

DISTRICT 20 AGENDA

Date: 9/27/11

Opening – Third Step Prayer – The We Version

God we offer ourselves to thee, to build with us and to do with us as thou wilt. Relieve us of the bondage of self that we may better do thy will. Take away our difficulties that victory over them may bear witness to those we would help, of thy power, thy love, and thy way of life. May we do thy will always.

Welcome, Introductions and Group News

Group Name	GSR	Time		Location
511 N. Carroll	Brian	M 5:30 pm		511 N. Carroll
511 Sat. Morning step Group	Don H.	Sat 9:00 am		511 N. Carroll
A Vision for You Group	Matt J.	TR 8:00 pm		Fitchburg Serenity Club
Beginner's Group	Lisa T.	T 7:00 pm		St. Dunstan's Church
Capitol Steps Group	Connor C.	Sat 6:00 pm		Grace Episcopal Church
Daily Reflections	Lisa V.	TR 7:00 pm		Westwood Church
Downtown Group	Judy F.	F 7:30pm		511 N. Carroll
Early Risers		M-F 7 am; Sat-Sun 8 am		Family Center Bldg., 2120 Fordem
Eastside Alano Group	Ross W.	Multiple		1017 Northport Dr.
Easy Does It But Do It	Scott P.	M&F 7pm		Presbyterian Church, Oregon
Exit 164	Kelly T.	T 8:00 pm		511 N. Carroll
Experience, Strength and Hope Group	Chris B.	W 7:00 pm		Lake Edge U.C.C
Fox Hall Recovery Group	Laura W.	M 7:00 pm		Trinity Lutheran Church
Freedom Group	Steve B.	W 7:30 pm		Fitchburg Serenity Club
Friday Night Lights	Mike M.			
Good Sheppard Lutheran Verona Group	Mike H.			
Grace Lunch Group	Tom L.	M-F 12pm		Grace Episcopal Church
Into Action		F 6:00 pm; 7:00 pm		Plymouth CUCC
Keep it simple	Karl G.	Sat 10:00am		Atwood Ave.
Language of the Heart	Marcy J.	Sun 3:00 pm		Fitchburg Serenity Club
Living Sober Group	Mike G.	W 7:00 pm		VA Hospital Room 2855
Madbook Group	Marc V.	T 5:30pm		511 N. Carroll
Madison Professionals Group	David L.			
Monona Serenity Club	Jan M.	Multiple	Thursday Night 8pm speaker and potluck with Celebrations of Aniversarys	4933 Prairie Dock Dr., Monona
Monticello 12x12	Darren P.	F 7:00pm		Zwingly Church, Monticello
Mt. Horeb	Marty R.	Sat 9 am; M 7:30 pm; W 7:30 pm		Immanuel Lutheran/ Methodist Church/Evangelical Lutheran Church
New Glarus Sobriety Fest	Mike B.	T 7:00 pm		Sheppard of the Hills Church, New Glarus
Otimers Group	Pamela B.			

Our Primary Purpose	Scotty W.	T 6:30 pm		Highland Manor, 10 Malibou Dr.
Phoenix Group	Penny R.	Sat 10:00am		
Precisely How we Recovered Group	Gavin M.	T&TR 10am		Wilmar Center 953 Jennifer st.
Room to Grow Group	Scott M.	T 7:00 pm		People Method Church
Serenity Seekers Group	Earl	10:10am		Fitchburg Serenity Club
St. Francis House	Adam H	TR 8:00		St. Francis House
Stoughton Alano Club	Justin P.	Multiple		900 Giles, Stoughton
Sunlight of the Spirit (SOTS)	Ed C.	M 6:00 pm; W 6:30 pm		Plymouth CUCC
Sunrisers Group	Elle L.	M-F 7:30am		Fitchburg Serenity Club
Unity Group	Sara G. Alt:Marnie	T 7:30 pm		Cross Pains Library
Verona Meeting	Mike H.	T 7:30 pm		Good Sheppard Lutheran Church
Wauna-Group	Kari D.	TR 8:15 pm		First Presbyterian Church
Woman's Group of Sun Prairie	Pat N.	T 6:30pm		Colonial Club Senior Center, Sun Prairie
Women's Reflections Group	Michelle	F 7:00 pm		Bethany Lutheran Church
Women's Serenity Group	Patti L.	TR 4:00 pm; Sat 10:00 am		Warner Park Center
Working Steps Group	Brianna	W 5:30 pm		St. Stevens Lutheran Church

