

District 7 Meeting Minutes for April 2014

The meeting opened at 7:05 PM, March 20, 2014 at the First Congregational Church on the SW corner of 415 Juniper Street in Brainerd MN., with the Serenity Prayer. Introductions were made; Carl DCM, Eric Alt. DCM, Dave Secretary, Gail Treasurer, Lori GSR, Neil District Webmaster, Carl Archives, Liz CPC/PI, Arden Corrections, Dennis GSR, Anne GSR, Mary Alt GSR, April GSR, Mark Literature/Grapevine, Todd GSR, Larry GSR, Sheldon Treatment Sarah area Chair, Bob Area Tech, and Neil District 18 DCM

Call for additions to the agenda: Discussion on District 17

Concept 4 – Todd read Concept 4. Discussion followed. Liz commented it was good to see this Concept in action at the Spring Assembly

Tradition 4 – Dave read the short form of Tradition 4.

Secretaries Report- Dave: Motion was made by Carl to accept the March meeting minutes, seconded by Liz and carried by the group.

Treasury Report-Gail, Gail presented financials for March with hard copies. Motion to approve made by Eric, seconded by Sheldon and carried by group. There was discussion on the Area budget and the need for a standard form to help groups direct their contributions to the right locations.

GSR Reports-

Our Common Welfare- Dave subbed for Larry. O.C.W. is a closed meeting which meets Wed. nights at 8:00 PM at 615 Maple St. in Brainerd. Attendance varies from 15 to 30 persons. It is a Big Book and AA approved literature discussion meeting. We bring a meeting into the Focus Unit at 7:00 PM the 3rd Monday of each month and meetings into the Echo Pod at the C.W.C. Jail the 2nd and the 4th Thurs. at 7:00 PM.

Nisswa Wednesday Women's Work – April, The Nisswa Wednesday Women's Work group meets at the Nisswa Fire Hall every Wednesday at 5:30 PM. We cover steps, traditions, and topics at our meetings using the Big Book and 12 X 12. On the first Wednesday of each month we have a speaker meeting, followed by a potluck and Group Conscience Meeting. Attendance remains strong, averaging between 25 and 30 women each week.

The group is trying something new! We are getting together for food, fellowship and fun at local eateries and coffee shops following the meeting on the third Wednesday of each month. This is a great opportunity for members and newcomers to get to know each other and feel a sense of belonging.

Our group participates in meetings at the Crow Wing County Jail and the Focus Unit every month, and members of our group frequently provide transportation for women in the Focus Unit to attend our meeting.

Cornerstone of Hope-Dennis, Meets 7:00 PM Tuesday in the basement of St. Francis Church. We average about 40 people with about half alcoholics and the rest split between addicts and addicts/alcoholics. We have people from the Focus Unit just about every meeting. We give them rides to and from in the winter. We give them a medallion for first

time visitors, a contact list and a District 7 schedule of meetings. We have a volunteer chair each week who picks a topic for discussion. We usually break up into groups of 5-6 for further discussion. Carl, Archives, visited on Feb. 25th and both Carl's Archives and DCM attended our meeting on March 4th.

Pine River-Lori, We meet 8:00 PM on Wednesday and Saturday at DAC in Pine River. Looking for volunteers to fill the following positions: Treasurer, Alt Treasurer, GSR, Alt GSR and Coffee makers. Voted to help host the Founders Day celebration. Purchased material and put together new comer packets. Bought two Big Books to donate at Founders Day event and various other books and pamphlets for our group.

Pine River-Anne, Voted to help host Founder's Day Celebration and purchased two Big Books to donate to this event.

Serenity in the Pines-Todd, Meets at 8:00 Thursday across from the Eagles Landing golf course. 10-15 members strong. All are welcome to join us. It is my favorite meeting because there is always at least 200 years of sobriety.

Action Committee Reports-

C.P.C. / P. I.-Liz, Schedules are at the printer. Checking into CWC fair deposit details. CPC event May 15th. Looking for speakers for local resorts and researching possible Focus involvement for their presentations and we would be there with schedules.

Archives-Carl, Thanked Backus, Pine River and Pequot Lakes for hosting and helping with the Founder's Day Celebration. Event to be held on June 14, 2014 at Backus Alanon, Trail Center, 30028 Ct Rd. 112, Pequot Lakes, MN. 56472. For more details see District Website.

Corrections- Arden, I have been busy since the last meeting I attended two months ago. I did attend the Spring Assembly in Duluth. I also attended a health fair at MSOP (MN sex offender program) on April 16th. I will also be participating at the Crow Wing County Jail Transition Fair. We will be involved in a health fair at Sandstone Prison on May 1st and May 15th. I will also attend the CPC event.

Grapevine/Literature- Mark, Completed the literature inventory, but will update (see report below) as new material has been recently purchased. Mark talked about the book Dr. Bob and the Good Old timers. Mark brought some old Grapevine issues to hand out, told a joke from one issue and talked about how and why the Grapevine was developed.

