

B2B MINUTES

March 17, 2007

Chair called the meeting to order at: 2:05 pm

Chair asked for a moment of silence at: 2:05 pm

Introductions

Reading of the 12 concepts: read by Justin

Reading of the Service Workers Prayer: read by John

Approval of minutes:

Priority Business:

Area Trusted Servants Reports

Chairperson: Dear ASC, Thank you Faribault for hosting area & the events to follow. Next month we'll be in Windom for area on the third Saturday. Kari will include in the minutes information that is on that flyer. There is a typo on the agenda regarding the chairperson position. Please take it back to groups that chairperson will be open next month. In loving service: Jessica E.

Secretary: Dear ASC, I don't have a whole lot to report. My position is open, as I have served my term. Thanks for letting me serve, Kari E.

Treasurer: 3-17-2007

Beginning Balance: \$3,455.93

Income: \$240.00

Expenses: \$426.54

Ending Balance: \$3,269.39

Money still out there

P.I. \$102.50 left from PI Learning Day to pay for thank you letters.

Activities \$50.00 to make change for ski party

H&I \$200.00 working budget

RCM: Hello ASC from your RCM

It was an off month but Kris S. has asked me to tell you she is working on meeting lists and will have them ready and presented by next area so if you have any changes please email Kris at Krismithkris@mchsi.com. Also would like to add if you're interested in youth IP reviews you can get them off our website. Made up my mind if I am not giving birth I will be at area & our region. Sam PS please send minutes to Samantha D 338 Hudson Ave. S. Mankato, MN 56001

Subcommittees

Policy: How is your subcommittee doing? Good attendance was great. Participation good.

Where does your subcommittee meet and what time of month and day? We meet at 11:30 am on the same day as area usually in the same location 3rd Saturday of each month, unless noted otherwise

Any needs you have from the B2BA? Continued attendance

Anything you would like to do for the B2BA? Yes update policy with all current changes which are in the secretary's minutes and not in the current policy.

Any service positions open within your subcommittee or group? Recently elected today P.J. Val nominated & Rhonda 2nded for co-chair.

No secretary as of today, was a nomination for Jess B. but she needs to discuss it with her sponsor first.

Activities: How is your subcommittee doing? Good skiing 2/17. 17 people – tubing 66 –skiing/snow boarding
2 pizza orders – Area put in \$20.00

Where does your subcommittee meet and what time of month and day? We meet after ASC today! ☺

Any needs you have from the B2BA? Help planning upcoming activities – (Area April?) April, May, etc

Bowling, Scavenger Hunt?

Anything you would like to do for the B2BA? Activities for Spring

Any service positions open within your subcommittee? Members – no clean time requirement

Hospitals & Institutions: How is your subcommittee doing? Panel Coordinators from Watonwan, Cottonwood and Blue Earth Co. Jail were in attendance. Meetings in the facilities area going well

Where does you subcommittee meet and what time of month and day? Before ASC at 1 pm

Any needs you have from the B2BA? none

Anything you would like to do for the B2BA? Continue to carry the message to addicts in hospitals and institutions

Any service positions open within your subcommittee? Vice chair election and secretary election will be held next month in Windom. Large print email address all lowercase siberianwolfinminn@yahoo.com

Public Information: Not present

Newsletter: Not present

SMARB 19:

How is your subcommittee doing? A little behind we will be busy today

Where does your subcommittee meet and what time of month and day? We will be discussing our schedule today & will pass along to area next month & if the sec. will accept and put in minutes

Any needs you have from the B2BA? Committee members

Anything you would like to do for the B2BA? SMARB XIX

Any service positions open within your subcommittee?

Outreach:

How is your subcommittee doing?

Where does your subcommittee meet and what time of month and day? When area meets

Any needs you have from the B2BA: Support of those that regularly attend meetings to contact me in regard to any needs of said meetings

Anything you would like to do for the B2BA: All I can to help our fellowship grow

Any service positions open within your subcommittee: Co-chair is open and any help is greatly appreciated.

GSR Reports

From Hopeless to Dopeless: Not present

Gift of Life NA:

GSR: Troy D.

Average Attendance: 35

Newcomers: Yes & they do come back

Donation \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Doing ok

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Here on Sunday at 7 pm

Any needs from the B2B? None

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything B2B needs

Any service positions open within your group? A GSR

7th Day Junkies: Not present

Steps to Discovery/Friday Nite Hope Fiends:

GSR: Jay S.

Average Attendance: 13

Newcomers: occasionally

Donation: \$40.00

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Doing well and stable.

