

District 7 Meeting Minutes for June 2016

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM, June 16, 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, Sarah GSR, Dave GSR, Gail treasurer, Kim GSR, Vickie Corrections, Eric Web, Dennis Literature, Clayton phone, Gustie GSR, Toni Treatment, Carl PI, Carl Alt.DCM & Temp. Secretary, Jim Archives, Todd visitor, Tim GSR, Mark Area PI, Steve visitor.

Call for additions to the agenda: none

Concept 5- Mark read.

Tradition 5 – Gail read.

Secretaries Report- Alt.DCM Carl took minutes for June. A motion was made by Gail to accept May minutes with two corrections (1. Carl took May minutes not Mark and 2. The literature \$account was not reduced to reflect actual number of braille books). Seconded by Carl PI. Motion passed.

Treasury Report-Gail. A motion to accept Treasurer's report was made by Carl PI. Seconded by Dennis. 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 40-50 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 have grown large in size and are looking at perhaps having a different venue to host our meetings. I will follow up with this as we move forward.

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 20-30 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.

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 meeting 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 in the low 20's for attendance. The first Monday of the month is a step meeting. The third Monday of the month is a tradition's meeting. The other Mondays we have topic meetings.

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.

Wright Big Book Tim, We meet Thursday at 6:30 pm. Attendance is at 10-20 people. Once a month we go to the Sandstone.

Brown Baggers Kim, We meet at Maple Street at noon every day but are planning to move to new building. We average 10-30 people. We do topic, big book, 12 x 12, Came to Believe, and Daily Reflections meetings.

Action Committees did not meet tonight.

Action Committee Reports-

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

Literature/Grapevine-Dennis, Has plenty of inventory to sell. Brought up idea of newcomer packets. Added to new business. Told us a couple jokes from the Grapevine.

Corrections-Vicki, Nothing new to report.

Archives-Jim, Still organizing.

CLAA Help Line-Clayton, Gave us updated list of volunteers. Everything going well at this time.

Treatment-Toni, meeting with treatment centers.

Webmaster-Eric, Made a few changes to district web page. Updated the district action booklet.

Alt DCM-Carl, Working on group information sheets and is now the temporary secretary until a replacement is found. Brought signup sheet for July district picnic.

DCM Report-Liz,

Greetings District 7! Hard to believe how fast this last month has flown by. For me, it's gone so fast due to multiple family obligations that took me all over the state, and rewarded me with tons of laughs and time with my family. I was sad to miss this last Area committee meeting on June 5th, but look forward to the one coming up in August.

Our AA Events Calendar is chock full of fairs, picnics and roundups this time of year, so I hope you are able to enjoy some time for fellowship. See the schedule below or online and let us know if you are interested in volunteering for any of the upcoming events.

We are currently still looking for a Secretary and Treasurer for the District! A huge word of thanks to those assisting with those tasks for the time being, but let's get some people into these positions! 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 First Congregational UCC (415 Juniper Street, Brainerd, MN 56401) from 7-8:30 pm.

I hope you will join us for meetings, fellowship and fun!

Yours in service,

Liz L. DCM District

Old Business

1. Open Positions- Still looking for Secretary and Treasurer. No new candidates came forward.

2. Phone line- Clayton brought updated list of volunteers. Carl will print and distribute. Mark, Carl and Clayton will meet and discuss phone line.
3. Kelly's Report- The report will be **July 21st** at 7pm after 6pm **potluck**.
4. County fairs- Contacts for fairs have been established for handling of information booths. State fair is August 27-28. Call Mark (Area PI to volunteer to man booth at state fair, 2 hour slots).
5. Picnic – The picnic will be **July 17th** at 11am, Lum Park, Brainerd. A sheet was passed around to sign up for what to bring to the picnic.

New Business

1. Flyers- It was agreed that we should make some flyers for the picnic and other events that are coming up.
3. Newcomer packets- Gail made a motion to develop 90 newcomer packets and distribute to the approximately 90 meetings in our district. Carl PI seconded. Motion was approved.

Calendar of Events

Upcoming events in the District/Area/Region include:

- June 23rd-26th – Cass County Fair – Pine River – Larry - Contact
- July 8th-11th – Aitkin County Fair – Aitkin – Tim - Contact?
- July 17th – District 7 Summer Picnic – Lum Park
- July 21st – Potluck-6, Kelly's Report-7, Business Mtg.–8 pm – FCUCC, Brainerd
- Aug 2nd-6th – Crow Wing County Fair – Brainerd – Mark - Contact
- Aug 7th – Area 35 Committee Meeting – 9am-3pm – Aitkin Alano Club
- Aug 18th – June Dist. 7 Mtg. – 7-8:30 pm – FCUCC, Brainerd, MN

Meeting closed at 8:30 pm.