

District 7 General Service Meeting Minutes

Cross View Lutheran Church

6645 McCauley Trail

Edina, MN

January 14, 2008

I. Open - 6:30 pm

A. Serenity Prayer

B. Introductions: Jim D., Lindsay, Ben, Mark, Mike, Larry, Kevin, Timothy, Joe, Jim, Pam, Linda, Kristy, Madey, Anne, Sue, Collette, Nancy, Terry L., Steve, Frank, Michael, Terry T., Erica, Terry A.

C. Concept study: Mark Miller Presented Concept 1. Sue will present Concept 2.

D. Recognition of new General Service Representatives (GSR's): None

II. Approval of Minutes: December 2007 minutes were approved pending removal of "Not present. No report." wording included after Anne B's name on December minutes.

III. GSR Sharing and Questions

Linda Mc; Mtka BB Study Group (Sunday 9:00AM; Mtka Community Center)

- Answers phones at Intergroup, takes meetings to Mission Detox, and has agreed to take meetings to the new Shakopee jail and Mission Nursing Home.
- Anniversary Meeting/Serenity Breakfast in May.
- Has a reminder each week taken from AA literature concerning the groups singleness of purpose.
- There is a beginners meeting each week.

Sue GSR; Crushed Grapes (Monday 7:00PM; Step & Tradition):

- Their group takes a meeting to Fairview Riverside.
- They are also responsible for the literature rack at Fairview Southdale
- They use only conference approved literature.

Dan M. GSR, Foxhall (Thursday 7:30 PM; Wooddale Church; Open Speaker):

- Answers phones at Intergroup and takes meetings to 1800 Detox and Fairview Riverside.
- Rebecca W. is the new group secretary. Mark M. is the alternate.
- Break issue. People are not getting back in time after break. They are discussing possibly getting rid of the break to end this issue. They are also trying to remind people to get back in time so they can continue with the break.

Jim, France Ave. Group (48th and France; Thursday 8:00 PM; Step Mtg.):

- Everything is okay at meeting.

Duncan, Colonial Way (Tuesday Night Colonial Church; 8:00):

Irv, Normandale Group (Cavalier Club; Tue 8:00PM; Thur. 7:30PM

Collette, Wednesday Women's Serenity (49th and France; Wed 9:30 AM):

- They do a good job of reaching out to the newcomer.
- They are continuing with the Pink Can Plan.

Sue, Wednesday Women's Serenity (50th and Beard; 5:30PM):

- 12-18 people each week.
- They do a good job of reaching out to the newcomer and handing out Big Books.

Mike, Cavalier Big Book (Cavalier Club; Thursday 6:00PM):

- Answers phones, always sends a GSR [to District meeting].
- Strong, stable membership

- They welcome newcomers and read the Big Book.
Nancy, GSR; Rule 62 (Cavalier Club; Wed, 7:30PM; 12 x 12 Mtg) Judy F, Alt GSR:
- Started this meeting in September.
- They had an issue with the Pink Can Plan. They thought the can they passed around belonged to all the groups at the club. It turns out that it belonged to a specific meeting.
- They use only conference approved literature.
- Nancy questioned the timely availability of information available on the Internet from Area 36 and District 7.

IV. Officer Reports:

Treasurer – Brady K:

- Not present.

Secretary – Joe Salemi (612-239-2966):

- Nothing to report.

Alternate DCM – Lindsay W. (952) 221-8335:

- Guidelines need to be established for various committees not currently having guidelines.
- Will try to help District 7 focus on goals. Repeated the recommendation to have our District Workshop in April center on how to get literature out to the still suffering alcoholic. She needs help with workshop. Please see her if you are available.
- Lindsay will be in class this semester but able to attend various Area 36 functions. Will send reports for District meetings.

Jim D., DCM:

- Trusted Servant Leadership Training is Jan. 26; 9:30-4:00 in Northfield
- Various pieces of AA literature, including Big Books (both Spanish and English language) and 12 x 12s were delivered to Hennepin County Library for distribution in western area libraries.

