

## District 7 Meeting Minutes for November 2015

**The meeting opened** at 7:00 PM, November 19, 2015 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, Bob B. visitor, Gail Treasurer, Dave Secretary, Eric GSR, Carl Archives, Scott GSR, Veronica visitor, Dennis GSR, Liz CPC/PI, Mark Literature/Grapevine, Vickie GSR, Toni GSR and Gustie Visitor, Fred visitor and Jeff visitor.

**Call for additions to the agenda:** District Chair email assignments, District 18 groups joining District 7.

**Concept 11** – Carl read. Mark added that GSO special workers are compensated at the going rate and are surrounded by qualified support personnel.

**Tradition 11** – Gustie read the long form. No discussion followed

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

**Treasury Report-Gail,** Gail presented the October financial report. Eric made a motion to accept Septembers report, Carl seconded 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.

**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 25-30 women. We have topic, Step, 12 X 12, Big Book and speakers meetings. 1st Wednesday of the month is our speaker meeting followed by a pot luck and a group conscience meeting. We are active in Focus Treatment and Jail meetings and strong in sponsorship. On December 2nd, we will be having a holiday party at the Nisswa Community Center.

**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. at 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 are free to leave when they are finished. Attendance is low 20, although this week we had 36 in attendance. 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.

**Breakfast Club- Scott,** Meets 8:30 am Monday-Friday, 8:00 am Saturday and 8:30 Sunday at the Brainerd Alano club on Maple St. We have a variety of meetings, 12 x 12, Big Book, we came to believe, open discussion and topic. We donate \$50.00 to District 7 twice a year with our Fall donation going out next week. We regularly have 15-30 people in attendance with our Friday speaker meeting heavily attended. Lots of long term sobriety and members willing to be sponsors. Great group of growing newcomers. Check us out!

**Malmo AA- Gustie,** Meets on Monday 7:00 pm at Bethesda Lutheran Church. We have been averaging 20 people. 1st meeting of the month is on Steps, 2nd Monday is on Traditions and other two Mondays is open topic.

**Primary Purpose-Toni,** Meets Wednesday 7:00 at Living Water Church in Wahkon. We are a Big Book and 12 x 12 topic and discussion meeting. We are having about 10 in attendance. We have a pot luck on the 5<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the month. All is good.

**Friday Night Trinity Speaker Meeting-Owen/Tom,**

#### **Action Committee Reports-**

**C.P.C. / P. I.-Liz,** Not much going on right now. Actively recruiting for her chair position.

**Literature/Grapevine-Mark,** Books are available for sale. Inventory list was passed out to all. Mentioned that the Grapevine is our AA meeting in book form and also noted that the online version has all past Grapevine articles archived and available reading. Mark told a few jokes found in an old Grapevine edition.

**Corrections-Arden,** Absent.

**Archives-Carl,** Health issues has slowed my involvement, but still archiving as things come in. There will be a Founders Day event in MPLS November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Clancy will be speaking Saturday evening

**Webmaster-Neil,** Absent

**Treatment-Ann,** This position is vacant.

**Alt DCM- Eric,** Alt DCM Report for Nov 2015,

Greetings District 7,

I am now returned to general service following my absence while being out of town- (A.W.O.L.) (M.I.A.)... (vacation), and am now ready and motivated to be of maximum service to AA., and District 7.

I resolve to produce a newsletter over the weekend, and look forward to participating in the GSR School on the 17<sup>th</sup> of Dec., and with luck to attending the Area Committee meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>. I am also ready to stand as your new Web Master for District 7. I look forward to redesigning the site to be more inviting to newcomers, and also to learning Word Press software for web design. My endless thanks to Neil our previous Web Master, and Bob, who did an outstanding job with

the site, in it's creation, and maintenance. You will be a tough act to follow. I'll try not to break it.

These are exciting times to be a functional member of AA, and I want to be a part of it.

See you all at the GSR School and Potluck.

yours in service,

eric

### **DCM Report – Carl, DCM REPORT NOV 2015**

Hello all. There is just two months left of this rotation. We have the task of trying to fill some district open positions. If you know of someone willing to serve their district, let us know. It has been a rewarding experience for me.

We have the GSR school next month with a pot luck at 6 pm and the school 7 pm. The first Sunday in December is the area meeting in Aitkin. Yours in service Carl DCM D7

### **Old Business**

1. GSR School will be held December 17 with pot luck at 6:00, event at 7:00 followed by an abbreviated District meeting. Mark has lined up John K. to present GSO conference. Eric k. volunteered to present SGR resources and Toni volunteered to discuss her personal GSR experience. Mark will have service manuals and GSR pamphlets available.
2. Open District Chair positions:
  - A. DCM: Eric nominated Liz for this position. With no other nominations forwarded, Liz was duly elected.
  - B. District Webmaster: Mark nominated Eric K. for this position. No other nominations came forth and Eric was duly elected.
  - C. Treatment: Toni accepted her previous nomination. No other nominations came forth and Toni was duly elected.
  - D. Treasurer: Gail stated she is willing to continue for a short while. District will continue to seek her replacement.
  - E. Archives: Carl stated he too was willing to continue until a replacement was found.
  - F. Secretary: Dave stated he is willing to continue until he moves or another person volunteers.
  - G. Alt DCM: No nominations or volunteers
  - H. PI/CPC: No nominations or volunteers
  - I. Carl, our current DCM indicated he is willing to pick up a new chair position if no others step forward.

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

1. Permanent Chair email accounts: There was much discussion on this and no consensus was reached. This topic was tabled for future discussion.
2. District 18 clubs wish to join District 7. After considerable discussion, it was decided more information is needed and it was suggested that this issue requires Area involvement.

## **Calendar of Events**

1. GSR school, 6:00 potluck December 17, 2015
2. Area meeting December 6, 2015

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 8:31