

## **District 7 General Service Meeting Minutes**

Cross View Lutheran Church  
6645 McCauley Trail  
Edina, MN

**August 14, 2006**

### **I. Open - 6:30 pm**

#### **A. Serenity Prayer**

**B. Introductions:** Lindsay, Erica, Darrin, Marvin, Shannon, Paula, Mar, Jim, Jim D., Duncan, Kay, Mike, Brady, Luke, Dan, Ken, Erv, Joe and Kelly.

**C. Concept study:** Lindsay gave a presentation on Concept 8. Kay will give a presentation on concept 9 at next month's meeting.

#### **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:**

#### **Lindsay, Remote Community:**

There will be an Ad Hoc meeting on how to distribute the Hmong pamphlets. This will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at 1722 Iglehart, St. Paul. There is a new proposal for ASL Interpretation that was passed at the Committee Meeting and will be added to the agenda for the October Assembly on October 28<sup>th</sup> in New Ulm, MN. This proposal states that we are requesting up to \$6500.00 from the Area 36 General Fund to be available to provide 2 ASL interpreters (including travel expenses) if requested. We are also requesting that the following information should be included on all flyers and at the Website: "ASL interpreters available upon one month advance request prior to each event." It was brought up that we cannot send in money to the Area and earmark it for ASL interpretation only. Please make sure to talk to your groups about ASL interpretation and try to come up with ideas on how to fund it.

#### **Mark, Intergroup Liaison:**

Mark passed out various fliers from Intergroup including the Resumes for the Intergroup board elections. The board elections will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the monthly Intergroup Rep's meeting. There will be four positions rotating out and four new ones being filled. There is a 5-year sobriety requirement to run for a position. If you are interested fill out a resume and turn it into Intergroup.

**Joe, Treatment Facility:**

The treatment facility committee at the Area level will be changing the A.A. information sheet that goes along with the TCP pamphlet and adding the singleness of purpose statement. Fairview Riverside is still in need of groups to bring meetings to their location on Saturday nights. This request was given to all of the Districts at the Area meeting to help get more meetings make a commitment to this.

**Jim, Public Information:**

There is currently only one person signed up to visit a meeting for the group outreach project. We are in need of many more volunteers. We will need two people to go to each meeting and to go to the meeting 2 times. The first time would be to just visit the group and to ask if you can come back and bring some information for them and the second visit would be to talk about District 7 and to give them the information packet. Please ask your groups to volunteer for this project.

**Kay, Grapevine:**

The new September Grapevine is out. You can now listen to the Grapevine online on the website and also download it on MP3. Kay is sending a letter to the combat stress unit to see if they would still like us to keep sending past Grapevine issues overseas. The Grapevine committee at the Area level is contacting the St. Paul Vet's Center to see if they would like any copies of the Grapevine.

**IV. Officer Reports**

**Kelly, Secretary:**

Kelly was able to make copies of the map and directions to get to our District meeting. These will be added to the group outreach packets. As requested by the group, she will mail a copy of the District notes each month to Anne, the GSR from Minnetonka Big Book.

**Marvin, Treasure:**

The books have balanced for July. Rent has been paid through the end of the year. Contributions have exceeded last year's by \$200.00. If you have past expenses that need to be reimbursed, please fill out an expense sheet and return it to Marvin. He received a flier for the Founder's Day Weekend and wanted to know if we were interested in hosting a suite for the weekend again. This was discussed further in new business.

**Jim, Alternate DCM:**

The packets for the group outreach project are ready to go to the meetings.. Contact Pete if you need one before the next District meeting. The fliers for the next GSR & Trusted Leadership School are out. There is a request for only a \$200.00 contribution for this event this year. We have \$500.00 budgeted for this event. There was a motion made to send \$200.00 to Area 36, earmarked for this event. This motion was passed. We will have District elections in October and Sissy; the Area Secretary will facilitate this. We will have our District 7 inventory in November and Scott; The Alternate Area Chair will facilitate this. Jim shared some interesting facts about the Area budget in regards to being able to afford ASL Interpretation. This year there is a 12% increase in the Area budget and an 18% decrease in contributions. The Area would need to receive 30% more in contributions to cover the cost of the ASL Interpretation.

**V. GSR Sharing and Questions**

**Shannon, Crushed Grapes:**

Shannon will be rotating out as GSR this year and has been letting people know at the meeting. She would like the new GSR to come to a few meetings with here to get familiar with being a GSR before she rotates out.

**Ken, GBLT and proud:**

This group will also be in need of a new GSR. Ken requested that we visit this meeting when we do the group outreach project to help get the group interested in continuing to have a GSR.

**VI. Old Business**

**Structure Committee Meeting:**

GSO has made a motion to allow a Class B alcoholic to be the board chair for GSO. Traditionally alcoholics have not been board chairs. This will be talked about further at the next Area Assembly.

**VII. New Business**

**Hospitality Suite at Founder's Day:**

A motion was made to use \$400.00 to get a hospitality suite for Founder's Day weekend. This money will be used at Marvin's discretion!! This motion was passed. Marvin will reserve the room and bring a sign up sheet for volunteers to greet and help put in the suite.

**Workshop Idea:**

We would like to use some of the money we have in our District to do a workshop or give a presentation.. Please think of ideas of what we could do. One idea, that we will discuss further next month, is having an Open House for District 7 after we have visited the groups for the group outreach project.

**GSR school reimbursement for mileage:**

There was a motion made that if any GSR in our District needs reimbursement for mileage to the GSR school, we will reimburse them if they request it. This motion was passed.

**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.