

## District 7 Meeting Minutes for March 2015

**The meeting opened** at 7:00 PM, March 19, 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, Anne Treatment , Tim GSR, Arden Corrections Chair, Neil webmaster, Dennis GSR , Liz CPC/PI, Eric L. GSR, Mark Literature/Grapevine, Jason GSR, Vickie, Tom GSR, Tony GSR, and Dusty .

### **Call for additions to the agenda:**

**Concept 3** – Carl read Concept 3. Trust AAWS, and their right of decision.

**Tradition 3** – Mark read Tradition 3 long form.

**Secretaries Report- Dave:** Dave was absent. Eric filled in for him. Eric K. motioned to accept his report, and Eric L. seconded. Motion passes.

**Treasury Report-Gail,** Gail handed out and reported on the current District 7 finances. Tony motioned to approve financial report, Anne 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. 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. We usually have 20-30 Women in attendance. Very strong sponsorship in our group. We bring meetings into the Jail, treatment facilities and Focus Unit. The first Wed. of the month is a speaker meeting with a group conscience meeting afterwards. The third Wed. is fellowship. We are an open meeting and do the steps, traditions, and a topic meeting every month, as well as the speaker meeting.

**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. We have about 12 strong members. We just celebrated our 7<sup>th</sup> member with 30+ years.

**Life Begins Here-Ann B.** This is an Open Meeting of AA that meets every Friday Night at the Lakes Alano Club on Maple ST.. Our regular membership of 12-15 has jumped to 20 members each Friday night. We have rotating chairs for topics at the meetings. They will be sponsoring an attendee to the CPC and sending me to the Spring Assembly.

**Primary Purpose- Toni,** Primary Purpose meets Wed. nights at 7:00 at the Living Water Church of Wahkon. The attendance has been picking up the last few weeks with new faces. Maybe that means spring is on the way. We are a B.B. 12x12 Discussion meeting. We are

also an Open Meeting. We are planning for our speaker meeting on Apr 29th. We have had members in contact with professionals for the CPC Luncheon, but would like more info. I have plans of attending the Spring Assembly in April.

**Palisade-Arden**, Meets Monday night. Meeting is going well. We have 3 new members and attendance is about 8 people.

**There is a Solution-Tim**, Thursday night 6:30 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Wright, MN. We have 10-15 reg. members, and we had a few new members this last month. We have commitments at Mishka Wisen Treatment Center, MSOP, Sandstone prison, Aitkin Jail, and Dehaven Treatment in Cloquet. AA is alive, well and carrying the message in Wright, MN. It is an open meeting, and the 4th Thurs. is a Speaker Meeting, and Pot Luck which starts at 5:30, with the speaker at 6:30.

**Cornerstone of Hope- Dennis**, We meet at 7:00 PM on Tues. at the Basement of the St. Francis Church. There is a rotating Chair person who picks the topic. This is an open meeting. We give rides to the people at the Focus Unit each week. We breakout into small groups for discussion and each group leaves when they are done. The average is in the low twenties for attendance.

**Sleepy Hollow Group- Jason**, We meet every Monday at 8:00 at the Fort Ripley Town Hall. This is 1/2 mile S. of the Crow Wing Camp Ground. We are active in service bringing a meeting into the Focus Unit the 1st Monday of every month. We have lots of good recovery.

**Malmo Group- Dusty**, We meet Monday Nights at 7:00 at the Bethesda Luth. Church. We have 12-20 People. It is a good group with open topics. The first Monday of the month is a step meeting, and the third Monday is a Tradition meeting, with the rest being open.

**Sunday Serenity Group- Tom**, We meet every Sunday at the Trinity Church at 7:00pm. It is a really good meeting. We have speakers, and a pot luck on the last Sunday of the month.

**Serenity in the Pines- Carl**, Carl P. is out sick. Todd is absent. Todd went to the WCRAASC with Carl. They had a 39 year birthday. The meeting is going good. 10-12 persons in attendance.

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

### **Action Committee Reports-**

**C.P.C. / P. I.-Liz**, Started the new run of schedules on Mar. 5th with Tom. allow 2-3 weeks for completion. There are new changes. The CPC event is reserved, and will be on 5-21-15 from 4-6 at Grandview. Speakers are also reserved. Carl will M.C. Tickets are 15\$ per person. Tickets will be available only in advance. Things are going well. Toni requests an agenda for the event.

**Archives-Carl**, No report. Carl is on ill.

**Treatment-Anne**, I contacted all the treatment centers and introduced myself and made

my number available. The schedules are running low. Liz mentioned that they have them mailed to them directly, and that will happen ASAP.

