

District 7 General Service Meeting Minutes

Cross View Lutheran Church

6645 McCauley Trail

Edina, MN

April 14, 2008

I. Open - 6:30 pm

A. Serenity Prayer

B. Introductions: Tim, Madey, Ryan, Steve M, Scott A, Linda Mc, Karen M, Terry L, Christy, Joe, Pam, Anne, Kay, Mark, Jim, Mike, Terry A, Pam, Erica H, Michael S, Larry F, Andy S, Jim D, Tim, Kevin Mc, Joe S, Nancy, Kelly

C. Concept study: Michael S. presented Concept IV. Joe S. will present Concept V.

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

II. March 2008 Minutes were approved.

III. GSR Sharing and Questions: GSRs were asked to comment on their group conscience for agenda items.

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.
- AA ought to be self supporting. What would be in the finance kit if available?

Pam, 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.

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

- Answers phones at Intergroup and takes meetings to 1800 Detox.
- Fine with financial support coming from literature sales. Cost of goods sold should be taken into account for printing company.
- Finance kit approved.

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

- No comments on agenda items

Nancy, GSR; Rule 62 (Cav Club; Wed, 7:30PM; 12 x 12 Mtg) Judy F, Alt GSR:

- 44 Questions? Keep as is.
- Gray pages? Keep. Good information.
- Class B Chair? Keep as is.

Tim, GSR; Cavalier Grapevine Meeting:

- Keep gray pages as is.

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):

Sue, Wednesday Women's Serenity (5^{0th} and Beard; 5:30PM):

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

IV. Officer Reports:

Treasurer – Christy P. (612-309-2112):

- Contributions up over last month.

- Group contributions included on separate page. Please see below.
- Financial Statement for March (Separate attachment)
Secretary – Joe Salemi (612-239-2966):
- Thanks to all officers and committee chairs for written reports.
Alternate DCM – Timothy F. (952-250-3671):
- Nothing new.
Jim D., DCM, (952-944-6340):
- Welcomed Karen M. as CPC Chair.
- Delegates Workshop April 19 in Red Wing.
- New budget will be emailed to members of District 7. Will ask for approval next month.

V. Standing Committee Chairs and Intergroup Liaison Reports:

Intergroup Liaison – Madey :

- A group is needed to take responsibility for phones at Intergroup on the 4th Saturday of each month from 12:45-3:15.
- The Intergroup Workshop in June will be, in part, to celebrate Intergroup's 40th Anniversary.
- Gopher State is coming up on Memorial Day weekend.
- The April MIRUS is available.
- Four new board members will be needed later this year. Resumes and qualifications for anyone interested in standing are available at Intergroup.
- Please take "Help Carry the Message" forms to your groups. We need more people available for twelfth step work.

Grapevine – Mike K., (612-730-4305):

- Described the Grapevine
- Traditions came out of the Grapevine
- Grapevine digital archive is available on-line
- More subscriptions are needed

Literature – Anne B., (763-972-0960):

- New "Where and When's" are available
- D7 "Grow AA with our Literature" will be held April 26
- A glossary for the Service Manual was talked about at the Area 36 Assembly

Archives: Vacant

Corrections – Larry F (651-328-1737):

- The Hennepin County District Corrections committees, 7,18, 21, 24,25 met on March 14th at the Intergroup office to discuss ways of carrying the message to people who are being held in the jail in downtown Minneapolis. Mike Powers of District 18 were the go to person at this meeting. He brought a plan for groups to take meeting responsibilities to the jail. He gave us information packets and meeting times. I have these with me tonight, and will pass them out to the GSRs. We will meet again near the end of this month.
- Steven Moore has accepted the Alternate Correction Committee Chair position. He is very welcome. I will be meeting with him to get him up to speed on the progress we have made. We will be going to a few meetings in the next month to present the Corrections Contact and Correction Temporary Contact programs
- The Edina Police department has accepted a small literature rack in their lobby and for the time being I will watch the rack for literature replacement. There is also a contact

person and I sent the info to Kelly.

- I will be attending the Delegates Workshop on April 19th and help with the background material for the Corrections Committee

Treatment Facilities (TF) Ryan H. (763-229-6054):

- I set up appointments with three treatment facilities in our District in the past couple of weeks and met with two facilities last week and here are the highlights of the visits:
- Fairview Recovery Services, Edina: I met with Kathy Upkraft, the Lead Counselor and we were well received. I set them up for the Bridging The Gap program via the Temporary Contact Program and am in the process of arranging a presentation for their patients using the *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous Video*. She conferred with her managers for approval and is setting things up on her end and we are setting it up. They have a literature rack that gets updated and currently no AA meetings are being brought in their but an AA volunteer shares their story with some of the patients periodically.
- New Connections, Eden Prairie: I met with Barb Mahoney. This facility is very close to Wooddale Church and their patients go to FoxHall Ch. 7, Pox Christy and other outside AA meetings in the Mound Area. The Thunderbird AA group brings a meeting in the third Wednesday of the month. This facility has a lot of AA interaction. Barb was very open to the Bridging the Gap/ Temporary Contact Program so I set her up with that and she will introduce that to her patients who are all adolescents between 15 and 18. The literature rack does not get filled. Barb tells the patients to grab what they need from the FoxHall meeting. Her main concern was that her patients' parents are very apprehensive about sponsorship and trusting their children with sponsors. I went to the intergroup office and purchased some Sponsorship brochures and discussed them with Barb and she will have a round table discussion with the parents and introduce the brochures to the parents.
- I am seeking an Alternative Treatment Facilities Chair and Committee members and welcome any suggestions. Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Karen M. (: No report

Public Information (PI) Frank H. (612-419-7207):

- Frank continues to place literature at various facilities around the district.
- Took part in a Health Fair with Kay and Anne.
- Will describe "Sponsoring Your Professionals" literature packets at the D7 Workshop.

Web Committee – Michael S., (612-388-7063): No report.

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

- Currently updating group records
- District 21 is currently working with D7 group records to share ideas.

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

- March letter is out.
- D7 needs a new Newsletter chair. Please contact Jim D. or Timothy with questions. 2 years of sobriety is recommended.

Finance – Terry L., (612-296-0311):

