

# District 7 Committee Meeting

April 13' 2014

## Minutes

**Opening Meeting:** Meeting was opened by Carl at 3:03 p.m.

**Traditions:** Were read by John.

**Concepts:** Were read by Sarah.

**Secretary's Report:** John motioned to accept the secretary report as written. Motion was seconded by Tim. Motion passed.

**New District Officers and Committee Members:** N/A

**Treasurer's Report:** Michelle presented the treasurer's report. Pete made a motion to accept the treasurer report. Motion was seconded by Marty. Motion passed.

**New GSR's/Visitors Introduction:** Scott – GSR from Miracles on 63<sup>rd</sup>. Sally - GSR from St. Paul's.

**GSR Reports/Group Events:** CIIC will be having their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. A flyer will be distributed soon.

**District Committee Member Report:** Hello everyone. I hope this finds you well. I attended the area service weekend in March. At this time things are going well. There was a lot of discussion about the agenda items from the general service conference that our delegate gathered to take with her to New York. The area is also looking into the possibility of hosting the 2016 National Archives Workshop. I am the chair of the ad-hoc committee looking into the feasibility of having Des Moines host the conference and I can use the help of anyone who is able to help. At this time we are gathering information to see if the event could be self-supporting. The original motion was made by Marty, with an amended motion made by me. We need a recommendation which will be presented at the Spring Conference in Storm Lake in June. See me after the meeting if you would like to help. Here is a list of upcoming service events. \* June 20-22, 2014 Spring Conference (Area Assembly), Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA. In Service Carl.

**Alternate District Committee Member Report:** Absent/No Report

**Local Committee Member Report:** Greg reported that he did not attend any meetings in the out-lining areas of the District. He does has future road trips planned to Pella on the 18<sup>th</sup> and Grinnell in May. If you are interested in riding along, please contact Greg.

**Public Information Report:** Dave reported that their meeting was held. Presented to the committee what PI does. Shared that PI is looking into media hand-outs that can be shared in PI presentations.

**Cooperation with Professional Community Report:** Megan was absent from meeting but sent a report. Hi Everyone! I will be in Chicago this weekend for a baby shower and unable to attend District. This is my CPC Report:

- We finished our last presentation to parole officers on 3/26 at The Fort.
- We delivered 110 packets of information to the Iowa Association of Marriage and Family Therapists for their upcoming May conference
- We delivered literature to Catholic Charities staff
- We conducted two presentations with Al-Anon to the Iowa School of Social Work Master's Program: 4/7 and 4/9
- We provided AA literature to the Graceland Health Fair in Lamoni on 4/8
- We will be attending the Altoona Hy-Vee Health Fair on 4/26
- We have a tentative date for a presentation to the Brain Injury Alliance of 5/23
- We have e-mails out to the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Legal Aid for literature/presentations

### Other Issues

- I need to send a sub for the Spring Conference (Carrie W). My sponsorship line has our women's retreat that weekend and I have 4 sponsees under 1 year of sobriety attending. I think it's important that I attend the retreat to support them and their sobriety.
- I was approached by someone after the last District Meeting who was concerned about CPC working with Al-Anon and how we are unable to do so because we are "affiliating". I want to be transparent about what CPC is doing with Al-Anon. Some members of the Al-Anon Public Outreach Committee have come to our CPC meetings. I have been to Al-Anon's Public Outreach meetings. The Al-Anoners are not members of CPC. I am not a member of Al-Anon's Public Outreach. We go as representatives of our respective committees to coordinate efforts and potential contacts in the community. We have done

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presentations together. We make it clear that these are separate organizations with separate purposes; professionals may need both organizations to help their client(s). Both committees, especially Al-Anon, are highly-motivated and it would be near-sighted not cooperate with one another. Frankly, I'm looking for all the help I can get because AAers are not banging down the doors to be on the CPC committee. If anyone has concerns, I encourage them to read A.A. Guidelines: Relationship Between A.A. and Al-Anon, MG-8. With Much Gratitude, Megan FB

**Literature Report:** No Report

**Grapevine Report:** Elaine reviewed web page address. Stories are needed and submission dates were presented.

**Archives Report:** Marty was invited to speak/share at the Archive workshop in Cedar Falls Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. The workshop was pretty well attended despite the very nice weather. Marty gave a short description about what he learned at the National workshop last fall. Others shared histories and stories from their districts. Marty shared the value of interviewing "Long-timers" and that message seemed to be the one that caught the attention of most of the attendees. Marty had copies of oral history sent from GSO to share as well as other website information.

**Treatment Report:** Allan presented a flyer with a list of needs that Treatment and Correction committee have at this time.

**Corrections Report:** Susan spoke to specific concerns for Corrections. Spoke of being a responsible member of the Correction committee. Discussed the possibility of having a Corrections workshop for the members of AA.

**Web Report:** Shawn stated that up-dates had been done.

**Central Office Report:** Virginia read her report that was passed out at the meeting.

**Intergroup/District Liaison Report:** Open position – No report

**Fall Conference Ad-hoc Report:** Carrie brought conference flyers. Soon there will be opportunity to volunteer and get involved in the service of the Fall Conference.

#### Old Business:

- **District Liaison Position:** Information was shared with the committee as to what the position responsibilities were and what the committee was missing out by not having this position filled. Colin volunteered to take the position. The committee accepted his volunteer.

**New Business:** Elaine made a motion to move the May meeting from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> due to mother's day. This motion failed. May meeting will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m.

**Motion to Adjourn:**