

District 7 Meeting Minutes for May 2014

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM, May 8, 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, Gail Treasurer, Lori GSR, Neil District Webmaster, Carl Archives, Liz CPC/PI, Arden Corrections, Tim GSR, Anne GSR, Mark Literature/Grapevine, Todd GSR, Pam GSR, John GSR, and Guest's Tom, Doreen and Sarah.

Call for additions to the agenda: County Fair

Concept 5 – Mark read Concept 5. Discussion followed. Minority opinion is a valuable tool as opinions can change with new information.

Tradition 5 – Mark read the short form of Tradition 5.

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

Treasury Report-Gail, Gail presented financials for April with hard copies. Motion to approve made by Eric, seconded by Dave and carried by group. Gail introduced a new "Quick Report" Which reflected deposits by date and totals for each group contributing to District. Discussion on this was to be added to new business.

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 Thurs. at 7:00 PM.

Nisswa Wednesday Women's Work -Pam 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 meetings at the Crow Wing County Jail and the Focus Unit every month, and members of our group frequently provide transportation for women in the Focus Unit to attend our meeting. Our meeting consists of many strong sobriety women who are willing to sponsor.

Backus AA Courage to Change-Anne, It is an open meeting located at the Emanuel Lutheran Church on HWY 371 Backus, 7:00 pm Tuesday. We have about 23 members with

quite a few new comers. We are going to start 12 Step study meetings the next week. We are going to be ordering twelve 12x 12 books for our group. We are excited for Founders Day event.

Pine River-Lori, Our Pine River open AA meetings are at the DAC Building in Pine River and meets at 8:00 Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Recently, some members started a new meeting in Pine River. Attendance is still strong with about 10-15 members. We are renaming our group New Beginnings AA Wed & Sat Group. We welcome newcomers or anyone else who struggles with alcoholism. We will be doing some 12 Step work in the future. New contact numbers: Lori 218-587-2310, Larry 218-587-2240.

Serenity in the Pines-Todd, 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.

Life Begins Here-Pam, Our meeting is held at the Alano Club on 615 Maple Street, Brainerd at 7:00 pm Friday nights. It is an open topic meeting. Our attendance has been strong, ranging from 15-20 participants. We discuss the topic and have a go around based on our own experience. Participation is good.

We had our group conscience meeting the first Friday of the month. At this meeting we discussed mtg. format, concerns, upcoming AA events, group supplies and funds available for reserves. This month I am pleased to report we have been able to contribute to the GSO, Area and District leaving our group adequate funds in reserve. All are invited to attend additional fellowship at Caribou Coffee following the meeting.

Sleepy Hollow-John, Meets Monday 8:00pm at Ft. Ripley Town hall. Attendance has been steady since last report. Now each year we hold a late spring/early summer roundup. We will be holding this year's event on Saturday evening June 28th at the Town Hall. We will begin with a great feed, followed by an Alanon speaker and an AA speaker, Bob N. from Duluth.

There is a Solution-Tim, Meeting is at 6:30 Thursday evening in Wright, MN. A Big Book study group with 8-15 in attendance. Potluck/speaker on 3rd Thursday of the month. We do a line by line study of the first 164 pages of the Big Book. Meetings are going good. We just celebrated our 5 year anniversary on April 10th.

Action Committee Reports-

C.P.C. / P. I.-Liz, Liz thanked Tom for getting the schedules completed. Reported that three times as many CPC tickets have been purchased as compared with last year. Asked if District was going to sponsor District Chairs coming to CPC event-this will be discussed under old business. Reminder on the MASCPO event on May 21-22. Arden and Carl volunteered to assist with MACPO in needed. Mentioned the Crow Wing County Fair check has been sent. Liz will also be attending the Bemidji singleness of purpose event.

Archives-Carl, Founder's Day Celebration June 14, 2014 at Backus Alanon, Trail Center, 30028 Ct Rd. 112, Pequot Lakes, MN. 56472. Carl was proud of Backus, Pine River, Pequot Lakes AA groups and Backus Alanon for their efforts. He thanked Neil and Gail also.

Corrections- Arden, I attended the Crow Wing County Transition Fair with Tim. Tim, myself and eleven others attended the Sandstone Appreciation Dinner. Nine additional

people have now been cleared to go into the Sandstone prison. This month I will be attending CPC, MACPO and Sandstone Recourse Fair events. I have three women being released in August who need temporary contacts in the Onamia area.

