

District 7 Meeting Minutes for August 2014

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM, July 21, 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, Dave Secretary & sub GSR, Joan GSR, Gail Treasurer & sub GSR, Mark Grapevine/Literature, Ann GSR, Carl Archives/Alt GSR, Liz CPC/PI, Tim GSR, Arden Corrections & sub GSR

Call for additions to the agenda: CWC Fair

Concept 8 – Carl read Concept 8. Discussion followed on the need for AA paid servants.

Tradition 8 – Gil read Tradition 8 long form. Discussion followed on AA members doing service work and getting reimbursements and this relationship with tradition 7.

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

Treasury Report-Gail, Financial report was reviewed. A motion was made by Dave to accept the report, seconded by Liz and approved by all. Note: A financial audit was completed by Carl, Gail and Dave prior to the meeting.

GSR Reports-

Our Common Welfare- Dave reporting for O.C.W. OCW 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 Thursday at 7:00 PM.

Nisswa Wednesday Women's Work -Gail (sub GSR), gave this report: 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. See also welcomed Gail as a new member.

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 bringing the message of AA to the Jail and Focus Unit every month, and members of our group frequently provide transportation for women in the Focus Unit to attend our meeting.

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. 10-15 members strong. There is 250 years of sobriety each week.

Sleepy Hollow-Joan, Open meeting on Monday's 8:00pm at Fort Ripley Town Hall. Attendance has been great, 16-20 people. 1st and 3rd are open topic meetings. 2nd Monday is a step meeting. 4th Monday is a Tradition meeting. 5th is a speaker meeting. Old Timers panel will be on September 13th. We have old and new people, candy on the table and good coffee.

There is a Solution-Tim, Thursday night Wright, MN. Big Book study. 10-15 members in attendance. Pot luck the 4th Thursday with a speaker. Meetings are going good.

Palisade- Arden (sub GSR), The group is doing okay. Small (4-10) people but we are persistent and we are not giving up yet.

Life Begins Here-Ann, 7pm meeting Friday night 615 Maple St. Brainerd. It is an open topic meeting with rotating meeting chairs. After the topic is introduced, we do a round table discussion. Our attendance has been stable even through the summer; about 15-20 people. This month we had a group conscience meeting and have contributed to GSO, Area and District.

Action Committee Reports-

C.P.C. / P. I.-Liz, Good on schedules still. Liz will be attending the Fall Assembly Oct. 4-6. There will be a combined Area 35 & 36 workshop November 1st. The State Fair booth still has opening for volunteers the 23rd and 24th of August.

Archives-Carl, Nothing much to report this month.

Treatment-Sheldon, No report

Corrections-Arden, Not a whole lot to report. I have been working a lot and have not done much since the last time I was here. I have been into the Aitkin Jail and have talked to a couple of people from Brainerd and CWC Jail is doing well and they have started another meeting there. Moose Lake MSOP is doing well and so is Sandstone. I am reporting about Moose Lake and Sandstone because a group outside District 7 is taking care of these facilities.

Grapevine/Literature-Mark, Mark read a few Grapevine jokes. Inventory was handed out and reviewed. Inventory value is \$1,170.74. There was discussion on Big Book and 12x12 needs and shipping expenses. An order will be placed soon. The CWC Fair booth was well cared for. Old Grapevine issues and District 7 schedules were available.

Alt DCM- Eric, No report.

DCM Report – Carl, August DCM Report

Greetings all. It's good to see you all here. Earlier I got to gather with Gail and Eric to look over the treasurer books. I'm glad to report we are lucky to have her doing our books. She is doing a great job. Her books seem to be in order.

The area and I could use some support at the area level. I will remind you that part of our job at the district level is to be present at the area. We were better than four districts that didn't have anyone there.

We have some area events coming up. The Zonal forum is on September 13th. The fall assembly is October 4th and 5th. On November 1st we have a workshop with area 35 and area36. Hope some of you will be able to come to these events.

Yours in service, Carl

Old Business

1. Zonal Forum Sept 13th, 12-4:00.
2. Participation in other County Fairs within District 7 was discussed. This topic will be carried forward.

New Business/Old Business carried forward

1. December meeting. Business meeting and help line training/pot luck? We will form a sub-committee in September to explore this.
2. Neil was meeting at the Brainerd HS to discuss possible AA involvement there.
3. Calendar of events:
Fall Assembly Oct. 4 & 5th Grand Rapids, MN.
Zonal Forum Sept 13th.

We closed the meeting at 8:16 with the Lord's Prayer.