

District 7 Meeting Minutes for April 2015

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM, March 19, 2015 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 Alternate DCM, Bob (standing for Gail Treasurer), Dave Secretary, Carl archives, Anne Treatment, Tim GSR, Arden Corrections Chair, Neil webmaster, Dennis GSR, Liz CPC/PI, Eric L. GSR, Mark Literature/Grapevine, Vickie GSR, Tom visitor, Toni GSR, and Dicky visitor.

Call for additions to the agenda: Delegate report, Zonal Forums and MACPO 5/20-21

Concept 4 – Mark read Concept 4.

Tradition 4 – Liz read Tradition 4 long form.

Secretaries Report- Dave: Dave was absent. Eric filled in for him. Arden made a motion to accept March meeting minutes. Carl seconded and motion carried.

Treasury Report-Gail, Bob handed out the District financial report in Gail's absence. We will vote on approval next month.

GSR Reports-

Our Common Welfare- Eric L., OCW is a closed meeting of AA. We meet Wed. nights at 8:00 at First Congregational Church, 415 Juniper Street in Brainerd. We are an AA approved literature discussion meeting. We carry the message into the Focus Unit the 3rd Monday of each month and C.W.C. Jail the 2nd and the 4th Thursday of each month. We always welcome any newcomers and have plenty of members willing to be sponsors.

Nisswa Wednesday Women's Work – Vickie, The Nisswa Wednesday Women's Work group meets at the Nisswa Fire Hall every Wednesday at 5:30 PM. It is an open meeting. We have a speakers meeting the 1st Wednesday of the month followed by a group conscience meeting. We have Big Book and Step meetings as well and also follow the traditions. We welcome newcomers and are strong in sponsorship. We have 25-35 women in attendance each week. We also carry the message into the Focus Unit and the Crow Wing Co. Jail.

Serenity in the Pines-Carl, (sub GSR), We meet at 8:00 Thursday Located on Co. Rd. 49 across from the Eagles Landing golf course, the 3rd driveway on the left. We have on average 30 years of sobriety and usually have a newcomer each month. Come take a walk in the woods and visit on Thursday night.

Life Begins Here-Ann B. This is an Open Group of AA that meets every Friday Night at the Lakes Alano Club on Maple ST. Our Group circulates various topics with a rotating chair. The Group has a fairly strong membership of 20-22. Lots of good discussion with plenty of laughter. We are not "a glum lot"! Fellowship follows meeting at Caribou.

Primary Purpose- Toni, Primary Purpose meets Wed. nights at 7:00 at the Living Water

Church of Wahkon. We are a B.B. 12x12 Discussion meeting. We do the First Step if there is a new member. Our Group is growing in size with 18-20 in attendance. The fifth Wednesday of the month we host a potluck/speaker meeting. So, on April 29, we will begin with the potluck at 6:00 followed by Liz, our District 7 CPC/PI Chair as our guest speaker. I also went to the Spring Assembly in Fergus Falls. I found it to be very interesting.

Palisade-Arden, Meets Monday night. Meeting is going well. We have 3 new members and attendance is 10-12 people. Still looking to fill the GSR position.

There is a Solution-Tim, Thursday night 6:30 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Wright, MN. We study the Big Book paragraph by paragraph. The 4th Thursday of the month is a speaker/potluck meeting which starts at 5:30pm followed by speaker at 6:30pm. We are fulfilling our commitments at Mishka Wisen Treatment Center, MSOP, Sandstone prison, Aitkin Co. Jail, and Dehaven Treatment in Cloquet. The Big Book and sponsorship are strongly suggested at our meetings. Attendance is good.

Cornerstone of Hope- Dennis, We meet at 7:00 PM on Tues. at the Basement of the St. Francis Church. There is a rotating Chair person who picks the topic. We break into smaller groups for discussion and each group are free to leave when they are finished. Attendance is in the mid 20's. Focus Unit patients attend each week and we give them rides to and from. New or 1st time attendees receive a welcome medallion, a call list and a meeting schedule.

Sleepy Hollow Group- Bob, We meet every Monday at 8:00 at the Fort Ripley Town Hall. This is 1/2 mile S. of the Crow Wing Camp Ground. On Saturday, June 6th we are hosting "The Round Robin Potluck" event. Fellowship starts at 5:00pm. Potluck at 6:00pm followed by an Alanon speaker and an AA speaker. Ice cream social to follow speakers. See event flyer.

Big Sandy/McGregor- Tim (for Paul W.), Meets at 7:00pm on Wednesday and 9:00am on Saturday. Attendance is 10-15 each night. We are a topic discussion meeting. We had a couple of new comers this spring. April is a celebration of many sobriety birthdays.

Crosby/Ironton- Dicky, Meetings everyday with attendance picking up and a lot of newcomers.

Malmo Rhyme or Reason- Tom, Meets Monday night at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Malmo. 16-20 in attendance with lots of long term sobriety and dedicated members. A number of newcomers have been coming. We do Step and Tradition meetings. Sometimes we have treats available.

