

B2B MINUTES

February 17, 2007

Chair called the meeting to order at: 12:10 pm

Chair asked for a moment of silence at: 12:10 pm

Introductions

Reading of the 12 concepts: read by Troy

Approval of minutes:

Priority Business:

Area Trusted Servants Reports

Chairperson: Dear ASC, Thank you to Mankato for hosting area and the events to follow. I hope you'll all be at Mt. Kato afterwards. Next month we're meeting in Faribault and there is a flyer available for that. That's pretty much it. I hope you're all doing well ☺. P.S. There is a typo in the agenda: RCM is open and co-secretary is also open. In loving service, Jessica E.

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

Treasurer: 2-17-07

Beginning Balance:	\$4,322.09
Income:	\$498.13
Expenses:	\$1,364.29
Ending Balance:	\$3,455.93

RCM: How is your subcommittee doing? Doing Well

Where does your subcommittee meet and what time of month and day? St. Sabathanii Center in Minneapolis at Noon in Room J

Any needs you have from the B2BA: None

Anything you would like to do for the B2BA? Do what I can for the area

Any service positions open within your subcommittee?

Notes from Region:

-11 out of 12 areas were here today

-Chair position is open in April our co-chair will take over at next region.

-Minneapolis area & area of Hope put the bid in for MNNAC 15, will be held at Hyatt Hotel (voted for and passed)

-To get on our website talk to the UMSO talk to me for the # to list all meetings in our area.

Open positions: Outreach chair, UMSO Reps, Literature, and 1 MNNAC Rep

-We can hold workshops for the youth IP's, does our area want to do this?

Open Forum: -Insurance discussion about coffee makers starting fire or kids running around.

-MNNAC 2 months away now.

-Activity chair person could be held responsible for any injury that happens.

-Meeting NA.org meeting list

-Motion to have RCM's only to vote for stuff we take back to our area. (Tabled) to policy

-Motion made to come up with goals to work on: What is important to you as an area. Passed

Subcommittees

Policy: How is your subcommittee doing? It's currently not until next month.

Where does your subcommittee meet and what time of month and day? Same day as area. But not this month.

Which I didn't have any idea until today. What's up with that

Any needs you have from the B2BA? Participation, attendance, open mindedness, honesty & willingness from active trusted servants.

Anything you would like to do for the B2BA? I will make a motion to change time of Policy subcommittee.

Any service positions open within your subcommittee or group? Yup all but chair

Activities: How is your subcommittee doing? Good-skiing today – Lodge @ 3:30 \$26.00 cash.

Where does your subcommittee meet and what time of month and day? After area – March Faribault

Any needs you have from the B2BA? Help with planning & hosting activities

Anything you would like to do for the B2BA? Plan on ice skating event in Owatonna Feb. 24th or March 3rd?

Any service positions open within your subcommittee? Members

Hospitals & Institutions: How is your subcommittee doing? Subcommittee is doing well. Did the H&I workshop in Geneva. There were 20 in attendance. Darcy, John and myself shared our E, S, and H. Q&A was productive.

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

Any needs you have from the B2BA?

Anything you would like to do for the B2BA?

Any service positions open within your subcommittee? H&I vice chair or Chair alternate

Public Information: How is your subcommittee doing? Doing well & we had a successful Professional Learning Day on Jan. 31st, 2007

Where does your subcommittee meet and what time of month and day? It usually meets 12:30 p.m. on the day of area –with another time away from area as needed.

Any needs you have from the B2BA? Groups-update meeting list. Need the GSR & addicts to begin gathering Professional names & location in Faribault or Owatonna area.

Anything you would like to do for the B2BA? Thank you for the support of the Learning Day

Report: Jan. 31st, 2007 at 11 a.m. in the morning a “Professional Learning Day was held at New Ulm MN. Buffet meals ordered for 50 people, served 40 people, the program was well received by the professionals with excitement for another one – next one will be held as part of area including groups of Faribault, Owatonna, all groups East & South of Blue Earth County. It will only happen with the support and involvement from groups in our area. We have a follow up planned with Thank You notices or cards. It was wonderful to have presence of Regional H&I chair – RCM. I want to thank all, who helped with this day and especially Jay, Dan & PJ for the presentation. We have learned on how to improve the next event. I will not be at area next month however a report will be written or present to report.

