

**Area Committee Meeting August 6, 2016**  
**Reiter Center, Three Lakes, WI**  
**Minutes**

The meeting opened at 10:00 am.

Housekeeping by Sara P including voice/vote explanation, vote by substantial unanimity unless otherwise stated, and 4 minutes for DCM reports & 2 minutes for comments.

Timer: Dawn M. District 20

Counter: Karen K. District 17 and Adam S. District 08

Traditions read by Jeff D. District 04

**Roll Call: Area Officers**

Area Chair / Alternate Delegate, Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer

**Committee Chairs**

Archives, Corrections MI, CPC, Finance, Grapevine Chair, Now & Then, Literature, Treatment

**DCMs:**

01, 02, 04, 05, 07, 08, 10, 13, 18, 20, 21, 23 (District 16 represented by proxy, Bob M)

**Minutes from the 5/22/16 Area Committee Meeting were approved without changes.**

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**Unfinished Business**

**1) Ad-hoc Committee on Conducting Area Business Update – Derek T (Committee Chair)**

Committee members: Derek T. - Chair, Gail Z., Bob M., Sara P., Kim R., Marty L.

Since we last reported to the Area Committee Meeting on March 3, 2015, the Conducting Area Business ad hoc committee has met five times via conference call:

- June 1, 2016
- June 22, 2016
- July 13, 2016
- July 20, 2016
- July 27, 2016

The committee's work over these last meetings involved attempting to complete a summary report of its findings to present to the Area Committee, scope statement #2. The committee was unable to reach a consensus on the level of information that would be provided in this summary report. On the committee's conference call on July 13, all committee members agreed that the committee had reached a standstill. The committee therefore, has no report of the findings to provide.

**The ad-hoc committee recommends no further action be taken by this committee.**

The committee discussed options for the Area Committee in moving forward. The committee would like to forward the following additional considerations:

- The Area Committee could assign a new ad hoc committee
- Area 74 could conduct an inventory focusing on:
  - o Spirituality (Area Service Meetings)
  - o Property (Hardware and Software)
  - o Documentation

The data created by the members of the Ad Hoc committee, as well as minutes of all

meetings, will be provided to the Area Archivist for archival purposes. Please feel free to contact any of the ad-hoc committee members for clarification  
Respectfully submitted, Derek T., CAB Ad-hoc Committee

Derek has hard copy of report that he could scan. He also thanked all the committee members who stayed through the entire process. Derek would not want to serve on another committee if the Area chooses to have one, and knows other members of the committee who feel the same way.

**Vote on recommendation to take no action. Yes – 21, No – 2. 91%. Motion carries.**

**Minority opinion:**

Char V: The committee stated it was at a standstill, and yet listed additional considerations – how is that a standstill?

Brent: Did the committee just run out of steam & would like a new committee assigned?

Derek: Yes.

Nobody in the majority wished to change their vote. Derek clarified the additional considerations are questions for consideration.

Diane S: What was its purpose? Felt caught off-guard with the vote. Didn't feel she had enough information to make an informed decision.

Derek: read the scope, which was brought up in past meetings.

Jay H: Was the Area Committee given the chance to discuss this recommendation before voting on it? Sara: Yes.

**2) Ad-hoc Committee on Liability Insurance at AA events Update – Jason L (Committee Chair) absent.**

Sara P stated she was asked by Jason L to give his brief update regarding this ad-hoc committee as he was unable to attend today. "The committee has not yet been able to meet but has identified many action items to discuss."

**Questions:**

Bob M: Who is on the Committee? Barry B, Char C, Bryon B, Jason L, Steve H, and Kim R.

Ron S: His intergroup had issues with insurance. Catholic Churches charge a flat \$100 fee. Some places stated if there was no alcohol being served, there was no need for insurance.

**Regarding CAB report – Bob M:** The whole report can be acted upon in Unfinished Business.

Lunch from 11:45 to 12:45.

**CAB report re-opened for discussion. There were no comments.**

**New Business:**

**1) Approve September 17, 2016 Fall Assembly Agenda – Sara P (Area Chair)**

Sara questioned where the sharing session should be placed on the agenda. She placed it in the beginning because at past assemblies that's where it was. Derek said it was usually at the beginning of the Assembly and a good icebreaker.

Questions regarding placement of WICYPAA report on agenda. Char V suggested it should be with Conference Reports because their report always seems to be about conferences.

