

District 7 March Meeting Minutes

We opened the District meeting and went around the room with introductions. The following 18 persons were in attendance; Neil, Dave, Eric L, Claudia, Gail, Mark, Bob B, Cindy, Maria, Larry, Todd, Cory, Eric K., Jody, Carl, Carl P., Arden, and Sheldon. Out of this group we had 8 voting GSR's representing groups. District chair persons had to abstain from voting on Agenda Items, though they were allowed to share. It had been agreed at the last District meeting that only the most vital business would be covered and the bulk of the time be given to the Agenda Items, Thankfully, as the meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Some of that vital business included a request from Eric L. as Corrections Chair to spend money on Pamphlets for the Crow Wing County Jail Transitional Fair. During the brief discussion on this matter it was asked if we could get some Pamphlets into the Aitkin county Jail in addition to the Transitional Fair. Carl P. asked if we could supply literature to the Tri County Mental Health Fair being held in Little Falls, Wed. May 23rd from 11:00 to 4:00 PM at the VFW. This Mental Health Fair has already reserved a table for our fellowship. They ask for a 25\$ donation in the form of a door prize. Carl gave out his personal number which was taken down by those in attendance. It was agreed to put this on next month's new business (April). Eric K. makes a motion to support Eric L.'s effort to the tune of two hundred dollars to cover the Transitional Fair and the Aitkin County Jail with Pamphlets. The Motion was seconded by Mark, and all found favor with it.

Cindy put in a plug for volunteers for the Spring Assembly being held at Cragun's March 30,31, and April 1st. We need to find Coffee servers, Greeters, and Registration people. Contact Liz L. as she is the coordinator for this event. This is important, and we have to support this event as a District. It is also excellent entry level service work for new persons to learn more about AA's service structure. It is also a supreme pleasure to be part of.

Dave reported that the Church gave approval to put "the Box" for the District Phone Line on the church building. He discussed it briefly. Mark made a motion to move "The Box" to the church property and pay a reasonable amount of rent to be determined to the church. It was seconded by Carl, and all were in favor.

It was decided we should pass the Treasurers Report in spite of the reduced time for regular business. Cindy read the report. Details about this can be found by contacting your GSR who, if in attendance, was given a paper copy. It was stated at a much earlier meeting that posting financial's on the Internet was a poor idea. It was also agreed that our minutes would appear on the Area web site, hence I'll not print financial's in this format. Contact Neil or Cindy for details, or better yet send your Group Representative (GSR) to District next month for his/her very own paper copy. Anyway, a motion to accept the report was given by Mark, and seconded by Dave. All found favor with the report. It was concise and well presented.

As an aside with the Treasurer's Report, Backus sent monies to District 7. It is assumed that they wish to join with our District. Neil volunteered to make the pilgrimage up there to visit with them, and to take a group change form with him. I look forward to adding a group contact to the mass email and roster list, and meeting their GSR. Welcome Backus!

And Finally, The missing checks were found. No details about the discovery were given, but it was a relief to learn that everything is accounted for. A thousand thanks to both our current and previous treasurer's for their commitment to detail, and the hard work which this job entails. Thank you both!

Neil gave his DCM report and it follows;

DCM Report – District 7, Area 35 March 2012

Greetings to everyone in District 7! This month's district meeting will be primarily dedicated to discussing the 2012 GSC agenda items so we can send Jim K, our Area 35 delegate, to the

conference in New York (4/22-4/28) with our conscience at the Spring Assembly (3/31-4/1, Craguns).

Here's my brief report to the District before we begin:

I was able to attend the Area Committee Meeting in Aitkin on February 26. I rode with Patti and Bob; it was a snowy day but Bob's driving was impeccable. (Thanks Bob). Patti and I attended the CPC/PI breakout session and we were able to get updates from others in the Area. I brought up the issue of alano clubs' phone numbers being listed as 'AA' or 'Alcoholics Anonymous'. It was discussed thoroughly. There was a suggestion made to approach the alano clubs seeking them to change it if requested. I would ask Mark if he could work on that as PI chair. In some communities, it may be ok to be listed as such so visiting AA's can locate a meeting in the phone book as they will probably not be familiar with the name of the alano club. But, since we have the CLAA line, we would prefer that alone be listed as 'AA/Alcoholics Anonymous' in our district.

We heard from our Area officers, chairs, and DCMs at the meeting. Jim distributed CDs of the agenda items. I have our Area's publication 'The Northern Light' available for any AA members interested – please feel free to take as many as you might need. We were able to get a motion passed – it was to allow our Area Chair (currently Kelly D.) to partner with an outside agency to book future Area events. I would like to thank Jodi for asking me to introduce the action. Also, it was great to see many of our district chairs at the Area Meeting in Aitkin! Patti resigned her position as Alternate DCM. She has too much on her plate right now with work and other issues. She does hope to get involved again at some point in the future.

Current open positions then are Archives and Alternate DCM.

I also attended the WCRAASC in Billings, MT 3/2-3/4. I rode out with Jim K, Jake J, and Roger R and thoroughly enjoyed their fellowship on the way to and from the event as well as at it. The registered attendance at the conference was around 350. Bob B and I did the presentation on Social Web sites on Saturday and it went very well and generated good discussion on our traditions and responsibilities as AA members. There was much discussion on the GSC agenda items and the conference prepares us to discuss and vote at our District and Area. Also, I did attend a meeting in downtown Billings with 3 others from the conference. It was a great reminder as to why this stuff is important.

My expenses totaled \$xxx.xx and were for travel (fuel cost), lodging, and meals as well as registration. Thank you for supporting me to attend.

Hope to see all of you at the Spring Assembly coming up at the end of the month. Please volunteer to help out with registration, coffee, or greeting if you haven't already. Thanks!

In Service,

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We currently have two District positions available if you are interested in serving, Archives and Alt DCM..

Please see your GSR for agenda items and notes.