

District 7 Meeting Minutes for September 2015

The meeting opened at 7:01 PM, September 17, 2015 at the Trailside Center in Pequot Lakes, MN. with the Serenity Prayer. Introductions were made; Carl DCM, Bob B. (substitute for Gail Treasurer), Dave Secretary, Eric GSR, Carl Archives, Jason GSR, Larry Group rep, Dennis GSR, Liz CPC/PI, Mark Literature/Grapevine, Jenny Alt. GSR, Toni GSR and Dusty Visitor

Call for additions to the agenda: None

Concept 9 – Mark read; no discussion

Tradition 9 – Eric read the long form; no discussion

Secretaries Report- Dave: There were no additions or corrections noted. Liz made a motion to accept August minutes, Toni seconded. Motion carried.

Treasury Report-Gail, Bob B. presented the August fiscal report. Toni made a motion to accept report, Carl seconded and 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.

Nisswa Wednesday Women's Work-Jenny, The Nisswa Wednesday Women's Work group meets at the Nisswa Fire Hall every Wednesday at 5:30 PM. We have speaker meetings. Step meetings, topic meetings and of course Big Book meetings. 1st Wednesday of the month is our speaker meeting followed by a pot luck and a group conscience meeting. Fellowship on the 3rd Wed. We have 25-30 women in attendance. We do Focus Treatment and Jail meetings and we keep the newcomers as our primary purpose.

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.

Pine River-Larry (representative) New Beginnings, meets at the DAC Center located on 1.3 miles west on Co. Rd. 2. 8:00 pm Wednesday is an open meeting Big Book discussion with 6-15 in attendance. 8:00 pm Saturday is an open meeting topic discussion format with 6-17 in attendance. Larry P. 218-587-2240

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

. 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.

Sleepy Hollow Group- Jason, We are a group of men and women that meet every Monday at 8:00 at the Fort Ripley Town Hall, 5 miles north of Fort Ripley on HWY 371 across from Crow Wing Lake. Our meeting consists of about 15 core members with chair rotating. WE are responsible for taking a meeting into the Focus Unit every 1st Monday of the month. Round Robin/pot luck Sept. 26 starting at 5:00 pm. All are welcome. SEE Flyer!

Malmo AA- Dusty, Meets on Monday 7:00 pm. We have been averaging 20-25 people. 1st meeting of the month is on Steps, third week is on Traditions and other weeks is on topic of someone's choosing.

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 a Speaker/pot luck meeting on September 30th starting at 6:00 pm. The speaker will be Daryle C. from Brainerd. All are welcome.

Action Committee Reports-

C.P.C. / P. I.-Liz, New schedules will be ordered soon. Be sure to get any changes to Carl, Liz or Tom. Looking forward to attending Fall Assembly.

Literature/Grapevine-Mark, Gary District 7 previous literature Cahir has a case of Braille Big Books. These will be added to inventory at cost and accounted for. Dave made a motion to add \$180.00 to next literature order for an additional case of Big Books and to order two cases of Big Books on all subsequent orders. Liz seconded and motion carried. Mark told a few jokes from a Grapevine issue.

Corrections-Arden, No report

Archives-Carl, Helped out with Camp Ripley Suicide Prevention event. Passed out meeting schedules. Reminded everyone about the need for District newsletter articles.

Webmaster-Neil, No report

Treatment-Ann, No report

Alt DCM- Eric, Out sailing this month

DCM Report – Carl, DCM REPORT September 2015. Hello all. Welcome to our District Seven monthly meeting. My wife and I traveled to the State Fair to man the AA booth. We had several visitors who stopped by, several, had a friend or relative with a problem and were wondering how to help their significant other. Alanon did not have a booth there. Carl P., archives, helped out September 12th at Camp Ripley at the Power of one Fun Run. It was suicide prevention week. Thirteen vets commit suicide daily and 41,000 Americans yearly. It was great to be a part of this since this was a subject that had affected me personally when I was in the service.

Wahkon would like to host the district meeting. We will discuss this in business. We are having a GSR School in December at our regular meeting. There will be a Fall Assembly held in St. Cloud October 2, 3, 4.

Yours in service, Carl DCM D7

Old Business

1. Future alternate District meeting locations. It was previously decided to let the new rotation decide on alternate meeting locations. It was suggested that the new rotation schedule any alternate locations months in advance. It should be noted that we had less Chairs than usual attend the Pequot Lakes meeting and no visitors from this area in attendance.
2. GSR school: To be held December 127th, 6:00 pot luck followed by event. Mark will schedule a subcommittee meeting to organize details. Flyer is out and on the web.
3. District elections: Will be held in October. Description of positions will be amended with recommended lengths of sobriety for each position. Note: This author retyped the District Chair positions along with description and related responsibilities. After review of the A.A. service manual, only one District position, the DCM, had a suggested 4-5 years of "good sobriety"

New Business/Old Business carried forward

1. Winter Workshop: Carl volunteered District 7 to participate in the 2016 event.
2. Dave announced that he will be moving out of the area, perhaps as early as mid to late October.

Calendar of Events

1. Fall Assembly in St. Cloud Oct. 2nd, 3rd and 4th 2015.
2. GSR school December 17, 2015

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