

Back 2 Basics

Area Service Committee

November 20, 2004

Albert Lea, MN

- ☐ Opened meeting with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- ☐ Round of introductions.
- ☐ The Twelve Concepts were read.

~GSR REPORTS~

☐ **Acceptance Leads to Trust**

Saturday 12:00 noon

1515 N. Garden Street, Christ the King Church, New Ulm, MN Use office door entrance, to the right of the main door.

Contact: Sheila 507-382-6933

Meeting Size: 5-7, meeting is not stable but is improving, needs support.

Meeting has occasional newcomers and they do return.

No concerns at this time.

Involved in H&I, Outreach, Activities and providing rides to meetings.

Meeting list information is correct.

Donation of \$20.00

☐ **Saturday Night Windom NA**

Saturday 7:00 PM

444 9th St., Fire Hall (upstairs), Windom

Contact: Tammy S. 507-831-5157

Meeting Size: 10-15, meeting is stable.

Meeting does have newcomers and they do return.

No concerns at this time.

Involved in H&I, P.I., Newsletter and Policy

Meeting list information is correct.

No donation at this time.

☐ **Friday Nite Hope Fiends**

Friday 8:00 PM

Augustanna Lutheran Church (education wing, front door) Armstrong Blvd., St. James, MN

Contact: Terry S. 507-351-1151

Meeting Size: 7-10, meeting is stable.

Meeting has occasional newcomers and they do return.

Involved in H&I, activities and providing rides to meetings.

No concerns at this time.

Meeting list information is correct.

No donation at this time.

☐ **Seventh Day Junkies**

Sunday 8:00 PM

700 S. Riverfront Drive, Mankato, MN Salvation Army.

Contact: Brad M. 507-469-9445

Meeting size: 15-25. Meeting is stable.

Meeting does have newcomers and they do return.

No concerns at this time.

Involved in H&I, P.I., Activities, Outreach, Literature

Review and providing rides to meetings.

Meeting list information is correct.

Donation of \$25.00

☐ **From Hopeless to Dopeless**

Sunday 7:00 PM

1131 N. North Street, Fairmont, MN Big brick building.

Contact: Terry S. 507-351-1151

Meeting size 10-15, meeting is stable.

Meeting does have newcomers and they do return.

No concerns at this time.

Involved in H&I, activities and providing rides to meetings.

Upcoming events: Holiday Rocks after December Area. Food, games, dance, speakers.

Meeting list information is not correct. Contact has changed. See Above.

No donation at this time.

☐ **Hope Works**

Wednesday 8:00 PM

1429 3rd Ave, Mankato, MN

Contact: Vince 507-387-2690

Meeting size: 10, this is a new meeting.

Meeting does have newcomers and they do return.

No concerns at this time.

Involved in H&I and providing rides to meetings.

Meeting list information is not correct. This is a new meeting and is not yet listed on the meeting list.

No donation at this time.

☐ **Crossroads NA**

Thursday 7:30 PM

221 Dillon Ave., Mankato, MN

Contact: Jordy L. 507-382-8380

Meeting size: 20-30, meeting is stable.

Meeting does have newcomers and they do return.

No concerns at this time.

Involved in P.I., activities and providing rides to meetings.

Meeting list information is not correct. Format has changed and the meeting will now start at 7:30 PM.

Also, it appears that there is a new contact???

Donation of \$40.00.

☐ **Get it Here**

Saturday 7:00 PM

Corner of Sunrise Dr. & Traverse Rd. First Lutheran Church, Basement, east entrance, St. Peter, MN.

Contact: Darcy 507-420-5671

Meeting size: 7-15, meeting is not stable, but improving. Needs support.

Meeting does have newcomers and they occasionally return.

This meeting could use some support.

Involved in H&I, Activities and providing rides to meetings.

Meeting list information is correct.

No donation at this time.

☐ **Friday Night Freedom Seekers**

Friday 7:00 PM

1909 St. Paul Road, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Owatonna, MN.

Contact: Colleen 507-456-8039

Meeting size: 20-30, meeting is stable.

