the other an alcoholic. We are currently waiting for a response from each . The Treatment and Accessibility Committee will continue to research the deaf communities preferred method of communication.
  - Q – Received good communication from collaborative partners indicating they are not aware of any other meetings that are being interpreted. They were not.

**Rate Review-** For services the cost is 2 hour minimum at \$95.00 We will require at least 1.5 hours so we rounded it to 2 hours, plus travel. We anticipate the cost to be about \$250.00 per month, which is consistent with what we have been saying all along.

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We as a committee are happy to come to your home group to answer any questions you might have about this topic and would welcome the chance.

**Rack:** Valerie is continuing to take time off from her service commitment for health reasons. We continue to keep her in our prayers and in the loop and to wish her well.

- It is time for us to circle back to the facilities where we put racks and literature. Rita has literature at her house and is willing to go back and do a physical visit to facilities to make sure they have the literature they need. Dilly said he would help with the facilities in the Oshkosh area.

**Zoom:** The District is using the Treatment and Accessibility Zoom account for the District Meetings. Trevor currently has the password.

- The committee also needs to make sure the District hosted Zoom meetings are still being held. Kim will send Jodi the table that was created in 2020. The questions that were raised regarding ASL will be discussed in new business.

DCM: Jane.

\*\* I attended the March 2 Delegate Workshop in Wausau.

Below are some of the agenda items discussed there. These items will be further processed at the New York conference this April.

Please contact Nicholas at [delegate@area74.org](mailto:delegate@area74.org) if you have any input or questions on these issues.

1. There's a request to develop a pamphlet for the unhoused alcoholic interested in AA.
2. A request to develop a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic interested in AA.
3. A request for more detailed financial reporting at the general service board level.
4. Look over input from the fellowship on possible future changes to literature written by AA's founders.
5. Consider whether to stop printing La Viña.
6. Consider developing a pamphlet for Asian and Asian-American alcoholics interested in AA.
7. Review the rough draft of the translation of the big book (4th edition) into plain and simple language.

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8. Discussion about online groups in US and Canada and whether they should have their own delegates and areas, etc.

9. Consider if AA public service announcements on TV are still relevant.

\*\* I visited a few groups and gave out information on getting to the Delegates Workshop.

\*\* Again, we sure do NEED an ALTERNATE DCM, please come to next district meeting if you have any interest 😊 Thanks!

### Old Business

Open positions 2024 Elections

Archives – no nominations. Carried over.

LCM's (A, B, D, E, F) – no nominations. Carried over.

Alt DCM – no nominations. Carried over.

Newsletter: Totally electronic? Eliminate \$18 fee for flyers?

Amendments for Considerations that were presented at the December 2023 District 02 meeting, were also presented at the February 2024 District 02 meeting. Below is the amendment to the guideline.

Article VIII: Amendments to the Guidelines, Section 1.00 - The Guidelines may be amended at a District Meeting by a two-thirds majority vote, provided that the amendment been presented in writing at the two previous District Meetings.

1. Article IV: District Standing Committees and Duties, Section 5.00 currently reads: The District 02 Newsletter Committee is the medium for communication of District 02 business and events to the groups, G.S.R.s, and individual members. The Newsletter is published the monthly and the editorial staff is responsible for determining the content of each issue. All content/events must be AA-related. There is an \$18 charge per single-sided flyer, other than for events hosted by District Committees and District Officers. The Editor will inform the Treasurer of money that is to be collected from a Non-District AA-related flyer. The Editor shall request appropriate funding from District 02 to meet the costs of publication and submit reasonable documentation to the Treasurer for reimbursement. The Editor shall also submit an annual budget to the District for the upcoming year The Chairperson or a delegate representative provides monthly reports at District Meetings.



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Change this section to read:

The District 02 Newsletter Committee is the medium for communication of District 02 business and events to the groups, G.S.R.s, and individual members. The Newsletter is published electronically monthly and the editorial staff is responsible for determining the content of each issue. All content/events must be AA-related. The Editor shall request appropriate funding from District 02 to meet the costs of publication and submit reasonable documentation to the Treasurer for reimbursement. The Editor shall also submit an annual budget to the District for the upcoming year. The Chairperson or a delegate representative provides monthly reports at District Meetings.

Background-Traditionally the newsletter was printed and mailed to subscribers. Over the past two years there has only been one request. The past two months, district 02 has not printed newsletters for distribution. Charging groups \$18 to submit flyers was introduced to offset the additional costs for printing and postage – if produced electronically, there is no need to charge groups this fee. In reaching out to other districts and Area 74, the majority are providing electronic versions with option to receive a printed copy if required/requested.

After discussion at the district meeting and feedback from AA groups, we are submitting guideline changes. (Changes presented at 12/10/23 district meeting & presented at 02/11/24 district meeting).

Kendra made motion to approve, Digger made motion to second – motion passes.

### GSO Letters & Questions

The Area Delegate will be holding some open forums to discuss the questions from the GSO & other topics or questions. I did not capture the dates of the open forums.

### Group Change Forms – GSR's

Some forms are on the table. If you have not filled one out and are a new GSR, please do so. If you filled one out and are not getting the newsletters, please see Jane.

### New Business

#### T&A ASL

Jodi deferred to Kim to have discussion of where we are at. Kim, at the time the district approved having ASL in person at a meeting. Basis of this is that the deaf community does have a high alcoholism rate. Conversation was how can we bring meetings to the deaf. District approved of the idea and figured out where to have the meeting. St Elizabeth's was decided upon by the T&A committee because it is a medical facility. The deaf feel safe coming into a hospital environment. Next thing that was brought to the district was how will ASL be funded, line item or special donations.



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This is really the question at this point. We have not gone to the deaf community to say we will do this. It would be irresponsible to do this if we can't pay for this. We need to figure out how to pay for the service before we approach attracting people.

Here are the talking points after Kim's background discussion.

