

## District 7 Meeting Minutes for September 2014

**The meeting opened** at 7:00 PM, July 21, 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 & sub GSR, Joan GSR, Gaea GSR, Mark Grapevine/Literature, Dennis GSR, Ann GSR, Carl Archives/Alt GSR, Ann GSR, Toni GSR, Liz CPC/PI, Paul GSR, Larry GSR, April GSR, Tim GSR, Arden Corrections & sub GSR, Neil Web Master, Bob Area Web Tech. and visitor Roger Area Secretary.

**Call for additions to the agenda:** Inactive Chair positions

**Concept 9** – Carl read Concept IX.

**Tradition 9** – Mark read Tradition IX long form. Discussion on the importance of sprit of rotation at the group level.

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

**Treasury Report-Gail,** Bob standing in for Gail. Financial report was reviewed. A motion was made to table until next meeting.

### **GSR Reports-**

**Our Common Welfare- Dave** reporting for O.C.W. OCW is a closed meeting which meets Wed. nights at 8:00 PM at 615 Maple St. in Brainerd. Attendance varies from 15 to 30 persons. It is a Big Book and AA approved literature discussion meeting. We bring a meeting into the Focus Unit at 7:00 PM the 3rd Monday of each month and meetings into the Echo Pod at the C.W.C. Jail the 2nd and the 4th Thursday at 7:00 PM. OCW is tentatively scheduled to move to 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Corner Stone of Hope-Dennis,** Meets Tuesday at 7:00pm at St. Francis Church in the basement. Rotating chair and topic meeting. Attendance is 30-35. We give rides to the Focus Unit patients. Our picnic is scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm at Gregory Park, north side west end. Eat at 6:00, meeting at 7:00.

**Nisswa Wednesday Women's Work -April,** gave this report: The Nisswa Wednesday Women's Work group meets at the Nisswa Fire Hall every Wednesday at 5:30 PM. We cover Big Book topics, Traditions and have speakers. 30-40 Women each meeting. Strong sponsorship. Very good attendance and group conscience. We bring meetings into the Jail and Focus Unit. Speaker meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month with pot luck and group conscience. Fellowship after every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday's meeting. December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the women's X-mas party.

**Serenity in the Pines-Carl** (sub GSR), 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. 13-18 members strong. There is a lot of birthday's coming up next 3 weeks.

**Sleepy Hollow-Joan,** Open meeting on Monday's 8:00pm at Fort Ripley Town Hall. Attendance has been great, 16-20 people. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> are open topic meetings. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Monday is a step meeting. 4<sup>th</sup> Monday is a Tradition meeting. 5<sup>th</sup> is a speaker meeting. Old Timers panel will be on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Old Timers panel last Saturday went well with Bill, Patty and Scott. I will be going to Fall Assembly and looking for someone to share a room.

**There is a Solution-Tim**, Thursday night Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Wright, MN. 10-15 members in attendance. 20-35 on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday pot luck/speaker meeting. Lots of treatment center patients attend. Bring a Big Book study meeting into the treatment facility on Wednesday's

**Palisade- Arden** (sub GSR), Our group is doing okay. We meet Monday at 7:00pm with 6 to 7 in attendance.

**Life Begins Here-Ann**, 7pm meeting Friday night 615 Maple St. Brainerd. It is an open topic meeting with participants rotating to lead a topic on those nights. Attendance has been 20+ for the last month. New attendee's are provided phone lists and are meeting schedules. Meeting participation is good, with the topic discussed in a round table fashion. Contributions for materials, supplies and contributions to GSO, Area and District are adequate, enabling us a small amount in reserve. All participants are invited to additional fellowship at Caribou Coffee following the meeting.

**Primary Purpose-Toni**, Meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00 at the Living Water Church by Wahkon. We are a 12x12 and Big Book discussion group. 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday we have a pot luck and AA and Alanon speaker meeting. There is a Alanon meeting across the hall that meets at the same time as our group.

**McGregor AA-Paul**, Meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 and Saturday mornings at 9:00 at Big Sandy Alano Club. Both are AA topic meetings. Attendance has been good with 10-20 members. On August 30<sup>th</sup>, Larry S., a mainstay in our meetings passed away from heart failure. He had 6 years of sobriety and died sober thanks to the program and fellowship of AA. He was a faithful attendee to the Aitken Co, Jail program and helped inmates by sharing his life experiences. He is truly missed by all who knew him.

**Pine River New Beginning-Ann**, Meets Wednesday and Saturday nights 8:00-9:00 at DAC. Roughly 17 members strong. Big Book study on Wednesday and open topic on Saturday.

**Backus Courage to Change-Ann**, Meets Tuesday 7:30pm at Emanuel Lutheran Church. About 21-25 members. Open topic with every other week being a Step study.

