

## District 7 Meeting Minutes for August 2015

**The meeting opened** at 7:00 PM, August 20, 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, Gail Treasurer, Dave Secretary, Eric GSR, Carl Archives, Jason GSR, Larry Group rep, Tim GSR, Dennis GSR, Liz CPC/PI, Mark Literature/Grapevine, Vickie GSR, Paul GSR, Dicky GSR Toni GSR and Tom Visitor

**Call for additions to the agenda:** GSR orientation, Correction pamphlets

**Concept 8** – Carl read; no discussion

**Tradition 8** – Dave read the long form; no discussion

**Secretaries Report- Dave:** There were no additions or corrections noted. Eric made a motion to accept July minutes, Gail seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasury Report-Gail,** Gail presented the July fiscal report. Carl made a motion to accept report, Dave seconded and motion passed.

### **GSR Reports-**

**Our Common Welfare-Eric,** 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. We have speaker meetings. Step meetings, topic meetings and of course Big Book meetings. 1st Wednesday of the month is our speaker meeting followed by a pot luck and a group conscience meeting. Fellowship on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. We have 25-30 women in attendance. We do Focus and Jail meetings and we keep the newcomers as our primary purpose.

**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, take the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Pine River-Larry (representative)** New Beginnings, meets at the DAC Center located on 1.3 miles west on Co. Rd. 2. 8:00pm Wednesday is an open meeting Big Book discussion with 6-15 in attendance. 8:00pm Saturday is an open meeting topic discussion format with 6-17 in attendance. Larry P. 218-587-2240

**There is a Solution-Tim,** Thursday night 6:30 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Wright, MN. We are an open meeting Big Book study group. The 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month is a Speaker/potluck meeting which starts at 5:30pm followed by speaker at 6:30pm. We average 10-15 members. We carry the message into treatment and correction facilities.

**Cornerstone of Hope- Dennis,** We meet at 7:00 PM on Tues. at the Basement of the St. Francis Church. This is an open meeting. 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 low 20's. Focus Unit patients attend each week and we give them rides to and from. New or first time attendees receive a welcome medallion, call list and meeting schedule.

**Sleepy Hollow Group- Jason,** We are a group of men and women that meet every Monday at 8:00 at the Fort Ripley Town Hall, 5 miles north of Fort Ripley on HWY 371 across from Crow Wing Lake. Our meeting consists of about 10-15 core members with Centuries of sobriety. Round Robin Sept. 26. SEE Flyer!

**Crosby/Ironton- Dicky,** Meets Thursday night at the Crosby/Ironton Alano. Not much to report this month. Attendance is still up for the summer. Planning for a Round Robin on October 24, 2015. I have been encouraging people from other nights to be GSR's

**Primary Purpose-Toni,** Meets Wednesday 7:00 at Living Water Church in Wahkon. We are a Big Book and 12 x 12 topic and discussion meeting. We have a Speaker on the 5<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the month. We average 10-12 per meeting. Al is going well in the southern region.

#### **Action Committee Reports-**

**C.P.C. / P. I.-Liz,** Not much to report this month. I was away during CWC fair. Looking forward to Sept. District meeting in Pequot.

**Literature/Grapevine-Mark,** 1 Big Book hard cover, 18 soft cover Big Book and 1 large print left in inventory. \$1,100 worth of inventory on hand. Mark read a few jokes from older issues of Grapevine.

**Corrections-Arden,** Tim reported for Arden. Arden attended the Sandstone meeting last month. More volunteers are needed to carry the message into this facility. Aitkin jail meetings are going good jail personnel are saying positive things about these meetings.

**Archives-Carl,** Not much to report as I have been dealing with health issues.

**Webmaster-Neil,** Dave read Neil's report. "The website is up and functional. I sent a request to the District Newsletter Editor to add a reminder for everyone to send all flyers to me if they want them posted to the web. I am aware of several events coming up, however, the flyers are not being provided to me so we can get them posted to [www.aacentrallakes.org](http://www.aacentrallakes.org). As soon as events are scheduled and flyers made, a soft copy should be sent to me so I can get it posted. Thank you! Neil"

**Alt DCM- Eric,** Alt DCM Report for Aug 2015

I don't have much to report this month.