Jack- discussed at his home group business meeting– if they can't get donations maybe add as a line item.

Dale – looking at budget from last year. Over \$5000 left over from last year. Thinks we are in pretty good shape to budget the ASL with buffer. Not all the committee's use their budgets.

Jodi – give the groups autonomy to donate and then also have as a line item.

Harold – business meeting. Suggested a fundraiser similar to the Moose 'n Goose.

Jane – talked to Joe and there is a woman named Robin who is an ASL interpreter she charges \$65 per hour with a 2-hour minimum. This would decrease the original amount. This is the night & weekend rate.

Jodi-the rate is during business hours and nights & weekends. Kim, if Robin is not AA she needs to be bonded as keeping confidentiality. If she is sick, there needs to be a back up plan. The T&A can take this back to the committee to vet out. Info is based on district 4 format as they navigated the process. Jodi, there are other things not suitable for the deaf community, the committee did investigate these. Not all things work for all deaf people. C print was nearly as expensive as the in person ASL interpreter. Zoom close captioning doesn't work very well. Jodi has information that she can put together on a sheet.

James – consider a fundraiser? Kim, no. AA doesn't do fundraisers by tradition. This is a service for Alcoholics.

Digger – discussion in past minutes. Able to get copies of the newsletters. The first discussion was in Feb 2020 district meeting. Spoken to by T&A 2020-2021. No motion is on record as this being approved by district. In terms of whether approved or not it appears this is not approved. Secondly, how to pay? The district has \$4000-\$5000 per year contributions per year coming in. Budget is approx. \$12000. In my opinion, for the group to add an additional \$3000 to the budget this is not prudent. Have a second dedicated fund to pay for ASL. If the committees spend their entire budget, we would be overdrawn. Just need to be mindful of that.

Dale – talked about the ASL flyer in last month's newsletter – it talks about making the contributions. Sounds like it is in place, and it is not. It needs to state proposed, so the interpretation is not that this is already in effect.

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Kim – When conversation began for the ASL process, there was \$16,000 in the treasury.

Kendra – historical data at end of 2019 \$9000+ in the treasury after large amount was contributed from the conference. Thank you for doing the research. Take the district approved verbiage out of the background information. Kim, the meeting minutes were not consistent. This was approved before we went to the 3 groups to find out who would like to be part of ASL. The discussion of funding has never been approved. Kendra, the minutes are what we must go by as a district. This body declined to budget the ASL.

Dale – if not in minutes and if there is no documentation, then we have to do this over again by re-approving. We can't act on this.

Jodi- Went to online district newsletters. There were incorrect dates and things in the newsletters. Went to CO to go through and find additional information. Reference found on district activity that was post vote.

Jane – a lot to bring back to the groups. Jodi, before it goes to groups this group needs to decide what we are doing. If we are not using the previous vote, then we will need something recorded today. It doesn't pay to discuss at group level.

Kim – walk through the process & go back to groups and discuss having an ASL at an open speaker meeting. Ask home groups and then start the process over again.

Kim P – does the committee want financial historical information. Kim would need assistance with giving this information. Digger, we have this information available.

Kimmery – we should figure this out today. Her group wants it as a line item.

Jane – perhaps this group will decide whether we will pursue ASL or drop it.

Kim-if the district doesn't want ASL, then T&A will stop the research on the process.

Kendra – Understood T&A did all the research and was going to start in January 2024. In December no one from T&A showed up to answer questions from the district. Kim, not sure where this came from. This is not the understanding of the committee. Jodi, there was not a date that was set to start. They were waiting for budget approval. This was Kim's understanding as well.

Kendra – sorry info from body is not getting back to the committee. T&A has not been meeting regularly and this is her understanding. It is not that this body doesn't feel it's important. Our questions are important. How can we best serve the deaf. What else can we provide to the deaf community and how can we expand their journey of recovery. We are not just stuck on the money. Suggest tabling until next month. There are other groups such as vets, blind that are not being served.

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Kim – this is what the committee decided as a target of what they are moving towards. There are other things they can address. T & A picked to focus on ASL. Does the body support ASL? Feels that this needs to be answered.

Jodi-we can table this discussion and discuss with T&A committee and come up with a motion to bring forth at the next district meeting.

Winter Assembly March 30th – Jane can take people and may rent a van to take people.

Andrew – Media Coordinator at FVCO office talked about Group Representatives. Each AA group has the right to know what is going on. The FVCO representatives meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every third month. Upcoming meetings at FVCO - April, July & October. The group representative is a person appointed from an AA group to attend the FVCO meetings & take information back to the groups. GSR's or Treasurers can go to the meetings if there is no appointed rep. FVCO takes hotline during the week. It is important for the groups to come to the meetings.

Please go back to your groups and find out if you have a representative. If not, appoint someone or send another person from the group that has a position.

Moose N Goose – Kim passed out information and signup sheets. Asking for help. Pass the info and signup sheets at your meetings and text it to Kim or Char. Appreciate the help. This is the biggest way that corrections get literature, for those incarcerated.

Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made by Karla and seconded by Kendra. Motion carried at 3:55p.m. and closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

The next District meeting is Sunday April 14, 2024, at Solutions Recovery, 621 Evans St. Oshkosh.

