

District 7 General Service Meeting Minutes

Cross View Lutheran Church

6645 McCauley Trail

Edina, MN

February 14, 2005

- I. Open - 6:35 pm
 - A. Serenity Prayer
 - B. Introductions- Pete, Jaime, Barb, Brady, Jim D., Kay, Sharon, Jane, Barb T., Jim, Diana, Mia, Irv, Shannon, Jim, Terry, Stacey, Martha, Melissa, Nick, Dan
 - C. 12 Concepts (Short Form)
 - D. Recognition of new General Service Representatives (GSRs)

- II. Approval of Dec 2004 District 7 General Service Meeting Minutes.
January Minutes – Terry had a suggestion from last month, believes it's a better idea to recruit others to help with standing committees, rather than GSRs. Minutes approved.

- III. GSR Orientation (DCM)

- IV. Standing Committee Chairs and Intergroup Liaison Reports
 - Jim - Public Information
Was unable to connect with Fairview Southdale about presentations. Two new opportunities
 1. Edina Senior Center – would like a literature rack
 2. Eden Prairie Housing Office (name?) at Eden Prairie Mall – also interested in a literature rackMartha, GSR for 42nd Street group, volunteered to take the commitment at Edina Senior Center.
Sharon proposed this would be a district function for literature committee; Pete tabled discussion until new business.
Community Liaison at Edina Police Department is also interested in having literature available, but would like to meet and discuss first.

 - Diana - Treatment Facilities
She contacted TLC (Temporary Living Center), a women's halfway house, about having a women's meeting every month at the facility.

 - Nick – Corrections
There is a lack of facilities in District 7, with the exception of one juvenile facility, so he is talking to the Southern Minnesota Area chair about other opportunities to be of service.

 - Mia – CPC
Contacted by District 22 to put on a luncheon for professionals, will take place during business hours on a weekday. Our district will be in charge of sending out invitations and to help coordinate.

 - Kay – Grapevine

Writing to GSO to send subscription cards. Wants to work with literature chair to get back issues into hospitals, etc.

Also an idea to get a subscription for District 7 and give it away to a group. Will be discussed more in New Business.

- Jane – Records

Got the group information from GSO, which was passed around to GSRs to update. Corrections need to be in by April 2.

- Sharon – Literature

If other committees have needs, please let her know.

- Barb - Intergroup Liaison

Intergroup has updated information forms. One Board Member has resigned and Ron G. will stay on an extra year to fill this vacancy.

V. Officer Reports

- Jim - Alt. DCM

Alt. DCM serves on the Area Structure Committee, which reviews policies and procedures of Area 36. Will be reviewing Trusted Servant guidelines and setting structure for newly forming Spanish District 27.

- Jaime-Secretary: no report

- Pete - Has Copies of Agenda Items to be voted on at upcoming General Service Conference. Also, GSO is still looking for Spanish speakers to submit stories for 3rd Edition Spanish Big Book. Alt. DCM is helping with visiting groups in D7.

Upcoming Events: March 4-6 West Central Regional Conference, March 19 Area Assembly, April 2 Delegate's Workshop

- Marvin – Treasurer, absent, report handed out.

VI. Old Business

District Inventory and notes approved.

VII. New Business

- Discussion on joining Districts 18, 22 and 25 for a Delegate's Report. Terry mentioned it may be less intimidating to ask questions of the delegate with a smaller crowd.

Discussion that Delegate is visiting many groups and saving time will be beneficial for delegate. Stacey motions to join other groups, all approve.

- West Central Regional Conference – Pete and Kay attending.

- The January General Service Conference is possibly changing its name, will be voted on at Area Assembly. As will the trusted servant guideline mentioned in Jim's report.

- GSRs will also be voting at the Area Assembly on sending Pink Can Plan money to Area 35, which houses St. Cloud Prison. Martha explained that this is because the state deems AA literature to be religious, and so outside entities such as AA must provide them to correctional facilities. She wondered if it would be possible to do this for some treatment facilities as well who have the same rules about religious materials. Diana will speak to Area Treatment chair Brian M. about this. Diana and Pete both mentioned how

beneficial sending the money to Area 35 would be, since they are less populated than Area 36 and St. Cloud is the main holding facility for inmates in Minnesota.

- Spanish District to be voted on at Area Assembly, don't know yet how much the costs will be.
- "Contribute" vs. "Donate" – Contribution implies a responsibility, AA not a charity.
- Area debit card – again, to be discussed at Area Assembly, brought up because some online payments require a credit card. This would eliminate the two signature practice used currently for writing checks.
- Literature Committee will be responsible for providing the literature for racks Jim mentioned in his report, but groups will bring it to the facility and make sure it is stocked.
- District 7 will get a grapevine subscription to raffle off.
- Terry suggested a special meeting to help GSRs with all the information coming in because of the delegate's workshop and other upcoming events. It is decided to set aside 15-20 minutes at the next district meeting for this. Martha also suggests doing a mock GSR report at each meeting. Jim will do this but it was decided to wait until next month for suggestions.
- Terry also suggests that Committee chairs submit written reports to insure accuracy of information and easier to listen when the GSRs aren't rapidly writing. Copies of reports can be handed out at meeting or e-mailed to Pete for inclusion on the next meeting's agenda.

VIII. Meeting closes at 8:05 pm.