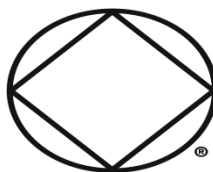


Back II Basics Area Service Committee



July 19, 2008

St. James, MN

Moment of Silence followed with Serenity Prayer @ 2:00p.m.

Reading of the 12 Concepts: Kari A

Reading of the Service Workers' Prayer: Anthony B

Introductions

28 addicts

Announcements

1. Hopefest IV August 1-3, 2008 at McGowan's Farm. \$10.00 registration fee.
2. H&I learning day same weekend as HOPFEST @ 1PM at McGowan's farm.
3. Don announced New Ulm Meeting "Acceptance leads to trust" time changed from noon to 10:30AM.
4. Stick around today for fellowship after area.
5. August area is in Fairmont at the Salvation Army.
6. Garden City Treatment center (women only) needs support from NA.

Regional Delegate Report

Monte (MNRSC Secretary) visited the B2B ASC to explain some of the changes that are in the works at the Regional committee meetings. One of the topics he brought up was "What kind of service does region provide to you?" No one at area was able to answer that question. Monte gave a hand out that explained things the region does, four examples as meeting once a month, workshops, update website and provide with regional meeting lists. Monte talked about restructuring the region and some people had questions for him. One question was "is this already going to happen or did it already happen? This will get a 2/3 majority vote at the RSC and in October at the earliest. Voting at that time is anyone who shows up at the region. PR had a question for the region that has say or represents the region after re-structure. Will this cause a delay of response?

GSR Reports

Hopeless to Dopeless

GSR: Teresa P

Average Attendance: 20

Newcomers: 1-2 most stay

Donation: \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Going good and have no changes

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Alano Club on Sunday night at 7:00 p.m.

Any needs from the B2B? None at this time

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

Any service positions open within your group? None at this time

Wonders of recovery and True to ourselves

GSR: Cindi C GSRA: Mike B

Average Attendance: 12-15

Newcomers: 1-2 varies

Donation: \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Groups are doing well. Both are going to have rotating chair persons to give regular chairs breaks and members an opportunity for service work.

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Wonders on Wednesday @ 8p.m. True to Ourselves

Friday @ 6:30p.m. @ the Alano building 214 Downtown Plaza in Fairmont, MN.

Any needs from the B2B? None @ this time.

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

Any service positions open within your group? We will be electing new people to service positions in next 2 months we hope.

Gift of Life

GSR: Arthur

Average Attendance: 15-20

Newcomers: They come and go and sometimes stick and stay

Donation: \$0

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Sunday 7p.m. Episcopal Guild House Faribault, MN

Any needs from the B2B? No

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason

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

Steps to discovery and Friday night hope fiends

GSR: Travis M

Average Attendance: 10

Newcomers: Occasionally

Donation: \$ 0

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Augustana Lutheran Church. Mon and Fri every week

Any needs from the B2B? No

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Cook some food for the ASC after this is over

Any service positions open within your group? ?

West Hills NA

GSR: Andy D

Average Attendance: 20-25

Newcomers: 1-2 a week

Donation: \$20

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? We are doing good. Seem to be growing and seeing more active members.

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? West Hills Alano Owatonna, MN 7p.m Monday night

Any needs from the B2B? New contact persons Andy D 507-456-9460 and Jeff M 507-363-9426

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason

Any service positions open within your group? None at this time

Salvation at the Salvation

GSR: Matt W

Average Attendance: 25

Newcomers: 5

Donation: \$0

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Tuesday Mankato 7PM Salvation Army

Any needs from the B2B?

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? 25 bucks

Any service positions open within your group?

Addicts at the round table

GSR: Mary H

Average Attendance: 7

Newcomers: Sometimes

Donation: \$20

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? At this time the GSR stepped down due to personal reason and group is working on filling this position.

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Tuesdays 8p.m. @ the ALC Windom

Any needs from the B2B? None

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Not at this time. Lots of positions open

Any service positions open within your group? GSR and GSRA

Hope Works

GSR: Luke J

Average Attendance: 30

Newcomers: 2-4

Donation: \$35

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? House of hope Mankato, MN Wednesday 8p.m.