### **ASK THE DELEGATE**

#### **Area 74 Delegate Virtual Office Hours**

**Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 – 7 PM**

**ZOOM ID: 884 1963 8197 PASSCODE: Delegate**

# DISTRICT 02 FINANCIAL REPORT – JANUARY 2024 {Revised 3/10/24}

## District 02 Monthly Financial Report - Amended January 2024

Beginning Balance 1/1/2024

\$ 5,685.71

February 11, 2024 District Meeting Report

<b>Contributions</b>	<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>
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Date	District Group Contributions	
1/31/2024	Nothing But Miracles	\$40.00
1/31/2024	AA Design for Living Group- Corrections Literature	\$226.00
1/31/2024	Sunrise Meeting Group	\$26.75
1/31/2024	The Way Out	\$200.00
1/31/2024	Seymour Group- Corrections Literature	\$46.00
1/31/2024	Search for Serenity	\$37.50

Community First Credit Union	
Beginning balance	\$ 5,685.71
Deposits	\$ 576.25
Withdrawals	\$ (554.71)
Outstanding checks	\$ (381.50)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,325.75</b>

<b>Balance available to District</b>	
Register balance	\$ 5,685.71
Prudent reserve	\$ (500.00)
Corrections Literature	\$ (513.98)
<b>Total available to District</b>	<b>\$ 4,671.73</b>

Amended from \$531.98  
Amended from \$4,653.73

<b>Petty Cash</b>	
Petty cash beginning balance	\$ 50.00
Petty cash ending balance	<u>\$ 50.00</u>

<b>Committee Budget Balance (Remaining)</b>	
Archives	\$ 463.97
Corrections	\$ 1,016.00
DCM	\$ 3,050.94
Grapevine	\$ 820.00
Newsletter	\$ 360.00
PI	\$ 2,430.00

**Total deposits \$ 576.25**

<b>Withdrawals</b>
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Date	Check #	Expenses (checks/withdrawals)	
1/5/2024	2156	Jeff R. - PO Box Cor. Renewal (\$194.00) , Cor. Literature (\$264.60)	\$ 458.60
1/14/2024	2157	Jane M. - copies, literature, district mtg snacks	\$ 96.11
1/14/2024	2158	Changing Lanes - Feb district mtg rent	\$ 35.00
1/26/2024	2159	Jeff R. - Cor. Literature	\$ 346.50

**Total withdrawals \$ 936.21**

<b>Register balance - Month end</b>
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Beginning balance	\$ 5,685.71
Deposits	\$ 576.25
Withdrawals	\$ (936.21)
<b>Register balance</b>	<b>\$ 5,325.75</b>

<b>Outstanding Checks</b>
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1/14/2024	2158	Changing Lanes - Feb district mtg rent	\$ 35.00
1/26/2024	2159	Jeff R. - Cor. Literature	\$ 346.50

**Total Outstanding checks \$ 381.50**

Treasurer	\$ 1,008.95
Treatment & Acces.	\$ 1,070.00
<b>BUDGET BALANCE TOTAL (Remaining)</b>	<b>\$ 10,219.86</b>

<b>*Corrections Literature</b>	
Starting Balance	\$ 853.08
Contributions	\$ -
	\$ 226.00
	\$ 46.00

**Total deposits \$ 272.00**

Withdrawals	
1/5/2024	\$ (264.60)
1/26/2024	\$ (346.50)
<b>Total withdrawals</b>	<b>\$ 611.10</b>

Amended from \$246.60

Amended from \$593.10

**Ending Corrections Literature Balance \$ 513.98**

Amended from \$531.98

**\*NOTE - Separate from district balance**

Cindy L. District 02 Treasurer  
Amended on 3/8/24 by Kim Murray, District 02 Alternate  
Treasurer

# **DISTRICT 02 FINANCIAL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024**

## District 02 Monthly Financial Report – February 2024

Beginning Balance 2/1/2024

\$ 5,325.75

March 10, 2024 District Meeting Report

**Contributions**

Date	District Group Contributions	
2/29/2024	Hour Sunday Meeting	\$90.00
2/29/2024	GYSH Group - Solutions	\$120.00
2/29/2024	Monday Inspirations - Appleton	\$175.00
2/29/2024	Long for Moore Group of Stockbridge	\$100.00
2/29/2024	Sunrise Group	\$35.25
2/29/2024	Just for Today - Thursday Neenah	\$20.00
2/29/2024	Design for Living	\$ 550.00
2/29/2024	Design for Living (Corr. Literature)	\$ 567.00

**Total deposits \$ 1,657.25**

**Withdrawals**

Date	Check#	Expenses (checks/withdrawals)	
2/6/2024	2160	Jeff R. - Corr. Literature	\$ 100.00
2/7/2024	2161	Tom A. - Newsletter monthly software	\$ 8.70
2/10/2024	2162	Jane M. - copies, stipends, literature, dist. Mtg snacks	\$ 120.98
2/11/2024	2163	Kendra R. - workshop copies, district stipend	\$ 35.60
2/29/2024	2164	Genesis Club - March district mtg rent	\$ 35.00

**Total withdrawals \$ 300.28**

**Register balance - Month end**

Beginning balance	\$ 5,325.75
Deposits	\$ 1,657.25
Withdrawals	\$ (300.28)
<b>Register balance</b>	<b>\$ 6,682.72</b>

**Outstanding Checks**

2/28/2024	2164	Genesis Club - March district mtg rent	\$ 35.00
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**Total Outstanding checks \$ 35.00**

**Bank Reconciliation**

Community First Credit Union		
Beginning balance	\$	5,707.25
Deposits	\$	1,657.25
Withdrawals	\$	(646.78)
Outstanding checks	\$	(35.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,682.72</b>

**Balance available to District**

Register balance	\$	6,682.72
Prudent reserve	\$	(500.00)
Corrections Literature	\$	(980.98)
<b>Total available to District</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,201.74</b>

**Petty Cash**

Petty cash beginning balance	\$	50.00
Petty cash ending balance	<b>\$</b>	<b>50.00</b>

**Committee Budget Balance (Remaining)**

Archives	\$	463.97
Corrections	\$	980.40
DCM	\$	2,948.40
Grapevine	\$	820.00
Newsletter	\$	351.30
PI	\$	2,430.00
Treasurer	\$	955.51
Treatment & Acces.	\$	1,070.00
<b>BUDGET BALANCE TOTAL (Remaining)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,019.58</b>

**\*Corrections Literature**

Starting Balance	\$	513.98
Contributions	\$	567.00

**Total deposits \$ 567.00**

Withdrawals	\$	(100.00)
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**Total withdrawals \$ (100.00)**

Ending Corrections Literature Balance **\$ 980.98**

**\*NOTE - Separate from district balance**

## ***DISTRICT 02 UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS***

### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVICE BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START?**

You are welcome to stop by and join us at one of our regular committee meetings. Learn more about what the district committee's do, and how we help the still suffering alcoholic. Who knows.....maybe you will find an interest and will want to join up!!! Here is a list of upcoming committee meetings:

**CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE:** Next meeting is Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm at Solutions Recovery, 621 Evans St., Oshkosh. This committee meets to discuss how we can best carry the message to alcoholics in correctional institutions.