Jeff D: A question about the budgets to be presented. Sheryl stated it was just Committee expenses.

Diane S: are WICYPAA representatives given advance notice of how much time they have? At the last Assembly, they ran out of time before they were finished. Sara: The issue of time has been addressed with Jason.

Bob M: Sharing session. People talk about things, but nothing ever happens. Can people make comments at the end of New Business? Will there be a specific topic? Sara – either a specific topic or a learning topic. Sara said it is her understanding that a sharing session is about everyone being able to share information on a topic.

Kim: WICYPAA report is usually early on the agenda so the WICYPAA people can leave after their report.

Michelle: Why can't everyone leave early? WICYPAA is a conference, it should be with conference reports.

**Sara asked for a show of hands to keep WICYPAA report where it is on Agenda. 15 Yes, 8 No.**

Minority opinion: Bob M – According to our guidelines, we're inviting them to participate. Why would we let them leave early? We want them to be more involved, they should stay for the whole meeting.

Brent wished to change his vote. Kathy S 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote to reconsider -- 15 Yes, 8 No.**

Discussion:

Brent – it is AA, they should participate in the whole Assembly

Derek – supports WICYPAA being in with Conference Reports, because it is a conference and should go with conferences.

Dean – Whether they're here for the whole meeting is a separate issue.

Bryon – if they have no voice or vote, why should they be here?

Bob M – They do have a voice according to our guidelines (Webmaster & Archivist do not), but they cannot vote.

**All in favor of keeping it where it is? Yes 9, No 14 -- 39%. Motion fails, WICYPAA report moves to Conference Reports.**

Questions as to what the vote was about.

**Jay H: moved to accept the Agenda with the correction that WICYPAA Report be moved to Conference Updates & Bids. Yes 24, No 0.**

## **2) 2017 Dates to Remember – Sara P (Area Chair)**

March 11, 2017 for Delegate's Workshop, April 8, 2017 for Assembly, August 12, 2017 for Area Committee Meeting, and October 28, 2017 for Assembly and December 9, 2017 for Area Committee Meeting at the Reiter Center.

**In favor of dates: yes 25, no 0.**

## **3) Topic for Sharing Session/Learning Topic – Sara P (Area Chair)**

Brian: How can we be of service to you?

Dean: Concept IX "qualified servants"

Bryon: Unity

Char: Role of Area Committee

Sara: Read the list of Sharing Session Topics that were compiled in the past: Twelve Concepts, Timing of Assembly Structure, Wearing of Multiple hats within Service Structure, Role of the Area Committee, Orientation Sessions, How is Work Done at the General Service Conference, and GSR power point.

Bob M: Do you want a motion or do you want people to vote on each topic? Will you (Sara) make the decision, or does the Area Committee Meeting make the decision?

Derek: Spirituality in general service.

Jay: Why not let the Assembly decide?

Sara: That's where the list of topics came from.

**Michelle: move to pick the next topic on the list, which is the Twelve Concepts.**

**Joe 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Yes 5, No 18.**

**Diane: Move that the sharing session topic at the next Assembly be: What does the body want or expect of its service representatives? Bryon 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Derek: Friendly amendment: What does Area 74 expect from its trusted servants?**

**Diane accepts, Barry 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Yes 19, No 3**

Minority opinion:

Jay H: Uncomfortable that we're deciding for the GSRs. The topic is too broad for a 1 hour sharing session.

Dean wants to change his vote, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy.

**Vote to reconsider: Yes 8, No 13. Motion to reconsider fails.**

#### **4) Structures & Guidelines: Gloria O**

The Structures & Guidelines Committee wants to know if the following is a good plan regarding distribution of the history document titled "Advisory Action of Area 74":

Does it seem appropriate to only print hard copies for the December ACM meeting for the incoming chairs and officers. In addition, the Structures and Guidelines Chair would email the entire contact list a digital copy as well.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gloria O, Acting Chair

#### **Discussion:**

Bob M: Will it be posted on the Area 74 website? Haven't gotten that far yet, but she will take the suggestion to the committee.

Every 2 years, the rotation would be updated to keep current?

#### **Announcement:**

Bob M: If people could get stuff to the Now & Then regarding Assembly motions, etc., they would be printed there.

