

District 7 General Service Meeting Minutes

Cross View Lutheran Church
6645 McCauley Trail
Edina, MN

April 11, 2005

- I. Open - 6:30 pm
 - A. Serenity Prayer
 - B. Introductions: Pete, Marv, Jim B., Irv, Greg, Terry, Lindsay, Sharon, Barb, Nick, Ben, Stacey, Barb, Jaime.
 - C. 12 Concepts (Short Form)
 - D. Recognition of new General Service Representatives (GSR's)

- II. Approval of March 2005 District 7 General Service Meeting Minutes.

- III. Standing Committee Chairs and Intergroup Liaison Reports
 - A.. Lindsay, Remote Communities – new chair, no report.
 - B. Sharon, Literature
Sending meeting directories to eight hotels.
Will be dropping off literature to Mary at the Eden Prairie housing and human services office.
 - C. Barb, Intergroup Liaison
Need AA members to write articles for publication about Steps 5,6,7
New Night Owl co-chair, Julie J.
May 14 Intergroup will hold a workshop/celebration for the 70 years of AA. The different panels will present on topics that people call in to inquire about throughout the year. The event is held at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation.
 - D. Nick, Corrections
Work on recruiting assigners for the Correctional Facilities Contact Program.
Will continue to look for new projects.
 - E. Ben, Archives
Corresponding with Ian G., the area chair, to get more assignments.
Working to reorganize the current supply of archives for District 7.
 - F. Diana, Treatment
Needs someone to be an alternate chair, she will be unable to attend the area committee meetings.
Was unable to speak with Bucky about getting literature to Wayside.
Foxhall group cannot take the commitment at Wayside, will need to find another group in the District to take that commitment.
Will be exploring other groups in District 7 to get a sense of the needs from those meetings and also the treatment centers in the district.
 - G. Kay, Grapevine

Waiting to hear about sending Grapevines overseas to service people.
Will give periodic reports on Grapevine literature; currently reading
Spiritual Awakenings.
Would like the GSRs to give her the contact info for their group's
grapevine reps.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Marv, Treasurer

Rent paid for January through June, rent is now \$25/month, as opposed to
\$50.

There is plenty of money for Committee projects, increase of group
contributions this year.

Sending out thank you letters to groups, please contact him if your group
does not receive one.

B. Jim, Alt. DCM

Attended the Area Assembly in Hutchinson – these are events where
GSRs and DCMs vote on area business.

Motions approved: Recovery, Unity and Service guidelines, the Pigeon
publication policy, formation of Spanish District 27.

There was also a motion to get rid of the Pink Can Plan and discussion on
cooperation with Area 35 to get rid of the excess funds. Area 35 turned
down Area 36 offer to fill literature requests.

C. Pete, DCM

We will be having a separate district meeting in addition to the scheduled
Delegate's report on May 11th (7 pm, Mizpah United Church of Christ in
Hopkins).

On July 1, 2005, prices for all books with exception of the Big Book will
be raised by \$1, to help GSO maintain its prudent reserve funds.

Extra copies of Box 459 will be made available at future district meetings,
they help distribute information from GSO.

V. Old Business

Important Dates;

May 7 Area Committee Meeting (Best Western, Mankato)

VI. New Business

- Communication

Ideas discussed: a steering committee meeting, concept studies, manuals, enthusiasm,
GSRs getting people from their groups to help on committees, list with phone
numbers of chairs from other districts to go to for help, go to area chairs for
help/ideas, more enthusiasm/attendance at area events.

- Goals for District

- GSR Orientation

What do GSRs want?

Packets are handed out to new GSRs, they would like those simplified.

Ongoing orientation and sharing: sample GSR report, spirit of rotation for getting

new GSRs in, put places in the agenda for GSRs to ask questions if needed.
*It was decided that Alt. DCM will make a sample GSR report at the end of each meeting and will e-mail that out also each month, also five minutes on the agenda for GSR orientation and questions and five minutes after the meeting as well.

VII. Close - 8:00 pm

A. Responsibility Statement

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I am responsible... When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am
responsible.

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our
fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depends our lives, and the lives of those to come.