

District 7 Meeting Minutes for July 2016

The meeting opened at 8:41 PM, July 21, 2016 at the First Congregational Church on the SW corner of 415 Juniper Street in Brainerd MN., with the Serenity Prayer. Introductions were made; Liz DCM, Fred GSR, Eric GSR, Dennis Literature, Tom Schedules, Eric Web, Carl PI, Carl Alt.DCM & Temp. Secretary, Jim Archives, Jason GSR, Dave GSR, Tim GSR, Kim GSR, Mark Area PI, Steve visitor, Shelia visitor.

Call for additions to the agenda: None

Concept 5- skip

Tradition 5 – skip

Secretaries Report- Alt.DCM Carl took minutes for June. A motion was given by Dave to accept minutes. Seconded by Eric. Motion passed.

Treasury Report-Gail. A motion to accept Treasurer's report was made by Carl-PI. Seconded by Dave. Motion passed.

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 hold quarterly business meetings and Group Conscience meetings the 4th Wednesday of each month. 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. We had a quarterly business meeting & monthly group conscious meeting.

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 are a group of 30-50 women. We have Step, Traditions, topic and Speaker meetings. 1st Wednesday of the month is our speaker meeting followed by a pot luck and a group conscience meeting. We are strong in sponsorship and welcome the newcomer. We are active in Focus Treatment and Jail meetings. The group is planning to move into a bigger place- more to come.

Serenity in the Pines-Carl, (GSR), We meet at 8:00 Thursday night at a cabin in the woods Located on Co. Rd. 49 across from the Eagles Landing golf course, take the third driveway on the left and park in the yard. Cabin is about a 1 city block walk. We average 7-10 people a week.

Cornerstone of Hope- Dennis, We meet at 7:00 PM on Tues. in 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 is free to leave when they are finished. Attendance is 30-40 now. 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.

UpFront Alano Thursday-Dave, Meets 6:30 pm Thursday. Open meeting with 10-20 in attendance. Topic and discussion format. Updating web site. Picnic July 30th Lum Park,

Pavilion #2

UpFront Sunday-Jeff, Meets 10:00 Sunday morning. Open meeting with a rotating Chair. 20-30 people in attendance. Topic and discussion format.

Friday Night Trinity Speaker Meeting-Tom, Meets Friday night, 7:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Brainerd. Average 30-40 people in attendance. Each month we rotate Chairs who are responsible for finding speakers. We usually have out of town speakers. Last Friday of the month is a potluck which starts at 6:00 followed by a speaker meeting.

Trailside Center Pequot-Fred, Pequot Lakes AA meeting schedule is 7:30 on Monday and Thursday evenings. The Monday meeting is a topic meeting with 40-50 strong. Thursday's meeting is a 12 x 12 book discussion with about 15 people in attendance. We have a group conscience meeting 7:00 pm on the last Monday of the month. We bring an AA meeting into the Focus Unit the first Friday of each month.

Crosslake Group-Jim, Meets 7:00- 8:00 every Tuesday. We rotate topics from open, Step and Traditions. A calendar is passed around for those that wish to volunteer to Chair. We average 13-19 people at our meetings. We carry the message into the Focus Unit the last Monday of the month. We do a jail meeting the first Friday of the month.

Pine River- Larry, Two meetings a week at DAC building 1.3 miles west of town, Wednesday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Attendance is 7-14 people.

Malmo Rhyme or Reason- Gustie, We meet Monday's at 7:00 p.m. We average 15 people. The first Monday of the month is a step meeting. The third Monday of the month is a tradition's meeting.

Primary Purpose - Gary, We meet Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Living Water Church in Wahkon. We are a big book, 12 x 12, discussion & topic meeting. We average 10-12 people in attendance. The fifth Wednesday of the month we have a pot luck and speaker meeting. On June 29th Elvis from Rhyme or Reason will be speaking. Please come and join us. We are working on getting a 4th and 5th step workshop set up.

Sleepy Hallow- Jason, We are a group of men and women who meet every Monday, 8:00 pm. At Fort Ripley Town Hall. We are located 15 miles south of Baxter on Hwy 371 across from Crow Wing Lake. Attendance averages 15- 20. We have a rotating chair and topic coinciding with the week of the month and is always Big Book based. We are responsible for taking a meeting into the Focus Unit the 1st Monday of each month. Our group is very service oriented and always welcome newcomers. Round Robin Sept. 17th.

There is a solution-Wright-Tim, Big Book study group. Attendance 8-10. Meeting commitments at treatment & jail facility. 4th Thursday is potluck at 5:30 & speaker meeting at 5:30. Interested in the newcomer packets.

Brown Baggers 615 Maple ST. Kim, 7 meetings a week at noon. Read from Big Book, Daily Reflections, 12 x 12, Spiritual awakenings, and Came to Believe. We are looking to move into the old western shop next to the old Danlinger site. We are getting an alternate GSR to stay connected to the district when I leave for the winter. Group is interested in welcome packets.

Action Committee meetings - skipped

Action Committee Reports-

C.P.C. / P. I.-Carl, Working on setting up a sponsor workshop, Sept.- October.

Literature/Grapevine-Dennis, Book sales were slow. Dennis put together newcomer packets for the district. One sample will be provided to each group. He told us a couple jokes from the Grapevine, which we all laughed at.

Corrections-Vicki, Attended Corrections Joint Workshop with Area 36 7-19, 2016.

Archives-Jim, Received workbook from GSO. Busy with getting orientated with archives procedures.

CLAA Help Line-Clayton, No report

Treatment-Toni, No report this month, will have one next month. She has been actively working on treatment issues.

Webmaster-Eric, Working on district web pages.

Alt DCM-Carl, Working on group information sheets and is now the temporary secretary until a replacement is found.

DCM Report-Liz, Greetings District 7 & 17! Picnic went well. Close to 100 people there. Thanks Dennis for assembling newcomer packets for each group in the district. Fairs are going well.

Since we are currently still looking for a Secretary and Treasurer for the District, perhaps this is your opportunity to GROW in the program, or to encourage sponsees and friends in the fellowships to join us for the District Meetings if they have any interest! We'll gladly provide assistance with getting up and running on these positions. Being of service is such a vital part of keeping the program strong and the doors open.

We always look forward to getting together at our District Meetings the third Thursday of each month at the First Congregational UCC (415 Juniper Street, Brainerd, MN 56401) from 7-8:30 p.m.

I hope you will join us for meetings, fellowship and fun! Yours in service, Liz District 7 & 17

Old Business

1. Open Positions- Still looking for Secretary and Treasurer. No new candidates came forward.
2. Newcomer packets. List of meetings needed to give packets out (one packet to each group for a sample).

New Business

- 1.Schedules- Would like to make a little bigger (½ inch) with district permission to accommodate more meetings. Will ask for a motion to do this in August. Currently print 4-5 times a year at cost of \$239.77 for 3000 a time. Your group donations at work.

Calendar of Events

- **August 18th** District Committee meeting

Meeting closed at 9:25 pm.