

## District 7 Meeting Minutes for Feb. 2014

**The meeting opened** at 7:01 PM, February 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, Arden Corrections, Gail Treasurer, Toni GSR, Nancy Web Master/GSR, Carl Archives, Liz CPC/PI, Tim GSR, Dennis GSR, Pam visitor, and Sheldon Treatment.

**Call for additions to the agenda:** Bring back District newsletter. District/Group dual roles

**Concept 2** – Carl read Concept 2. No discussion followed.

**Tradition 2** – Sheldon read the short form of Tradition 2

**Secretaries Report- Dave:** Motion was made by Toni to accept the January meeting minutes, seconded by Nancy and carried by the group.

**Treasury Report-Gail,** Gail presented financials for January with hard copies for all present. Motion to approve made by Carl, seconded by Sheldon and carried by group. There was discussion on how much we owe the Church for each month and other extra meetings or contributions. Gail will contact Cindy to get the details.

### **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 1601 Oak 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 7:00pm 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 – Nancy,** 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.

**There is a solution-Tim**, Thursday night Big Book Study in Wright, MN. Meetings are going good with 10-15 in attendance. Good turn outs for the speaker/potluck meetings. We still bring meetings into Mish Kashin Treatment Center and MSOP in Moose Lake.

**Mil Lacs Primary Purpose-Toni**, We meet on Wednesday night at Living Water Church in Wahkon. The last Wednesday of January we celebrated 3 years as a group. We had an Alanon and AA speaker present. There were about 35 in attendance. Meeting are going well with 12-15. Our next speaker meeting is in April. Thanks for allowing me to service.

**Friday Morning Women's Revival-Gail**, We currently have 12-20 women in attendance and read from the Big book with discussion following. We have a wide range of sobriety ages. We are a fairly new group and off to a great start.

**Life Begins Here-Pam**, Pam as a possible GSR reports the group meets Friday nights at 7:00p. Meeting location is fluid at this time.

## **Action Committee Reports-**

**C.P.C. / P. I.-Liz**, Has contacted Grandview Lodge and secured a May 15 reservation for the CPC "luncheon" with a 5/29/14 back-up date. Brought to our attention the need to reprint schedules and discussed her intentions of exploring Public Service Announcements.

**Archives-Carl**, Talked about getting calls from people looking for meetings outside our District Schedule lists. It was mentioned that there are other resources available to refer these people to, such as the Area website, District website, etc.

**Corrections- Arden**, I have been busy this last month. I went to the Area Workshop in Moorhead. I also went with 3 others to the Federal prison in Duluth and we got cleared to go in. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. We also got more people cleared to go into the Aitkin Jail. We can hold meetings there Tuesday or Thursday. Yours in service.

**Grapevine/Literature- Mark**, Mark has a new job and is unsure if he will be able to fulfill his duties as Grapevine/Literature position. Inventory has not been completed but he has sold some books and placed orders for others. People expressed a need for obtaining new literature. To be discussed under new business.

**Treatment- Sheldon**, My name is Sheldon L, and I am an alcoholic and your current treatment chairperson for District 7 this rotation. I am humbled by your trust in me and hope God gives me the tools I need to represent the district and AA. I was able to attend the winter workshop in Moorhead in January and enjoyed being around other liked minded AA's interested in service and carrying the message of hope to anyone interested in the disease of alcoholism. I am sure the spring assembly in Duluth will involve more word and stress in regards to the agenda items. I received the treatment package after our last business meeting and was able to add a couple of new names and treatment services to our list. I did go

speaking at one of them and was well received and found a need for some AA literature. I was also able to attend several different meetings in the district and look forward to visiting the other meetings during my rotation.

Yours in service  
Sheldon L.  
District 7 treatment

**Webmaster- Nancy**, Nancy and Bob have not yet met to turn over this position. She is looking forward to working with Bob.

**Ait DCM- Eric**, I attended the Winter Workshop in Fargo in Jan. I also participated in all the functions, and helped with the presentation from District 7. My topic was time and I thought the speech went off fairly well. Additionally I approached the microphone several times during discussion. We got three persons in the room in an attempt to lower costs, and also had three persons in the van carpooling. It was quite informative, and instructive.

I have been visiting meetings outside of my home town during the last month. I have managed to get as far east as Wright MN, and as far west as Pine River. During these visits I attempted to update contact information, and in several cases I got new group forms filled out. I have been to meetings in the following townships in the last thirty days; Wright, Pine River, Crosby Ironton, Aitkin, Pequot Lakes, Crosslake, and Fargo ND (though that one is out of our District). I have new group forms for Backus, and two for Pine River. I have contact information for the others, and been instructed about special requests from several also. Additionally these visits have brought to my attention two new meetings, and one meeting which has folded.

I would like to request help from fellow District members in getting out to these townships. I am seeing the value of these visits. Truly it might be the best thing we can do as District members. If you bring a friend or sponsee the windshield time is also priceless.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Eric.

**DCM Report – Carl**, Greetings everyone. Thanks to all who took part in the Winter Workshop. We had a great time presenting at the workshop. I took part in a DCM sharing meeting. I got to meet quite a few DCMs from around the Area 35. I was happy to see that there are several young DCMs that are motivated to participate in service work.

I am looking forward to going to the WRAASC in St. Louis Park. We are fortunate that our Delegate Mike J. already sent us the GSO Agenda Items. I will get a better view of them at the conference.

I have a room booked at the Spring Assembly in Duluth. I hope some of you will be able to attend. Before I go there, we as a district need to go through the GSO Agenda Items so I can carry your conscious there. I am looking forward to this.

I am looking forward to serving District #7 these next two years with your help. I have not gotten out to any meetings, but plan to start soon.

Yours in service,

DCM Carl P.

### **Old Business**

1. CWC jail. Eric stated that their home group is interested in bringing a meeting into the CWC Jail the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month. Arden will contact Miranda from CWC to get applications and discuss orientation needs.
2. CPC luncheon. Sub-committee will meet after this meeting for further discussion. Gail made a motion to move our regular District meeting from 5/15 to 5/8 to accommodate the luncheon. Toni seconded and motion carried by the group.

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

1. Carl discussed Conference agenda items and the need for an extra meeting to discuss. A motion was made by Carl to hold this special meeting on 3/27/14 and seconded by Gail. Motion was carried. Potluck event with dinner at 6:00 and meeting following.
2. A discussion on District meeting schedules ensued. There are a number of changes/additions that need to be addressed in this new printing. We will hold off until next month to consider new printing. A motion was made and amended a few times to allow the group to okay printing new schedules without a formal group vote. I think that was the gist of the motion and it was carried by the group.
3. Literature and Grapevine positions. Sheldon volunteered to pick up these chair positions if Mark indeed resigns. Sheldon will contact Mark to ascertain Marks intentions are and to inventory District material. This change will be temporary and we will revisit this next meeting.
4. Dual roles. Groups should be informed that in the case of someone holding voting roles in both the group and District levels, they can only vote once at Area and

Assemblies.

5. Calendar of events:

WCAASC 2/28-3/2, Spring Assembly 4/5-4/6 and Area 2/23.

At 8:10 we closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.