***Have a question???*** Send an email to [corrections@district02aa.org](mailto:corrections@district02aa.org).

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:** Next meeting is Monday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 9am at Fox Valley Central Office, 1528 N Ballard Rd, Appleton. This committee meets monthly to proofread the upcoming issue, and to discuss plans for future issues. We are always looking for fresh ideas! ***Have a question???*** Send an email to [newsletter@district02aa.org](mailto:newsletter@district02aa.org)

### **A.A. NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS**

**DISTRICT 02 NEWSLETTER:** Stay up-to-date on all of the news in District 02. Sign up at [district02aa.org](http://district02aa.org) > newsletter > signup

**NOW & THEN (Monthly Area 74 Newsletter):** Stay connected to Area news, information, and more! **Electronic subscriptions** please send a request via email with your contact information to [area74newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:area74newsletter@gmail.com)

**Hard copy subscriptions** \$25 for 12 issues mail a check made out to CASH and a completed enrollment form to:

Now & Then  
PO Box 192  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

**BOX 4-5-9 (Quarterly Newsletter from the General Service Office):**

This newsletter includes

- information about AA service
- sharing from AA members
  - news about literature
- sharing from groups and service committees
- a calendar of upcoming events

[www.aa.org/box-459](http://www.aa.org/box-459)



# ***DISTRICT 02 MEETING AGENDA***

***April 14, 2024 - 2:00 PM (GSR Discussion 1:30pm)***

**Solutions Recovery – 621 Evans St – Oshkosh**

**ZOOM MEETING ID: 875 9555 4987      PASSCODE: 844696**

Open with Serenity Prayer

- Introduce DCM: Meeting Chair
- Introduce all participants
- Housekeeping items: info, etc.

Twelve Traditions – Tradition 4 long form

Twelve Concepts – Concept 4

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

- a. GSR's
- b. LCM's – James; LCM-C
- c. Archives - vacant
- d. Grapevine - Patrick R.
- e. Corrections - Kendra R.
  - 1. Bridging the gap – Brad N.
- f. Newsletter - Digger A.
- g. Public Information - Susan B.
  - 1. Webmaster - Trevor
- h. Treatment and Accessibilities - Jodi L.
- i. DCM - Jane M.

Old Business:

- Available positions > Alt DCM, LCM's A,B,D,E,F, Archives
- Newsletter: Check up on Guidelines changes
- ASL Issues (T and A) 20 minute time limit

New Business:

- Proposed corrections to February District meeting minutes which were published in the March newsletter
- Other?

The NEXT District Meeting: Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>, St Marks Church, 140 Green Bay Rd, Neenah



See

You All There, Okay !!!

# 2024 District 02 Meeting Schedule

(Meeting Location is Subject to Change)

GSR Roundtable at 1:30 / District Meeting at 2:00

<b>Jan 14</b>	Solutions Club Inc. 621 Evans St, Oshkosh
<b>Feb 11</b>	Changing Lanes Alano Club 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown
<b>Mar 10</b>	Genesis Club 1213 N Appleton St, Appleton
<b>Apr 14</b>	Solutions Club Inc. 621 Evans St, Oshkosh
<b>May 5 Early due to Mothers Day</b>	St Mark's Church 140 S Green Bay Rd, Neenah
<b>Jun 9</b>	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2330 E Calumet, Appleton
<b>Jul 14</b>	Solutions Club Inc 621 Evans St, Oshkosh
<b>Aug 11</b>	St Paul Catholic Church 410 Wallace St, Combined Locks
<b>Sep 8</b>	Peace United Methodist Church 2300 W Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna
<b>Oct 13</b>	Emmanuel Lutheran Church 349 N Main Street, Seymour
<b>Nov 10</b>	Changing Lanes Alano Club 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown
<b>Dec 8</b>	First United Methodist Church 325 E Franklin St, Appleton

## DATES TO REMEMBER 2024

2/9 – 2/11, 2024	Conference Del Past	Area 22 – Muncie, IN
<b>3/2/24</b>	<b>Delegates Workshop</b>	<b>St Stephen Lutheran Church Wausau, WI</b>
<b>3/2/24</b>	<b>Area Comm Mtg</b>	<b>St Stephen Lutheran Church Wausau, WI</b>
<b>3/30/24</b>	<b>Winter Assembly</b>	<b>Quality Inn Rhinelander, WI</b>
4/14-4/20/24	73 <sup>rd</sup> Gen Serv Conf	Brooklyn, NY
<b>5/17-5/19/24</b>	<b>Area 74 Spring Conf</b>	<b>District 13 Ashland, WI</b>
<b>5/18/24</b>	<b>Area 74 Assembly</b>	<b>District 13 Ashland, WI</b>
<b>5/19/24</b>	<b>Area Comm Mtg</b>	<b>District 13 Ashland, WI</b>
6/7-6/9/24	East Central Reg Conf	Michigan State Conv Grand Rapids, MI
<b>8/3/24</b>	<b>Area Comm Mtg (optional)</b>	<b>Virtual</b>
<b>9/13-9/15/24</b>	<b>Area 74 Fall Conf</b>	<b>District 04 Holiday Inn Stevens Point, WI</b>
<b>9/14/24</b>	<b>Area Assembly</b>	<b>District 04 Holiday Inn Stevens Point, WI</b>
<b>9/15/24</b>	<b>Area Comm Mtg</b>	<b>District 04 Holiday Inn Stevens Point, WI</b>
<b>10/12/24</b>	<b>Fall Assembly</b>	<b>Quality Inn Rhinelander, WI</b>
<b>12/7/24</b>	<b>Area Comm Mtg</b>	<b>Virtual</b>

