

## District 7 Meeting Minutes for June 2013

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**The meeting opened** at exactly 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of the month at the First Congregational Church on the SW corner of 415 Juniper Street in Brainerd MN., with the Serenity Prayer. We went around the room with introductions, and the following persons introduced themselves by their first name and position if they hold one; Neil DCM, Nancy GSR, Owen GSR, Bob GSR, Tom Meeting Schedule Coordinator, Galen GSR, Mary GSR, Toni GSR, Liz C.P.C., John GSR, Eric Secretary, Bob Webmaster, Carl GSR, Tim GSR, Mark, Arden Corrections, and Carl. There were 17 persons in attendance. Another attendee named Jenny came in after role call, bringing our number up to 18

**Call for additions to the agenda,** Nothing was added.

**Concept 6 - Carl,** Carl read Concept 6 from the service manual. Afterwards he commented. The Trustees of AA need to assume a lot of responsibility. We need to be sure that we have placed well qualified persons in this position, and having done so we need to trust them to do their jobs. No additional commentary followed from the group.

**Tradition 6 - Neil,** Neil reads excerpts from the 12 x 12. Some of the readings discussed early attempts by AA's to go in for hospitals, various business ventures, government, law, and education. It was discovered that this was a mistake. Neil is grateful that things didn't go this way. He also talked briefly about the C.W.C. Transitional Fair that he attended.

**Secretaries Report- Eric,** Eric gave a short report stating that he had mailed out the Minutes to the members on the distribution list, and that they should have it both on the table in front of them, and in their email boxes. He stated that there was one mistake, a time 7:30 should be changed to 7:00. He also handed out several copies of the Action Booklet, the District Roster, and the Distribution List. He asked for corrections, deletions, and additions to those documents. Bob motioned to approve, Liz seconded the motion with the correction, and all found favor.

**Treasury Report-Cindy,** Cindy was absent so Neil read her report. We have money available for service. Nancy motioned to accept the report, and Bob seconded it. All found favor with it.

*Again, Please note that we don't publish the District financial's. Neither is it a secret. District members may contact Cindy or Neil for a copy, or better yet, your group could send you, or your GSR (General Service Representative) to our monthly District Meeting at the afore mentioned address to participate in service. If you wish to have the financial's published far and wide, feel free to introduce a motion to do so, at the committee meeting, we'd love to have you.*

*This subject was revisited on 9/20/2012 and the District and GSR's in attendance agreed that the District financial's shouldn't be publicly published. See updated Action Booklet.*

### **GSR Reports-**

**Trinity Speaker Meeting- Owen,** We meet every Sunday evening at 7:00pm for our meeting. We have coffee and cake at 6:30. Our average attendance is 30-40 persons. We

have asked our participants to confine their discussion to problems with alcohol. We have had two Alanon speakers this year. They were well received.

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The Trinity Church has been very fair with their room rent. Everything is going very well and everyone is invited to attend.

**Nisswa Wednesday Women's Work – Nancy,** The Nisswa Wednesday Women's Work group meets on Wednesday nights at 5:30 PM at the Nisswa Fire Hall. We cover steps, traditions and topics at our meetings using the Big Book and 12 X 12. Our group actively participates in meetings at the Focus Unit and the Crow Wing County Jail. Service work is highly encouraged and there are many opportunities for everyone to participate. We hold a Group Conscience Meeting and potluck on the first Wednesday of every month following the regular meeting.

Our attendance continues to average 30+ each week and we have enjoyed having many visitors at our meeting now that summer is finally here and people are vacationing in the lakes area. One visitor commented last night how welcome she felt when she pulled into the parking lot and several women were waving like crazy in greeting to her, and this was only her second meeting with the group! We're a friendly bunch!

**Garrison Monday Night-Bob,** We meet at 7:30 at Garrison City Hall. This is an open meeting. We study the Big Book from cover to cover. We have 8 to 12 people per meeting. Bob H. GSR

**Rimer Reason AA Group- Galen,** We meet every Monday at 7:00 PM at the Bethesda Church in hwy 47 just south of Malmo. We are a topic and discussion group. Members volunteer to bring a topic and lead the discussion for the following week's meeting. The first meeting of each month, the topic is a Step or a Tradition correlating with that month. We have 15-20 attendees each week, both men and women with long-term sobriety as well as newcomers. We are a registered AA group, and make regular contributions to District 7, Area 35, and the General Service Office. There is a big Alanon group that meets at the same time, in a room right next to ours. We hope you will come visit our meeting. You will be made to feel welcome!

**Isle Big Book- Mary,** Our meeting starts at 10:00 every Saturday morning. Attendance is between 10-15 persons. We read and discuss the Big Book with great people who want recovery.

**Mille lacs Primary Purpose- Toni,** We meet every Wed. night at 7:00 at the Living Water Church west of Wahkon. We are an Open, B-B, 12x 12 Discussion group with speakers every 5th wed. of the month. We have a pot luck and speaker meeting on July 31. The group is gaining a good following the last few meetings. We have been around 20-22. Young people and new faces are awesome to see. I have realized I will be leaving as a GSR. I will need to start searching for a replacement. April and May were very busy months for me.

