

District 7 Meeting Minutes for September 2016

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM, September 15, 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, Dennis Literature, Tom visitor, Rick visitor, Vicki Corrections, Toni Treatment, Gusti GSR, Mark Area PI, Carl PI, Carl Alt.DCM & Temp. Secretary, Jason Treasurer, Eric Web, Dave GSR, Gail visitor, Eric GSR.

Call for additions to the agenda: phone line

Concept 9- Eric GSR read.

Tradition 9 – Mark read.

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

Treasury Report-Gail, Jason A motion to accept Treasurer's report was made by Carl PI. Seconded by Dave. Motion passed. An audit of finances was done by Jason, Gail and Liz.

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. **We still need help with jail meetings.**

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 meeting has moved to the Nisswa City Hall** as they have outgrown their place to meet at the fire hall.

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 city block walk out behind the garage. We average 7-10 people a week. Bring a beverage to drink if you don't drink coffee.

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.

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. Our attendance is growing since the snow birds are returning. 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. at Bethesda Lutheran Church. 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. **There will be a speaker meeting November 30th. It will be a Thanksgiving Pot Luck. The club will supply turkey, ham & spuds. Please bring a dish to share.**

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 welcomes newcomers. **Round Robin on September 18th, 2016 starting at 5pm with a pot luck meal.**

Brown baggers- Kim, Located at 615 Maple Street in Brainerd. Attendance is 10-30. We are planning to move on September 15th. New address is 7828 Hwy 210, Baxter, MN. We will be purchasing 50 newcomer packets for those coming for the first time. Meeting is at 12:00 p.m. 365 days a year. We elected an alt.GSR (Jason) to take over when I'm gone.

There is a Solution-Wright-Tim-, Big Book study group. Attendance 8-10. Meeting

commitments at treatment & jail facility. Fourth Thursday is potluck at 5:30 & speaker meeting at 6:30. We are interested in the newcomer packets.

Action Committee meetings were skipped.

Action Committee Reports-

C.P.C. / P. I.-Carl, A sponsor workshop has been scheduled for October 20th with a potluck at 6:00pm and two 20 minute speakers at 6:30 and a 20 minute Q&A session. A shortened regular District meeting to follow at 7:30pm.

Literature/Grapevine-Dennis, Book sales were slow. I was able to obtain the missing volume of the Braille book from the publisher in Pennsylvania at no cost. We now have one complete book. The inventory was adjusted by \$40.00 to account for the five Braille books which we never had. As usual; as part of Grapevine, Dennis shared a couple jokes from the Grapevine, which we all laughed at.

Corrections-Vicki, I attended the joint Area35/36 corrections meeting on July 19th. We discussed Corrections Contact Program, Review of transitions coverage, Roseville VOA Community Relation Board, Adult Detention Alternative Initiative, a corrections newsletter and Dakota Transitions Fair. Next meeting is October 18th 6:30pm at Lynde's Restaurant for anyone interested in Corrections.

Archives-Jim, Not present. Contacted Liz with some health concerns requesting that we send him all pertinent reports for archives.

CLAA Help Line-Clayton, No report, not present.

Treatment-Toni, I am quite disappointed in myself. I have had lots going on and I'm not getting nowhere. I have done some work with the clinic & cops, but have had no luck getting going. I'm looking for help. If anyone would like to help, contact me. I have arranged for some help tonight.

Webmaster-Eric, I paid for the Web for the next year. I have made a list of some things I need to clean up before I take off sailing on Wednesday.

Alt DCM-Carl, I have struggled to have time to do these district jobs as I have been extremely busy working. The good news is that by October I will have a lot more time to donate to these jobs. I have accepted that no one is coming forward to do the District Secretary job. Until someone comes forward, I will continue to do the job. If someone becomes motivated, I will let them assume the job when approved by district members. I have instructed Eric (Web Guy) to put my name on the District site as last week our old secretary, who has moved to Arizona, received an email from someone requesting information on meetings.

DCM Report-Liz,

Greetings District 7! September is Gratitude Month, and BOY do I have a lot to be grateful for today. My sobriety is allowing me more opportunities than I could have ever imagined. How do you share your gratitude? Are you remembering to stop and smell the proverbial roses not just in September, but each and every day? One of the ways that I am able to replenish my stores is

service work, so thank you all for the chance to give back just a small bit of what I've been so freely given in AA.

This month is no exception when it comes to ways to stay involved in the program. Our AA Events Calendar is bustling with roundups this time of year, so I hope you are able to enjoy some time for fellowship. I just attended the Heartland Roundup in Park Rapids last weekend and was greeted by so many familiar faces, met lots of new friends, heard terrific & hilarious speakers, and even got my groove on at the dance (while sober no less.) Looking forward to the Sleepy Hollow/Serenity in the Pines Round Robin Potluck, the St Cloud Convention, and the Fall Assembly these next three weekends. See the schedule below and/or online for complete listings of upcoming events and join me!

I'm thrilled to announce that we have filled all of our positions for District 7 at the moment! GO TEAM! Your willingness to serve is a blessing. I 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 I. DCM District 7

Old Business

1. Sponsorship Workshop – A sponsorship workshop was agreed upon for October 20th. There will be a potluck at 6pm followed by speakers at 6:30pm. Meeting to follow at 7:30pm.
2. Zonal Forum- An informal vote was taken to see if District 7 should host a Zonal Forum. Liz will meet with area people at the Fall Assembly to discuss possible Dec 10th as a possible date.
3. Fall assembly- Most of the District officers have indicated they will attend Fall Assembly.
4. Newcomer Packets- More Newcomer packets have been ordered.
5. Phone Line Twelve Step List- An audit of twelve step people needs to be completed. Presently it is a work in progress by Mark N.

New Business

1. Schedules- The little AA Meeting Schedule will be made about an inch bigger on the next run to see if we like them that way. A decision will be made at that time to decide which way we like them.

Calendar of Events

- **Sept 17th- Sleepy Hollow/Serenity in the Pines-Round Robin Potluck**
- **Fort Ripley Town Hall 5-10pm**

- **Sept 24th-St. Cloud AA Convention-Recovery Plus, St. Cloud- Noon-11pm**
- **Oct 1,2-Fall Assembly-Holiday Inn-Alexandria, MN**
- **Oct 20th-Sponsorship Workshop & District 7 Oct Mtg-FCUCC-6-9pm**
- **October 21st-22nd- 34th Annual St. Cloud Roundup- River's Edge Convention Center**
- **Nov 19th-Area 25/36 Joint Workshop**
- **Dec 4th-Area 35 Committee Mtg- Aitkin Alano Club, Aitkin,MN-9am-3pm**
- **Dec 10th- Zonal Forum??**

A motion to extend meeting by a few minutes was made Eric GSR and seconded by Eric Web.

Meeting closed at 8:34 pm