**\*\*NOTE FROM THE DELEGATE:** The servants of Area 74 are excited to provide the **dates for the Area 74 Service Structure**. We are lucky to live in an area that hosts many conferences, workshops and fellowship events. As your trusted servants, we sometimes miss the chance to participate in local events because they conflict with the service events you have entrusted us to conduct. We hope that, by providing the Area 74 service structure dates in early fall; they can be considered as you plan your service and fellowship events for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you.

NOTE FROM CO-EDITORS: We have combined the general events and the Area 74 Service Structure events into one calendar.  
**BOLD = AREA 74 events** UNBOLD = General AA events in our area

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ZOOM info for all Area 74 Service Meetings:

Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882

Passcode: 1212144

One tap mobile

+16465588656,,84110965882# US (New York)

+13017158592,,84110965882# US (Washington D.C)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84110965882?pwd=OWJScFNFRmhGSFI4ZEIYbkFYVGY0Zz09>

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**Send Area 74 Contributions To:**

**Area 74 Treasury**

**813 E Harrison St, Appleton, WI 54915**

**Very Important!! Please include group number, group name,  
and address of group location or point of contact**

**If there is only a group name and location, or contact address, please include this.**

**Thank You, Area 74 Treasurer [treasurer@area74.org](mailto:treasurer@area74.org)**

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# ***DISTRICT 02 MEMORIES***

***AS PUBLISHED IN THE DISTRICT 02  
NEWSLETTER – APRIL, 1998***

## **THE FOURTH TRADITION**

**“Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.”**

An AA meeting can be 2 or 3 people sitting at someone’s kitchen table discussing the Steps, or 300 people in a auditorium listening to an AA speaker. There are 60 minute meetings and 90 minute meetings. Some go on for hours and others promptly end after one hour. Some groups have a monthly open meeting honoring all members with sobriety dates in that month.

The point is that each AA group can do whatever the members wish as long as they don’t take any action that might harm AA. It would be extremely boring if every meeting around was a one hour long 12 step meeting or if every meeting was a large open meeting with speakers. Different types of meetings appeal to different people.

As stated in the “Twelve Traditions, Illustrated”, the fourth tradition is like the fourth step. It suggests that the AA group should take honest inventory of itself, asking about each of its independently planned actions: would this break any Tradition?

A group may decide that an AA fundraiser would be a good idea. The treasury is low plus it would give the public a chance to get know about how AA works. They make posters, bake cakes to sell, hire a magician, get the local TV station to cover the event. With Tradition four in mind this group would have to look at what other Traditions were being violated by what they were planning. They would then have to decide if they were in any way harming AA as a whole.

Bill W. wrote “We admit that we have character defects as a society and these defects threaten us continually.”

Each group has to take its own inventory as to how its actions are affecting AA. JW

*The Fourth Tradition (Long Form): With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect AA as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.*

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

## APRIL 2024

**Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-7pm**, Ask the Area 74 Delegate. Open office hours.  
Meeting ID: 884 1963 8197 Passcode: Delegate

**First Friday of the Month, April 5<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm **Genesis Club**, 1213 Appleton St, Appleton. Potluck at 6pm, please bring a dish to pass!

**Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA speaker meeting 7pm, Changing Lanes Alano Club, 344 Main St, Wrightstown. AA and Al Anon speakers. Cookies, coffee, and fellowship

**Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>**, Annual Moose & Goose Corrections Literature Benefit, Emmanuel Lutheran Church. 349 N Main St, Seymour, dinner at 6pm, speakers at 7:30pm. SEE FLYER

**Second Sunday of the Month, April 14<sup>th</sup>**, District Meeting at 2pm, Solutions Recovery, 621 Evans St., Oshkosh. GSR Roundtable 1:30 ***This is a hybrid meeting*** Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

**Second Sunday of the Month, April 14<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm. Potluck at **Congregational Church**, 724 E South River St, Appleton ***This is a hybrid meeting*** Meeting ID: 897 8011 3671 Passcode: 027543

**Third Friday of the Month, April 19<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 8pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna Al-Anon speaker if available

**Last Sunday of the Month, April 28<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

**Last Sunday of the April 28<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

## MAY 2024

**First Friday of the Month, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm **Genesis Club**, 1213 Appleton St, Appleton. Potluck at 6pm, please bring a dish to pass!

**Second Sunday of the Month, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, District Meeting at 2pm, **St Mark's Church**, 140 Green Bay Rd, Neenah GSR Roundtable 1:30 ***This is a hybrid meeting*** Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

**Second Sunday of the Month, May 12<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, Potluck at 6pm, bring a side dish to share, **First Congregational Church**, 724 E South River St, Appleton ***This is a hybrid meeting*** Meeting ID: 897 8011 3671 Passcode: 027543

**Third Friday of the Month, May 17<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 8pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna Al-Anon speaker if available.

**May 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**, Area 74 Spring Conference, Americinn, Ashland. Area Assembly Sat May 18<sup>th</sup>, Area Committee Meeting Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>, SEE FLYER

**Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 8-3pm**, Changing Lanes Garage Sale, all proceeds support club's mission, 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown SEE FLYER



## District 02 Committee Information

**ARCHIVES COMMITTEE:** Responsible for the collection and care of archival documents and items for the District.

**Chairperson:** (open) [archives@district02aa.org](mailto:archives@district02aa.org)

**CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE:** Provides coordination and support for groups and individuals wishing to carry the message to alcoholics in jails and prisons within the District.