**Mille Lacs Area Women's AA- Toni,** We meet Sunday at the Faith Lutheran Church in Isle at 6:00 PM. Attendance has been down. It was very poorly attended and we are not sure what to attribute that to. 4-5 is the average number of persons. We are an open Big Book and 12x12 discussion meeting. Sorry for having missed so much lately.

**Sleepy Hollow Group- John,** We meet every Monday evening at 8:00 at the Fort Ripley Town Hall. I was elected to the GSR position following the Spring Assembly, but had several previous commitments that had to be kept. Now that they are behind me I hope to be a regular participant as Their GSR. We are having a fellowship get together and speaker Brad

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**Serenity in the Pines- Carl,** Our meeting is going well. We are still averaging around 12-15 people. We usually have a topic based on the Big Book. We meet Thursdays at 8:00 PM across the road from the Eagles Landing Golf Course.

**Thursday Night Wright Big Book Study- Tim,** Our meeting is going well with 10-20 in attendance. We generally only study the first 164 pages of the Big Book. We also have a speaker once a month. We have a commitment to bring a meeting into the MISL Kayshun Treatment Center in Sawyer. Once a month we take a meeting into MSOP in Moose Lake. We also have a pot luck dinner on the forth Thursday of every month.

I also attend the **Tues. Tamarack Big Book Study** and report that the attendance is a little down. It is still going well and there are some new members coming in.

Additionally I attend the **Big Sandy / McGregor meeting**. This meeting is held every Wed. at 7:00PM Attendance is very good and we have been splitting into two groups after opening and announcements for discussion.

**Palisade/ McGregor- Arden,** I am not the GSR but am a regular attendee. I am pleased to report that the groups are strong and well attended.

## **Action Committee Reports-**

**C.P.C./ P. I.-Liz,** First and foremost, a huge Thank You to the CPC Committee for all the work on our CPC Event on 5/16. We had 44 in all (including our presenters from the Area), and the event was well received by all in attendance. Grand View's meeting room and food selection worked well, and they hope to have us return in the future.

We have also paid for our booth for the C.W.C. Fair. I will assist up to the week before the fair and then Neil will be the contact during the actual event as I will be out of town

We have a fresh supply of schedules available and as always, please let Tom Neil or myself know of any changes to the meetings / times or locations.

Yours in Service, Liz

**Archives- Open,** No Report.

**Literature- Gary,** Gary was unable to attend, but he did mail a report to Neil. However Neil forgot the report at his home when he left to attend this meeting.

**Corrections- Arden,** This month was a busy month for me. We had the Area meeting in Aitkin on June 2nd and I met some fellow District chair persons at the meeting. We had a good discussion about the problems, and answers about getting literature into the jails and prisons.

I did talk to the jail coordinator in Aitkin about getting some more people cleared to go in. He said he would do so. That was about a month ago and nothing has happened since.



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On June 3rd we heard the Delegate's Report. It was very informative.

On June 20th we had a transitional fair at the C.W.C. Jail. Neil, Tim, and myself attended. It went very well, and we had quite a few people stopping by, and handed out a lot of literature.

Thank You! Yours in Service, Arden

**Grapevine- Sheldon,** Absent, no report.

**Treatment- Dave,** Absent, no report.

**Webmaster- Bob,** Present but no report. He will bring web usage stats next month.

**Alt DCM- Open,** No report.

**DCM Report- Neil,**

DCM Report – District 7, Area 35

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Greetings District 7!

We've been busy since our last meeting - we held the CPC event on 5/16 at Grandview Lodge in Nisswa. I want to thank the CPC Committee for all their hard work and organization for making this event a success! Also to Butch, Roger, and Brad from Area 35 for their participation which added greatly to the event. I did attend the CPC event and was grateful to have been able to participate.

I attended the Area 35 Committee meeting in Aitkin on 6/2. It was good to see Arden, Tim, Gary, Dave, and Bob there from our district! Jeff E., Area Corrections chair, resigned his position. Skip from Elk River was asked to stand to fill in. It was required that he be approved by the Area and he was unanimously in Aitkin. He will fill out the term which runs through December.

I attended the Transition Fair and the CWC jail today (6/20). It was a pleasure to attend with Arden and Tim – we had good fellowship and spoke to a lot of the inmates there and gave out a lot of literature. Our anonymity was protected which was great as there was an issue with this last year.

We have the Meet and Greet event coming up – it's 7/14 at 11 AM until whenever at Lum Park. Thanks to Bob for all his work on making arrangements for this again.

Also coming up is the CWC Fair in late July/early August and we will have an informational booth setup there for the public.

I hope you got to hear Jim's delegate report from the GSC. A full report on the Conference will be circulated soon. Thanks to Jim for another excellent report and there was a lot of discussion which was great to see.

Thanks for you do to help carry the message!

Gratefully,  
Neil F.



