

District 7 General Service Meeting Minutes

Cross View Lutheran Church

6645 McCauley Trail

Edina, MN

June 13, 2005

- I. Open – 6:30 pm
 - A. Serenity Prayer
 - B. Introductions: Marv, Dan, Joe, Terry, Jane, Sharon, Jane, Jim B., Shannon, Jim W., Dan, Jim D., Jaime, Ken, Pete, Ken, Nick.
 - C. 12 Concepts (short form)
 - D. Recognition of new General Service Representatives (GSRs): Ken – 42nd Street, Dan – alternate Minnetonka Big Book Study.

- II. Approval of May 2005 District 7 Meeting Minutes: The check card for the area was not approved yet. The only item to be voted on at the area assembly this month will be the proposal to change the word “donate” to “contribute.” All other items listed in new business need a group conscience, they will not be voted on at the June assembly.

- III. Standing Committee Chairs and Intergroup Liaison reports
 - A. Jim, Public Information
Fairview Southdale social workers AAI on May 18 went very well. 12 people attended and possible future presentations to other departments or to Fairview Ridges are being discussed. 10 Big Books, several directories and pamphlets, the “Hope” videotape and old Grapevines have been delivered since the meeting; Sharon will be following up with subsequent orders. D7 will also be providing two Grapevine subscriptions, which Kay paid for.
D7 will staff the State Fair booth on Saturday, September 3. Groups can volunteer for one of six two-hour shifts. The booth is small and can accommodate two people at a time.
 - B. Lindsay, Remote Communities
They have made a contact into the Hmong community and are working on the foundations of a Hmong district.
 - C. Nick, Corrections
Nothing new to report; he is working on getting more assigners for the Temporary Contact Program.
 - D. Jane, Group Records
Visiting a few more groups, Pete and Jim will be visiting the rest.
 - E. Sharon, Literature
No report.
 - F. Jim W., Intergroup Rep.

Pamphlet on FAQ's about Intergroup is available to groups. Summer Open House Scheduled for Saturday, July 31 from 9am – 1pm at the Intergroup office in St. Louis Park.

The new Intergroup directories will be out June 23-24.

Board elections in September at the Rep. Meeting on the fourth Thursday. The board has 12 members. If you are interested, please go to the website for the election forms.

G. Kay, Grapevine

Still working on getting old grapevines to the VA Hospital and to service people overseas.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Marv, Treasurer

Got his computer back up and running, getting the figures on the report straightened out, hopefully all will be corrected by next month.

Contributions are up, new groups are contributing, under budget on expenses, rent paid through June.

B. Jim, Alternate DCM

No report.

C. Jaime, Secretary

All old minutes have been sent to Area webmaster and should be displayed on the area website soon.

D. Pete, DCM

Was happy to read through last month's Pigeon and note that we are one of the more active districts in the area.

The treatment and CPC chairs have stepped down, new Treatment chair tonight, Joe S., from the Minnetonka Big Book Study. Pete will fill in as CPC until a new chairperson is found.

V. GSR Sharing

Ken – GLBT and Proud, his group has sent in their first service contribution.

There is a 10% discount at Intergroup for District literature, can also charge it to the District and Marv will get the bill.

VI. Old Business

Need a group conscience by the August area committee meetings on the following:

- Hosting the Area Assembly June 18.
- State Fair Sign-up sheet.
- Pink Can plan policy.
- New laptop for Archives, cost up to \$2,000.
- Change Treatment Temporary Contact pamphlet.
- Policy for the Finance Committee about the check card.
- Change the name of the Remote Communities and Special Needs Committee to the Diversity Committee.
- Changes to the Trusted Servant guidelines.

- Area Officer Election Procedure.
To be voted on at the Area Assembly.

- Contribution vs. Donation.

DISCUSSION: Why are some voted on at the committee meetings and some at the area assembly?

The DCMs vote on topics at the committee meetings for things that affect area business only vs. decisions that could affect AA as a whole. The GSRs and DCMs vote at the area assembly on items that were approved at the area committee meetings.

VII. New Business

- New Treatment Chair – Joe S.
- Need CPC Chair.
- Possible presentations – Jim D. will do the AAI he gave to Fairview next month. Instead of reading the Twelve Concepts, it was voted that one should be presented each month.
- Joint Service workshop with Area 35 from 12-4 pm on Saturday, July 16th at the Central Lutheran Church – 1103 Church Street, in Elk River. First part of the day is committee meetings, second part is a sharing session, so committee chairs are especially encouraged to attend. This is a very important event to attend as it is one of the first steps toward working to unify the two Minnesota areas.
- December 3rd Area Committee meeting. Area was originally notified that the date and/or location for this meeting would need to be changed. As it now stands, the meeting will be held at the same time and place as usual.

VIII. Close – 8:00pm

A. Responsibility Statement

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

A Declaration of Unity

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