Any needs from the B2B? None

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason

Any service positions open within your group? None

Acceptance Leads to Trust

GSR: Don B

Average Attendance: 5

Newcomers: 1

Donation: \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Our attendance or group size usually varies 4-10 people but we still have a meeting as long as there are 2 addicts. We brought an ashtray for smokers outside for courtesy to the facility.

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Christ the King Lutheran Church 1515 N Garden St. New Ulm, MN Saturday morning 10:30AM-11:30AM

Any needs from the B2B? Flyers for upcoming events schedule

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Open

Any service positions open within your group? Secretary

Super Mantastic Recovery Fantastic (SMRF)

GSR: C.J

Average Attendance: 10

Newcomers: Yes

Donation: \$10

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Good, Men's group.

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Thursday 8pm Waldo's conference Rm St.Peter 200 S. Minnesota Ave

Any needs from the B2B? No

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? No

Any service positions open within your group? No

Get candle lit

GSR: Taylor

Average Attendance: 15

Newcomers: 1 or 2

Donation: \$20

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? The meeting has been doing a lot better lately, we have a bigger group.

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? We meet at Our Saviors Church in Owatonna every Saturday at 8PM

Any needs from the B2B? We have no needs at this point

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason

Any service positions open within your group? No positions are open at this time

Windom NA

GSRA: Kari E

Average Attendance: 3-10

Newcomers: occasionally

Donation: \$0

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Thursday 7PM @ firehall in Windom. I need to inform you regretfully that the Saturday night NA meeting no longer exists due to lack of home group membership participation.

Any needs from the B2B? Please remove it from the meeting lists. If anyone has any questions they can join us for the next regularly scheduled business meeting the Thursday before area.

Anything you would like to do for the B2B?

Any service positions open within your group? Not at this time

Gotta do something

GSR: Dana N

Average Attendance: 15

Newcomers: 2 have been great addition

Donation: \$67.86

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Well. No changes. Good messages.

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Saint Peter on Friday night @ 8pm

Any needs from the B2B? Not at this time

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Not at this time. Open to suggestions

Any service positions open within your group? GSRA

Friday Night Freedom Seekers

GSR: Anthony B

Average Attendance: 10-20

Newcomers: Several

Donation: \$50

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Our Saviors Church on St. Paul Rd and 20th St. 7PM Friday Nights

Any needs from the B2B? We have no needs

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? anything within reason

Any service positions open within your group? No positions open

New Beginnings

GSR: Rick H

Average Attendance: 47

Newcomers: 11

Donation: \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Group is going strong having a hard time getting people to participate in business meetings and take on positions

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Ulstead Alano Club on Thursdays at 730PM

Any needs from the B2B? Suggestions on how to get our group members active in business end of the group

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Nothing at this time

Any service positions open within your group? None

Steps into Recovery NA

GSR: Jeff M

Average Attendance: 10-20

Newcomers: 2-3 a month

Donation: \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? We are doing ok, some struggling times but we will survive.

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Every Wednesday @ 8PM @ St.Paul Church in Owatonna

Any needs from the B2B? New contact Jeff M 507-363-9426
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason
Any service positions open within your group? N/A

Battling the Beast

GSR: Tod

Average Attendance: 4-12

Newcomers: 1-2 come and go

Donation: \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Troubles with accurate count of finances. Where the money is. Accountability for our funds is not happening.

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Tuesday at 7PM 217 Brackenridge SW (Trinity Lutheran Church)

Any needs from the B2B? none

Anything you would like to do for the B2B?

Any service positions open within your group? Group needs a secretary and treasurer