## **Old Business-**

**C.P.C.-** We will close this bit of old business out. Thank You Liz and all the committee for a really nice job well done! Bob said that the word is getting out around the state about what an excellent job we did with the event. Liz mentioned that there were a couple of things that could have been handled better involving who the checks were made out to and small money issues. Would we be interested in a fall event also? It takes at least 5 months to plan an event.

**C.W.C. Fair Booth-** Neil reads from the previous month's minutes the motion to participate at the County Fair. Liz paid the deposit and the booth rental. The Fair Coordinator will give us a pass on the regulation that the booth be staffed for the event. We may staff it or leave it unmanned at our discretion provided it is kept neat and orderly. We may not remove the booth until the fair has ended or we will lose our deposit of one hundred dollars. [Mark volunteered to head the committee to oversee the Fair Booth.](#) Marge Hillman is the fair coordinator. Tom has a large fan that is part the display from the event a few years ago. We have a large inventory of Literature. Neil made a motion to [authorize Mark to order additional literature, if needed, using his best judgment, for the Crow Wing County Fair Booth, and that any additional purchases would be accountable back to the District, and that the District would cover those costs.](#) Bob seconded the motion. All found favor.

**Facility Use Contribution-** Neil Speaks, [Cindy will be making this payment](#) before the next month's meeting. Liz added that it will be for the amount of 50. dollars for the extra meetings and there will also be a phone line contribution which will be made at the same time.

**Meet Your District Event-** Neil opens the discussion and turns it over to Bob. Bob heads the committee. Last year we cooked 60 hamburgers and 70 hotdog's. The feedback from the event was that we need to cook 90 hamburgers and 70 hotdog's. [We will need buns for these. Last year we needed more water. Additionally last year the pop was hot. We need to ice the pop before the event. Bob suggests cool aid or lemonade for beverages. He has big jugs to fill with either drink. We took in 102 in donations last year. The park charges us 80. Bob says he'll go well over that just with hamburgers. Bob passed out a sign up sheet of necessary items to bring. When it returned to him it was filled with names. Carl also volunteered to bring a five gallon container for lemonade. It was suggested that Neil would speak this year. Somebody needs to bring a Mic. Bob isn't spending the money on Mic this year. Neil has a Mic he will bring. Pass separate baskets for additional funds. Mark or Bob will bring a coffee pot. Your food needs to be prepped before hand \( lettuce and such\). We need 4 cases of pop. Owen volunteered to bring some utensils and salt and pepper packs. volley ball was popular last year. The beach was icky. This year it will hopefully be better.](#)

**Meeting Schedules-** [Neil asked for changes to the printing to be referred to Tom, Liz, or himself.](#) Hopefully we are doing a good job with this. Some discussion resulted from the group address changes.

## **New Business-**

**Fall Workshop-** Neil starts the discussion. He asked if we would like to hold a fall workshop, and asked for feedback. Tom suggested sponsorship. This met with general

agreement.

Eric asked to clarify this item in regards to the end of the rotation GSR training session that the District usually puts on bi annually in Dec.. Is this a replacement for the training event, an additional event, or is the training session being moved back a couple months into the fall? We were reminded that we have a policy in place to hold 12 regular District meetings for business every year, and that additional workshops and training sessions must be held separately. This was an action that was taken last year, and can be found in the action booklet. Neil answered that this was the nature of the current discussion, to determine our course regarding these functions. Neil also thought that it would be good for the District to hold this event at a different location. He thought it would be nice to ask Ironton if they could host us in their Alanon Club. John mentioned that these event could be helpful in increasing GSR participation. October is the District elections. Fall assembly is the 1st week in Oct. Bob felt that there isn't any reason we couldn't put on both the Sponsorship event and the GSR training school. The Sponsorship event will increase interest in what we are doing here at District and help grow the number of GSR's that will participate in the following event. We have a good format for the GSR school. Several people expressed interest in holding the GSR school in Crosby/Ironton.

We will do a Sponsorship Event in Oct preferably in a different location and preferably a club, and we will do a GSR Training School in Dec. Tom Carl and Mark volunteer. Neil volunteered to visit Ironton to inquire with them.

GSR School committee will be staffed by Bob, Toni, John, and Eric. Neil will assist with both committees.

Mary asked what a GSR School will consist of. Neil and others responded that it is an informational review of the responsibilities, and duties that most GSR's have shouldered in the past and a review of GSO printed material distributed from New York. It is also a meet, and greet session at District, and there will be speakers with experience, past GSR's, and a chance to meet other GSR's. We also typically have a pot luck.

**Meeting Adjourned-** The meeting ended with the serenity prayer right at 7:30pm

*For your convenience I used a red font for the directives given to GSR's, and I used a blue font for actions, and directives given to District Chairs and others. This will hopefully make it easier for you to navigate the document, and make your service duties clear. However I may have missed an item, misspelled a name, misquoted a member, or otherwise made a terrible mess of this document, a regular hash of it. That being the case please except my apology in advance. If the offense is serious enough to require a second draft please contact me via email ASAP so that we don't have to waste time struggling with it at the next District meeting.*

*It is a pleasure to be of service, eric            gemminer\_n\_cutter@yahoo.com*