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A message of experience, strength, and hope on

Step 3: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God, as we understand him.

Step three came pretty easy to me. Here is how it happened.

In 2017, I was found guilty of OWI 4th offense. I have never seen a Big Book, 12 and 12 book, or read anything out of the Bible. At 50 years old, I had no God or Higher Power in my life at all. I was a full-fledged alcoholic. And that is where it all started. I admitted to the Judge that I was an alcoholic and to please put me in a prison where I can learn about this disease. I lived in Wausaukee, WI out of town where you can hear a dog bark from a mile away. Now, I live in a 5x7 room with a very loud cellmate, and I can hear 380 other people screaming, arguing, and fighting. I was in hell. I was looking for a way to end it. When transferred to prison, you are only allowed to bring three things—glasses, a Big Book, and a Bible.

After three and a half days of no sleep, I was done. I wanted out any way possible. I sat up, looked around, and seen my property—two books and one pair of glasses. I put on the glasses, opened the Bible, somewhere in the middle, and started to read. After half of a paragraph of reading it was silent. I looked around. People were still screaming, arguing, and fighting. But I heard nothing. Right there and then I knew there was a God and He was with me. I was restored to sanity. I was out of hell and I found serenity. And I wanted more of it. So right then and there, I made a decision to turn my will and my life over to the care of God. Still reading the Big Book and the Bible. Over 5 ½ years sober.

In step three it talks about needing a key to open the door for a Higher Power. My key is in those two books.

- **Paul B., Wausaukee, WI.**

Upcoming Fellowship & Service Opportunities

District 09 GSR meeting

April 2// 2PM// St. Augustine Catholic Church 507 Church St.
Wausaukee, WI

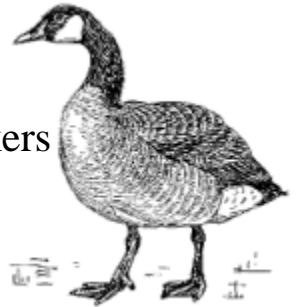


District 02 Service Workshop

April 1// 10AM-12PM
St. Mark's Church 140 S. Green Bay Rd Neenah, WI
Zoom Link 875-9555-4987 Passcode 844696

Moose & Goose Corrections Literature Benefit

April 15// 5PM social hour// 6PM potluck// 7:30PM speakers
Needs volunteers// meat donations// silent auction items
Activities Ham raffle// 50/50 raffle// silent auction
Contact Fred B. 920-595-0062



Heartland Area Conference of Young People in AA (HACYPAA 7)

April 7-9// Chula Vista Resort WIS Dells
<https://hacypaa-7.square.site/>

Area 74 Spring Conference

May 19-21// Radisson Hotel and Conference Center 2040 Airport
Dr. Green Bay, WI
Registration only \$20// add Banquet \$25
Contact Kimberly 231-622-3743

**DISTRICT 09 GSR MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2023
SHAWANO, WI**

Paul Y. opened the meeting at 2:10 pm. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions were read by Norm F. and introductions made. A sign-in sheet was passed; there were 16 members in attendance, representing Shawano, Porterfield, Gillett, Suring, Oconto, Marinette, Coleman, Lakewood, and Rhinelander in WI and Menominee, MI.

Secretary Report: The minutes from the last District 09 Meeting from January 2023 were approved and accepted.

Treasurer Report: Dan L. reported a working balance of \$2,179.83. Dan noted five groups in District 09 who sent contributions this month. Motion was made and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DCM, Paul Y., reported the General Service Conference Background Information for the Agenda Items will be sent out around 02/15/2023. Paul said a Special Assembly is being held virtually on Sunday, 02/19/2023, to elect an Area Registrar. Paul reported the Delegates Workshop will take place on Saturday, 03/11/2023, at the Reiter Center with the Winter Assembly to take place on Saturday, 04/08/2023, at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes, WI. Paul said the Annual Moose and Goose will take place in Seymour, WI on Saturday, 04/15/2023. Lastly, Paul reported the Area 74 Spring Conference will take place from 05/19/2023 – 05/21/2023 at the Radisson Hotel in Green Bay, WI.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES: Ross P. stated he was looking through the District 09 Archives and said we have a first printing of the Third Edition of the Big Book and he will find a cover for it.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Carol P. said she would like to put together packets for the District and said we have pamphlets. Carol said she is new to this position and open to suggestions. Norm F. gave another update on the display rack and wings that are on back order from the General Service Office along with 16

most commonly read AA pamphlets. Norm reported these display racks are being put in churches, businesses, and churches in District 09.

