

## District 7 General Service Meeting Minutes

Cross View Lutheran Church  
6645 McCauley Trail  
Edina, MN

May 9, 2005

- I. Open - 6:30 pm
  - A. Serenity Prayer
  - B. Introductions: Pete, Marv, Jim W., Brady, Sharon, Jane, Lindsay, Dan, Barb, Dave, Shannon, Jim B., Ben, Ken, Stacey, Jaime, Kay, Jim D.
  - C. 12 Concepts (Short Form)
  - D. Recognition of new General Service Representatives (GSR's)
  
- II. Approval of April 2005 District 7 General Service Meeting Minutes.
  
- III. Standing Committee Chairs and Intergroup Liaison Reports
  - A.. Nick, Corrections

Need assigners for the Correctional Facilities Contact Program.  
There are currently more requests than can be promptly handled by the amount of assigners currently volunteering.  
Pink Can Plan:  
~Contrary to popular belief, the plan does not have a large surplus, currently has around \$7,000.  
~The committee wants to create a budget and a prudent reserve for the Pink Can so the area can always have updated information on the money.  
The policy and procedure will be voted on by the Area.  
Nick will be working on:  
1) CFCP Assigners  
2) No Correctional Facilities in the District, so will to outreach to Police Department and judges, and invite them to open meetings. DISCUSSION:  
There is a local lawyers AA meeting that may be helpful to this cause.
  
  - B. Jim, IG

Teens visited health classes at Westonka High School.  
New part time worker at the office.  
Need new early bird coordinator and co-chair. Must have 5 or more years sobriety, early risers who are available from 6:30-9:00 am Monday through Friday are wanted. Must be available every day at those times.  
The office needs to establish a new e-committee, contact the office for more information.
  
  - C. Sharon, Literature

In response to Jim's PI work, she sent information to the following hotels:

Sheraton Hotel in Minneonka, Country Suites by Carlson in Chanhassen, Hotel Sofitel in Edina, Hampton Inn in Minnetonka, Eden Prairie Inn, and Hilton Garden Inn in Eden Prairie.

- D. Jane, Group Records  
Five groups were non-responsive to requests for updated information, but by visting those groups, Jane found out about three additional, unlisted meetings.
  - E. Lindsay, Remote Communities  
District 8 working on getting Hmong community involved in AA, ideas for a possible Hmong district.  
There are three meetings in the Area with ASL interpreters, all in Western suburbs, working on getting more of those meetings started.  
Idea for a voice recognition phone system to be a kind of meeting directory for outlying cities in the area who don't have intergroupd services. DISCUSSION: such systems are quite expensive, may be out of the question.  
Possible name change to the DIVERSITY committee, will be voted on at assembly.
  - F. Ben, Archives  
Looking for AA members with 40 or more years of sobriety to get an AA oral history.  
Needs: a laptop for presentations, new archives office and possible assistant archivist.
  - G. Kay, Grapevine  
Looking for back issues of the Grapevine to send to servicepeople overseas, please bring her any old copies.  
Digital archives of the grapevine available, subscribe for \$15/year.  
Needs contact information for groups grapevine reps.
  - H. Jim, PI  
PSA to be delivered to the radio station Jack 104 this week. He appeared on the public affairs program "Northern Lights" on April 24.  
Preparing for the May 18th presentation to 25 Fairview Southdale social workers.  
Possible service opportunity for District 7 to staff the AA booth at the State Fair this year, the district wants to fuffill this commitment (6 shifts, 2 people per shift). Jim will have more inofrmation and hopefully a date next month.
- IV. Officer Reports
- A. Marv, Treasurer  
No report, his computer crashed and is trying to recover all the documents.

B. Jim, Alt. DCM  
Area 36 trusted servant guidelines have been updated and will be voted on at the June assembly.

Idea for a day long workshop for GSRs - "GSR school."

New districts up and running include: District 4 (Wellman), 9 (Mankato), 24 (Shakopee), 27 (Spanish District).

C. Pete, DCM

All Committee chairs and officers need to attend all area meetings, if unable to attend, please find an alternate.

Joint service workshop planned with Area 35, on July 16th at the Central Lutheran Church in Elk River.

January Service conference will again be held at the Kohler Grand hotel in Rochester, GSR volunteers needed to present on Recover, Unity and Service topics.

Assembly votes: Change the Temporary Contact pamphlet to include singleness of purpose statement; policy for Finance committee (Check card) - approved the check card, but looking for another check and balance system; draft a proposal to change the word "donate" to "contribute" in our literature.

The Delegate's report is now available on the area website (area36.org).

V. Old Business

District goals and communication: e-mails helpful.

GSRs to help with committees - sign up sheets, GSRs also to go to groups for help.

VI. New Business

International Convention - approved to have every area get six logins to be able to access the opening ceremony.

VII. Close - 8:00 pm

A. Responsibility Statement

### **Responsibility Statement**

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.