

## District 7 Meeting Minutes for March 2016

**The meeting opened** at 7:00 PM, January 21, 2015 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, Carl Alt DCM, Eric District Web, Pat UpFront Jail Coordinator, Dave Secretary, Carl Archives/Alt GSR, Jim GSR, Jim Area CPC, Dave UpFront Rep., Jeff UpFront GSR Eric GSR, Mark Visitor, Vickie GSR, Dennis GSR/Literature/Grapevine, Tom GSR, Fred GSR.

**Call for additions to the agenda:** Annual Picnic

**Concept 3** – Carl read. Liz expounded on the right to vote

**Tradition 3** – Vickie read. Liz added what Tradition Three has meant to her, her family and many others she has met in A.A.

**Secretaries Report- Dave:** There were no additions or corrections. Carl motioned to accept February meeting minutes, Eric K. seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Treasury Report-Gail,** Gail brought copies of the February financial report. Liz presented same. Dave made a motion to accept Gail's report, Fred seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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. A special meeting to discuss GSO Agenda items will be held March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will also be conducting a group inventory.

**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.

**Serenity in the Pines-Carl,** (sub 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.

**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's 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. At the last business meeting, we discussed committing to a 60-30-10 type financial obligation for District, area and GSO with funds available above our prudent reserve needs. This was well received by the group. A reminder: Wednesday evening April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Bill and Dr. Bob presentation will show in Cross Lake at the Presbyterian Church at 7:00 (doors open at 6:00). Members and families are invited. There will be refreshments and snacks available for what should be a very enjoyable and informative event.

**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. During the summer we average 20-25 people, currently we average 15-20 people. We carry the message into the Focus Unit the last Monday of the month.

### **Action Committee Reports-**

**C.P.C. / P. I.-Liz**, Looking for help to coordinate District CPC/PI functions until a new Chair steps forward. Liz is coordinating with Tom on schedule changes. Vickie wants to add an email address for the Nisswa Woman's group.

**Literature/Grapevine-Dennis**, Books have been ordered and are available. The inventory stands at \$2017.30, however, Dennis is owed \$517.00 as he paid for the last order. He has received the complimentary literature rack along with a literature packet. Dennis told a few jokes.

**Corrections-Vicki**, Crow Wing County Jail is hosting a Transition Fair on April 7. Still planning on carrying the message into the Aitkin jail and is looking for other woman volunteers to assist. Still attending bi-monthly meetings into Shakopee. Will be meeting with Arden soon to discuss Sandstone facility.

**Archives-Carl**, Attended WCRSC in ND. Working on transitioning Archive position with Jim.

**CLAA Help Line-Clayton**, Unavailable

**Treatment-Toni**, Toni was absent

**Webmaster-Eric,** Web Guy Greetings, I have been busy with the Web site- aacentrallakes.org I made a small change to the front page, uploading the Help Line contact number with a brief note about it's use. I also uploaded minutes and the newsletter from February, this entailed creating a couple more drop down menus for that month which direct to the PDF's. I also attended the quarterly Area Committee Meeting in Aitkin. I sat in on the web tech/group records/northern lights breakout session. They had a significant vote at the end of the day to allow the Webmaster from North Dakota to convert the Area site over to WordPress. He said he could do it for free and it would only take about eight hours if he could use a WordPress template- just importing content. It passed unanimously. I am looking forward to continuing my own education with the WordPress application on a separate site to someday do the same with our District site.

yours in service,

eric

**Alt DCM-Carl,** I attended the WRAASC two weeks ago. We were kept bust until late into the evening Friday and Saturday nights. There was a lively discussion on the agenda items. That you for sending me. I enjoyed the event and learned a lot. The event next year will be held in Casper, WY.

This afternoon I signed the signature card at the bank. I, also, reserved a pavilion at Lum Park for July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. There was enough money (\$80.00) from last year to cover the Park reservation deposit. I will be starting work with G.I.S. as I received the info this evening.

YOURS IN SERVICE, CARL ALT.DCM

**DCM Report-Liz,** I recently attended both the Area 35 Committee Meeting in Aitkin and the West Central Regional AA Service Conference in Bismarck, ND. Both were great opportunities to learn more about our Area and the surrounding Areas, review the Agenda Items and Feasibility Study, and enjoy Fellowship with others - people who enjoy and have great gratitude for the opportunity to give back to this life saving program. Thank you for the chance to represent our District as these events!

A reminder that we have added an extra meeting this month (Thursday 3/24/16 at 7 pm – same location) to discuss the Agenda Items, Feasibility Study and other items to be discussed at the upcoming Spring Assembly in Crookston, MN (hope to see you there!) It is our responsibility to represent our groups and District at the Assembly so that our Delegate, Kelly D., can best carry the conscience of our Area to the General Service Conference in April. Liz brought a wealth of information to hand out. She also discussed how the Agenda items are organized.

We also look forward to having you join us at the District Meetings the third Thursday of every month at First Congregational UCC (415 Juniper Street, Brainerd, MN 56401) from 7-8:30 pm.

Upcoming events in the District/Area/Region include:

- Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> – March Dist. 7 Agenda Mtg. - 7-8:30 pm – FCUCC, Brainerd, MN
- Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – Spring Assembly – Crookston, MN
- April 21<sup>st</sup> – April Dist. 7 Mtg. – 7-8:30 pm – FCUCC, Brainerd, MN
- June 5<sup>th</sup> – Area 35 Committee Meeting – 9am-3pm – Aitkin Alano Club

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

Yours in service,

Liz L. - DCM District 7

### **Old Business**

1. Open positions: Secretary, no volunteer. Treasurer, no volunteer. Carl nominated Jim for Archives Chair. He accepted and as there were no other volunteers, a vote was taken and Jim was elected. Vickie nominated Carl for CPC/PI Chair. Carl accepted He accepted and as there were no other volunteers, a vote was taken and Carl was elected.
2. The log in to get Agenda items is " gso.area35.org ", user name "area35", password " BlueSky2106 "
3. CLAA help line: A committee was formed to discuss the following: CLAA help line education event and finding new volunteers for manning the phones and 12 Step work.

Eric motioned to extend the meeting 5 minutes, Carl seconded and motion carried.

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

1. Special Agenda meeting March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church
2. District picnic: Carl has made a deposit to secure a Pavilion at Lum Park. Liz made a motion to hold the annual picnic on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, pavilion 1 at Lum Park, Eric seconded and the motion carried.
3. CWC Transition Fair: Vickie will use the newly acquired literature rack and pamphlets. She and a few other volunteers will attend.
4. Carl is looking for volunteers to help him with District Group Information sheets.

### **Calendar of Events**

1. District Agenda meeting 3/24/16
2. Area 35 Spring Assembly April 2-3 in Crookston
3. District meeting 4/21/16
4. Area 35 Committee meeting-Aitkin, 6/5/16

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 8:42