**Jeff D moved to close the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Next Area Committee meeting is September 18, 2016 in Turtle Lake, WI**

**Meeting closed at 2 pm with The Responsibility Statement.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Z, Area Secretary

## **Delegate's Report:**

This report will give you an overview of my activities since our last Area Committee Meeting. I'd also like to share some information on what's going on in AA as a whole. Lastly, I will provide an overview of the future events I will be participating in.

### **Overview of Activities and Participation**

I presented my Delegate's Report at the District 23 meeting on June 5 in Cumberland, WI. Thank you, Jay H. for the warm welcome and hospitality and Mark and Paula for hosting me overnight. I spoke at a District 1 event at the 218 Club in Green Bay on June 10. Great turnout and again warm hospitality and thanks to Kimmy and Dean S. for hosting me overnight. I participated in the District 20 Workshop on Sponsorship on June 18 in Germfask, MI. I presented an abbreviated Delegate's report and also sat on a panel. Great food and great fellowship.

I have written articles for the Now & Then in June, July and August 2016.

I participated on the Delegate Teleconference with the East Central Regional Trustee and other ECR Delegates on July 13.

I have forward several emails from GSO, the ECR Secretary and our Trustee Bill F, on to you, the Area Committee members.

I have participated in Committee Teleconferences for Finance and Structures & Guidelines on various dates since the last ACM

I have answered several Delegate sharing requests from other Delegate's around North America. The requests are routed through the Alternate Delegate Chair.

### **News and Information**

The Final Report from the 66th General Service Conference is nearly complete. I was sent an image of the cover which I forwarded to all members of the Area Committee. The final reports are slated to be shipped out by the end of next week, so I should have those for distribution at the Fall Conference Assembly in Turtle Lake in September.

The new Corrections video, A New Freedom is now available to view on [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). Check it out; very powerful.

### **AAWS/Publishing**

May 2016 sales were up 5.34% over budget. Gross sales for 2016 (through May) are up \$87,920 over budget (or up 5.27% over budget). Board accepted the Publishing Committee's recommendation that AAWS apply for trademark and copyright registration of the 'blue people' logo. The AAWS Board also approved the Publishing Committee's recommendation that the proposal for a new A.A.W.S. book with the working title Unity in Action: Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970 be forwarded to the trustee's Archives Committee for its consideration.

### **Finance**

Sales to date are up, contributions are up and operating expenses are down.

First three months (unaudited) net profit was \$369,990 compared against a budgeted loss of \$12,941. Sales (as noted above) and contributions are ahead of budget for April and May of 2016.

### **Other Notes and Upcoming Events**

I have printed reports of group contributions to the General Service Board organized by District available for the period ending 05/31/16. Please see me today or I will see you.

I will be serving on a panel at the East Central Regional Conference and Illinois State Conference next weekend in St. Charles, IL. The topic is "AS THE WORLD LOOSENS IT'S VIEWS ON ALCOHOLISM, ARE WE LOOSENING OUR VIEWS ON OUR PRINCIPLES?" I've also assisted in organizing the Area 74 Panel "Our Common Welfare". Sara P. will be the

moderator with participants Char V., Len D., and Sheryl D. Both panels are on Saturday morning if you are planning to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## **DCM Reports:**

### **District 01**

In June we had a visit from our Delegate Derek; I want to thank him for making the long drive just to share his story with us. District 01 monthly GSR district meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at the Central Office. Lately attendance has been increasing to the point of a relatively full room. There are increased numbers of visitors but also three more GSRs that regularly attend. At the last meeting we had an election to fill the vacant PI position. We currently have about 13 to 14 GSRs who regularly attend the meeting. At the most recent meeting we discussed the possibility of reimbursing GSRs (who's groups cannot afford it) for travel to Area 74 assemblies. This led me to wonder if any other districts do this or have had this request. The committee to plan the 2018 spring conference has been meeting. The conference is scheduled for May 18-20, 2018 at the Radisson on 2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay. The hotel room rate will be \$99. Conference registration will be \$20 and the banquet price will be \$25.

Nate K. DCM District 01

### **District 02**

District 02 extends from Oshkosh in the south to Clintonville and Bonduel in the north and west from Weyauwega to Brillion in the east. There are approximately 130 meetings held in the district weekly. Our district also has as a few of the drunkest cities in the US. A follow up to the interview request by the local radio station as reported at the last ACM is as follows. The PI chair was put on the spot when she received the call with no notice. She gave a wonderful interview. She was reminded by her sponsor that A.A. does not have an opinion on outside issues.