Groups not present

Fairmont-Basement Dwellers

St. James-Midweek Serenity

Mankato-Crossroads NA

Albert Lea- When at the end of the road

Saint Peter-Get it here

Redwood Falls-Hope Haven

Pipestone-Clean Water Strong Coffee

Austin-Just For Today

New Ulm-When Dreams Come True

Cleveland-Cleveland Rocks

Austin-Hugs Not Drugs

Redwood Falls-Recovery in Redwood

Albert Lea-New Beginning NA

Gaylord-Serenity Seekers

Waseca-Cool Beans

Albert Lea-Flicker of Hope

Austin-It works How and Why

Albert Lea-Free & Clean

New Ulm-Easy Access NA

Mankato-7th day junkies

Saint Peter-Dopeless hope fiends

Officer Reports

Chairperson: Tammy G---April 2008

Co-Chair: P.J. ---October 2007

Secretary: Kari A---August 2007

Asst. Secretary: Open

Treasurer: Jay S. ---October 2007

Co-Treasurer: Open

RCM: Val---June 2008

RCM-A: Sam D---April 2008

Chairperson: Tammy G---present

Hello ASC, I would like to thank St. James for hosting area today. Today we also will have a fill-in for our regional delegate report. Thanks for being here today. I will be unable to chair in September. I will let the co-chair know. In loving Service, Tammy G

Co-Chair: PJ—absent

Secretary: Kari— Dear B2B ASC, I am announcing the secretary position as open and it needs to be voted on in August 2008. In August my one year commitment will be up. As long as I am able to still attend area I am willing to help the next elected secretary. The assistant secretary has also informed me that he will be moving and unable to do anything in a few months. I have a list of the current area members and would like you all to review your information and make sure it is correct so that I can update it. Love you all, Kari A

Assistant Secretary: Paul---absent

Treasurer: Jay—

Treasure Report 6.21.2008

Beginning Balance			\$1957.19
<u>Income</u>			
Gift of Life		\$600.00	
Hope Works		\$20.00	
Get Candle Lit		\$200.00	
West Hills		\$25.00	
	TOTAL	\$845.00	\$845.00
<u>Expenses</u>			
Public Relations	Cindy C	\$9.66	
Literature	Arther	\$465.29	
Public Relations	Kris S Meeting lists	100.00	
	Total	\$574.95	\$574.95
Ending Balance			\$2227.27
Prudent Reserve			\$(800.00)
Available Funds			\$1427.24
	Entrusted to		
<u>Working Budgets</u>			
Public Relations		Tammy	\$200.00
H&I		Dan Z.	\$300.00
Activities		Jess F.	\$200.00
Newsletter		Jess F.	\$150.00

Co-Treasurer: Open

RCM: Val---June 2008 absent

RCMA: Sam D. ---April 2008---present

Sam spoke and is not going to make it to region in August, but hopefully the RCM will be.

Committee Reports

Public Relations: Cindi---present

WE are finishing thank yous from the learning day. They will be mailed this week. New meeting lists are ready and here today. Will be contacting jails and garden city looking form people to come in. We meet at 12:30PM at area. Please update the meeting list that is being passed around. Highlight changes please. Also please update the committee information. In loving Service, Cindi C

Hospitals & Institutions:

H&I subcommittee met at 1PM today. There were 3 panel coordinator reports. We are looking for new panel coordinators for Cottonwood County, CARE treatment center in Saint Peter and NUMC. We had a lengthy discussion on the H&I learning day. August 2nd at 1PM. We still need of an H&I chair we have a member willing to take the chair position but he was unable to attend today, we however have a recommendation. In loving service, Barrie (Co-chair)

Outreach: Open (position was filled this month)

Newsletter: Open

Activities: Open

Policy: Craig G---March 2008

WE met today between 11AM and 1PM and discussed several issues. We reviewed sub-committee position descriptions, reviewed accountability requirements of some current officers and discussed financial accountability of sub-committees as directed by current policy. Several motions were written in response to these discussions. There were 7 members in attendance and all decisions were made without dissent. Craig G

Literature: Arthur---Report read by Kari A (Arthur had to leave early)

I have received the literature order from WSO. I looked into buying from region as opposed to WSO and it is twice as much in cost. The literature itself is more expensive. I.E WSO basic text is \$9.70 and region basic text is \$11+. From now on I will sell literature before the ASC and during the break. This is so all money can be given to the treasurer before the end of area in the presence of the ASC in order to avoid any potential handling of funds. All literature money will be exchanged with direct approval from the ASC, and all business happens at the ASC meeting days. Tentatively all I will continuously handle throughout (on a month to month and day to day basis) my time as literature subcommittee chair is the literature itself. This should put most concerns to rest. In loving Service, Arthur P.S. My ride from area is leaving and needs to get back to PIG so for today only I must leave early. I made \$125.85 in sales of literature. I have receipts kept with the literature stock at all times. I am returning this money to the area treasurer.