V. Standing Committee Chairs and Intergroup Liaison Reports:

Madey - Intergroup Liaison:

- Pass it On Marathon was a huge success.
- 2007 Financial Report is available
- Gratitude Night is April 5. Minn Intergroup is celebrating 40 years of service.
- January MIRUS is available. There is a new logo for the 40th year.
- List of contributors to Intergroup for 2007 is now available

Grapevine - Open: No report.

Literature – Anne B; Alt. Chair - Kristy:

- New “When and Where” booklets (Meeting Directories) are available.
- Timothy won “As Bill Sees It” in the literature raffle

Archives – Randy A: No report.

Corrections – Larry F: (As submitted by Larry)

- Attended several meetings to present the Corrections Correspondence (a special service by GSO) and Area 36 Corrections Temporary Contact programs. Some good news- the Foxhall folders were empty and I replenished them with new pamphlets.
- Attended the Recovery unity and Service Conference and got many good ideas about how we can better carry the message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic. One is that we need to get our literature into the field. By that I mean hospitals, jails, libraries and other public places where anyone who might be in touch with a problem drinker can

get some information.

- To this end, I visited the Hennepin County Business Complex in Edina MN. There are 3 entities there; the service center, Court System and library. I have a contact at the service center that will allow AA to put literature on their main table, that all people who go there use that table. It will be great exposure. I also have a contact at the Court System and the Library

Treatment Facilities (TF) Open: No report

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Open: No report

Public Information (PI) Frank H.

- Met Carla at Recovery Unity and Service Conference and discussed the AA booth at the state fair. There will be more training for people manning the booth.
- Service Opportunity: Seeing if D7 is interested in being a part of “adopt a hotel,” a way of coordinating groups to be available if travelers are looking for a ride to meetings. There may be some urgency to this due to the upcoming Republican Convention. Collette suggested having meeting at hotels during the convention.
- Area 36 would like to coordinate communication among PI, CPC, and Remote Communities committees.
- Endeavoring to reach employers concerning AA Information availability.

Web Committee – Michael S:

- Discussed the possibilities of a new website.

Group Records – Kay K (kay.kuhn@pobox.com):

- No report

Newsletter “The Messenger”- Timothy F. (952-250-3671)

- Deadline is 10-14 days after District 7 meeting
- Timothy has templates for each month’s Newsletter ready for print for Q1
- Needs a new co-chair. Erica is stepping down.
- Can we do without minutes for newsletter? Perhaps have an abridged version.

Finance – Terry L:

- No report. Commented on RUS Conference instead. Please see new business.

Remote Communities – Kevin Mc:

- District purchased large print literature for 3 nursing homes – AA and the Older Alcoholic, Is AA for You, 44 Questions
- Is still planning to give AA Information talk to peer counselors at Vision Loss Resources

VI. Old Business:

- D7 web site was discussed. Cost and time commitment discussed. Jim will push the subject of having D7 information available and up to date on Area website.
- It was decided that up to \$300 would be contributed in support of the Trusted Servant Leadership School

VII. New Business:

- Mileage reimbursement for Area and District functions has been increased from \$.31/mi to \$.32/mi.
- Collette asked about how to answer a 12th Step call. Discussion involved reading “Working With Others” and asking a sponsor for direction.
- Terry Lindgren gave report on RUS Conference. Some highlights:
 - Leonard Blumenthal – Chairman of the General Service Board gave the keynote

address on Saturday night. Very powerful talk. Leonard is perhaps more forward with his comments about the state of AA than an AA member would be. He commented on the following:

- We are not growing as much as we could be.
- We are complacent in our 12th Step work.
- Questioned who exactly was doing our 12th Step work. Treatments Centers?
- Commented that we are too Anonymous.
- We need to reach out more to our employers.
- We need to let our doctors know that we are recovered alcoholics and let them know about AA.
- We need to let health care professionals know more about AA.
- We have over reacted to attraction rather than promotion. We are almost a “secret society.”

VIII. Sample GSR Report: Pam

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.