Meeting does have newcomers and they do return.

No concerns at this time.

Involved in Activities, providing rides to meetings and Outreach.

Meeting list information is not correct. New contact person. See above.

Donation of \$250.00.

☐ **Steps Into Recovery**

Wednesday 8:00 PM

Corner of Cedar and Mill, St. Paul Church, Owatonna, MN.

Contact: Dan 507-363-2609

Meeting size: 40-50, meeting is stable.

Meeting does have newcomers and they do return.

No concerns at this time.

Involved in H&I and providing rides to meetings.

Upcoming events: Will be hosting area in March, followed by a learning day. Flyers will be out soon.

Meeting list information is correct.

Donation of \$200.00.

☐ **Cleveland Rocks**

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Church of Christ, Main St. in Cleveland.

Contact: Mark 507-317-5432

Meeting size 3+, meeting is not stable, but improving.

Meeting has occasional newcomers and they don't usually return.

No concerns at this time.

Involved in providing rides to meetings. Outreach and Literature Review.

Meeting list information is correct.

No donation at this time.

☐ **When at the End of the Road NA**

Tuesday 7:00 PM

First Lutheran Church, West Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN.

Contact: Jeff K. 507-383-6261

Meeting size 15-25, meeting is stable.

Meeting has newcomers and they do return.

No concerns at this time.

Involved in Activities, providing rides to meetings and Outreach.

Upcoming events: Will be having a New Year's Eve Party at The Geneva Community Center, December 31st, 2004. 5:00 PM = Potluck, 7:00 PM = Meeting, 9:00 PM = Dance.

Meeting list information is not correct, contact person has changed, see above.

No donation at this time.

□ **Flicker of Hope**

Friday 10:00 PM

1005 Ulstead, Albert Lea

Contact: Teresa 507-373-1073

Meeting Size: 10-15, meeting is stable.

Meeting does have occasional newcomers and they do return.

No concerns at this time.

Involved in providing rides and activities.

Upcoming events: New Year's Eve Party in Geneva.

Meeting list information is not correct. There is a new contact person. See above.

No donation at this time.

□ **New Beginnings NA**

Thursday 7:30 PM

1005 Ulstead Ave, Albert Lea, MN

Contact: Bobby M. 507-377-8372

Meeting size: 35-70, meeting is stable.

Meeting has newcomers and they do return.

No concerns at this time.

Involved in activities and providing rides to meetings.

Also, treatment centers and group homes attend this meeting.

Upcoming events: New Years Eve Party, December 31st at the Geneva Community Center.

Meeting list information is not correct. The contact person has changed. See above.

No donation at this time.

□ **Dopeless Hope Fiends**

Monday 8:00 PM

Corner of Sunrise and Traverse Road, First Lutheran Church, basement, east entrance. St. Peter, MN

Contact: Mark K. 507-386-0354.

Meeting size: 20-25, meeting is stable.

Meeting does have newcomers and they do return.

No concerns at this time.

Involved in providing rides to meetings, Outreach and

literature review.

Meeting list information is not correct. Contact has changed. See above.

No donation at this time.

☐ **Free & Clean**

Saturday 7:30 PM

1005 Ulstead Ave. upstairs, Albert Lea, MN

Contact: Steven S. 507-373-2936

Meeting size: 20-35, meeting is stable.

Meeting does have newcomers and they do return.

No concerns at this time.

Involved in activities, providing rides to meetings and Outreach.

Upcoming events: New Year's Eve Party, December 31st, 2004.

Meeting list information is not correct. The meeting time is 7:30 not 7:00.

No donation at this time.

☐ **We Offer Hope**

Monday 12:00 Noon

Public Library, 13 1st Ave. NW, Dodge Center, MN

Contact: Jim C. 507-633-2006

Meeting size: 7-10, meeting does not have newcomers.

Concerned about AA literature being read at NA meeting.

Meeting list information is correct.

No donation at this time.

~OFFICER REPORTS~

☐ **CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

Dear ASC,

Thank you to Albert Lea for hosting Area and the events to follow. Area will be held in Fairmont next month on December 18th at 2:00 PM.

