

DISTRICT 7 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 11, 2024

Please see <https://lakecountyaa.com/reports.html> for all reports noted below:

One new GSR was present and two visitors.

Concept IV was read and discussed at 6:30 pm by all present.

https://lakecountyaa.com/uploads/3/4/4/1/34415702/p-8_12_concepts.pdf

A quorum was in attendance, 24 in attendance and 3 on zoom. The GSR meeting was opened at 6:45 pm with the Serenity Prayer by the group.

DISTRICT OFFICERS REPORTS

DCM 7A: Dave M - Our Area 14 Delegate led a workshop at the April Area 14 Assembly at Mission Inn last weekend to get a voting sense of assembly participants in preparation for her voting at the upcoming Annual General Service Conference in New York. Thank you to all who attended the Assembly, we had a large group of voting members representing District 7. By attending, our voting members have an opportunity to weigh in on the issues of the day.

District 7 is participating in a Post-Conference Workshop on June 8, 2024. Our Area 14 Delegate (or Alt Delegate) will share information on agenda items discussed during the Annual General Service Conference. The workshop will be held at the Lost and Found Club at: 616 S. Pine Avenue, Ocala. A flyer will be accessible from the District 7 website. The cost for our district is expected to be modest based on the 3/17 Pre-Conference event. Any program participant can attend the Post-Conference Workshop (including program members who are not GSRs or in other elected positions). Often meeting attendees have served years ago and might have an interest in hearing about current issues.

I continue to participate with many districts around Orlando planning a Service Fair to be held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3377 Aloma Avenue, Winter Park on October 19, 2024. Fliers about the Service Fair were distributed at the Area 14 Assembly. Any members of District 7 are welcome to participate and attend. Two of our District 7 members have agreed to participate regarding their service areas. Volunteers are being sought for other topics and for general setup and cleanup. In addition to the Service Fair, food and other activities are planned. The flyer includes information on how you can volunteer. I am not sure what financial support District 7 might be requested to provide. When that firms, I will come back for approval.

ALT DCM 7A: Lawrence J - will give a report under Events section of the agenda.

DCM 7B: Bob W - will speak with our Area 14 Delegate Mary and Area 14 Alternate Delegate Lori about the Sunday Business Meeting at the Area 14 Assembly last weekend. General feedback will be that more information on financial costs and detailed logistics for handling Virtual Attendance and Voting during future business meetings could have been provided beforehand to reduce debate time. Also there was difficulty hearing and seeing in the back of the large room. Next, the General Service Office is still operating at a deficit and is short of needed Prudential Reserves. All AA members should consider giving more than \$1 donation at meetings if possible and also consider donating \$1 for each year of sobriety on their anniversary date (can send to GSO using special AA Birthday Plan envelopes or give directly online at <https://www.aa.org/aa-contributions-self-support>)

ALT DCM 7B: Donna S - nothing additional to report at this time.

SECRETARY: Donna C (alternate Laurie Ann J for this meeting) - minutes from our March meeting were posted to the District website. Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes.

TREASURER: Bill C - presented financial reports for March which is also posted on the District website. Currently over prudent reserve but expecting future expenses related to quarterly attendance at Area 14 Assembly and District sponsored events (Workshop and Gratitude Dinner). District Officers can submit for reimbursement for travel and lodging, however GSRs should discuss reimbursements with their individual groups. Lastly, please encourage all groups to open a group checking account rather than using personal checks. Motion made and seconded to approve all Financial reports.

REGISTRAR: Stacy S - new Treasurer was voted in at Area 14 Assembly. As a reminder, DO NOT use the Jacksonville, FL address for Area 14 contributions. The new address is NFAC PO Box 840066 St. Augustine, FL 32080. Also see the flyer on the District website for the upcoming 67th Florida State Convention.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

ACCESSIBILITIES: Randie P - brought Accessibility pamphlets for everyone to take back to their groups. Interest in "MEETING IN A BOX" is increasing and thank you to Central Office for helping to support it. Attended the Accessibility workshop at the Area 14 Assembly which shared a lot of great information. Volunteer driver list is also being adopted by District 13. *Email: accessibilities@lakecountyaa.com*

ARCHIVES: Scott M - the Archive workshop at the Area 14 Assembly was led by Stacy S. We brought in a lot of display items and shared great information on options for documenting group history and preserving items. Great discussion with participants and also gathered input from them on what to display at the Florida State Convention. Thanks to those that volunteered to assist, it was a great workshop. Currently have 9 events scheduled before year end to share archive displays, email me if you would like to have archive displays at your next event. *Email: archives@lakecountyaa.com*

CORRECTIONS: Patti D - not present. See District 7 website report page for volunteer openings and Pink Can Financial Report. *Email: correctionschair@lakecountyaa.com*

CPC/PI (Cooperation with Professional Community and Public Information): Open

DISTRICT/CENTRAL OFFICE LIASON: Tausha L - not present. *Email: district-co-liaison@lakecountyaa.com*

GRAPEVINE: Richard B - set up and reviewed a table full of items and information to share with the group. Reminded everyone the Grapevine Representative is an important group position and we should encourage our groups to fill the position. Grapevine is funded by subscription so please encourage your group members to subscribe. Also please remember to bring in old copies to hand out to newcomers or donate to corrections. *Email: grapevine@lakecountyaa.com*

LITERATURE: Open

TECHNOLOGY: Donna S - welcomed 3 attendees who joined our meeting via Zoom.

TREATMENT: Jim S / Ronnie D - not present. *Email: treatment@lakecountyaa.com*

WEB SERVANT: Ron O - analytics report shows 139 unique visits and 192 page views last month for District website. Events Flyers, Meeting Minutes, Financial Reports, Corrections Reports and other areas all updated. Box 459 added and Financial Summary area added. All Committee Chairs - please review your pages and let me know of any updates needed. *Email: webmaster@lakecountyaa.com*

SPECIAL COMMITTEES - EVENTS:

- GSR Ellen:** The "Spiritual Life is not a Theory" Workshop is being sponsored by District 7 and will take place Saturday June 22, 2024 from Noon - 5:00 pm in Tavares. Food will be included and there will be no cost to participants. Flyer will be coming shortly to post on District website. Bob W noted for future workshops, the District should focus on Service (Traditions and Concepts) and Central Office should focus on Recovery (The Steps).
- ALT DCM 7A Lawrence J:** - The "Remember November Gratitude Dinner" will be held at the Wildwood Community Center on Sunday November 3, 2024. I met with TooJay's and got two estimates: 1. Repeat last year's menu at significantly increased price or 2. Change the menu to pasta (meat lasagna, garlic chicken pasta or a veggie pasta option) with salad and garlic bread at a savings of approximately \$950. This would allow us to get ticket price under \$30 and perhaps increase attendance. Motion made and approved to go with new menu which includes 4 servers. No motion for budget needed, already

approved previously. It was noted that online ticketing had a service fee of 6% which few opted to pay voluntarily, more discussion is needed on using this option again this year.

3. **Central Office Chairman Rhonda H** - The AA Lake Sumter Central Office Unity Picnic will be held Saturday 5/4 10am-3pm, cost is \$7 at the door and please bring your own chairs. Working on getting sound system but everything else is in place, flyer coming out shortly and will be forwarded to add to the District 7 website also.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Bob W would like to have packets available at the District Meetings for GSRs which include the District 7 Committee Descriptions and the GSO AA Guidelines for each committee. Agreed to purchase new AA Guidelines from GSO website. The District 7 Committee Descriptions are available for printing at https://lakecountyaa.com/uploads/3/4/4/1/34415702/committe_descriptions_2022.pdf