Newsletter: Present, no report handed in.

SMARB 19:

How is your subcommittee doing? Good

Where does your subcommittee meet and what time of month and day? Same as on flyers unless announced differently.

Any needs you have from the B2BA? Our subcommittees could use some members to help the chairs with various tasks.

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

Any service positions open within your subcommittee? Regular subcommittee members

Outreach:

How is your subcommittee doing?

Where does your subcommittee meet and what time of month and day? Usually before ASC, today we will meet after SMARB committee. All are welcome

Any needs you have from the B2BA: As much support as possible

Anything you would like to do for the B2BA: Serve as needed

Any service positions open within your subcommittee:

Addition report given: At the last area meeting the question of subject matter of music played at NA functions was brought to the table. As I am still trying to figure out how to properly express myself I believe I didn't do as good a job explaining my

point as I had hoped. Hence, I will try again. As this also pertains to the environment of open and closed NA meetings, I ask that you keep any meetings that you might attend in mind also. We have all heard the adage of "there are good meetings and bad meetings, just keep going till you find one that's good for you." Or many variations on that theme. Yet as I have read and reread the Twelve Traditions, the basic text, and other NA literature, I have yet to see anything of that nature said. What I did find was this: Basic text intro. pg. xvi. "Everything that occurs in the course of N.A. service **must** be motivated by the desire to more successfully carry the message of recovery to the addict that still suffers". What is the N.A. program Pg. 11 "Closed meetings are for addicts or those who think they might have a drug problem. Open meetings welcome anyone wishing to experience our fellowship. The atmosphere of recovery is protected by our Traditions." This was the basis for bringing the afore mentioned issue to the table. So as the Outreach Chair and also as a member of this fellowship I have talked to other members in regard to meeting issues and concerns about behavior at open functions. The question of the music issue was met with these comments: **I talk that way at home; I don't like edited music; my daughter doesn't know what it means anyway; the teenagers are the ones requesting it; I don't bring my kids because of the atmosphere; parents must police their own kids, and one person using our favorite word as a noun, pronoun, verb, adverb, adjective and amazingly, a preposition. What a wonderfully flexible word. Then the subject was dropped using only the first five words of Tradition Four: "Each group should be autonomous."** The rest reads, "except in matters concerning other groups or N.A. as a whole. Because I am an incredibly slow typist I will paraphrase a little in my written report from Tradition Four. "An N.A. group is any group that meetsfor recovery provided that it follows the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of N.A. Open meetings are open to the general public. Closed are for addicts only." Since we imply that our functions are open meetings and open to the public we are all responsible for maintaining that atmosphere of recovery at these functions as well as at our individual groups, be they open or closed. So what determines an atmosphere of recovery? The Traditions and Steps do, which we all know are not negotiable. Without them N.A. does not exist. Each is placed in order for a reason. The first tradition says Our common welfare should come first. Not my welfare, not your welfare, but our common welfare. Our traditions are the guidelines that protect us from ourselves. Tradition two again speaks of protecting ourselves from ourselves. and again of the atmosphere of recovery and guarding it as one of our most important assets. Also it speaks of why we can't have a specific leader because the group may take on that personality. So as people act out, are making out, being sexually inappropriate, snickering and whispering as some struggle to read or do key tags etc. and the group does not admonish them, then they become the leaders. People walk out of meetings This has happened to me only once in all of my years of recovery. It was devastating as I really needed the fellowship that night. The hugs, the caring, the laughter. I thank those here and not here that were on the other end of the phone that night. Some don't go back to meetings and tell others not to go to that meeting. Sad but as we all know true. Somewhere a misconception occurred that confrontation is not allowed at meetings. The basic text and Traditions tell us this is not so. Tradition 3 concerns requirements for membership. It guarantees our freedom to recover if we have the desire to quit using. However it also states that membership is not automatic just by walking through our doors. It rests on each individual. To come to our meetings and act in a way that shows they want to be there and does not jeopardize another's recovery. Four as we spoke of before concerns autonomy. Meaning without name. equal in the meeting. Five says our primary purpose is carrying the message of recovery. Our meetings are not social clubs. Six, Seven help us avoid outside influences. Eight keeps us nonprofessional to ensure our autonomy. Nine concerns how our Fellowship functions. Guided by a higher power as expressed through our group conscience, again no leaders. Just committees and service boards. Ten explains why and how we avoid public controversy. It specifically protects our reputation. This is invaluable. Eleven is also about public relations. Attraction rather than promotion. And twelve. shares the concept of principles before personalities. It takes the me and I out of our Fellowship and replaces it with we and our. Completing the circle back to Tradition 1, **Our common welfare....** These Traditions protect us from the internal and external forces that could destroy us. So in accordance with these Traditions I will present a motion that this matter of content of music be brought back to your groups for discussion and ask that it be voted on at the next area meeting. As far as the individual meetings in conflict there must be unity, If only one person speaks out, they will be perceived as a leader. I feel sure not one person here wants to be placed in that position. I know I don't. And we also don't want people leaving a meeting due to that lack of a recovery atmosphere. Perhaps using, perhaps dyeing, or maybe taking the life of another through the insanity of addiction. In loving service, Gordon B.

