

District 7 Meeting Minutes for July 2014

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM, June 19, 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, Toni GSR, Paul GSR, Joan GSR, Gail Treasurer, Neil Web Master, Mark Grapevine/Literature, Mary Alt. GSR, Carl Archives/Alt GSR, Liz CPC/PI, April GSR, Dennis GSR, Sheldon Treatment and Bob Area Web Tech.

Call for additions to the agenda: CPC Books and literature

Concept 7 – Toni read Concept 7

Tradition 7 – Gail read Tradition 7 long form

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

Treasury Report-Gail, Financial report was reviewed. A motion was made by Carl to accept the report, seconded by Liz and approved by all.

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 -April 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, We meet at 8:00 Thursday across from the Eagles Landing golf course. 10-15 members strong. There is at times 300 years of sobriety. Topic meeting with lots of wisdom.

Wahkon Primary Purpose-Toni, Meets Wednesday night at 7:00 at the Living Water

Church of Wahkon. We average around 15. Have a few with short sobriety that are doing well. We are Big Book-12x12 discussion. The 5th Wednesday of the month we have an AA and Alanon speaker. July 30th is our next speakers meeting with a pot luck and fellowship. Would like to see you all there.

Yours in service
Toni

Corner Stone of Hope-Dennis, Meets Tuesday at 7:00pm at St. Francis Church in the basement. Rotating chair and topic meeting. Attendance is 30-35. We give rides to the Focus Unit patients. Our picnic is scheduled for July 29th 6:00pm at Gregory Park, north side west end. Eat at 6:00, meeting at 7:00.

Sleepy Hollow-Joan, Meets on Monday's 8:00pm at Fort Ripley Town Hall. Attendance has been great, 16-20 people. Round –up held on the 28th of June was great, some 97 people attended with all expenses in a net cost of about \$9.00. Nancy K and Bob N, Duluth AA were wonderful. Area Delegate report was the same day earlier in the afternoon. Seven attendees and Jake used his full allotted time. There will be an old-timers panel on 9/13/14. See flyer.

Big Sandy Lake AA-Paul, Open meeting Wednesday's 7:00pm. All are welcome who have a desire to stop drinking. The meetings are generally chaired by members volunteering to do so. It is a topic meeting and usually has 12+ in attendance. Group purpose is to help all who attend to achieve sobriety. Open meeting Saturday 9:00am. All are welcome. Come early as last one arriving before 9:00 chairs the meeting. The topic is to be AA related fulfilling AA's purpose to stay sober. Attendance is 12+. Special note: Alanon meets Monday at 7:00. Contact Ramona 218-426-3344.

Ironton-Sheldon, Meets Friday 7:00pm at the Alano Club.

Action Committee Reports-

C.P.C. / P. I.-Liz, No report. Liz will miss next Area meeting and the CW County Fair.

Archives-Carl, Still collecting things. Reported there were about 100 people who attended the District picnic.

Treatment-Sheldon, Has been working on getting volunteers for Thursday evening Echo Pod meetings.

Corrections-Arden, Arden was absent. Arden expressed concerns about his ability to act as Corrections Chair due to working full time. No firm decision has been made.

Grapevine/Literature-Mark, Mark read a few Grapevine jokes and plugged Grapevine "quote of the day". He has about \$1,170 in cash and inventory. He noted that big print books are available. He also stated he has enough orders to get free shipping so, get your orders in soon.

Web Master-Neil, Neil and Bob have been working on alternative methods of supporting the site. Currently, the District web site had= the most current schedule posted.

Alt DCM- Eric, Alt DCM Report for June 2014. Made a trip to the Friday night Aitkin meeting. Made trips up to meetings in Pequot, Pine River and Backus areas. Collected a check from Pequot group to District 7 in the amount of \$150.00. Has one completed CWC Jail volunteer to turn in (Dave will bring to Jail). Eric will be contacting Miranda at CWC Jail on his volunteer status. Eric is trying to coordinate a 1st Thursday of the month meeting for Echo Pod in CWC Jail. Prepared newsletter for June and forwarded to Carl and Dave for review and distribution.

DCM Report – Carl, June DCM Report. Hello all. Not much to report. I heard the picnic was a great success. Sorry, I had to attend a birthday party for family. We have CW County Fair coming up, Zonal Forum Sept. 13, Aitkin Area meeting 8/3/14 and Fall Assembly in Grand Rapids Oct. 4-5.

Yours in service, Carl

Old Business

1. CPC Literature. \$40.00 worth of books were given out. There was discussion on accounting and Mark noted he has noted this in his records. No further action was required.
2. Picnic report Bob: AA fellowship was had by many at our July 13, 2014 picnic. We consumed 90-1/3 pound sirloin burgers and 65 hot dogs. There were many sides and desserts that were shared. Picnic donations totaled \$62.00. Prior years averaged \$100.00. These donations are used to supplement the cost of burgers and hotdogs. Dave and Bob reviewed the picnic planning and volunteer signup sheet. Items were added and expanded. Times items are needed by was also added to the list. Enough plates and utensils were left over to supply next year's needs.
3. CW County Fair: Mark will be organizing literature for this event. There was discussion on location our racks. Search will follow. Also, Mark talked about having a signup sheet at the back of the booth. There for members who stop in and want to comment about the booth or the fact that they stopped by.
4. Zonal Forum Sept 13th. No further questions arose. Carl will bring forward our discussion on Group contributions.

New Business/Old Business carried forward

1. Group contribution report. There was much discussion on this topic. Quarterly report? Send out group report with thank you letter? Should other groups know what each are contributing?
2. Calendar of events:
Fall Assembly Oct. 4 & 5th Grand Rapids, MN.

Area Committee meeting August 3rd.
Zonal Forum Sept 13th.

We closed the meeting at 8:03 with the Lord's Prayer.