The District 7 Picnic went very well. Everyone showed up, and the volunteers did an outstanding job. There was just enough meat, with a single package of Johnsonville Brats left over. All the covered dishes were eaten. Several people did speak, including Carl our DCM who was celebrating his sobriety birthday on the very same day. It was a wonderful event and AA meeting with barbecue, and pavilion provided by District 7.

I have been working on the Newsletter. I am very grateful to Carl for providing some additional copy beyond his usual report. I will expect that other members will also do the same leading into the future. Surely you have something to say!

It is easy to contribute. Just type it up and email it to Liz, Carl, Dave, or myself.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service,

eric

**DCM Report – Carl,** DCM REPORT AUGUST 2015. Hello all. Welcome to the August District 7 meeting. We are almost at the end of our two year terms. It is time to think about our elections coming up in October. We have been blessed to have all our positions filled this term. It would be great to have that happen again. It is a lot easier for all of us when that happens. I have been blessed with having an alternate DCM who has been a great help. I would like to thank all of you for your hard work. You have truly been a wonderful group of people to work with.

I was able to attend the Crow Wing County Fair and sit at our booth there. I would like to thank Mark for all of his efforts to keep the booth running smoothly. Some food for thought. We have another fair in Morrison County that we have not had a booth at and it is in district seven.

We have our next district meeting in Pequot Lakes 9-17-2015. We should finalize the deal by actually voting on it. Somehow, the actual vote was skipped in July, my fault. The Fall Assembly is in St. Cloud 10-2, 3-2015. We have district elections in October. Yours in service, Carl DCM District 7

### **Old Business**

1. A Motion was made by Carl to the Sept. District meeting at the Trailside Center in Pequot Lakes, Eric seconded and the motion passed. Aitkin Alano is unavailable to host a District meeting on Thursday nights hence, any future alternative District meetings sites will be determined by the next rotation.
2. CWC Fair: Mark said the booth was visited by a number of people. He suggested that the booth might be best served if we manned it 2 on 2 off.
3. Picnic: Eric reported the picnic went off as planned and was well attended. Eric put up the \$80.00 to secure the pavilion and asked if he could be reimbursed. There was money left over from previous picnics and it was decided that Eric would be compensated from those monies.
4. There was discussion and much laughter about what is an AA approved event. This was tabled for future discussion.

### **New Business/Old Business carried forward**

1. Correction pamphlets. Arden and Eric had made a list of suggested correction which Dave reviewed with the all present. There was much discussion on this topic. Eric made a motion to have the Literature Chair purchase suggested pamphlets at a cost no to exceed \$75 and that a corrections committee decide when to replenish the stock. Toni seconded and motion carried.
2. October elections Mark talked about GSR's volunteering for District positions. Eric added that District service positions are a giving and learning experience. Liz discussed the spirit of rotation and suggested the topic in the Sept. District

- Newsletter be centered around District positions and their respective responsibilities.
3. Should the District host a GSR school/orientation? Eric made a motion to host a pot luck/GSR school in December of this year followed by a short District meeting and that a subcommittee be formed and chairperson be selected from this group to organize this event. It was suggested to be held on the second Thursday of Dec. at 6:00 provided the facility is available (Dave will verify and report to Carl and Mark). Toni seconded and motion carried. Mark volunteered to chair this subcommittee, both Eric's, Carl and Vicki volunteered to assist. Note: 1<sup>st</sup> Congregation Church is not available on the Second Thursday of Dec. It has been suggested that we should then hold this event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Dec. This topic will be discussed in Sept.
  4. Liz discussed information found on AA Internet Guidelines with respect to Area and District flyers. This guideline describes what is appropriate and what is not. It was suggested that a District committee be formed to examine these guidelines and formulate a plan for future flyers.

### **Calendar of Events**

1. Next District Meeting in Pequot Lakes Sept. 17, 2015
2. Fall Assembly in St. Cloud Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 8:27