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Monday Nite at 7 pm and Friday Nite at 8 pm Augustana

Lutheran Church St. James, MN

Any needs from the B2B? No

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? whatever

Any service positions open within your group? No

Dopeless Hope Fiends:

GSR: Darcy

Average Attendance: 25

Newcomers: (secretary could not read)

Donation: \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Awesome

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Mondays 8 pm St. Peter

Any needs from the B2B? yes but I'll bring it up in open forum

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything

Any service positions open within your group? No

Safehaven @ Southaven: Not Present**Mid-week Serenity:**

GSR: Dan Z.

Average Attendance: 5

Newcomers:

Donation: \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Doing well, small and growing. Candle-lit meeting with the best coffee in southern minn.

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Wednesday @ 6:00 pm

Any needs from the B2B? none

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Whatever we are asked within reason.

Any service positions open within your group? GSRA. All Lowercase Large print email (that's f not an r) siberianwolfinminn@yahoo.com

When at the end of the road: Not Present**Wonder of Recovery:**

GSR: Barrie S.

Average Attendance: 11-15

Newcomers: occasionally

Donation: \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc?

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Wed. 8 pm Fri. 8 pm 214 Downtown Plaza Fairmont, MN 56031

Any needs from the B2B? None

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything asked

Any service positions open within your group? None

Hope Works:

GSR: John

Average Attendance: 25

Newcomers: often, some stay

Donation: \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Doing great

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Wed. 8 pm House of Hope

Any needs from the B2B? None at this time

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything needed

Any service positions open within your group? Positions are filled

Steps into Recovery:

GSR: Jerry

Average Attendance: 25

Newcomers: yes and returns

Donation \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? More people showing up, more newcomers.

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Wednesday and the meeting list is correct

Any needs from the B2B? None

Anything you would like to do for the B2B?

Any service positions open within your group?

Hugs Not Drugs: Not Present

Crossroads NA:

GSR: Ransom B.

Average Attendance: 15

Newcomers: not recently

Donation \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Stable

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? 150 Stadium Ct. Mankato Thursday 7:30 pm

Any needs from the B2B? None at this time

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? open for suggestions

Any service positions open within your group? No open positions

New Beginnings: Not Present

Cool Beans: Not present

Gotta Do Something: Not present

Friday Nite Freedom Seekers: Not Present

Flicker of Hope: Not Present

Get it Here: Not Present

Windom NA:

GSR: P.J. K

Average Attendance: 15

Newcomers: Yes & they sometimes return

Donation: \$32.00 this month \$38.00 for last month

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? fairly well

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Meeting list is correct

Any needs from the B2B? for addicts to get involved & be patient with the growth of our area.

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Hosting Area in April

Any service positions open within your group? GSR – GSR-A

Basic Commitment Book Study:

GSR: Joe B.

Average Attendance: 6

Newcomers: 2

Donation: \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? needs support

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? 335 W. Clark Street Albert Lea, MN Every Saturday 7:30 pm

Any needs from the B2B? starter kit

Anything you would like to do for the B2B?

Any service positions open within your group? no

Get Candle Lit: Not present

Acceptance Leads to trust: Not Present

10 Minute Break

Old Business:

Open positions:

1.RCM-A

Open *take back to groups

2. Secretary

Rhonda nominated, accepted and voted in.

3.Assistant Secretary

Open *take back to groups

Motion tabled from last month: To permanently centralize area to Mankato (specifically this location) every month.

P.S. If passed, it would need to be back to groups to policy change. *Motion was voted on and failed.*

New Business:

Motion made by Gordie 2nded by PJ K.

Motion: To strike 11:00 meeting time from policy. Subcommittee will discuss issue and present alternate time at next area. Recommendations welcome. *This motion was voted on and passed*

Open Forum:

-Frank wanted to clear up, no one else needs money today right? Jess F. wanted \$200 working budget

-Darcy presented this letter: Dear B2B, As you all have experienced, there seems to be an ongoing debate as to the importance of signing court cards at our meetings; and whether or not this is a violation of traditions. My home group, and every meeting I attend signs these cards, as we understand the importance of these addicts needing the meeting, not just for their recovery, but for their parole officers, judges, and half-way houses as well. It has been a grey area, but we sign them and we move on.

Anyway, back to the court cards. Recently the drug-court has experienced a number of individuals forging their court cards. I know what your thinking-DUH!-it didn't shock me either, but here's where you need to pay attention. Kevin Mettler, the drug-court coordinator, approached one of my sponsees about asking his NA group if they would be willing to use a stamp, issued by the drug court, to stamp court cards instead of having us sign them.

