

District 19 Prison Club Committee

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What's in it for ME?

(Member Experience)

Here are the opportunities for involvement as of today

Conduct YLP program at Anamosa:

Within the Prison system are about 25 boys under 18 that cannot be in the General Population. They are in a separate facility at Anamosa State Prison. Under the newly instituted Apprenticeship Program, there are programs available to them, however the staff running that program is looking for additional courses for this group. They are very interested in a YLP.

Club Sponsor or Club Mentor: (needed for DTM)

Oakdale IMCC: Multi- Purpose facility. There are several different populations. Opportunity to work with Prison Staff on structuring the Club, i.e. which units to draw from and structure the TM program. Warden knows TM program from institution perspective and is Very Supportive. There are Toastmasters within this facility.

Anamosa State Prison: Med-Max facility. There is an existing group of self-starters containing several Toastmasters who are anxious to convert to a Toastmaster Club. Warden and top management anxious to start a club, however there are significant staffing and facility issues that are currently much higher priority.

Club Sponsor, Mentor or Coach: (needed for DTM)

Newton Correctional Facility: Min-Med facility with special needs unit. The Warden and staff are very interested in forming a club. They are recently been undergoing significant population changes

Recently the iSpeak club in Newton stopped meeting, could not maintain 8 members. Several of the members are willing to explore forming an "Open Club" within the facility similar to CONscious Communicators at the Iowa State Prison in Ft. Madison.

Develop a video program: (HPL opportunity)

The Director of IDOC has approached me about recording several speeches by existing Prisoners and developing a program that can be used for supporting the IDOC. Extremely early in this process, Good opportunity if interested in developing a video program with Prisoner help.

Prepare a session for the Fall District Conference: (HPL opportunity)

Develop a 2 hour program on the Prison Toastmasters for presentation at the Fall 2016 District Conference.