

5/18/23 District 7 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:05. We opened with the Serenity Prayer & introductions were made.

Read Concept 5 & Long Form of Tradition 5.

Treasurers Report: Dennis stated that the mistake in February-March's Treasurers Report, was fixed, and he adjusted the numbers in March-April's Report that the mistake had affected. Dennis then read April-May's report. Motion to approve Treasurers Report-Jess, 2nd-Denise.

Secretaries Report: read by Jess. Motion to approve-Mike, 2nd-Vickie

**Area 35 Webmaster, Kyle, was present to explain & breakdown what the transition into Microsoft Office 365 looks like for different members in service positions. Answered questions about how we can be more efficient with our website & technology, in general. Denise is going to connect with Kyle about getting the Crow Wing Co Fair sign up sheet on to the website in autofill/calendar form.

GSR Reports: (long versions on file)

Mike-Garrison, Monday Night

Chris-Our Common Welfare, Brainerd

Tim-Thursday, Wright, There Is A Solution **discontinued potluck speaker meeting**

Rachel-Womens Work, Nisswa

Jess-New Hope Group, Up Front Alano

Ken-Isle, Sat am/Wed pm

Wayne-Life Begins Here, Lakes Area Alano

Rick-Serenity In The Pines

Vickie-Brown Baggers **has Group Inventory in the works, attendance at group conscious meetings is improving**

Committee Reports:

Tim-Corrections; Appreciation Dinner @ Sandstone Prison is coming up, June 1st. Rush City is now open for meetings/visitors. Crow Wing Co. & Aitkin Co. Jails are still both open. There is an Area 35/Area 36 Zoom Corrections Meeting held the 1st Wednesday of every month, at 6:00 pm if anyone is interested in more information on how to be of service or learn about what the committee is doing.

Vickie-Treatment; received an email from Area 35 Treatment chair, Ricco, forwarding information on from Four Winds Treatment Center. They are looking to connect with AA & have meetings brought in, at the very least. Vickie has connected with Four Winds & has a meeting in the works to see where our district can help. Vickie also asked about Bridging the Gap information, Bob is going to forward that information to her.

Old Business:

CWC Fair Sign up sheet on website; Denise to do w/Kyle

Crisis Line Phone #; Group revisited the conversation about adding the Crisis Line phone # to the District schedules. Not everyone remembered to get back to their groups with this topic; of the 3 groups who DID remember to bring this back to their groups, all groups voted "NO" on adding the phone number to the schedules (Chris, Our Common Welfare/Rick, Serenity In The Pines/Ken, Isle Groups). The remaining GSRs will get a vote from their groups before June's meeting and the group will revisit this topic.

QR Codes; Group had asked Kyle about this as well & learned that it's a fairly simple concept. The group revisited this topic during old business, and discussed further the option of adding a QR code to the district schedules that lead to our district website. Denise is going to connect with the printing company to see if they can help generate one, or if we need to do that ourselves. We hope to have this ironed out by the next printing of schedules.

Billboards; Ken go back to the group with some different company quotes. \$1300/month was the most expensive & \$850/month was the most inexpensive. Further discussion on this in the group led to the belief that districts who are able to finance this type of expense, are probably much larger districts who are generating much larger financial contributions. Hopefully we can revisit this someday in the future. It was mentioned that in the meantime, there are other ways we can be reaching people, such as workshops, professional luncheons, etc.

District 21 Picnic; Jess going to connect with their DCM & see if they have a date set yet & make sure they have our picnic flyer

District 7/District 18 Big Book Study; Wayne has been working with Richard from District 18. They have a venue booked, Fort Ripley Town Hall, at the cost of \$50/day (\$150 total). First available date was January 5th, 6th & 7th so that is the plan. After research into hotel & venue, estimated cost before 'gas' & 'food' to be around \$450-\$500. Rachel said she can get him a cheaper rate so she & Wayne will connect on that. Wayne also said we'd have a potluck to keep the 'food' expenses down. Wayne just needed approval from the group to continue moving forward. Denise made a motion to go forward working with District 18 on hosting the Big Book Study in January. Tim 2nd. All were in favor.

New Business:

meeting extended @ 8:30

Ken visited 2 groups & handed out flyers with GSO, GSB & district contributions information & encouraged service work. Ken also states that his group is concerned about the districts prudent reserve. Discussion on why the districts prudent reserve is at where its at right now. Bob broke down some of the spending/lack of places to spend. There was a suggestion to up the prudent reserve at election time.

Vickie stated she thinks it a good idea to skip reports next time we have a guest to our meeting. Chris motioned to adjourn meeting @ 8:50 pm. Mike-2nd. All in Favor.

Closed w/Responsibility Statement.

