

MINUTES
District 7 Committee Meeting
February 9, 2014

Open Meeting: 3:00 p.m. – DCM Carl opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer.

Traditions: Were read by Eric.

Concepts: Were read by Tiffany

Secretary's Report: Wanda presented the Secretary report for the committee to review prior to the beginning of the meeting. Matt made a motion to accept the Secretary report and Collin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New District Officers and committee members: None to report

New GSR's/Vistor's Introductions: Sarah H., GSR for Grand Journey Meeting –Sundays @ 1 p.m. located at Plymouth Congregation. Richie L., GSR for Men's Saturday Morning Basic Meeting.

GSR Reports/Group Events: Fox Hall 24th Anniversary – March 6th, Tuesday Night Steps & Traditions 16th Anniversary Meeting – March 18th, Saturday Night Southside Step Study 41st Anniversary Potluck – April 5th, and Three Legacies 16th Anniversary – April 7th. See flyers for details.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle presented the Treasurer report for the committee to review prior to the beginning of the meeting. Collin made a motion to accept the Treasurer report and Richie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

District Committee Member Report: Hello Everyone. I hope this finds you well. Things have been busy. I attended the AA service weekend in Marshalltown, the weekend of January 18. Good information was shared and the workshops were informative. I saw several of you there representing our district as committee members and GSRs. I will be attending the WCRAASC the weekend of March 1. It will provide an overview of items on the 2014 AA General Service Conference agenda and will be an opportunity to meet our regional trustee as well as others active in service in our region. Here is a list of upcoming service events:

- February 28 – March 2, 2014: West Central Regional AA Service Conference, St. Louis Park, MN.
- March 22-23, 2014: Area 24 General Service Weekend, Best Western Regency, Marshalltown, IA.
- June 20-22, 2014: Spring Conference (Area Assembly), Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA.

Alternate District Committee Member Report: Cory stated there was nothing to report.

Local Committee Member Report: Greg stated there was nothing to report.

Public Information Report: Dave was absent.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Report: Megan presented that the committee had meet today (February 9, 2014). They have up-coming meetings set up with the Residential Correction Officers men/women to share what AA has to offer. In April there is a Health Fair, Iowa School of Social Workers, & Arbor Day opportunities to present the message of AA. In May there is Iowa Association of Marriage, 5th District of Probation Officers, Bar Association, and Individuals who work with Brain Injuries that will receive presentations.

Literature Report: John reported that \$89.90 in literature was sold at the Intergroup Banquet.

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Grapevine Report: Elaine reported for subscriptions, gift ideas and other items please visit aagrapevine.org. Grapevine will celebrate 70 years this year. Topics and deadlines for up-coming Grapevine submissions are: Hispanic in Sobriety – March 10th, Sober Later In Life – April 10th.

Archives Report: Marty reported that at the Spring Conference in Buena Vista the Archive Committee will be exploring the idea of bringing a workshop to the Des Moines area in 2016.

Treatment Report: Allan reported that there are still positions open to chair treatment meetings at HOM and Everest. There has been a request from Bridges of Iowa to bring in a Friday morning 9:00 a.m. meeting. We will be exploring this as a committee. If interested in being a part of treatment/corrections please attend our monthly meeting the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. located at the Whitehouse.

Correction Report: Hello my name is Susan and I am an alcoholic and the chair of the Corrections committee. Our committee met on January 15th. There is potentially a new position to be filled at the Bridges of Iowa. This will be a women's meeting held in the west wing of the Polk County Jail. The meeting will be held on Friday mornings at either 9:00 or 9:30 a.m. If you know someone who would be interested in being the facility rep, please have them attend our next Corrections meeting. For the most part, we are filling our commitments at our institutions but there are some meetings which still need support. For women, the Polk County Jail and the IA correctional Institution needs women. You need to be off paper for 5 years to volunteer. There are applications to fill out online and you'll have to go through an orientation. For men, we also need help Friday nights at the Newton Correction Facility from 7:30-8:30 p.m. You need to be off paper for 3 ½ years and also fill out an application and go through an orientation. I'd be happy to provide more information to anyone or even better attend our Corrections meeting. Our next meeting will be held, Wednesday, February 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the White House. This is an awesome way to get to hear more about the facilities and talk directly with the rep for each facility. This month Corrections and Treatment will split for our monthly meeting and focus specifically on each segment. Please help us spread the word about Corrections and what a great way it is to be of service to those who are still sick and suffering. In Love and Service, Susan V.

Web Report: Shawn reported that he updated the mail page of the website and the meeting schedule format. Please see website for updates.

Central Office Report: Virginia provided a written report that she read at the meeting. A copy of it is archived if interested in seeing it.

Intergroup/District Liaison Report: Position is open at this time. There was no report provided.

Old Business:

- **Budgets:** Michelle reported that she had not received formal submission of budgets from most individuals on the committee and was unable to develop a budget as a result. All committee members were given directions as to what needed to be on their budgets and that they needed to be in writing. If there are further questions, please get with Michelle for assistance. Reviewing the budget was tabled till March 9 2014 meeting.
- **Intergroup/District Liaison:** No Volunteer to accept position. Tabled till March.

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New Business:

- **Budget:** Michelle made a motion: Motion to increase the monthly rent for the District 7 meeting to \$50 a month. The motion was seconded by Matt G. A vote was tallied and the motion passed.
- **Web Ad-hoc Committee:** Eric presented the following three motions.
 - 1) Motion that we include a link to the conference approved Ala-non Brochure that mirrors exactly the link on the GSO website. Eric provided additional information about what the GSO link was to clarify any confusion that committee members had. Some members looked it up via their internet devices available. Motion was seconded by Collin. Motion was passed.
 - 2) Motion that we include only events per the written guidelines and in Area 24. There was second by Michelle. Motion was passed.
 - 3) Motion that the web chair post and archive of the District 7 meeting minutes and treasurers report on the site on a quarterly basis. A friendly amendment was added that the minutes and treasurers report would be filtered to remove names for anonymity and then posted and archived. There was a second made by Collin. The committee had a discussion on how much should be put out on the website. After clarification and discussion there was a show of hands vote done: 16 approved, 10 disapproved, and 2 abstained. Motion passed.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Collin and seconded by Eric. Adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2014 @ 3:00 p.m. @ White House.