GSR Reports

From Hopeless to Dopeless: Not present

Gift of Life NA:

GSR: Troy D.

Average Attendance: 25

Newcomers: Yes

Donation \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Just a reminder we changed locations

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? 101 6th Street NW – Episcopal Guild House

Any needs from the B2B? No needs

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? We are donating books to the jail meetings, hosting area.

Any service positions open within your group? GSRA

7th Day Junkies:

GSR: Joe C.

Average Attendance: 20-30

Newcomers: Yes

Donation: \$0

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Sunday 8 p.m. at the Salvation Army 700 S. Riverfront Drive

Any needs from the B2B? No

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

Any service positions open within your group? No

Steps to Discovery/Friday Nite Hope Fiends:

GSR: Jay S.

Average Attendance: 8-12

Newcomers: occasionally

Donation: \$0

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? 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: 23.4

Newcomers: 3.8

Donation: \$75.00

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Mondays 8 pm First Lutheran Church Sunrise & Traverse St.

Peter, MN, USA, North American, Earth, Milky Way

Any needs from the B2B? Nope

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything

Any service positions open within your group? No, alt. GSR

Safehaven @ Southaven: Not Present

Mid-week Serenity:

GSR: Dan Z.

Average Attendance:

Newcomers: 1.5

Donation: \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Group is new, doing well. 5-8 attend weekly

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Wednesday 6 p.m. upstairs & to the left 225 Armstrong Blvd.

S. St. James, MN 56081

Any needs from the B2B? No needs

Anything you would like to do for the B2B?

Any service positions open within your group? All positions are filled

When at the end of the road: Not Present

Wonder of Recovery: Not Present

Hope Works: Not Present

Hugs Not Drugs: Not Present

Crossroads NA:

GSR: Ransom B.

Average Attendance: 20

Newcomers: yes – they have been returning

Donation \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Doing well no changes

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Mankato Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? have no needs

Any service positions open within your group? No positions open

New Beginnings: Not Present

Cool Beans:

GSR: Gordie B.

Average Attendance: 5-15

Newcomers: yes, come back

Donation: \$0

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Basement of Grace Lutheran Church Thursday 8 p.m. open on 3rd Thursday

Any needs from the B2B? No

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

Any service positions open within your group? Alternate GSR

Gotta Do Something:

GSR: Dan

Average Attendance: 15

Newcomers: return

Donation: \$50.00

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? 1114 W. Traverse Rd. St. Peter Friday Nights at 8 p.m.

Any needs from the B2B? No

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything

Any service positions open within your group? No

Friday Nite Freedom Seekers: Not Present

Flicker of Hope: Not Present

Get it Here: Not Present

Windom NA:

GSR: P.J. K

Average Attendance: 20

Newcomers: Yes & they sometimes return

Donation: \$0

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

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

Any needs from the B2B? None

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Continue to help in every way we are

Any service positions open within your group? GSR & GSRA

Get Candle Lit:

GSR: Nikki W.

Average Attendance: 12

Newcomers: yes

Donation: \$100.00

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Could use support in attendance

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Correct

Any needs from the B2B? Could use support in attendance

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

Any service positions open within your group? Secretary & Assistant GSR

Acceptance Leads to trust: Not Present

10 Minute Break

Old Business:

Open positions:

1. RCM Sam was nominated, accepted & voted in

2. RCM-A Open *take back to groups

3. Assistant Secretary Kari A. was nominated & questioned.

-It was pointed out that this position should go back to groups since it was reported last month that all positions were full.