- Secretary's Report – Mat E.
 - Minutes: Passed
- Treasurer's Report (2 min) – Brent B.
 - Beginning Balance: \$1640.52
 - Deposits: \$176.00
 - Withdrawals: (\$40.00)
 - Prudent Reserve \$250.00
 - Mini-conference fund \$800.00
 - Available Balance \$726.52
 - Report Passed
- MAICO Report (2 min) – Zach
 - Not Present
- Standing Committee Reports (2 min)
 - Archives/Archivist – Alec S.
 1. Made contact with previous Archivist and outlined the duties of the positions
 - Gather and hoard historical info
 2. Alec is working towards digitizing archives
 - Bridging the Gap – Rich B.
 1. Not Present
 - Cooperation with the Professional Community –
 - Corrections – Doreen H.
 1. Nothing to report, Scot W is looking for help at the fox lake prison, contact Scot W. for details
 - Grapevine – Julie W.
 1. Signed up as a District rep and got a nice little packet in the mail,
 2. Each group is suggested to choose a grapevine rep and have a couple of subscriptions

- Public Information – Will S.
 1. Queen of peace Church is having a health fair and requested AA info,
 2. Posters now have wrong address and will be printing out stickers to put over old address
 - Special Needs – Mark H.
 1. Email not working
 - Treatment – Sean M.
 1. See report below
 - DCM Report
- Old Business
 - Area 75 proposals
 1. That Area 75 adopt the use of one facility for the purpose of hosting Area 75 Conferences.
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 2. That Area 75 adopt the use of five conference facilities on a rotating basis for the purpose of hosting Area 75 Conferences.
 - Voted 3 opposed
 - a. Concern about limiting ourselves to better deals
 - b. Didn't see the value in rotation
 - Voted again and passed
 3. That in the years in which Area 75 hosts the East Central Regional Conference (ECRC), the Area 75 annual conference be held in July in conjunction with the regional conference.
 - Passed
 4. That the diagram on page 17 of the pamphlet "the AA group...where it all begins" (revised 2005) be revised to mirror the diagram on page S27 of the AA service manual 2010-2011 edition
 - Believed to be withdrawn as later printings have the issue corrected
 5. That Area 75 fund the Conference Advisory Committee Chair for mileage at the current approved rate and for other misc. expenses.
 - Concern about this proposal being poorly written
 - Vote: failed
 - CPC chair election:
 1. Any one interested? John C. expressed interest
 - No other interest, John C. is new CPC Chair!!
- New Business
 - District inventory will send out when complete
 - WICYPAA
 - Next event Oct 29th Northport.
 - AA Service Manual
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Closing – Responsibility Statement

I am responsible...when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.

Dates to Remember (ALL are encouraged to attend):

- District 20 Mini-Conference- October 15 at the Madison Senior Center
- Area 75 Fall Service Assembly - October 16 at the Madison Senior Center
- East Central Regional Forum - November 11-13 in Miamisburg, OH

**Area 75 Calendar of Events www.area75.org
MAICO 6033 Monona Dr., Madison, WI 53716 www.aamadisonwi.org**

Treatment Report:

M.A.I.C.O was contacted on AUG.1 by a staff member at Mendota Mental Health Institute (MMHI), inquiring how we might be of service. Up until now they've only tried treating medically and, have found their results lacking. There are a lot of dual diagnosed patients returning time & time again. By only treating mental health and not alcoholism, relapse is almost inevitable.

I was contacted the first week of August by our Intergroup staff and, immediately called to touch base with MMHI. After inquiring as to when we could meet an E-mail was set out sun.Aug21 requesting an audience the following Tuesday Aug23 at 3pm. Unfortunately too short of notice to coordinate with any of the other district chairs.

Tuesday arrived, and I sat down with 3 MMHI administrators to discuss how we might best serve them and, to answer any questions the other might have. Their position was presented as such- two programs might benefit from contact with AA. First CIVIL short term 1-2 week stays, frequent relapse. And second FORENSIC forced remission, long term care on a locked down ward. Currently all of the patients we would have contact with are male, however future service has been discussed pending results from current opportunities to carry the message.

The staff of MMHI mentioned an interest in our basic text and meeting schedules, as well as our Bridging The Gap program, in hopes that individuals might contact their local 12 step group upon their release.

In our discussion, possible formats were presented, with some sort of speaker meeting being most well thought of, considering our audience. Ultimately a group conscience will determine how the message is carried. Possible days and times were narrowed down to Thursday or Saturday preferably the latter, at 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Some concerns by the staff included, AA's opinion on outside issues such as, telling patients not to take medication. I quickly assured them that I don't personally carry malpractice insurance, and would leave medical advice to those more qualified. We as members of alcoholics anonymous wouldn't be giving advice as to what others should do, only what we have done (our experience). And that the message we would be bringing is that of our 12th step "having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps". The other concern involved the meetings being left "open" versus "closed" so that staff could attend, it being the policy of this state run facility that their activities be monitored for both the safety of the patients and the visitors.

Keep in mind this isn't off the ground yet, plenty of unknowns. I am accepting any and all volunteers for the pre-qualifying and vetting that MMHI requires before allowing us to serve them. There is a volunteer package that each individual will have to complete and submit prior to attendance. Meetings could start as early as November however knowing the state its doubtful.

So for now that'll do it -in service Sean Mc. a work in progress