

District 7 General Service Meeting Minutes

Cross View Lutheran Church
6645 McCauley Trail
Edina, MN

May 8, 2006

I. Open - 6:30 pm

A. Serenity Prayer

B. Introductions: Pete, Kay, Anne, Brady, Mike, Chad, Darren, Nick, Erv, Dan, Jim, Shannon, Kelly, Erica, Duncan, Lindsay and Bob.

C. Concept study: Pete gave a presentation on Concept 5. Anne will give a presentation on Concept 6 next month.

D. Recognition of new General Service Representatives (GSR's)

II. Approval of 2006 District 7 General Service Meeting Minutes.

III. Standing Committee Chairs and Intergroup Liaison Reports:

A. Kay, Grapevine:

Kay is still in the process of sending another box of Grapevine's overseas to the Combat Stress Unit. If you still have any old Grapevine's please give them to Kay. The feature book this month is "Home group, heartbreak of A.A."

B. Nick, Corrections:

Nick contacted GSO's Correction Chair and received some information on the Corrections Correspondence Program. This program is for A.A. members to write inmates that are incarcerated for a long period of time. The other program for corrections is a local corrections contact program. This program is for A.A. members to get in touch with inmates that will be getting out of prison soon and to help them get to A.A. meetings when they first get out. Nick is looking at getting fliers for each program so we can add them to the group outreach packets that we will be giving out to each meeting in our District.

C. Lindsay, Remote Communities:

The ASL Ad-Hoc Committee had there meeting on April 22nd and finalized the proposal to bring to the Area Committee Meeting. For the rest of 2006, they are requesting up to \$2,000.00 from the Area 36 General Fund to be available to provide two ASL interpreters (including travel expenses) if requested. A request would have to be made a month prior to each event. For the June Area Assembly they are requesting up to \$700.00 to be available, if requested. For 2007, they are requesting up to \$6,500.00 form the Area 36 General Fund to be available to provide two ASL interpreters (including travel expenses) if requested. A request would also have to be made a month prior to each event. All of this information was presented at the Area Committee Meeting. Lindsay has also been talking to people to find out more information

on the need for ASL interpreted meetings. The general consensus from the people she spoke with was that if we provide the service, they would come. Lindsay passed out updated meeting lists of Spanish speaking meetings and ASL interpreted meetings.

D. Bob, CPC:

Bob is still in need of a CPC Co-chair and others to help form a committee. If you know anyone that would be interested, please have him or her contact Bob.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Kelly, Secretary:

The GSR contact sheet was just updated.

B. Pete, DCM:

The Area Committee meeting is Saturday, May 13th in Mankato, MN. Pete received an email from the Area Chair about the Area Inventory.. In doing the inventory, they thought that the Area might be working on many projects that the Districts could be working on instead. It was suggested that each District do their own inventory to see if they are able to help the Area out with these projects. Our District will be having our yearly inventory in November where we can discuss this further.

C. Marvin, Treasure: (via email!)

The checkbook balanced for April. We still have an outstanding check for \$580.00 that is still not cashed. Marvin will void this check and add this amount back into the checkbook. If anyone has any information on this matter please contact Marvin.

V. GSR Sharing and Questions:

A. Shannon, Crushed Grapes:

Their 8th Anniversary meeting went well. They changed that meeting to an open meeting for all to attend.

B. Anne, Minnetonka Big Book Study:

Their Serenity Breakfast is on May 21st. The breakfast is from 8:00am to 10:25am. The Big Book meeting is from 9:00am to 10:00am. The speaker is from 10:30 am to Noon. The tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door.

C. Duncan, Colonial Way:

Their meeting is going well!

D. Brady, Foxhall Chapter 7:

Their 13th Anniversary meeting went well. The speaker was Steve from Belleview, NE.

E. Erv, Normandale Group:

Their meeting volunteered to answer phones at the Intergroup office once a month. Erv said that is going very well. They also donated money to the Spanish District so they can purchase a computer.

VI. Old Business:

Group Outreach Project:

Lindsay has the list of people that are interested in helping us visit the groups. She passed this list around again for new volunteers. Brady did not hear from the Coon Rapids District DCM. He was going to give Brady more information on how to set up this committee. Pete will contact Jim for further information on this. He is currently putting the information into packets. We will discuss this further at next month's meeting.

ASL Interpretation allocated money (\$500.00):

Currently there are no ASL interpreted meetings that meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Please look into other large meetings that meet on those nights to see if they may be interested in having ASL interpretation. Chad will bring up at Foxhall's next business meeting, the possibility of our District supporting ASL interpretation at their meeting to get it started.

VII. New Business:

Delegate's Report: We will be getting together with 4 other District's to hear the Delegates report. This will be on Wednesday, June 14th at 6:30 pm. This is at the 1st Christian Church at 2201 1st Ave. South in Minneapolis. District 7 needs to bring coolers, paper plates and ice for this event.

VIII. GSR Report (Alt DCM)

IX. 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 depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.