CORRECTIONS: Corrections Chair position is open. No report given.

NEWSLETTER: Jolene B. is interested in the Newsletter position which is currently open.

GRAPEVINE: Mike H. said he is open to setting up the District 09 Grapevine display for an Intergroup if contacted.

TREATMENT: Treatment Chair position is open. No report given.

WEBSITE: (www.district09aa.org) Todd E. reported he updated the Marinette and Menominee meetings on the website but must update the meetings for Shawano. Todd posted the District 09 Meeting Minutes from January 2023 on the website. Paul Y. will provide Todd with a copy of the District 09 Guidelines to post on the website.

GSR SHARING

Ross, Shawano GSR, said attendance has been down for his meetings but stated there have been more meetings in Shawano. Mike, Oconto GSR, said the attendance has been down at meetings. He said it had been coming up but now it's down and said three members passed away since Christmas. Deana, Lakewood GSR, said meetings are going good. Deana said they would like a rack of pamphlets. Deana said the Tuesday night meeting in Lakewood is being held back at the Carter Casino and the Thursday night meeting is held at the First Presbyterian Church. Norm said Gillett continues to have five or six members show up regularly at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul Y. said the old business is that he and Norm F. attended a District 10 Meeting on 01/15/2023 after our last District 09 Meeting in January to start a discussion about cooperation between the two districts to provide a Workshop.

f District 10 would be interested in putting on a Workshop along with District 09.

District members shared their input on this topic. Norm said the District could put on a play like what had been done a few years back in Oconto, WI

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Y. said the new business is that the DCM from District 10, Joanne S., is present today at our District 09 Meeting along with two committee members from District 10, Greg F. and Rick S., who are wanting to start planning for this upcoming workshop. Paul said we need members to step up from District 09 to be on the planning committee for this upcoming workshop. Janet P., Carol P., Todd E., and Paul Y. agreed to volunteer from District 09 to be on the workshop planning committee. Rick said it was 108 miles today from Rhinelander to Shawano. Rick said they are thinking Antigo is a good place to hold the workshop. Rick said June would be a good time for the workshop. Rick said they think holding the workshop at a church that is already being used for a meeting location would be a good place to hold the workshop. Rick said a topic could be Service or Attendance. Rick said the format could be panels for the workshop. Rick said a potluck would be recommended with the workshop supplying the main dish and everyone bringing side dishes and desserts.

Paul Y. said he purchased 15 AA Service Manuals from the Area 74 Literature Chair for District 09. Paul said he has them here today and offered them to anyone who doesn't have one.

Paul Y. reported that the Newsletter position for District 09 is open and Jolene B. has expressed an interest in this position. Jolene was present and voted in as the new Newsletter editor for District 09.

The Next GSR Meeting will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, March 5, 2023, at the First American

Lutheran Church, located at 511 Madison Street in Oconto, WI. (Please enter the church in the back parking lot)

We closed the District 09 Meeting with the Responsibility Statement at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara P.

District 09 Secretary

Financial Report JANUARY 2023

Beginning Balance 2183.83

Service Fee -4.00

Balance 2179.83

Earmarks -700.00

Liquid Assets 1479.83

Petty Cash 88.00

Church rent -20.00

Basket +18.00

Petty Cash Balance 86.00

Thank you M/W/F Noon Marinette WI,
Monday Noon BB Study Marinette WI,
Friday Grapevine Study Group Menominee MI,
Wed Noon 12x12 Group Menominee Mi,
& Wausaukee 12 Steps North Wausaukee WI for your donations!

7th Tradition Donations

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How to contact your district committee members

district@district09aa.org for DCM,
ALT DCM, Secretary, Treasurer,
Grapevine, Public Information,
Website, and Archives

OR

Show up to the next District 09 GSR
meeting listed above with your
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Committee: Please send AA-related

announcements, events, sober anniversaries,
and other AA-related content to

09thechronicle@gmail.com We are seeking

your experience, strength, and hope to publish

in the next newsletter on upcoming steps or traditions corresponding to the month.

Questions, comments, corrections are welcome.