

## District 7 Meeting Minutes for November 2014

**The meeting opened** at 7:00 PM, November 20, 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, Gaea GSR, Mark Grapevine/Literature, Dennis GSR, Ann GSR, Carl Archives/Alt GSR, Liz CPC/PI, April Treatment Chair & GSR, Jim GSR, Eric L. GSR, Gail Treasurer and visitors Larry and Merlin.

**Call for additions to the agenda:** None

**Concept 11** – Eric read Concept XI.

**Tradition 11** – Dave read Tradition XI long form. Discussion: Keeps program healthy, anonymity is important at the level of press, radio and films but at the group level last names are permissible.

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

**Treasury Report-Gail,** Gail handed out and reported on the current District 7 finances. Dave motioned to approve financial report, April seconded and motion passed.

### **GSR Reports-**

**Our Common Welfare- Eric L.** OCW is a closed meeting of AA. We meet Wed. nights at 8:00 PM at 615 Maple St. in Brainerd. Beginning December 3<sup>rd</sup> we will begin meeting at Congregational Church, 415 Juniper Street in Brainerd. We are an AA approved literature discussion meeting. We carry the message into the Focus Unit the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month and C.W.C. Jail the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

**Corner Stone of Hope-Dennis,** Meets Tuesday at 7:00pm at St. Francis Church in the basement. Alternating Chair who chooses discussion topic. Average attendance is low 30's. We break into six groups for discussion. We give rides to the Focus Unit patients who show up each week. A call list, meeting schedule and a welcome medallion are given to 1<sup>st</sup> time attendee's

**Nisswa Wednesday Women's Work -April,** The Nisswa Wednesday Women's Work group meets at the Nisswa Fire Hall every Wednesday at 5:30 PM. Christmas party December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We currently have 25-35 Women attend. Very strong membership and sponsorship. We bring meetings into the Jail, treatment facilities and Focus Unit. Gratitude dinner in Pequot Lakes Trailside Center 6:00pm Saturday November 22. 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. is a speaker meeting/potluck and group conscience. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. is fellowship following meeting.

**Serenity in the Pines-Carl** (sub GSR), Come walk in the woods to club. We meet at 8:00 Thursday Located on Co. Rd. 49 across from the Eagles Landing golf course, 3<sup>rd</sup> driveway on the left. 10-15 members strong.

**Pine River New Beginnings-Anne Alt GSR,** Located on Cty. Rd. 2 West about 1.2 miles

at the DAC Building. Meets Wednesday nights, 8-9pm. Big Book study. Saturday 8-9pm is an open topic meeting. 11-17 members. Anne our GSR met with Jim R. from the Pine River outpatient Treatment Center. Our group will sponsor people and give rides to meetings. Anne also brought pamphlets and plastic wallet cards which cite "how it works", the Serenity Prayer and 12 Steps and Traditions. Jim R. said women sponsors were greatly needed. Our group also carry the message into the Focus Unit the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month.

**Backus Courage to Change-Ann**, Meets Tuesday 7:30-8:30pm at Emanuel Lutheran Church on HWY 371 in Backus. Every other Tuesday is a Step meeting with the other nights being open topic. About 25-27 members.

**Saturday Candlelight-Gaea**, meets Saturday 10:00pm at the Upfront Alano Club. Our attendance varies from 5-15 people. Our group does Step work, topic and open discussion. We are an Open Meeting. Newcomers are very important to our recovery.

**Brown Baggers-Jim**, Meets every day at noon. This is an open meeting with Big Book, topic discussion and Steps. 8-30 people in attendance.

## **Action Committee Reports-**

We started a new tradition with 10 minute Action Committee breakout sessions.

**C.P.C. / P. I.-Liz**, New schedules are in the works, hoping for a December release. AA meeting locator card are in short supply as well. Looking at getting Public Service Announcements (PSA's) out for this Holiday season. Tom sent Liz some samples to work with. Liz is looking for help in lining up PSA's with local radio and television stations.

**Archives-Carl**, Went to the Area 35/36 "Joint Communications" event. Couldn't stay for the whole program but found it to be very informative. Area 36 has an archives display building which draws large numbers of visitors each month.

**Treatment-April**, Need to deliver schedules to Teen Challenge and Pinnacle recovery Services. April will also pass out Area event flyers to treatment centers. April will make contact with Four Winds as well. Sheldon returned the Treatment Chair material. Dave spent some time going through this with April.