Our District meetings are held on the second Sunday each month at rotating venues within the district. We continue to average between 20-40 attendees. All A.A. members are invited to attend. Our next meeting is tomorrow. Our District G.S.R. roundtable sessions which are held one hour prior to our District meeting continue to go well. I want to share a quick experience on how the fellowship works, A GSR brought forth a concern with an individual who was chairing a 1st step meeting who was doing some 13th step work with the females. A great discussion took place with many sharing experiences. The young GSR wrote the following in an email follow-up. *"Seeing everyone work together to protect the integrity of AA as a whole, while still holding out a hand to help a clearly sick man was just such a cool thing to be a part of. The feedback that I received at the roundtable helped set everything in motion. Sometimes I think it's easy to forget how much of a miracle this fellowship really is! I got to witness that miracle at work on so many levels on Sunday, and I am truly grateful for everyone's support at district!!"*

We formed an Ad-Hoc Committee to review the District 02 guidelines. The ad-hoc committee's mission statement is to review the current guidelines, to correct grammatical errors, research past amendments, current amendments, and to provide recommendations. Review and develop a workable guideline to carry into the future.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Char Van Deraa  
District 02 DCM

**District 03** – (not present at the Area Committee Meeting, but sent in this report)

1. The Thursday Night Group had their annual summer picnic on July 28th. Fun and food was had by all whom attended. Speakers included Karen G. for Alanon, and Stephen W. for Alcoholics Anonymous.
2. The district Public Information Committee continues to reach out to our area hospitals, hotels, and libraries in order to provide pamphlets and meeting lists to those who are still suffering. Information regarding Alanon is also being provided in hopes of helping community members whom have a loved one suffering from alcoholism.
3. The Tuesday Night Working With Others continues to hold an open speaker meeting every 2nd Saturday of the month. This meeting is held at St. Lukes Lutheran Church, 2011 10th St. South in Wisconsin Rapids, WI...starting at 7 pm.

Thank you for letting me serve,  
Stephen Webster  
DCM District 03 Area 74

**District 04**

District 04 is comprised of Portage County and Western Waupaca County with 28 registered groups. Our monthly GSR meetings generally see about 15-25 members attending and all of our service positions are filled.

We have recently switched to Freedom Voice phone service for our district hotline and are so far pleased with the service and the money savings. Our annual District picnic is today at Jordan Park in Stevens Point and generally is well attended every year with upwards of 80 people. We also have our annual Turkey feed intergroup coming up September 10 of this year and promises to be another over indulgence in food, great fellowship, and an excellent speaker. Please join us if you can all are welcome. (You can get details on this event on our District 04 website.) We will be electing a new District secretary at the next District GSR meeting and thus far we have two nominations for the position. Things have been relatively quiet in the District but things will start picking up again this fall.

Yours in service,

Jeff D. DCM 04

**District 05**

Good Day to All,

All of District 05's service positions have been filled and are active except for one. That will be addresses at the next meeting.

Update for Fall Conference 2017. The Committee has meet 3 times and all the Committee chairs have been filled. The venue that we had chosen for the event has been sold and will be demolished this fall. The Hospitality Chair has narrowed down the new venue to 3 possible choices. It will be decided at our planning committee meeting.

District 05 will be initiating a review of our District Meeting list. Items to be reviewed will be: format, when to include new meetings, and a review of all meeting times and locations.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Bryon Bensen  
District 05 DCM

### **District 07**

Out of 23 groups, 2-3 GSRs are attending the District meeting; low interest. One AA member stepped up to be secretary, and this will help lift responsibilities from me, as DCM. CPC has had no activity, although is our major interest; one interested AA for CPC work fell through. Winter/Fall event has no group/Committee stepping forward to chair this event; trying to break the trend of the event chair always being someone on the District committee, who is servicing the district in other ways. It still is a struggle getting AAs to engage in service work or having an interest in what service work is.