**Saturday Candlelight-Gaea**, meets Saturday 10:00pm at the Upfront Alano Club. Topic and Step format. 9-30 in attendance. Discuss Steps 1, 2 and 3 when we have newcomers.

## **Action Committee Reports-**

**C.P.C. / P. I.-Liz**, No report on upcoming events. Still have schedules available but will probably print additional copies this fall.

**Archives-Carl**, Still sorting through all the information he accumulated so far. Is getting information from GSO on the Archive position and he is still learning. Looking forward to

seeing all at the Fall Assembly.

**Treatment-Sheldon**, No report

**Corrections-Arden**, Not a whole lot to report. We still need help at the Aitkin Co. Jail. Tim, I and another member of our group Jerry, went to Sandstone. My computer crashed so I no longer able to get meeting minutes via email or receive email on correction needs. Dave will send a hard copy of meeting minutes and Tim volunteered to get and relay corrections email for Arden.

**Grapevine/Literature-Mark**, Mark noted he had books for sale on display. An order will be placed in the next day or two. Big Books will be ordered then. He has \$1,200.00 in cash and inventory. Mark read a short story from the September issue of Grapevine along with a joke. It was noted there is new pricing and shipping costs on GSO literature effective 10/1/14.

**Webmaster-Neil**, Neil expressed concern that he and Bob have not been able to meet as often as needed and was willing to step down if needed and also willing and able to continue this position. He did assist Bob B. in updating the online meeting lists. Neil feels there is a need to nail down how information flows to the Webmaster and what should be posted.

**Alt DCM- Eric**, Alt DCM Report Sept. 2014

I don't have much to report.

Last month I was mountain climbing in Montana and missed the meeting. I also neglected writing a newsletter, because I had missed the meeting and didn't have anything to write about. Then I got sick from beating myself up out in the mountains, and my immune system took a big dump, or I caught a novel new upper respiratory illness- whatever I scaled back my workload. So last month wasn't a good month for Alt DCM's in District 7 as far as awesome responsibility shouldering. This month will be better, or I'll step aside, and let someone more energetic do the job.

I fielded a few calls on the Helpline on Fridays in the last month. Aside from telemarketers, it is all people looking for a meeting. One was from out of our district so I used the Internet to find him a meeting in Remer or Grand Rapids or somewhere.

I have a jail contact form filled out by a member that needs to be turned into the C.W.C. Jail. I also have a flyer for an event that needs to be loaded on the Internet.

Hopefully I'll get inspired to write a great newsletter following this meeting, and will get out to lots of new meetings in remote/different areas this month.

Yours in service,  
Eric

**DCM Report – Carl**, August DCM Report Hello all. It's good to see you all here. We just had a Zonal Forum at Sleepy Hollow. Four of districts didn't show up at all. Districts seven and

thirteen were there. This is an issue that will have to be discussed at area 35. It costs about \$400 to put on. I believe if these are to be continued we need greater participation.

The Fall Assembly is coming up October 4 & 5 in Grand Rapids. The area budget will be voted on. I have printed several copies for you to bring to your groups. I emailed this budget proposal to the District Seven email list. I hope to see you there. I have accommodations for one available.

We have a combined workshop with area 36 in November 1 at 10:00 a.m. I printed a few flyers. More can be found at [area35.org](http://area35.org).

Yours in service,

Carl DCM D7

### **Old Business**

1. Zonal Forum Refer to Carl's DCM report. The question was raised on what is a Zonal Forum. Every other year Area Officers hold a Forum in our Area to allow members an opportunity to meet and ask questions. Group participation in our Zone has been rather poor.
2. Participation in other County Fairs within District 7 was discussed. This topic will be brought to the groups for discussion and group conscience and brought back to District for further action.

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

1. Roger, Area Secretary gave a report on the importance of attending Area Committee meetings. As a District 7 Chair, part of the responsibilities include attending various Area functions including Area Committee meetings. Valuable information is shared and exchanged in the breakout sessions held during these meetings. It is an opportunity to learn, grow and keep active in your role.
2. Help line December meeting. To be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> depending on availability. A subcommittee was formed consisting of Eric, April and Dave to firm up commitment and outline event activities.
3. Neil met with Brainerd H.S. Personnel. They were interested in having speakers presenting at the health classes. Neil is looking for possible District participation.
4. A website committee consisting of Carl, Neil, Liz, Eric and Dave was formed to discuss Neil's concerns.
5. Inactive Chair positions. After discussion on District policy, Toni made a motion to dismiss Sheldon, Liz seconded and the vote was unanimous. Neil nominated April as new Treatment Cahir. Toni made a motion to accept, Carl seconded and all approved. Dave will assist April during this transition.

6. Calendar of events:

Fall Assembly Oct. 4 & 5<sup>th</sup> Grand Rapids, MN.

Area 35/36 Workshop Nov. 1 10:00am- 2:00pm.

We closed the meeting at 8:27 with the Lord's Prayer.