I have made a large purchase from the USMO totaling \$411.00, using the money in our rebate account. We still have \$100.94 of our rebate. We have the option of using this money by December or donating the remaining balance to the USMO. We can discuss this during new business or open forum. We as an area body need to figure out something.

Also, I will be unable to attend area next month due to a family thingy, but I will be in Fairmont later on. Would someone please do

this for me? Anyone?

In January this chairperson position will be up, please bring this back to your groups

In loving service,

Jessica E.

□ SECRETARY REPORT

Dear ASC,

I have just a couple of reminders...

Please give me your reports if you want them in the minutes. You can hand them to me or e-mail them to me.

If you "borrow" a pen please return it.

I am trying to gather information, I sent around a spreadsheet asking people to write down the GSR's and their e-mails or addresses. I want to make sure all the groups are getting a copy of the minutes.

In loving service,

Kris

□ TREASURER REPORT

Area:

I received the policy and made notes on potential adjustments. Need to review further and convene with those who volunteered to help update the policy. Of course any suggested changes would be brought before the B2BASC for approval.

Beginning Balance 3719.88

Income +132.77

Expenses - 432.55

Ending Balance 3420.10

Prudent Reserve - 500.00

Available funds 2920.10

Itemization of records kept in treasury book for those wishing to audit.

In Loving Service,

Frank

□ RCM REPORT

Darcy did not have a lot to report because region is in between meetings.

~COMMITTEE REPORTS~

□ ACTIVITIES REPORT

Not present. No report.

□ PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT

Dear ASC,

I'm sorry I am not able to make it today. We had our first subcommittee meeting after area last month, 5 people were in attendance. Our next subcommittee meeting will be December 4th at 4:00 PM in Windom at the Happy Chef. I'm hoping to see everyone there. There should be flyers. I hope everyone has a happy Thanksgiving and we'll see you in December in Fairmont. Thanks.

In Loving Service,

Tammy

P.S. I would like to make a motion that PJ be nominated for Policy Chair.

□ H & I REPORT

Dear ASC,

H&I is alive and well. The subcommittee met October 31st, 2004 and eight people were in attendance. At this meeting, we outlined the format for the H&I Learning Day, for the upcoming January Area. Informational packet are being assembled for Panel Coordinators to better inform them on H&I, meeting formats, and suggested guidelines for speakers in H&I Facilities. Rynne has put together flyers for the H&I Learning Day and Area for December and they can be picked up today from Tammy.

The H&I subcommittee met again today at 1:00pm. This month we are requesting to put in a literature order for the price of \$542.80. This is \$342.00 over our allotted monthly budget. We would like to request that 100.94 of the order be extracted from our Area's rebate which as of 1pm today is available. Terry the coordinator for the Waseca Prison reports numerous attempts to contact the prison regarding H&I participation has been

carried out and they have failed to respond to these initiatives. Terry will continue to attempt at contacting them this upcoming month. Logan the panel coordinator reports they have had one speaking engagement in Winnebago; they are currently waiting to hear from them regarding upcoming events and will contact them this month.

Woodstock continues to have turnouts at H&I meeting and residents in Woodstock have made their way into outside meetings. The Woodstock Facility reports they are pleased with the services being provided and the response from their residents.

The Blue Earth County Jail is Doing Awesomely. They currently have three meetings a month and are in need of women to go in and speak. There have not been meetings for women over the past two months due to a lack of women speakers. The guidelines to speak include 2 yrs clean, 1 yr off paper and at least 20 years of age and 2 yrs clean Albert Lea jail.

This month Ed will contact the St. Peter Treatment Center to set up a time for H&I to provide services. The Blue earth County Jail is "doing awesomely" as reported by Darcy. They currently have three meetings a month and are in need of women to go in and speak. There have not been meetings for women over the past two months due to a lack of women speakers. Guidelines to participate for this service commitment include 2 yrs clean 1 yr off paper and at least 20 years of age. 2 yrs clean Albert Lea jail.