Diane D  
715.207.5053

### **District 8**

District 8 has 39 registered groups. Out of all the registered groups we have about 8 to 10 GSRs attending our district meeting which is held on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Tuesday of every month at Mount View Care Center. We cover northern Marathon and southern Lincoln counties. We have had a few things happening in our district one being that our district CPC and Treatment Chair along with another AA member hosted a presentation at the North Central HealthCare Center meeting with several counselors and jail staff explaining what AA is all about. They had one presentation at noon and one at 5:00 pm with very good results. Next are district is in the works of hosting a Home Group Workshop to be held this October 8<sup>th</sup>. From Noon to 3:30 at the Alano Club 711 McClellan St. Wausau, WI. We will be providing the main dish with potluck please bring a dish if you like.

### **District 10 – Tracey M**

District 10 covers Oneida, Langlade, Vilas, and Forest Counties. We tried the Freedom Voice hotline, but it didn't work well. There were too many problems, so we switched back to our regular hotline. We have more involvement in our treatment centers. Our website is posting events two months in advance. We meet the second Saturday of every month, and our meetings generally don't last more than an hour. We have more women ready to bring AA to the Oneida County jail, however, the jail has not arranged the meetings yet.

### **District 13 – Sonny**

### **District 16 – Fred – not present, presented by Bob M.**

Greetings from District 16 on Lake Superior,

We've made a few changes up here starting with a monthly new letter, including the Step, Tradition and Concept of the month with quotes and reflections on each. We now have regular bi-monthly District meetings. We've put together a new directory with the questions from "Is AA For Me" included in it. On October 7th we are having our Sober-Fest. We are bringing in some old timers to share how AA began and grew in Ontonagon and Baraga counties. It should be a



good evening of food folks and lots of stories. The L'Anse Inter-group was a huge success with standing room only! Lots of good food and interesting AA and AI anon speakers. We hope to have a joint District 16 and 21 workshop on "Our primary purpose, put on by Bob M. in the fall.

Not to paint too rosy a picture, most of our groups are really struggling. We struggle with misinformation indifference and denial. Sponsorship, regular group conscience meetings and groups with GSR's are far from the norm. There is lots of work ahead of us but we are showing some progress.

Yours in Service,  
Fred Martin  
DCM  
District 16

### **District 18**

This district takes in all of Marquette County of the great U. P. of Michigan

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Our county jail and a prison committee is meeting once a month and they are updating the volunteer list and getting more literature and information to the jail along with volunteers to carry the message to within these facilities along with several of the groups help within our District.

Our treatment committee is struggling to get volunteers for the facilities and no one showing up so it may dissolve.

There are about 8-10 GSR attending district meetings and about 12 – 15 attendees. We are getting new people interested,

We are talking to try and have a district picnic to try and increase interest in our district.

The district is in the process of developing some structures and guidelines for the district.

I myself have attended 9 separate groups and have asked how I may help them and just being able to be of service and fellowship with the members in the district.

As you heard we are talking to the groups to host a conference and assembly hope to be able to answer this at the fall conference.

Sincerely yours Happy, Joyous, and Free

District 18 member

Gary R Trombley

(906) 346-3544

### **District 20**

District 20 is located in east central Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We have 22 meetings covering 3200 square miles and every day of the week. Last District meeting was July 23rd. Next meeting is August 20th.

HIGHLIGHTS • Next U.P. Traveling Intergroup is August 13th at Grace Lutheran Church in Gwinn Michigan. Flyers on table

- Held a Sponsorship Workshop June 18th at St. Therese Catholic Church Germfask Michigan. Thanks to Derek and Barry for their presentations and for serving on the panel.
- Elected a new District 20 treasurer. We have now filled all positions and committees.
- Continue to review prudent reserve: purpose, how much, etc.
- I attended a District 20 Sober campout in Newberry and a Friday evening meeting also in Newberry.

- I have been involved in the Monthly DCM and PI Committee conference calls.
  - Three calls to hotline in July
  - We have some meetings that call themselves groups and some individuals that call themselves GSRs but neither has been registered. I am getting to the bottom of all that.
  - One new GSR joined our District meeting in July
  - Spring 2017 Conference status.
    - o Flyer released and on table.
    - o Flyer includes motels that have given a discounted rate.
    - o Please get registrations in o Registration--\$18. Banquet--\$22.
    - o We will have an onsite lunch available at an addition cost for those interested.
- Checkbox is on flyer. We have a nice website at [www.district20area74aa.org](http://www.district20area74aa.org). Meeting lists, flyers, literature, minutes and a calendar for activities are all posted on the website.
- 08/06/16 Dean Culliton

### **District 21 – Ron**

District 21 includes Northern Houghton and Keweenaw counties in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. We currently have 22 regularly scheduled meetings as well as 5 seasonal meetings that will continue thru October. Our 24 hour AA hotline is answered at no charge by Dial Help in Houghton, meetings are listed at no charge in our local newspaper, and meetings are mentioned on local radio stations at no charge as community service announcements. Our abridged meeting schedule can also be found on the Area 74 website.