**Chairperson:** Kendra R. [corrections@district02aa.org](mailto:corrections@district02aa.org)

**Bridging the Gap:** Brad N. [corrections@district02aa.org](mailto:corrections@district02aa.org)

**GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE:** Relays information about the Grapevine magazine and other materials to the individual groups via their Grapevine Representatives (GVR's).

**Chairperson:** Patrick R. [grapevine@district02aa.org](mailto:grapevine@district02aa.org)

**PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE:** Provides information about AA to the general public and is also responsible for the District 02 website.

**Chairperson:** Susan B. [publicinfo@district02aa.org](mailto:publicinfo@district02aa.org)

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:** Medium for communication of District 02 business and events to the groups, GSR's, and individual members.

**Chairperson:** Digger A. [newsletter@district02aa.org](mailto:newsletter@district02aa.org)

### **TREATMENT & ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE:**

Provides coordination and support for groups and individuals wishing to carry the message to clients in treatment facilities within District 02.

**Chairperson:** Jodi L. [tfc@district02aa.org](mailto:tfc@district02aa.org)

### OTHER DISTRICT CONTACTS

DCM – Jane M.

[dcm@district02aa.org](mailto:dcm@district02aa.org)

Secretary – Karla K.

[secretary@district02aa.org](mailto:secretary@district02aa.org)

Treasurer – Cindy L.

[treasurer@district02aa.org](mailto:treasurer@district02aa.org)

Webmaster – Trevor F.

[support@district02aa.org](mailto:support@district02aa.org)

District 02 Website

[www.district02aa.org](http://www.district02aa.org)

Area 74 Website

[www.area74.org](http://www.area74.org)

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### **General Service Board**

James A Farley Station

PO Box 2407

New York, NY 10116-2407

212-870-3023

### **District 02 Treasury**

PO Box 2632

Appleton, WI 54912

### **Area 74 Treasury**

813 E Harrison St

Appleton, WI 54915

### **Fox Valley Central Office**

1528 N. Ballard Rd., Suite 16

Appleton, WI 54911

920-997-0221

### **Fox Valley Hotline**

PO Box 2382

Appleton, WI 54912

(Joe S., Coordinator)

## OTHER INFORMATION

### **Oshkosh Helpline**

920-410-4620

### **Now and Then**

(Area Newsletter)

PO Box 192

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

### **AA International**

[www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)





**AA OPEN SPEAKER  
MEETING**

**Hosted by the Room to  
Spare Group**

**AA Speaker: Laura H.**

**Alanon Speaker: Todd L.**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

**7 p.m.**

**CHANGING LANES ALANO CLUB**

**344 BROADWAY ST.**

**WRIGHTSTOWN, WI**

**Cookies, Coffee and Fellowship**



**ANNUAL MOOSE & GOOSE**  
**(Along with other assorted American Cuisine)**  
**CORRECTIONS LITERATURE BENEFIT**

**SATURDAY, April 13, 2024**

**Come see us at:**

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**349 N. Main St. Seymour, WI 54165**

**5:00 PM Set up & social time**  
**6:00 PM Dinner (Bring a dish to pass)**  
**7:30 PM Speakers**

*COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 8:30AM AFTER THE  
 SATURDAY MORNING EYE OPENER MEETING  
 PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH 2330 E CALUMET ST, APPLETON*

**MEAT DONATIONS NEEDED**

Moose, Goose, Elk, Venison, Turkey, Fish, etc. all donations appreciated!

Ham Raffle - 50/50 Raffle - Basket Raffle  
 Silent Auction (bring gently used items to donate)  
 Your donations, AA literature or money from groups are welcome.

Event Questions - text or call Kim Rainer 920-858-1910

Send contributions to: Joe Knowles 920-716-3696  
 W4878 Cliff View Drive, Sherwood, WI 54169

@Joe-Knowles-8



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Area 74 Spring Conference May 17-19,2024  
*Life will take on new meaning!*

AmericInn , 3009 Lake Shore Drive E.  
Ashland, Wisconsin 54806 715-682-9950

Room Rate - \$129.99 plus tax per night, Includes Hot breakfast Room and Water Park Pass!

**Room Rate held until April 17, 2024** [www.americinn.com/hotels/wi/ashland](http://www.americinn.com/hotels/wi/ashland)

- Friday Night events include current Delegate's Story of Recovery and service, Musical Jam Session, almost world famous Tetzner's Ice Cream and alkathon!
- Saturday events include Delegate's Report, Standing Committee Open House, Panels, speakers, Banquet, Entertainment and Alkathon!
- Sunday events include Spiritual Speaker, Area Committee Meeting, and farewells.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ **One registration form per person.**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Free if one year or less of sobriety. **Banquet is \$25.00 if free registration applies.** \*\*\*\* Please still send in a registration.\*\*\*\*

Registration Only = \$15.00

Registration **and** Banquet = \$40.00



Amount Enclosed- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please note here any special needs we can help with. \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet registration must be received by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

Make checks payable to - District 13 Area 74 Conference

Mail to Area 74 Conference 11090 E. Lund Rd. Maple, WI 54854

Questions - Call Marty 715-363-2418





**"WAY OF LIFE" AA MEETING  
ST MARK'S 150 S GREEN BAY RD, NEENAH  
7PM FRIDAY NIGHTS**

ENTER THROUGH SIDE DOOR NEXT TO PARKING LOT



**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?**

- A NEW MEETING
- SOMEWHERE TO GO, TO MEET OTHERS LIKE YOURSELF
- SOMETHING TO DO AT THE END OF YOUR WORK WEEK
- SOMETHING TO FILL YOUR OLD DRINKING TIME

**A FRIDAY NIGHT AA MEETING IS AN OPTION**

COME AND CHECK US OUT: WHETHER NEW TO AA OR HAVE YEARS OF SOBRIETY.