SMARB: Kari E read the letter. Last month at area decisions were made chaos occurred the SMARB subcommittee feels we all but lost our autonomy in light of, during the subcommittee meeting there were thirteen people present a motion was made to withdraw from area. 12 were in favor 1 was opposed. We discussed the loan opposing opinion in great detail and length we carefully considered this person's opinion. A vote was taken and a decision was made. At that point in time we were a subcommittee in good standing with the B2BASC. At this point in time we will not allow the B2BASC to strip us of our fourth tradition rights. If anyone has any questions concerning whether we still do or do not owe area any money I.E. the 2,000 that was borrowed from area to bail us out of a trusted servant leaving with everything we suggest you audit the treasury. If in fact the area feels like we owe money we would be glad to discuss this in further detail at any SMARB subcommittee meeting. To recap we are claiming our autonomy which means we will no longer be a standing subcommittee of the B2BASC (member of the B2BASC).

ADDENDMENT made 08/21/2008

August 16th, 2008

I am here because I feel strongly that in relation to the Smarb vs. Area debate we are not focusing on what's important. We are here to carry the message to the newcomer. That message is that anyone can stop using and find a new way to live. A part of that way is having fun without using. Smarb is one of the best ways in this area to show people that. If I had not gone to Smarb in 2001, I doubt I would be clean today.

After the B2B area service committee meeting in June, I was present at the Smarb committee meeting. I do not know who wrote the letter read at the area meeting in July, but the letter does not speak accurately of the vote that took place at that meeting. The fourth tradition was not mentioned that day. The motion concerned the area policy that states that all area monies should be in one account. Smarb members were concerned at the idea that all Smarb committee actions would have to be approved at the area meeting before being carried out – this would create a time delay. As anyone who has served on the Smarb committee knows, there seems to be hardly enough time as it is. I have served on the committee for the last two years, and it is always a struggle to have a theme and logo and convert that into merchandise in time for the annual Halloween party. The motion that passed was to withdraw from the area based on the fact that the committee felt that in order to function, Smarb needs its own bank account, which is contrary to area policy.

There is no question of what the money Smarb raises is for – it is to carry the message to the newcomer. And other than seed money for the next Smarb, the committee understands that all monies go back to the area. I am hurt and offended that there is even a question of the committee's integrity. Everyone on the Smarb XX

committee has the interest of the function at heart. We are not out to profit. No money was spent irresponsibly or unaccounted for.

As area servants, and Smarb committee members, we are responsible to those we serve. At a discussion in July, concerned NA members met to discuss this issue. There was a nearly unanimous agreement that Smarb needs to remain a part of the B2B Area, in order to be responsible to those we serve.

I feel that there is not a need for legal action, or an audit of the Smarb account. However, the books are available and when examined will show no will misuse of funds. This whole thing can be solved with one simple action: change area policy to allow large functions such as Hope Fest and Smarb to have separate bank accounts, with a financial report at area each month. It has been suggested to rework the policies concerning subcommittees and their accounting; this seems like a logical idea as well.

The important thing is to remember why we are here. This isn't about money. Maybe some feelings got hurt. People who serve on the Smarb committee might feel slighted when their integrity is questioned. Area servants might feel slighted when a committee tries to pull out of the area. If we look deep inside ourselves, we can be big enough to let those feelings go, and work toward a non-dramatic solution to this rift. We can behave in a manner that will make newcomers want to participate in this body, being respectful of each other and each other's opinions, placing principles before personalities. We need to seek our higher power's will in this situation, and come to a true group conscience that keeps our personal feelings separate from our vote.