The H&I Subcommittee Highly suggests and urges all those who participate on a panel or an H&I meeting verbally that they have attended that facility once before and listened and observed how the services are provided so we can reduce a blurred NA message. H&I also urges ALL panel coordinators to have monthly meetings for all those participating in H&I services to

coordinate their panels/meetings and ensure a clear message of NA is being carried. The next H&I subcommittee meeting will be December 5th 2004 at 6pm the next meeting after this one will be an hour prior to the next area. The H&I committee urges all interested and panel coordinators to attend. In Loving Service,
Amy N.

□ POLICY REPORT

Back 2 Basic Area Policy Sub-Committee
November 2004

Greetings friends,

We met today although briefly and informally. Well I am not sure what we were suppose to do this month as at the last area it was motioned that the changes/updates/corrections to the policy will come through the groups. In February we will begin to compile the material and eventually present a motion to adopt the changes. So that's where we are.

I suggest that the committee meet at 12 noon in Fairmont prior to the Area meeting. Today you will elect a new Policy chair. We do have a person to nominate for the position of Policy Chair. PJ was unanimously approved to be the Policy committee's nomination for your next Policy chair and would recommend that the area elect him to that position.

As I complete my term as the Back 2 Basic Area Policy Chair I want to say that it has been fun as usual. I really like this work. I really like service. It has been an integral part of my recovery and I think it has been the biggest reason I am still clean. I think the addicts that get involved in policy are a unique bunch of individuals. I personally think it is valuable to have guidelines to pass down as new people present themselves for service. I am an avid believer in the process of being of service on different levels. I also

believe that our area speaks to the idea of the "Basics" and I see service as one of the Basics. It has been an honor to serve in this position and at this area. Thank You and PEACE!

JJ

□ NEWSLETTER REPORT

Not present. Report sent and read. No written report to add to the minutes.

□ OUTREACH REPORT

Well, I was here and now I'm not. I drove an hour and a half to get some love.

This is what is going on, I'll be calling every meeting on the meeting list within the next week or so to see what groups are doing H&I. Just to get a better idea of who is doing what in the area.

I had a chance to attend a 12:00 Saturday noon meeting in Mankato. The meeting was warm and welcoming. Attendance was small, but well represented. I also attended the St. James Friday night 8:00 meeting. Great meeting, wonderful format and great discussion.

I will be attending an out of "my area" meeting each week for the next two months. I will be e-mailing the fellow addicts who signed up last month and will be looking forward to expanding the reach of outreach. Thank you.

In loving service, Big Love Man, Big Love, Ed

□ SMARB REPORT

Balance \$1330.00 in account as of 11/20/04. Date for next years SMARB June 10-12, 2005. The price for the weekend went up by \$200.00 from last year. So, in 2005 the cost for the weekend will be \$1000.00

Committee meets monthly. Next Sunday November 28th at Hedi's. We are going to be ordering merchandise.

Merchandise will be available by New Years.

Colleen

□ MNNAC REPORT

MNNAC XII Report to the Area

November 2004

Well Hello,

So there was obviously much confusion regarding the date of the first MNNAC XIII committee meeting. My email must have been confusing as I was confused. With all the excitement a convention can generate I guess I confused you as well. Only 2 people showed up on Sunday. We did discuss the direction we need to go in. I am certain that we can put on a convention with a few people but it would be intense. So the commitment to serve on the MNNAC XII committee is a time consuming one, please be sure you are up to the task. We looked at sample guidelines and will adopt them at our next meeting. We looked at the following sub-committees and administrative committee positions:

vice chair, secretary, treasurer, additional needs, arts & graphics, convention information, entertainment and fundraising, hotels and hospitality, merchandise, program, principal defenders and registration.

Today I met with the MNNAC board chair and the hotel representative from the Holiday Inn. We did not complete our negotiations. I am happy to report that the board has supported our desire to be the biggest and best MNNAC ever. They gave conditional approval to make use of the Midwest Wireless Center allowing us to plan for 1000 attendees to the Saturday night function. Can we achieve this? Hmmm!

