

## District 7 Meeting Minutes for June 2015

**The meeting opened** at 7:00 PM, June 18, 2015 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, Eric GSR, Carl archives, Ann Treatment/GSR, Tim GSR, Arden Corrections Chair, Neil webmaster, Dennis GSR, Liz CPC/PI, Jason GSR, Mark Literature/Grapevine, Vickie GSR, Larry, reporting on Pine River, Paul GSR and Dicky GSR.

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

**Concept 6 – Carl** read Concept 6.

**Tradition 6 – Carl P.** read Tradition 6 long form.

**Secretaries Report- Dave:** There were no additions or corrections noted. Carl made a motion to accept April minutes, Gail seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasury Report-Gail,** Reports for May/June were reviewed. Dave made a motion to approve the May/June report, seconded by Eric and motion carried. A biannual report was reviewed and approved by Carl and Eric before this meeting. Jason gave District 7 a \$50.00 Sleepy Hollow contribution.

### **GSR Reports-**

**Our Common Welfare-Eric,** 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-Vickie,** The Nisswa Wednesday Women's Work group meets at the Nisswa Fire Hall every Wednesday at 5:30 PM. It is an open meeting. We do Step meetings, Speaker meetings and follow the Traditions. We have a potluck/speakers meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month followed by a group conscience meeting. We are strong in sponsorship and welcome newcomers with open arms. We also carry the message into the Focus Unit and the Crow Wing Co. Jail.

**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, take the 3<sup>rd</sup> driveway on the left. We have on average 30 years of sobriety and usually have a newcomer each month. Come take a walk in the woods and visit on Thursday night.

**Life Begins Here-Ann B.** This is an open topic meeting of AA that meets 7:00 every Friday night at the Lakes Alano Club on Maple St. We have solid membership of approximately 20 people. We rotate chairs every week. We have an upcoming group conscience meeting the second Friday of July. Several members of the group have sent in applications for the opportunity to correspond with prison inmates.

**Pine River-Larry (representative)** New Beginnings, meets at the DAC Center located on 1.3 miles west on Co. Rd. 2. 8:00pm Wednesday is an open meeting Big Book discussion with 7-17 in attendance. 8:00pm Saturday is an open meeting topic discussion format with 6-19 in attendance.

**Palisade-Arden,** Meets Monday night. Meeting is going well. Attendance is about 10.

**There is a Solution-Tim,** Thursday night 6:30 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Wright, MN. We are an open meeting Big Book study group. We study the first 164 pages of the Big Book paragraph by paragraph. The 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month is a Speaker/potluck meeting which starts at 5:30pm followed by speaker at 6:30pm. We average 10-15 members.

**Cornerstone of Hope- Dennis,** We meet at 7:00 PM on Tues. at the Basement of the St. Francis Church. This is an open meeting. There is a rotating Chair person who picks the topic. We break into smaller groups for discussion and each group are free to leave when they are finished. Attendance is in the low 20's. Focus Unit patients attend each week and we give them rides to and from. New or first time attendees receive a welcome medallion, call list and meeting schedule. We are having a Group picnic July 21<sup>st</sup> north side of Gregory Park.

**Sleepy Hollow Group- Jason,** We are a group of men and women that meet every Monday at 8:00 at the Fort Ripley Town Hall, 13 miles south of Brainerd on HWY 371 across from Crow Wing Lake. Our meeting consists of about 10-15 core members with plenty of visitors. The first Monday of the month we take a meeting into the Focus Unit at St. Joseph's. We just concluded one of our two round robins that we host annually. The turnout was good and the speaker was excellent. Thanks to all who attended.

**Big Sandy/McGregor- Paul W.,** Meets at 7:00pm on Wednesday and 9:00am on Saturday. Attendance is 10-15 each night. We are an open topic discussion meeting.

**Crosby/Ironton- Dicky,** Meets Thursday night at the Crosby/Ironton Alano. Not much to report this month. Attendance is about the same. Will try to get to a few meetings in other areas this month. We also restarted up Alateen on Thursday nights at 6:30pm. We finished up tradition 5 and we are starting Step 6 to be followed by Tradition 6.

