

## District 7 Meeting Minutes for January 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, Dave Secretary, Tim GSR, Arden Corrections Chair, Dennis GSR, Larry Visitor, Pam Visitor, Mary GSR, Ann GSR, Carl Archives/Alt GSR, April Treatment and GSR, Joan GSR, Liz CPC/PI, Jenny Alt GSR, Toni GSR, Eric L. GSR, Mark Literature/Grapevine, Gail Treasurer and Gaea GSR.

**Call for additions to the agenda:** Email addresses for all Dist. 7 groups

**Concept 1** – Mark read Concept I.

**Tradition 1** – Gail read Tradition I long form.

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

**Treasury Report-Gail,** Gail handed out and reported on the current District 7 finances. Dave motioned to approve financial report, Carl 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.

**Corner Stone of Hope-Dennis,** Meets Tuesday at 7:00pm at St. Francis Church in the basement. Alternating Chair who chooses discussion topic. Average attendance is low 30's. We break into six smaller groups for discussion. We give rides to the Focus Unit patients who show up each week. A call list, meeting schedule and a welcome medallion are given to 1<sup>st</sup> time attendee's

**Nisswa Wednesday Women's Work –Liz (for 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. We have been having new members attending weekly. Very strong sponsorship in our group. We bring meetings into the Jail, treatment facilities and Focus Unit. We focus on Big Book topics, Traditions etc. and feature a speaker meeting as well. AA women's retreat is 2/6-2/8. We are still looking for a few more participants.

**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, 3<sup>rd</sup> driveway on the left. 10-15 members strong. We have a little shack in the woods with wood heat.

**New Beginnings-Ann F.** Meets 8-9 pm Wednesday and Saturday Located on Co. Rd 2 1.2 miles W. of Pine river at the DAC. On 1/3/15 we had a speaker meeting and pot luck.

Speaker was Paul M. from Mille Lacs. 40 people came. Wed. Night is a Big Book meeting. Sat. is a topic meeting. We carry the message into the Focus Unit once a month.

**Backus Courage to Change-Ann F.** Meets Tuesday 7:30pm. Located on Hwy 371 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Rotating Step meetings and topics.

**Primary Purpose of Wahkon-Toni,** Meets Wednesday 7:00pm at Living Word Church of Wahkon. We are a Big Book, 12x12, topic and discussion group. The 5<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the month is a speakers meeting. Alanon has started a meeting same night, time and place. The Group will be celebrating its 4 year anniversary on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015. There will be a celebration pot luck/speaker meeting on January 28, 2015 6-7:00 Dinner, speaker at 7:00.

**Sleepy Hollow-Joan,** Open meeting on Monday's 8:00pm at Fort Ripley Town Hall. We have 16-20 attendees. Each month we do a Step, a tradition and two open discussion meetings. If there is a fifth Monday, we feature a speakers meeting. On birthdays we have cake and coffee provided by the birthday person. We carry the message into Focus Unit, the County Jail and Morrison County Jail.

**Sat. Night Candle Light-Gaea,** Meets 10:00 Saturday night at Upfront Alano Club. Attendance varies up to 15. We have topic, newcomers, Big Book, Steps and Tradition meetings. All are welcome!

**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. Speaker meeting and pot luck on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

## **Action Committee Reports-**

We started a new tradition with 10 minute Action Committee breakout sessions.

**C.P.C. / P. I.-Liz,** New Schedules are here. PSI's are being broadcast. Committee is coming together on Spring CPC event. Spring CPC event date May 21, 2015 4-6pm Grand View Lodge.

**Archives-Carl,** Not much activity last month. Still working on files.

**Treatment-April,** April reported she has made contact with most local treatment facilities. She has left phone messages at four Winds with no response back. She plans to visit when time allows. Ann F. and Gaea are assisting April.

**Corrections-Arden,** I have missed the last two meeting as most of you know. I did attend the Area meeting in December. As far as I know everything is going well at the Crow Wing County jail. We are still having difficulty getting volunteers approved at the Aitkin Co. jail and those already approved have prior commitments. I will try to get this resolved before my rotation ends.

**Grapevine/Literature-Mark,** Books are available. I will forward the inventory under separate email.. Mark told a joke from the Grapevine.

**Webmaster-Neil,** No report Neil was absent.

**Alt DCM- Eric,** No report Eric was absent

### **DCM Report – Carl, JANUARY 2015 DCM REPORT**

Hello all. There hasn't been much going on lately. I had one group where the address of the meeting place hadn't been changed. I'll be going over groups again soon to see if all the changes have been made. It should be a lot easier this year.

The winter workshop goes on this weekend in Superior, Wisconsin. District seven will be presenting on our primary purpose. We will soon be again looking at the GSO agenda with all our groups, the district, and finally at the area. This will be a busy time. I have booked a room in Norfolk, Nebraska for the WRAASC. Hopefully, I'll get some insight on the GSO agenda items. I am looking forward to representing our district there.

Spring is around the corner and our CPC event will come before we know it. I am certain it will again be a highlight for us at the district. I am looking forward to completing our final year in our district positions.

### **Old Business**

1. Winter workshop. Group will meet on site before presentation.
2. CPC/PI Flyer will be sent out in an email so be sure to watch for it.

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

1. Gail will look for CWC Fair letter.
2. GSO Agenda items. Carl asked if the flow of information work last year and should we repeat process. Yes, but it was asked if we could get the Hot Topic Items out sooner. Carl will discuss this with Jake, Area 35 Delegate.
3. Arden suggested emailing meeting minutes to those groups who contribute to District 7. Gail will ask for email addresses when she sends out the next thank you letter.

### **Calendar of Events**

1. 1/17 Winter Workshop
2. 2/22 Aitkin Area Committee meeting
3. 2/27-3/1 West Central AA service Conference (WCRAASC)
4. 4/11-4/12 Spring Assembly, Fergus Falls.
5. 2/19 District 7 Monthly meeting

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 8:17