Grapevine/Literature- Mark,

District 7 Literature chair report 5-8-2014

I have sold some 17 copies of the 1st edition 75th anniversary book. I have obtained an order that includes

20 - 1st edition 75th anniversary books

20 - 12x12

6 – Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers

6 – Pass it On

10 – AA service manuals

cost was \$517.30 and I payed with my personal credit card, I deposited \$203.00 in my own account and am submitting a request for \$314.30 to pay the credit card down.

I decided it would be better since waiting for the area to purchase was causing hardship to the District.

I have a full compliment of books at this time and will submit an inventory and cash statement later today. Thanks

Just published!

Grapevine

DAILY QUOTE

Book

365 inspiring passages from

the pages of AA Grapevine

District 7 Grapevine chair report

Check out the Grapevine daily quote which started in June of 2012 and can be found at aagrapevine.org. They have published it for a daily reader. Cost is \$10.99 order it on line or call them 1-800-631-6025

This month's edition of the Grapevine is title Finding our Way and is a compilation of stories submitted by people with special needs, blind, depressed, deaf, or wheel chair bound these stories are written from the perspective of real life experience and should be read by all.

Most of us have no idea of the challenges these people face.

Webmaster-Neil, Bob just updated the area35.org and aameetinglocator.org meeting list and many of the meetings that met at Oak Street have not been updated. These meetings need to fill out a group change form and get that information to Rolene our area Record Keeper. If someone can get Bob a cheat sheet he'll get the changed address updates done.

District chairs – please confirm we have the correct email listed for you below. This is for the website contact forwarding system.

altdcm@aacentrallakes.org	to gemminer_n_cutter@yahoo.com
corrections@aacentrallakes.org	to arden_e@yahoo.com
cpc@aacentrallakes.org	to elizabethannelund2@hotmail.com
dcm@aacentrallakes.org	to papapump09@hotmail.com
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treasurer@aacentrallakes.org	to gail@redoakspetinn.com
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In service,

Neil

Alt DCM- Eric, Alt DCM Report For May 2014

Greetings, This last month my service for District7 included the creation of yet another addition of the District 7 Newsletter. This month I contacted an old timer over in Crosby and asked if he'd be willing to submit a brief story about the Ironton Club. After a couple inquires I got an excellent story out of him which I featured in the May edition of our newsletter. I also included two photos,

and tried to keep the readers informed about the various events which are coming up. I would like very much to expand the readership, or grow the distribution list for our district. I would like also to continue to have a feature story every month. Perhaps a trip out to McGregor with a write up about the club there is in order for June? I would like to invite participation with this effort. If you have an event which needs special copy please email the text to gemminer_n_cutter@yahoo.com or pass it off to me at District. The same should apply for a feature story. My hope is to make this document "attractive" to read, and at the same time a tool to share information within our District.

Yours in Service,
eric

DCM Report – Carl, May DCM Report

Hello all. It's been a little quiet lately. I did call Jake about our delegate's report. Also, I received a call from Neil at district 18. He would like to have Jake give his report to both districts together. The proposed date is June 28th at Sleepy Hollow. I am looking forward to CPC event and probation fair. The founder's day event is coming together. I ran into Kelly and others in Waite Park last weekend at a roundup. District seven is going to host a zonal forum at Sleepy Hollow in September. We need topics for the area 35 chairs for this zonal forum.

Old Business

1. CPC luncheon: Liz motioned to have 5 District paid CPC tickets available for speakers and last minute professionals, Carl seconded and all favored. Liz is looking for a sign volunteer and she wants to finalize the number of District members planning on attending.
2. Founder's Day: It was noted that the green flyer is correct. Gail will coordinate with Bob to get website up to date.
3. Picnic: July 13th, 2014. Lum Park pavilion has been reserved. Further discussion was tabled for future meeting.
4. Sleepy Hollow has agreed to host Jakes Delegate Report before their June 28 roundup. Carl has contacted Jake and this date works for him. There will be a potluck dinner following Jakes report, followed by the Sleepy Hollow roundup.

New Business/Old Business carried forward

1. We discussed methods of getting GSR's involved in various Action Committees. There was a lot of discussion on this topic and it was agreed to table for future meetings.
2. Literature purchases. There was much discussion on purchasing and accountability. John made a motion to pay Mark out of District funds, Pam

- seconded and motion carried. It was decided the subcommittee needs to reconvene on this matter.
3. Liz made a motion to extend the meeting another 10 minutes or until literature discussion is completed. All approved.
 4. Crow Wing County Fair- Mark volunteered to coordinate District efforts. Man or un-manned booth to be decided at a future meeting.
 5. Calendar of events: Area 35 meets June 1. Zonal forum on May 17 in Bemidji.

At 8:35 we closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.