### **Action Committee Breakout sessions- 10 minutes**

### **Action Committee Reports-**

**C.P.C. / P. I.-Liz,** CPC event: 34 in attendance and only 3 tickets were purchased by District 7. The event went well. Sarah K. presented AA history, Jeff discussed what AA is and is not and Neil told his story. Liz suggested we host the CPC event alternate years and maybe entertain bringing a similar event into other venues. Further discussion will be required on this topic. County Fairs: Larry will assist Pine River, Tim and Arden to coordinate Aitkin and Mark will Coordinate Crow Wing. Thank you for your efforts.

**Archives-Carl,** Revamping archives into a plastic tote. Carl noted that the Focus Unit needs speakers for the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday's when they occur.

**Treatment-Anne,** Dropping off schedules at the facilities. Ann noted there is generally minimal interaction with the Treatment Professionals.

**Corrections-Arden**, Attended the CPC event. Stopped at the Aitkin Jail before tonight's meeting. Arden inquired if District 7 was willing to donate Big Books for area jails. This topic was moved to new business. Attended MAPCO. Thought it was well received and noted that most of the interest in AA came from other vendors attending the event.

**Grapevine/Literature-Mark**, Inventory report is out for distribution. No hard cover Big books on hand. The June Grapevine has stories about CPC service work. Mark and Carl told a few Grapevine jokes.

**Webmaster-Neil**, Have been posting flyers, events and meetings as they come forward. Thanks to our DCM for all the hard work in updating the meetings.

**Alt DCM- Eric**, Alt DCM Report for June 2015, Eric noted he was having issues viewing calendar data on our website. Currently creating a June newsletter and had some rough copies on hand for review and editing. Encouraged member participation in writing articles for future newsletters. Still attending a number of meetings and working with others.

**DCM Report – Carl**, June DCM Report, Hello all. Welcome to the district 7 monthly meeting. I attended the area committee meeting in Aitkin since we last met. I listened to Jake give his delegate report. I believe we should shorten our district meeting to thirty minutes since I believe he will run over an hour. I stopped at Ironton on the way back from Aitkin to update their 4pm Sunday meeting.

I made a trip to the Up Front club to update their contact as their GSR resigned. I made a trip to Hillman to update their contact. I added both Hillman and Mille Lacs groups to our little card of meetings. I plan on visiting at least one meeting a week for the rest of the year. I am continuing to update contacts and coming closer to getting the AA meeting locator up to date.

Thanks for allowing me to serve, Carl DCM District 7

## **Old Business**

- 1.** Picnic- Scheduled for Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Flyer is out but not on the web as yet. Eric from OCW brought forth the Groups concern about using AA and District 7 language on the picnic flyer. There was much discussion on this topic. Eric K. suggested making a few changes to the flyer. The volunteer signup sheet was passed around again.
- 2.** State Fair, August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, booth still needs volunteers. Contact Jeff G. at 218-234-5633
- 3.** Local Fairs: See CPC/PI report
- 4.** Zonal Forums: This topic was tabled for discussion in August
- 5.** District meeting alternate locations: A subcommittee meeting was held prior to this meeting. Possibilities include an August meeting in Ironton and an October meeting in Pequot Lakes. There was discussion on the importance of holding the meeting on the Same 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. This will complicate rotating the meeting location due to conflicts with regular meetings or other site commitments. The Aitkin Alano Club was also suggested as a possible alternative site.

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

1. Delegates Report: Will be held on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. 6:00 potluck, 7:00 Delegate report followed by our regular District meeting. It was decided to contain our business meeting to 30 minutes. It was suggested we postpone GSR and Action Committee reports.
2. Big Books: Is the District willing to purchase Big Books for donations? Carl suggested that we bring this topic back to the groups for discussion and group conscience.

### **Calendar of Events**

1. District picnic July 19<sup>th</sup>
2. Aitkin Committee meeting 8/2/15
3. Fall Assembly 10/2-10/3

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 8:35