Sincerely,
Jess F

Hopefest: Dear B2B ASC, I am representing the HOPEFEST IV sub-committee. Here is what we have been up to. We have been meeting every Sunday at 6PM at the Hub in Mankato to put together some of the final details. WE have pancakes for b-fast both Sat and Sun and that is something that we did not do last year. I am going to pass around a piece of paper. IF you are interested in being of service at HOPEFEST IV please put your name and number on the sheet and someone will contact you during HOPFEST. We recently ordered more shirts and tank-tops to bring to PIG and we will see if we need to order more before Hopefest. (roughly)We had 1100 before expenses (D.J., food and shirts) the last I heard we are down to \$430 or so dollars but all is good. We have at least 30 people registered including 13 people from the NUMC registered and drug courts. Each committee member ordered a neon shirt so that if someone needs anything, they can quickly pull someone off to the side. We also have 2-3 items that will be auctioned and we were thinking of doing the silent auction around 3:30 on Saturday but that is not finalized. The committee will vote tomorrow on direction signs made by someone for \$15 or \$25 dollars. We will also be having people register and then wear a wrist band...☺ We also have someone interested in chairing this event next year but we will be at area in August to vote on it. I am very excited and anticipating that the weekend will be one to never forget.

10 MINUTE BREAK

Old Business

GSR's please bring back the information to your groups from the RD report so that there can be discussion at next area and then the RCM can bring the B2B area vote to the RSC meeting.

Elections:

Co-Treasurer-tabled

Outreach-nomination of Barrie-accepted nomination. Barrie qualified himself. Ballot vote 11 yes 1 no Barrie from Fairmont is the new Outreach Chair.

Newsletter chair-tabled Mary-declined

Activities chair-tabled

SMARB-new business

New Business

MOTION #1

Maker of the motion is Craig and 2nd by AB.

Motion: To vacate entire SMARB sub-committee and call for immediate surrender of all assets (monies and other) to ASC chair, until a time when ASC body has determined that SMARB is in compliance with sub-committee requirements. To appoint an ad-hoc committee to perform an audit.

Intent: To ensure integrity and quality of SMARB sub-committee in its service to B2BASC (will expand verbally on points of accountability) 1X-A, 1X-G, 1X-F

Insertion: New business

In favor 7 Opposed 2 Abstentions 1

Motion passed

Discussion of this motion stated with Montie being called out to speak to the motion. The region could offer to facilitate a meeting with SMARB. Sam asked how does this affect HOPEFEST or doesn't it. Anthony brought up treasurer report, nominations and seed \$ is what the area needs for SMARB. Steve the treasurer for SMARB XX has expense sheet. Chair person stated that there is a motion on the floor and it needs to be voted on.

MOTION #2

Maker of the motion is Kari A and 2nd by Cindi C.

Motion: To remove the current assistant secretary #3 and #4 of policy XI termination of an officer.

Intent: To better serve the area and acknowledge policy.

Insertion: New Business

In favor 11 Opposed 0 Abstentions 0

Motion Passed

MOTION #3

Maker of the motion is Craig G and 2nd by Mary

Motion: For ASC chair to form an ad-hoc committee made up of ASC chair, treasurer and 1 rep from each sub-committee to examine problems with financial accountability at sub-committees.

Intent: Per examination of sub-committee actions, and current policy it is determined some sub-committees financial actions violate current policy. This is an attempt to solve the conflict.

Insertion: New Business

In favor 10 Opposed 0 Abstentions 1

Motion Passed

MOTION #4

Maker of the motion is Kari and 2nd by Cindi C

Motion: To increase clean time requirement in policy for the assistant secretary position to one year.

Intent: To provide the assistant secretary the "opportunity" to move into another position (secretary) following the year of assistant secretary.

Insertion: New Business

In favor 11 Opposed 0 Abstentions 1

Motion Passed

MOTION #5

Maker of the motion is Craig and 2nd by Cindi C

Motion: To require policy sub-committee to review all current sub-committee chair position requirements to recommend if additional requirements be added to any.

Intent: To increase accountability and quality of service provided to B2BASC.

Insertion: New Business

In favor 10 Opposed 1 Abstentions 1
Motion Passed

MOTION#6

Maker of the motion is Kari and 2nd by Cindi C

Motion: To ASC to require all active sub-committees to submit current and accurate committee guidelines, per policy 9-H. To be made available for review at next ASC.

Intent: To ensure compliance and integrity of current policy.

Insertion: New Business

In favor 10 Opposed 1 Abstentions 1

Motion Passed

Open Forum
Close @ 4:05 p.m

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