Yea we can.

We will be meeting every month from now and up to the convention. We are asking per a motion for \$500 in start up funds for MNNAC XII This intends to be returned to the

Area.

Anyway there are only 503 days left till MNNAC XIII. The next meeting is 15 days away on Sunday, December 5th.

JJ

~OLD BUSINESS~

☐ Policy Chair was open.

PJ was nominated and he accepted.

Voted on and PJ is our new Policy Chair!

Thanks PJ!!

Big thanks to JJ for all you work last year!!

☐ RCM (A) was open.

Jordy was nominated and he accepted.

Voted on and Jordy is the new RCM (A).

Thanks Jordy!!

~NEW BUSINESS/MOTIONS~

Chairperson position will be open in January.

Take back to groups and announce this.

☐ **Motion #1**

To give the MNNAC Chair (JJ) \$500.00 to start a bank account for MNNAC XIII.

This was voted on and passed.

☐ **Motion #2**

To donate \$500.00 to the Region.

This was voted on and passed.

☐ **Motion #3**

To use \$100.94 of rebate towards H&I literature purchase and an additional \$241.86 so we can put in a total literature order of \$542.80 for H&I.

This was voted on and passed.

~OPEN FORUM~

The H&I Chair has built a web site for B2B and was wondering who was going to keep the web site updated.

It was discussed and brought up that, in a past area meeting, it was the secretary's job to maintain the site. So, the secretary will be happy to do this. :o)

The H&I Chair also wondered how this site

would be paid for?? Is it PI? The cost is \$50.00 a year for an ad free site.

Our RCM brought up that at the next regional meeting, that there may be a vote on some groups that want to form their own area. There has been controversy on this issue in the past. He was wondering how he should vote on this issue.

It was discussed and the B2B area thought it would be best if he made a motion to table this at region so it can be investigated further.

Another member was concerned about some "sick" meetings in her area. She said that there seems to be an influx of newcomers and not enough "strong" recovery. She stated that there was some inappropriate behaviors going on (13th step) and that some of the female newcomers were very uncomfortable. She wondered if a woman's NA group could be formed.

This was discussed. Some pros and cons were brought up.

Mankato please provide flyers for hosting area in February at the next area meeting in Fairmont.

In **December** Area will be held in **Fairmont**.

In **January** Area will be held in **New Ulm**.

In **February** Area will be held in **Mankato**.

In **March** Area will be held in **Owatonna**.

In **April** Area will be held in **Windom**.

In **May** Area will be held in **St. James**.

In **June** Area will be held in **Cleveland**.

In **July** Area will be held in **Albert Lea**.

Please have flyers at area 2 months in advance.

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

Newsletter Meeting

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P.I. Meeting

When: December 4th

Time: 2:00 PM

Where: Happy Chef in Windom

Come and get involved!

Plan on about 2 hours, or stay for the NA meeting @ 7pm.

MNNAC XIII Committee wants YOU!

There will only 488 days until

April 7, 2006 when...

The MNNAC XIII Committee

Will meet officially for the second time.

When:

Sunday, December 5th, 2004

At 1:00 pm

Where:

Holiday Inn, Mankato

Why:

The Back 2 Basic Area of NA is hosting Minnesota's biggest NA event coming to Mankato in April 2006.

B2BASC Meeting December 18th will be held in...

Fairmont, MN

1131 N. North (big brick building)

Fairmont, MN

2:00 PM

Followed by...

Holiday Rocks

☐ **Food Speaker**

☐ **Games Raffle Dance**

☐ **Clean Time Countdown**

4:00 pm

Until

Whenever...

Back 2 Basics Area H&I

Learning Day

January 15th

1324 5th St. North

New Ulm, MN

Upper Parking Lot

Auditorium 1&2

@ 2:00 PM

Area Business 4pm

Pot Luck 5pm

Speaker 7pm

Roller Skating 8:30 - 11pm

Roller Skating at

Izzy-Dorry's Roller Dome

509 20th North St.

New Ulm

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