**Corrections-Arden**, Arden was unable to attend.

**Grapevine/Literature-Mark**, Mark is working to get inventory report out soon. Hard covers are sold out, 12-15 soft cover books still available as well as the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition and other literature. Grapevine: There are Christmas gift ideas available in the Grapevine issues as well as a subscription itself. Discussed a story in the current issue about a still struggling alcoholic. Very good read! Told a few jokes from the back of the current issue.

**Webmaster-Neil**, Carl presented Neil's report. "I received several items since the last District meeting, including flyers, District Minutes, District Action Items and the Newsletter. I also received several meeting updates. All have been posted to the web. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families and I look forward to seeing you all soon! In service, Neil"

**Alt DCM- Eric, Alt DCM Report for Nov. 2014**

This last thirty days has been pretty busy for me as a district chair person. Here is a short summary of my activities to the best of my recollection. I visited several meetings above and beyond my usual appearance at Pequot Lakes and Crosslake. I made it over to Malmo and am happy to report that Malmo is bursting at the seams. They couldn't get everyone seated at the table and had to split into two groups. I also visited the Awesome Alano club in Aitkin and heard the message of hope and recovery there on a Friday night. Additionally I visited Nisswa on a Thursday night, and am thrilled to report that, again, the room was so full they had to seat people in the hallway. I also attended Crosby/ Ironton on a Saturday Night, and am over joyed to report that the Alano President and the past President have filled out registration forms for all the meetings at the Alano, which is 8-10 weekly. The paper work will be turned in shortly.

I created an awesome flyer for the Dec Phone training event. April asked for a "phone coming down, and a hand reaching up...with flames" So with the help of Scribus that, and so much more, is exactly what we got. Also with the help of the awesome open source ware Scribus I created a newsletter for Oct.

I also communicated with Carl several times about meetings - old and extinct meetings and new current meetings. I also did some housekeeping duties for the District.

This month I'd like to visit more meetings. I would very much like to register the Aitkin Tues. Night Meeting this week. I have heard rumors about meetings in Vineland, and would like to attend. I am thinking about a road trip down to the southern end of the District to Isle, and Wahkon. I would like to create another newsletter. I will also pick up the completed paper work from Ironton. Let's put some miles on the Van! Would anyone like to ride shotgun?

Yours in Service,

eric

**DCM Report – Carl, November 2014**

Hello all. Good to see you all. It was a busy time since the last meeting. I received a list of inactive and unknown groups from Rolene at Area Group Records, fifty-six groups in all. Eric and I have determined that 35 groups have disbanded and several others have had their contacts persons updated. I learned that the groups remain in this list, even after we deal with them. Therefore, I have made copies of these groups to pass along to the next DCM so that they don't have to go through this process again. We have several more groups to go through. It seems like a never ending process.

I attended the joint area workshop along with Carl (archives). There were lots of discussions about how we can work together with area 36. Corrections has a big jump on the rest. There was one idea about getting a stamp for literature which includes local numbers.

I traveled to Pine River and registered a new group there. I went to upfront club, also. I am waiting to hear about their meetings from their president. Some updates needed. 615 Maple street is all done.

Up comings events are phone line pot luck December 4<sup>th</sup> and Aitkin committee meeting December 7<sup>th</sup>. Area workshop is January 17<sup>th</sup> and finally WRAASC the February 27-March 1.

Carl Paetow DCM District 7

### **Old Business**

1. District AA help line. Sub-committee met before the meeting to finalize presentation. Members volunteered to bring a variety of foods.
2. Winter Workshop on presenting "Our Primary Purpose" was discussed. Still looking for volunteers to help plan and present this in January. The sub-committee will meet at 6:30 before December's District meeting.

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

1. Discussion on District 7 rosters and whom should have access to what took place. It was decided that the Member & Email Roster should be restricted to the current DCM, Alt DCM and Secretary. The District 7 Chair Roster can be disseminated within the groups and website.

### **Calendar of Events**

1. 12/4 District CLAA Help Line presentation and potluck
2. 12/7 Aitkin Area Committee meeting
3. 1/17 Winter Workshop
4. 2/22 Aitkin Area Committee meeting
5. 2/27-3/1 West Central AA service Conference (WCRAASC)

We closed the meeting at 8:24 with the Lord's Prayer.