

## District 7 Meeting Minutes for June 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, Mary GSR, Carl Archives, Liz CPC/PI, April GSR, Dennis GSR, Sheldon Treatment and Bob Area Web Tech.

**Call for additions to the agenda:** None

**Concept 6** – Bob read Concept 6

**Tradition 6** – Dave read Tradition 6 short form and Sheldon read Tradition 6 long form. It was decided to read the long form at this meeting going forward.

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

**Treasury Report-Gail,** Bob, subbing for Gail presented financials for May with hard copies. Motion to approve made by Eric, seconded by Dave and carried by group. There was discussion regarding CPC expenses and accounting for books and other literature used for this event.

### **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 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.

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. Our women's group is full of strong, amazing, sponsoring women who dedicate their time and efforts to the still suffering alcoholic.

**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. Awesome meeting and newcomers welcome.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month we have an AA and Alanon speaker. July 30<sup>th</sup> is our next speakers meeting with a pot luck and fellowship. Would like to see you all there.

Yours in service

Toni

**Isle Big Book-Mary**, Meeting is held at Faith Lutheran Church in Isle on Saturday from 10-11am. It is a Big Book study meeting. Attendance has been good with 15-20 every Saturday.

**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. Considering having a picnic in late July.

**Sleepy Hollow-Bob**, 18-20 members. Tradition and one step per month with discussion. 5<sup>th</sup> Monday speaker. Round robin/pot luck on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Fort Ripley Town Hall. Bob N. from Duluth will be speaking.

### **Action Committee Reports-**

**C.P.C. / P. I.-Liz**, 2014 CPC event: 43 in attendance. 47 were gated so Liz is donating the 4 unused tickets. Gail has already reimbursed my 6 tickets and Grand View has been paid. I've also tentatively reserved the same room for 5/14/15. MACPO: 5/21 and 5/22. Arden went Wednesday, Jake handled Thursday on his own. New schedules are here. I will deliver to the 7-8 groups needing them. Picnic, headed by Bob and Crow Wing Co. Fair headed by Mark are coming up.

**Archives-Carl**, Crazy with going to meetings. And doing in testimony at Pequot Lakes. Learning a lot from Brad, the Area Archivist. I am thankful for letting me serve you.

**Treatment-Sheldon**, No report

**Corrections-Arden**, No report

**Grapevine/Literature-Mark**, No report

**Web Master-Neil**, No report.

**Alt DCM- Eric**, Alt DCM Report for June 2014.

I have been very busy with work, and aside from my usual three meetings per week, I haven't gotten out to any new groups. Additionally, I am waiting for Carl's DCM report before printing another addition of the newsletter.

It has been a long time since the May addition which went out early due to the District meeting on the eighth of that month. Furthermore my home was

struck by lightning a couple weeks ago, and I lost my primary computer which had all those wonderful programs that I use to create documents. This will be resolved this weekend, and I will get a newsletter out by Monday.

Yours in Service,  
eric

**DCM Report – Carl, June DCM Report.**

**Greetings all. We had a good turnout at the CPC Event. We had around fifty in attendance. The probation fair was a big success. Many pamphlets and books were distributed. The Founder's Day Event went well, also. Carl P. gave a great talk. There was 51 in attendance. I got to 3 meetings last week. We should have a new GSR here tonight. I have lots of traveling left to do. I'll keep making the rounds as I can.**

**We have the delegates report coming up June 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. We have the fall assembly coming up the first weekend in October. I hope more of you are able to attend these functions. Our response to district events has been a little lacking, lately. We could use more support. The district picnic is coming up in July. Hope to see you there.**

Yours in service, Carl

### **Old Business**

1. District 7 picnic set for Sunday, July 13. Contribution list was passed around so we will have supplies needed.
2. Gail's Group contribution spreadsheet discussion was tabled until next meeting.

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

1. We discussed methods of getting GSR's involved in various Action Committees. GSR's present were interested and were asked what committee's they would like to serve on. All present GSR's volunteered and were asked to hook-up with respective District chairs.
2. Fall Zonal Forum: To be held at Sleepy Hollow location. Meet your Officers format. Carl is looking for questions from the groups to ask. One question came up; where is the Area money being allocated? GSR meet and Greet was discussed. How should groups contribute to Area, GSO and District? 30-60-10 split? Discussion topic.
3. County Fair: Feedback from GSR's on man vs. unmanned booth was mixed. Liz made a motion to have booth unmanned but watched/tended, Eric seconded and

- motion passed.
4. We discussed other District County Fairs. It was noted that local support is lacking to effectively make participation happen.
  5. Calendar of events:
    - July 28<sup>th</sup>- Delegates report
    - Fall Assembly Oct. 4 & 5<sup>th</sup> Grand Rapids, MN.
    - Area Committee meeting in August

We closed the meeting at 8:25 with the Lord's Prayer.