Current inventory:

Title	on-hand	cost	extension
Big Book - hard cover	23	8	184
Big Book - soft cover	8	7.6	60.8
Big Book - large print	4	8.3	33.2

Big Book - mini version	0	0	0
Big Book 75th edition	6	12	72
Big Book - braille edition	0	0	0
12 and 12 - hard cover	0	0	0
12 and 12 - soft cover	0	0	0
12 and 12 - large print	0	0	0
Daily Reflection - soft cover	15	8.25	123.75
Daily Reflection - large print	4	8.75	35
As Bill Sees It - soft cover	1	7.6	7.6
As Bill Sees It - hard cover	2	7.6	15.2
As Bill Sees It - large print	4	8.5	34
AA Comes of age - hard cover	2	8.5	17
Pass it on - hard cover	1	10	10
Dr. Bob and the good old timers - HC.	1	9.5	9.5
Experience strength & hope - HC	3	5	15
Came to believe - soft cover	0	0	0
Came to believe - Large Print	5	4.75	23.75
Living Sober - soft cover	9	4.25	38.25
Living Sober - large print	5	4.75	23.75
AA Service Manuel	1	3.55	3.55
Meeting Directories	2	3.6	7.2

Total

713.55

I sent the following book order to Jim S. if one of you could pick it up at the next area meeting I would be obliged I will also reimburse most of the cash money I have back to the District at the next D7 meeting.

Thanks

Hi Jim

My name is Mark N. I am the District 7 literature chair. I am told that you will be ordering a case of the 12X12 for the district. I would also like to get

6 each of Pass it on hard cover

6 each of Dr. Bob and the good old timers

6 each of AA Comes of age

10 each of the 75th edition AA Big Book

10 copies AA Service Manuel

I will have Gail pick them up at the next Area meeting in Aitkin.

Thanks

Mark N.

[218-330-3844](tel:218-330-3844)

Treatment-Sheldon, There are a couple of new treatment facilities in the area. I am also working on a spread sheet.

Webmaster-Neil, Greeting to all AA's in District 7 and please THINK SPRING! I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve the District as your webmaster. I have reached out to Bob and we will begin collaborating soon on transitioning the webmaster duties. I began to explore our website and testing out multiple links, mainly to get familiar with the site. I did not find anything that was broken and I am quite impressed with the site. Last month I believe Liz (PI) mentioned the calendar needs to be updated. IN fact it does as the existing calendar on the site is for 2013. I could not locate the document I used last year so I will ask Carl (DCM) to please put together a current calendar so we can get it published. The

site calendar will need to be updated as changes occur. If you have not checked out the website, you should- I think you will agree it's a great tool for AA's in our District

Alt DCM- Eric, I have a couple of small details to report.

I published another newsletter for District 7. Personally this edition is much improved from last month's edition. The layout and the stories are more professional, and the document reads easier. I packed as much information into this edition as possible. I also included a color photo of the new club, and wrote a story on the move. I included the results of our special Agenda Meeting, and Carl's report. Also included were the schedules for meetings in the new club. Next month should show even more improvement, and I have ideas about featuring a club a month, and maybe a personal though anonymous story from a member. Basically I think it could be an awesome tool for communication.

I also gained some experience working with the AA Help line. Dale asked me to change his number during his next few shifts. This entailed working my way through the prompts and working the protocol. It's not so difficult.

I look forward to another month of service to District 7

Yours in Service, eric

DCM Report – Carl, DCM REPORT for April 2014, District 7

Greetings from district 7. It's been a busy year. I was able to get to the workshop in January and the WRAASC in February. They were great for gleaming some knowledge from our past service people and some of those who are in service positions now. We had a district pot luck for the GSO agenda items last week. Our past delegate Jim K. was able to attend. We are planning a CPC event for May 15 and also a group has come forward to sponsor a founder's day picnic in June. We are having a district 7 picnic on July 13.

We are fortunate to have all our district service positions filled. Our alternate DCM has been busy going to outside meetings and drawing up a district newsletter. I have been able to get to a few outside meetings. I was able to get to the district 18 meeting this week. I plan to visit several more district meetings to get ideas about how to improve our own district meetings.

I look forward to the challenges of this rotation as I am sure it will be a great learning and rewarding experience. Thank you for letting me be of service to you all. Carl Paetow DCM District 7

Old Business

1. CPC luncheon: Tickets are now available. New schedules should be out by then. We discussed Book and pamphlet needs.
2. Founder's Day: Carl asked District 7 to support the event. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Mark to support the event for the purchase of minor accessories at a cost not to exceed \$100.00. Motion was seconded by Eric and approved by all.
3. Picnic: A brief discussion with a decision to revisit this in May.
4. Literature sub-committee report: It was agreed to have literature available at District meetings. Accountability was also discussed. Mark made a motion that from this day forward, the Literature Chair will include in their report the value on inventory on hand, cash on hand and books available. Eric seconded and all approved.

New Business/Old Business carried forward

1. Servando, Area CPC was unable to attend this evening. He is looking for volunteers to assist at the probation fair May 21-22.
2. Carl discussed other Districts method of assigning GSR's to Action Committees, with rotation every two years.
3. Informational only.
4. Carl will contact Jake for possible dates for his Delegate presentation.
5. Sarah discussed the issue of inactive Districts and how the Area has and can assist in getting "Dark" districts active again. How best can we serve the groups was asked. There was a lot of positive discussion on this topic. More work needs to be done.
6. Eric made a motion to extend the meeting another 10 minutes. All approved.
7. Liz is looking for help (Chair position) for the CWC Fair. Dates are 7/29-8/2 this year. Neil from district 18 talked about manned vs unmanned booths at the Long Prairie County Fair.
8. Calendar of events: Area 35 meets June 1. Zonal forum on May 17 in Bemidji.

At 8:37 we closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.