We cooperate with Houghton County's drug court, as well as local residential treatment facilities and shelters, which regularly refer people to our meetings. Although not in our district we continue to support AA meetings at Michigan Department of Corrections, Baraga Max. One of five volunteers attends prisoner meetings every Wednesday at 7:15pm.

Today we have a strong core group of 12 to 15 GSR's, chairpersons and officers, most with multiple responsibilities. We are currently working on next year's May 13<sup>th</sup> inter group, are discussing a possible service workshop, and our newest woman's group is in the early stages of planning a retreat.

At our district meeting last Tuesday I asked if there was anything anyone wanted me to bring to this meeting. There were several comments, including "keep it simple", "this is supposed to be a program of ego deflation", "how important is it", and a reminder that "there is a fine line between a trusted servant and a bleeding deacon". A few recalled multiple occurrences of lengthily bickering back and forth, usually because something wasn't being done as "we always do", or because something didn't quite mesh with our guidelines. It reminded me that for a brief moment I almost declined the DCM position, but our twelfth tradition required me to accept.

It also reminded me of two very important people in my life. The first is Wally Z., a person I knew for many years before he shared that he was a past delegate (from Chicago, panel 44, I believe). When I asked him why he never mentioned this before he said that "past" meant he "used to be" and he was now happy to hold the highest office in AA possible, "member". The second was a consultant I worked with almost fifty years ago, Ernie S. For weeks he would follow me around silently watching or asking strange questions. He wanted to know how and why we did things, and my answers usually ended with something like "we've always done it that way". He would usually only nod, make some notes, and continue watching, but one day, after I'd given him the same stock answer, *again*, he paused for a moment and said, "Ron, just because you've always done it that way, doesn't mean it's the right way, or the only way. If you are going to succeed in life you have to be open to new ideas". I leave you with those thoughts...

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Schreiner,  
Area 74, District 21,DCM

### **District 23 – Jay H**

District 23 has made significant progress on the projects stated in our last report of 5/22/16:

- I. June has come and gone, and with it the visit made by our Area 74 Delegate, Derek Tait, to District 23 on 6/7/16. A big “THANK YOU” goes out to Derek for his answering our invitation with a long drive and an excellent presentation of his 2016 GSC Report. Attendance was impressive and many questions were generated and answered.
- II. The up-coming “*Area 74 2016 Fall Conference*”, due to be held on September 16-18, has continued to come together under the watchful eyes our *ad hoc* Conference Planning Committee. All major elements had fallen into place as of our last report, however astute attention to detail has now come into focus and taken center stage. Speaking of “stage” one cannot help but report that the conference skit has held a number of fun and successful rehearsals, as well as a number of overall planning meetings having transpired. All appears well in this sector of effort; we have received somewhere in the neighborhood of sixty registrations already – we hope this to foreshadow a large and frisky crowd of interested participants!
- III. The institution of our PI/CPC Committee’s “Public Service Announcement (PSA) Initiative”, originally scheduled to start-up in June on three area radio stations has been rescheduled for start-up in August with one station (& affiliates) as a test run.
- IV. The reassessment of our District 23 “HELPLINE” service; with an accompanying redesign and streamlining of instructions to the holder of the phone has concluded, with the newly revised guidelines ready to be issued forthwith.
- V. The culmination of our hope and efforts to re-ignite our Washburn County Jail meeting, which had ceased to exist for a six-year span, has been successfully instituted as of June. Our district’s “Triangle Home Group” designed the meeting format, supplies the general service workers, schedules all weekly meetings and maintains communication with the jail administrator as well as the district. By all accounts all meetings held thus (9 ea.) far have been met with high approval by all concerned.
- VI. Our monthly District 23 GSR Meetings continue to enjoy steady and significant attendance - with seventeen members (17 ea.) present at our July meeting.

Thank You for the Opportunity to Serve A.A.,  
Jay Hands, DCM  
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