Action Committee Breakout sessions- 10 minutes

Action Committee Reports-

C.P.C. / P. I.-Liz, I attended Spring Assembly. I gained a lot of insight about what other CPC/PI Chairs are doing in their Districts and how they organize their events. I was asked to assist with the MACPO event being held on May 20th and 21st. Arden and Tim have volunteered to participate. CPC Event: Tables and food are arranged. I am looking for day of volunteers.

Archives-Carl, Carl reported he has received an Archive Packet from GSO. I am looking for a group to sponsor/host Founders day (June 10th). No date has been set for this event.

Treatment-Anne, I was unable to attend Spring Assembly but plan on attending the next Area Committee meeting. I met with Dave during the break-out session. He was able to help bring me up to speed.

Corrections-Arden, Everything is going well at our Jails. I did attend Sandstone Tuesday night on April 14th and will also be attending the MAPCO event on May 20th and 21st. I will also be attending the Crow Wing Co. Transition Fair/Event on April 29th. On April 30th, we are having an appreciation dinner at Sandstone Prison. Anyone interested in attending meetings there, are welcome to the dinner. At that time we will be cleared to go into the facility the following year. Tim and I will be attending the Sandstone Transition Fair on May 6th. I also attended the Spring Assembly over the past weekend. Vickie mentioned she carries the message into the Shakopee Women's Prison each month. This prison requires yearly training and all must pass a background check.

Grapevine/Literature-Mark, Inventory is available. Mark has inventory on hand in his vehicle, but no Big Books. He is preparing a new order so, if you have needs, please contact Mark. Mark discussed a story from a past November Grapevine issue and told a few jokes found in the Grapevine.

Webmaster-Neil, A little history about our website. The Area website would only post registered groups hence, the birth of our District website, centrallakes.org. Meeting changes, new, additions or deletions, should be forwarded to District 7 DCM or CPC/PI chairs. They will forward these changes to the District 7 Webmaster. Event flyers should be sent to our District Webmaster for posting to the site.

Alt DCM- Eric, Alt DCM Report. Last month I created and sent for review a newsletter for the month of April. I will make another newsletter for the month of May this weekend. I encourage members to contribute to the newsletter. We are particularly looking for fresh copy, provided it can pass the informal editorial staff, (Dave, Carl, and Liz), and is either newsworthy, or pertinent to District 7 or AA as a whole.

I have assisted Crosslake Tues Night AA into bringing a meeting into the C.W.C. Jail Echo Unit on the 1st Thursday of the month. We officially held our first meeting this month. We have 4 qualified volunteers.

On another note which is newsworthy for District 7, my presentation from the winter workshop of 2014 was published in the Grape Vine. It was printed in its entirety with minimal editing.

My hopes for next month are to get out to some meetings that I normally don't attend, for instance; Pine River, Nisswa Thursday Night, Aitkin, and Crosby/ Ironton.

Yours in Service,

Eric

DCM Report – Carl, District Seven Report 4-16-2015

Hello all. I attended the Spring Assembly this past weekend. We breezed right through the agenda items without a lot of discussion or very many votes. I was assured by our delegate that was ok because there really wasn't much that the assembly in New York would be able to bring forth without more specific language. Two items were brought forth by district 13 which were rejected by the body. One was about the sixty day notice for budgets. The other

was about our delegate bringing a floor proposal to have GSO put forth language about predatory behavior at our meetings. The issue surrounding whether or not to continue zonal forums was tabled until the fall assembly in October.

I tried to match the district seven meeting schedule with AA meeting locator. I found 27 errors. I am having trouble getting group information sheets from the area. I do know that several changes I forwarded were not implemented. I hope to make progress on this issue since we are only about 75% accurate.

The May district meeting will be on the 14th. CPC event will be May 21. The next area meeting is June 7th.

Thanks for allowing me to serve. Carl DCM D7

Old Business

1. CPC Event- Flyers are on the table in front. Info will be forwarded to Neil and Bob for uploading to the websites. Tickets are now available.
2. Picnic- Scheduled for Sunday, July 19th. Eric passed around a sheet to fill out for volunteers to bring things to the picnic.
3. District 7 nominated Carl for Area 35 Delegate. Nominations are open until May 14th. If another candidate comes forward, we will revote.

New Business/Old Business carried forward

1. Form F-26, prison correspondence forms. There is a need for volunteers to correspond with inmates around the country. Looking for volunteers to help out.
2. Zonal Forums: There was considerable discussion on this topic at the Spring Assembly and it was agreed to table until Fall Assembly.
3. Delegates report: This group decided to have the Delegate presentation at First Congregational Church at a future date and time to be decided.
4. Local Fairs: Liz made a motion to add Aitkin to our things to do list, Eric K seconded and motion carried. Arden and Tim volunteered to assist with this event. Liz will speak to the Pequot group to see if they are interested in participating in their Fair and Eric K. will speak to the Pine River members as well. Mark volunteered to Chair the Crow Wing Co. Fair committee. Liz made a motion to set up unmanned booth. Carl seconded. The motion was amended to include "a manned or unmanned booth". motion carried

Calendar of Events

1. May 14th District 7 monthly meeting
2. May 21st CPC Event
3. June 7th Area Committee meeting

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 8:38