

District 7 Meeting Minutes for February 2015

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM, November 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 Alternate DCM, Gail Treasurer, Dave Secretary, Tim GSR, Arden Corrections Chair, Ann GSR, April Treatment and GSR, Liz CPC/PI, Eric L. GSR, Mark Literature/Grapevine, Rich GSR District 18 and Jason visitor.

Call for additions to the agenda: Skip action committee breakout session?

Concept 2 – Carl read Concept II. Discussions on trusted servants and their function and importance and elements of AA service structure.

Tradition 2 – Liz read Tradition II long form. Liz talked about the fine line between group conscience and individual opinions.

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

Treasury Report-Gail, Gail handed out and reported on the current District 7 finances. Liz motioned to approve financial report, Arden seconded and motion passed.

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 – April, The Nisswa Wednesday Women's Work group meets at the Nisswa Fire Hall every Wednesday at 5:30 PM. We usually have 20-30 Women in attendance. Very strong sponsorship in our group. We bring meetings into the Jail, treatment facilities and Focus Unit. First Wednesday is a group conscience meeting and the third Wednesday we have fellowship following the 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, 3rd driveway on the left. We have about 12 strong members. We just celebrated our 7th member with 30+ years.

Life Begins Here-Ann B. This meeting is held on Friday nights at 7:00pm at the Alano Club on Maple Street in Brainerd. It is an open meeting with rotating leaders with topics chosen by the leader. Membership is currently at 15-18 people each week. A group conscience was held in early February to designate amounts donated to Area, District and GSO. We will also be sending at least one person with a group member to the CPC event in May.

Palisade-Arden, Meets Monday night. Meeting is going well. We have 3 new members and attendance is about 10 people.

There is a Solution-Tim, Thursday night 6:30 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Wright, MN. We are a Big Book Study group. 10-15 regular members. 2-3 new members the last couple of weeks. We have commitments at Mishka Wisen Treatment Center, MSOP, Sandstone prison and Dehaven Treatment in Cloquet. AA is alive, well and carrying the message in Wright, MN.

Crosslake AA-Eric (sub), Meets Tuesday nights at 7:00. Things are going well. 2 weeks ago only 3 people showed up due to snow conditions. We are struggling to get people involved in service work.

Pequot Lakes-Liz (sub), We are in need of a new GSR. Liz has been encouraging new folks to get involved. Mark suggested talking an older member into mentoring a newer member.

Action Committee Reports-

Action Committee breakout session was waived this month.

C.P.C. / P. I.-Liz, New Schedules are needed and will be ordered. Liz is waiting on the Grand View Lodge contract. CPC event time and date are set.

Archives-Carl, No report. Carl is on vacation.

Treatment-April, Nothing new to report this month.

Corrections-Arden, I have some good news. The Aitkin Co. jail is up and running. New volunteers were there when we stopped by tonight. There will be an orientation sometime in April. I also attended the winter workshop in Superior Wisc. And picked up some good info. We also have a new Area Corrections Chairperson. His name is Jake C. I will be attending the Area meeting in Aitkin this Sunday.

Grapevine/Literature-Mark, A list of inventory was available, with Big Books, 12x12 books, 12-75th Anniversary Books and other literature on hand. Mark talked about meeting room pictures featured in the Grapevine and told a few jokes from the recent Grapevine issue.

Webmaster-Neil, Carl read Neil's report. Web site is updated with no known issues at this time. Neil will be attending the Area meeting this weekend.

Alt DCM- Eric, Alt DCM Report,

I created a newsletter, and wrote a few lines about the importance of the 2015 Agenda. We have some space available on the newsletter for flyers, District news, or someone's creative writing about recovery. I would encourage participation as this is your newsletter.

I made a few copies of the Agenda, these were downloaded from a password protected section of the site. I am looking forward to attending the committee meeting in Aitkin on the 22nd, and the Spring Assembly in April. I am also looking forward to stimulating study, and discussion of the 2015 Conference Agenda.

Yours in Service eric

DCM Report – Carl, February 2015 Greetings to district 7. This last month has been quiet. The pinnacle of our service work is about to happen. We have our area meeting this Sunday Feb. 22, then, we have the WRAASC in Norfolk, NEB. The following weekend. We are then tasked with going through the GSO agenda items getting first our group conscience and then the district's followed by the area in April. I pray we all have the patience and tolerance to do the task at hand, since, many of us will be faced with of attitude of indifference and "I don't care" attitudes.

I know of three new groups in the Brainerd area. I was hoping they would contact me to get on the schedule, but so far, they have not. I will search them out in the coming weeks. CARL DCM D7

Old Business

1. CPC event. It was agreed that \$15.00 will be the cost per ticket.
2. GSO Agenda items. It was agreed that we will hold an additional District meeting on April 9th to go over the Agenda items and vote our group conscience. Dave will check Church availability. Action Committee Chairs should be versed in Agenda items as they relate to their respective positions.

New Business/Old Business carried forward

1. Bob B. is resigning from heading up our District picnic. Eric K. agreed to carry the torch.
2. April has resigned her Treatment Chair position as she can no longer dedicate the time required. All understood. Ann B. was asked if she would be interested in volunteering and indicated she would. Liz nominated Ann B. to stand for the balance of April's rotation, Arden 2nd and the motioned carried.
3. District 6 is hosting a 2nd annual GSR event Saturday, February 21st, 2015 at the Isanti Alano Club; 12:00-?

Calendar of Events

1. 2/22 Aitkin Area Committee meeting
2. 2/27-3/1 West Central AA service Conference (WCRAASC)
3. 4/11-4/12 Spring Assembly, Fergus Falls.
4. 2/19 District 7 Monthly meeting

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30