In his mind, it would be a win-win. Members in our group wouldn't have to violate traditions because the stamp is anonymous, and the drug-court could curb the plagiarism of their court cards.

My home group discussed it at a business meeting, and long story short, we agreed that to seek advice from area on this subject would be beneficial.

Since that meeting, I contacted Kevin Mettler, and also through an internship I'm currently serving with Blue Earth County, I had the opportunity to sit in on drug court proceedings and discuss many things with Kevin. Kevin emphatically stressed that he does not wish to violate our traditions in any way, but that he would love any advice we have to help his clients to succeed in the program and stay clean.

I discussed this with our regional H&I chair (Ryan), and our RCM Sam last evening. Ryan informed me that this exact issue was addressed to the Regional P.I. chair to research. He intern, discussed it with his sponsor, his sponsor with his sponsor, and came to the conclusion that if the stamp is purchased from the drug court, it would not constitute affiliation, or a violation of traditions.

I also discussed this issue at great length with our Regional Delegate, and JJ informed me that I should stress to you all that you understand that even though this issue is newly discussed in this forum, that does not mean it hasn't been addressed on a world; regional; and area level all over the world. He suggested we look at page 50 of the public relations handbook.

What do you guys think? Should we buy the stamp from drug court? Or should we just continue to sign cards, and debate the anonymity issue?

Secondly, JJ and I discussed the possibility of appointing NA members to serve as steering committee members on drug courts in Brown, Watonwan, and Blue Earth County. NA members all around the world already do this, so this group should start discussing this. My suggestion is that Sam takes this issue to Region, and brings back her findings next month. Obviously the issue of cooperation and affiliation will be discussed at great length and whether this is a violation of traditions or not. However, we should open up the possibility, as Drug Courts feed NA with addicts, and they've asked for help to keep addicts clean. In grateful Service, Darcy W.

Response:

-P.J. stated that the group purchasing the stamp would be an endorsement, but the group is autonomous. Would like to see groups use best judgment

-P.J. was not opposed to RCM looking for information at region. He appreciates this being brought up for discussion. Believes that the area should be careful in decision making.

-Dan stated that he has signed a ton of court cards and never been called by anyone. He felt this was an outside issue.

-Troy stated that court cards can easily be forged, he has done it. He felt this is not our issue.

-Jess F. says she has never been called by anyone after signing court cards. She did not believe that a stamp would violate anonymity, because anonymity is more about credit.

-Rhonda stated that one of our traditions says we don't govern. Each addict is responsible for their own recovery.

-Kari A. was getting calls from DOC looking at sheets she had signed back to 2 months ago. She said DOC told her they would be sending a stamp for court cards. If there group got a stamp someone would have to watch after it because their groups stuff is available to anyone.

-Darcy said he had heard everything he needed to about the stamp issue, and wanted to call to a vote if it is okay for Sam (RCM) to research or get a hard copy of information on issue. Voted on and passed.

-Barry felt that the stamp could hurt groups and incoming members more than it would help.

-Jess F. said for people who like skiing we got a coupon for ½ off from the last time we went skiing. There may be skiing again. 9am – 5 pm. It would only be \$13/person

Announcements:

All subcommittees are scheduled at these times the same day and location as the ASC:

Outreach 11:00 a.m. [No longer meeting at this time as motion was made and passed in new business](#)

Policy 11:30 a.m.

Newsletter 12:00 p.m.

PI 12:30 p.m.

H&I 1:00 p.m.

Activities 4:00 p.m.

SMARB 4:30

Election Dates:

Chair: April

Secretary: March

Co-secretary: March

Treasurer: December

RCM: December

RCM-A: October

Policy: January

Activities: October

H&I: March

PI: May

Newsletter: May

SMARB: usually late June/early July (following SMARB)

Outreach: October

Albert Lea NA's Spring Fling

Food~Fellowship~Speaker~Dance~Fun

When: Saturday April 14, 2007

Where: Geneva Community Center

Corner of 4th St. & 1st Ave. Geneva, MN

Schedule: Food 5 p.m. (bring a dish to pass – get in free)

Speaker 7 p.m.

Dance 9 p.m.

Raffle (Bring a NA related raffle item and get in free)

\$5.00 suggested Donation (12 years old+)

SMARB XIX

Southern Minnesota Annual Recovery Blast

June 8-10, 2007 at Camp Patterson on Lake Washington

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