**Corrections-Arden**, This past month I have gone into Sandstone, and Moose Lake. I have also been in contact with Crow Wing County Jail, and we are going to be participating in a Transition Fair at the end of April. The Aitkin County Jail is going well could still use more women to volunteer for the women's side of corrections.

**Grapevine/Literature-Mark**, I don't have an inventory ready. I should be able to place another \$500 order with GSO by the next meeting. Currently the supply of books is good. Reads a joke from the GV

**Webmaster-Neil**, The web is up and running. Minutes, actions, flyers, and newsletters posted. Most importantly, our meeting schedule is being updated quickly so we can continue to be most helpful to any visitors looking for a meeting in our area.

I was able to attend the ACM in Aitkin on 2/22 with Dave and Eric. I had to leave at 1:00pm. It was great to see both familiar, and new faces. I attended the web/northern light breakout meeting. Much of the meeting was on the flyer process for the NL publication.

Reminder to all to email me for any postings such as minutes, newsletters, meeting updates, and flyers for AA events.

**Alt DCM- Eric**, Alt DCM Report,

I also attended the Aitkin Committee Meeting on 2/22. I sat in on the Web Breakout session.

I took care of things for the Picnic as requested. I signed the contract for July 19th 2015, and remitted a personal check for 80 dollars. Part of the contract demands "no Amplified Music". I will attempt to contact Doug, Jody and Louise to ask them if they can do their thing "unplugged" I will now send a sheet around to ask for volunteers, and those who would like to be on the Picnic Committee. Please put your name and what you can bring to the picnic- ie, charcoal, paper plates, hot dogs, burger, condiments, monster salad et cetera.

I will take and type the minutes for Dave who is absent. I will also try to get out a newsletter following the typing of the minutes this weekend.

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

Hello all. I attended the area meeting in Aitkin on 2-22-2015. Several others also attended from district seven. There are several open slots for the state fair booth. If interested contact J.C. area P.I. chair. There is also a need for people to write to inmates in prison. This is an area I would like us to participate in.

I attended the Wednesday night meeting at 615 Maple Street. The group was added to district meeting schedule. I wish the meeting well as it seemed to be doing quite well.

I had the privilege of attending the WRAASC in Nebraska the last weekend of February.

The hope of warmer weather down south faded as I learned the high was going to be a balmy 19 degrees. The first person I ran into was Andre W. who is the trustee for our region. We had 358 people attend from the region. One of the high lights was listening to Phyllis H. who is our general manager of GSO operations. We did spend lots of time going through the GSO agenda items. The group from Montana gave a great presentation on Safeguarding our traditions trough the evolution of technology. The major culprit is Facebook. Many people are giving up their identity on Facebook, which is a violation of our traditions.

Hope to see you all at our district 4-9-2015 meeting for agenda items and the following weekend at the spring assembly. Yours in service, Carl DCM D7

### **Old Business**

1. CPC Event- Toni asked for an agenda to pass out to her professionals. The Flyer should be in your Email box. Generally Brad I. will speak on the history of AA. There will be a "What AA does and doesn't do" speaker, and there will be a recovery story speaker, followed by Q+A.
2. Picnic- Eric passed around a sheet to fill out for volunteers to bring things to the picnic. Also person interested in being on the Picnic Committee could step forward. Liz, Gail, Carl, and Eric are on the committee at this writing. Ten persons are donating food or supplies.

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

1. State Fair- There are openings to staff the booth at the State fair on Sunday and Monday the 23-24th. It is a 2- hour time slot. There are lots of people. It's fun.
2. Area Delegate- Carl is willing to stand. Dennis nominated him. A vote was taken and all found favor with the nomination
3. Corrections Correspondence- This is an AAWS effort to for people in AA to correspond with inmates in prison. Arden is looking for volunteers. The official form went around the table. This program is different than "Bridging the Gap" There was discussion about prisoners contacting volunteers following their release.
4. There has been no contact from the Crow Wing County Fair lady. We will need to cut some checks and reserve our booth soon. The Aitkin Fair person wants us to have a booth, 40\$ manned or unmanned. Tim, and Mark would like to make this happen. Cass County (Pine River) is also an option. Liz will light a fire under the Pequot group and see if there is any interest from the communities north up 371. The District will support the cost of these events if the local groups are willing to participate. We will supply literature also.

### **Calendar of Events**

- 2 4/11-4/12 Spring Assembly, Fergus Falls.
- 3 5/14 Regular District Meeting (moved forward for the CPC Event?)
- 4 5/21st CPC Event

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

e - My apology. There was some cross talk at the end of the meeting, and I couldn't hear the calendar of events clearly. So double check those dates!