- HAVE CAPACITY TO HOLD 3 SEPARATE MEETINGS
- FORMAT IS STEP WORK OR TOPIC
- HAVE AA MATERIALS
- CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARIES WITH MEDALLIONS
- SERVE COFFEE AND CANDY
- USUALLY A GROUP GOES OUT TO EAT AFTERWARDS/MEETING AFTER A MEETING

# FVCO Group Representative Submission Form



## DECLARATION OF UNITY

This we owe to AA's future: To place our common welfare first: To keep our Fellowship united. For on AA unity depends our lives, and the lives of those to come.

## What Are Group Representatives?

### A) Representation

1. Each AA group is encouraged to elect or appoint one member to represent them at FVCO representative meetings. If a group doesn't have a FVCO group rep, then the GSR or Treasurer should attend the quarterly meeting.

### B) Duties and Responsibilities

1. The primary function of the group reps is to guide, vote on, and oversee the Steering Committee of the Fox Valley Central Office. Although they do not exercise any direct control over the day to day operations, through the powers of election, recall, voting, and the ability to influence their respective groups whether to contribute to FVCO, control is thus maintained over the actions of the office and Steering Committee.
2. The representatives are responsible for the relationship of FVCO to individual AA members and the groups.

### C) Meetings

1. The representatives will meet quarterly to decide issues, voice opinions, and hear the report of the Steering Committee of FVCO. Meetings will be held every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in January, April, July, and October of each year, with the October meeting considered the "Bi-Annual Meeting" where Steering Committee members are elected. The Meetings are held at the Fox Valley Central Office (1528 Ballard Rd., Appleton, WI 54911)



Group Name:

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Address:

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Day and Time:

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Reps Name:

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Phone Number:

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Email:

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**Individual:**

Single one-year subscriptions (\$3.50)..... Please send \_\_\_\_\_ individual subscriptions \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Group Rates:**

Bulk subscriptions (\$6.00 each unit of ten)..... Please send \_\_\_\_\_ units of ten \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State (Prov.) \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclose check or money order  
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New York, N.Y. 10163  
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## 2024 Dates to Remember

### Area 74 –Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Northern Wisconsin

The servants of Area 74 are excited to provide the "Dates to Remember" calendar for the Area 74 Service Structure. We are lucky to live in an area that hosts many conferences, workshops, and fellowship events. As your trusted servants, we sometimes miss the chance to participate in local events because they conflict with the service events you have entrusted us to conduct.

We hope that, by providing the Area 74 Dates to Remember, calendar in early fall; it can be considered as you plan your service and fellowship events for the coming year.

We look forward to seeing you at the following events:

February 9 – 11, 2024	Conference of Delegates Past and Present (CDPP) Area 22 – Muncie, IN
March 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2024	Delegates Workshop – St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Wausau, WI 9A - 2pm
March 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2024	Area Committee Meeting, - St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Wausau, WI 3pm -
GSR — March 30 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Winter Assembly – Quality Inn Rhinelander, WI 
April 14 - 20, 2024	73rd General Service Conference, Brooklyn, NY
May 17 - 19, 2024	Area 74 Spring Conference, District 13, Ashland, WI
GSR — May 18, 2024	Area 74 Assembly, District 13, Ashland, WI
May 19, 2024	Area Committee Meeting, District 13, Ashland, WI
June 7 – 9, 2024	East Central Regional Conference & Michigan State Convention, - Grand Rapids, MI
August 3, 2024	Area 74 Area Committee Meeting (OPTIONAL) Virtual
Sept 2024 13-15	Area 74 Fall Conference, District 4, Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, WI
GSR — Sept 14, 2024	Assembly - Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, WI
Sept 15, 2024	Area Committee Meeting - Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, WI
GSR — October 12, 2024	Area 74 Assembly – Quality Inn Rhinelander, WI
December 7, 2024	Area 74 Committee Meeting - Virtual



# **AA**GRAPEVINE, Inc.

A.A. Grapevine, Inc.  
Subscription Pricing

**AA GRAPEVINE**, the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, will increase the price of its print magazine for the first time in over 12 years. The new price for a yearly subscription is \$36.00, effective April 15, 2024. Grapevine has held the print magazine price steady through challenging times over the past four years — with costs for paper, printing and shipping all increasing substantially.

The Grapevine Board recognizes that we can no longer sustain the magazine's costs at the current price. Subscribers will receive discounts when ordering over multiple years, or by purchasing the "Complete" option, which includes the print magazine and full access to the website and our new mobile app. Digital subscription prices will stay at the current rates. Active subscribers will stay at their current rate until their term ends.

Here are the new prices, effective April 15, 2024:

## **New Subscription prices**

### **US and Canada**

<b>Product</b>	<b>Price</b>
Print one year	\$36.00
Print two year	\$68.00
Print three year	\$90.00
Digital one month	\$2.99
Digital one year	\$29.99
Grapevine Complete one month	\$6.00
Grapevine Complete one year	\$56.00
Grapevine Complete two years	\$98.00
Grapevine Complete three years	\$130.00

### **International**

<b>Product</b>	<b>Price</b>
Print one year	\$49.00
Print two years	\$92.00
Print three years	\$120.00
Digital one month	\$2.99
Digital one year	\$29.99
Grapevine Complete one month	\$7.00
Grapevine Complete one year	\$69.00
Grapevine Complete two years	\$112.00
Grapevine Complete three years	\$160.00

All prices are listed in US dollars and are subject to Canadian or International conversion rates.

For additional information visit us at [www.aagrapevine.org/announcement](http://www.aagrapevine.org/announcement)

Our delegate, Nicholas S., received this document from our East Central Regional Trustee - who received it from GSO.

# PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK (PLBB) FAQs

## 1. How did the PLBB come about?

The development of a plain language Big Book can be traced back to an agenda topic in 2016, at which time the General Service Conference began the assessment of the need for plain language literature. Following lots of in-depth research and reports, in 2021 the Conference as a whole requested:

*“That a draft version of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, be translated into **plain** and **simple** language and be developed in a way that is **accessible** and **relatable** to as wide of an audience as possible and that a progress report or draft be brought back to the 2022 Conference Literature Committee.”*

## 2. Will the PLBB replace the Big Book?

No. The intent was and remains for the PLBB to be a tool to access original text and be a companion piece. The original Big Book is not going away and will remain in publication.

## 3. Is this the first time A.A. has developed plain language literature?

No. Most of our pamphlets are in plain language. Also, at the time the Big Book was first published, Dr. Bob was concerned that the language was beyond the capability of blue-collar members to grasp and, as a result, 5 pamphlets (still available and known as *The Akron Pamphlets*) were written by Evan W. at the request of Dr. Bob during the 1940s.

## 4. What is Plain Language?

Plain language is a style of writing designed for word choice, sentence structure, and layout to improve readability and increase understanding.

## 5. Is it a word-for-word translation?

No. It is a rewrite into plain language that also reflects the scope of the task assigned to ensure that the draft *“be developed in a way that is **accessible** and **relatable** to as wide of an audience as possible.”*

## 6. Will it be available in Spanish and French?

We will address this question if and when the PLBB is published. However, we understand that English Plain Language is an approach not a language and so

any simplified French or Spanish versions will need to spring from the original translations into French and Spanish.

## 7. What reading level will the PLBB be at?

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## 8. Why is the draft confidential to Conference Members only and why can't I see a draft?

Historically, whenever the Conference reviews new or significantly revised books or pamphlets, only the Conference Literature Committee (or whichever Committee is reviewing the item) is provided with copies of the new or revised literature before Conference begins. In the case of pamphlets, all other Conference members have been required to sign out copies of the new or revised pamphlet(s) sometime during Conference and have been given a limited time to review the literature. In the case of books, Conference members, other than those on the reviewing committees, have not been given any opportunity to review the manuscripts and have, therefore, had to base their votes entirely on the recommendation of the committee. The reasons for operating in this way are as follows:

- 1) In order to retain the copyright of A.A.'s literature assets, we have to be able to assert that they were not "at large," shared widely in whole or in part within the Fellowship or shared on social media, prior to being published.
- 2) It usually takes several years to complete a piece of A.A. literature. During that time, multiple versions of the piece are shared with the reviewing Conference Committee. If shared widely, it would be possible for the Fellowship and the public to become confused about what is in revision, what is the current revision and what is "Conference Approved."

When circumstances such as these require that we trust the Conference process explicitly, it may be helpful to remember that Tradition 2 asserts that God's will is expressed through the group conscience and that Concept 2 states that the Conference has become "the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs."

## 9. What is being translated?

Five things:

- i) The Doctor's Opinion

- ii) The first 164 pages of the original
- iii) Dr. Bob's Nightmare
- iv) The Appendices
- v) Forewords from the first 4 editions (which, together, are now a new Appendix VIII in the translation)

There will also be a new Preface, a new Foreword, and a Glossary.

The stories (other than *Chapter 1 – Bill's Story* and *Dr. Bob's Nightmare*) are not being translated.

## 10. Does that mean the Steps, Traditions, and Warranties are being changed?

No. As laid out in the Conference Charter, only a ¾ vote of all the groups in the world responding to a proposal has the authority to do that.

The Steps and Traditions will be printed in their current form. However, alongside those items, an explanation in plain language will be included.

## 11. What will be the title of the PLBB?

Subject to the draft being approved for publication and the views of the General Service Conference, the working title is: Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

## 12. How much has this cost?

The hard costs are \$100,000 for the writer and approximately \$40,000 in publishing-related expenses. \$140,000 to date.

## 13. What printing options will be available if this book gets published?

As with other A.A. Conference approved literature, hardcover softcover and large print are options that will be decided if the Conference approves publication.

## 14. How was the writer chosen and are they an A.A. member?

Alcoholic Committee Members chose the best writer for the task through a Request For Proposal (RFI) process. Proposals were received from A.A. members and non-A.A. members. The writer who was



eventually chosen is not an A.A. member. Alcoholics have been reviewing the work of the writer at all stages and making changes to ensure that the intent (as expressed in the RFI) that it “**must capture the welcoming and inclusive spirit** of Alcoholics Anonymous and **inspire a sense of belonging and hope** in the alcoholic seeking help” is followed.

**15. Was AI (ChatGPT or similar) used in the plain language big book development?**

No AI or text generator was used in the plain language draft.

**16. Were any Non-Alcoholics on the Tools to Access the Big Book (TABB) or Plain Language Big Book (PLBB) subcommittees?**

No. All members were alcoholics.

**17. How will the PLBB address gender and God?**

The gender of named individuals will not be changed, but where the example given is of an archetype, e.g. the Jaywalker, we will switch up things so that there is a broader representation of both men and women. The original Big Book contains about 250 he/him/his to about 50 she/her/hers. The plain language big book will be more balanced.

Where God is mentioned, and will continue to be mentioned, this is sometimes paired with ‘Higher Power.’”

**18. When the 2023 General Service Conference got to review the work in progress, i.e., the draft of the first 6 chapters, what did the Conference think?**

The response was overwhelmingly positive. Even those who initially expressed concerns liked the plain language BB after reviewing it.

**19. If published, who will own the copyright?**

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

## 20. What happens next?

The 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference will review the complete draft at the Conference. Possible outcomes include:

- i) Approving the draft for publication as presented
- ii) Approving the draft with minor changes as may be suggested by the Conference Committee on Literature or the Conference floor
- iii) Sending the draft back for more work, indicating the issues to be addressed
- iv) Halting the project