-There was a motion made to table this until next month, that was 2nded and passed. *Take back to groups assistant secretary is open.

New Business:

Motion made by Gordie 2nded by PJ K.

Motion: To bring the issue of music content at functions and whether it contradicts our traditions back to groups for discussion.

Discussion:

-Jody stated that this was an outside issue.

-Jordy asked how does this relate to the traditions

Gordie's response was that the traditions state when gathering as a group we must maintain an atmosphere of recovery. Each tradition talks about our common welfare as a group. Also we have to be responsible to na as a whole.

-Troy stated that most new music that's out that we listen to has swear words in it. He understands but most music has swearing in it. It's a tough issue.

Chair listened to discussion then asked if there were questions about the motion & re read the motion. She stated that if there were no more questions about the motion that we would vote. Motion was voted on and failed.

Motion made by Kari E. 2nded by PJ K.

Motion: To read the Service Workers prayer at the opening of every B2B Asc meeting.

Motion was voted on and passed

Motion made by Darcy 2nded by Joe C.

Motion: 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.

Discussion:

-Sam asked why area was floating in the first place.

-Jordy responded, so some addicts did not have to drive all the time.

-PJ state we went floating because in Freeborn we could not get insurance.

Moved to table this motion until next month, *bring this back to the groups. Vote was taken and motion was tabled.

Open Forum:

-Sam wanted to discuss a few things that are happening at Region.

1. Motion @ region to come up with a plan to help our areas with goals. Example: H&I if they need help we can talk to the region and they'll help with it. Sam asked what does our area need help with.

Response:

-Dan stated, as H&I chair he would like to see a meeting in every jail in the county in our area.

-Steve said this is called area planning and its purpose is to bring things back together.

-Chad state he believes that the World Service Office has PI, H&I, etc handbooks that we can purchase to get an idea of what each subcommittee is supposed to be doing.

Secretary asked the chair to maintain order and slow things down for note taking purposes. Area was moving to fast for me (Kari the secretary) to write down what everyone said.

-Darcy stated as an area we run functionally & we rock that's why we had the best MNNAC ever.

2. Sam also brought back from region: What do we think of NA in MN getting an insurance plan.

Response:

-Dan asked who is eligible.

-Darcy stated groups need to be registered.

-PJ said when a group goes and gets a checking account they get a tax id number and do need insurance.

Area was moving to quickly to record all the discussion.

-Sam asked if our area was in favor if Region insuring MN NA? This was voted on and our area was in favor of it.

Announcements:

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

Outreach 11:00 a.m.

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

B2B Area Service Committee Meeting

When: Saturday March 17th

Where: Episcopal Cathedral Guild House

101 6th Street NW

Faribault, MN 55021

Schedule: Outreach 11:00 a.m.

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H&I 1:00 p.m.

Activities 4:00 p.m.

SMARB 5:00

6:00 pm Chili feed & potluck

7:00 pm Board Games, Poker, cribbage and SARDINES!!!

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Attention: Important SMARB Subcommittee Announcement

Due to the inclement weather that forced us to cancel the SMARB subcommittee meeting on February 25, 2007. Subcommittee members have had to reschedule their schedules and we will not be able to meet until 5 p.m. March 17th, 2007 at the same location as area will be meeting. Please pass the word to any subcommittee members that you know.

2nd Saturday of every Month H&I goes into New Ulm Medical Center

Looking for groups to go in

The Upper Midwest Service Office wants our help being of service

They can be emailed or called by anyone that is interested. The email and phone number can be found online.

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, MNSchedule: 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

Faribault Sunday Night Gift of Life & Tuesday Night Just for Today meetings have a new location:Old Address: Mother Samuel Building
2nd Avenue SW & 1st StreetNEW ADDRESS: Episcopal Cathedral Guild House
101 6th Street NW
Faribault, MN(The Guild House is located on block north of Highway 60, on the corner of 1st Avenue NW and 6th Street NW, right next to Wells Fargo building, Enter through the back door?

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