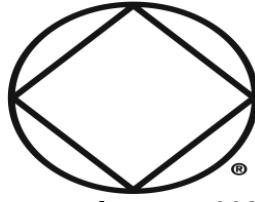


Back 2 Basics Area Service Committee



November 14, 2009

Fairmont, MN

Moment of Silence followed with Serenity Prayer

Reading of the 12 Concepts: Andy

Reading of the Service Workers' Prayer: Kari

Introductions ~ 27

Announcements

November 14th, 2009 Saturday, 11am B2B [Attitude of Gratitude 5](#) - Faribault, MN

November 20th, 2009 Friday CMA [Fall Ball 09](#) - St. Cloud, MN

December 12th, 2009 Saturday - 11am B2B [Holidays Rock](#) - Fairmount, MN

December 31st, 2009 Thursday, 6pm Lakes Area [8th Annual New Year's Eve Party](#) - Brainerd, MN December 31, 2009

Thursday, 7pm TCA **New Years Eve Celebration** (flyer coming soon) - TBA

January 16th, 2010 Fishin' for Hope in Madison Lake, MN

January 23rd, 2010 Saturday CMA **Artic Blast '10** (flyer coming soon) - St. Cloud, MN

February 6th, 2010 MNNAC awareness event in Hutchinson---Volleyball tournament

March 20th, 2010 Saturday CMA **Spring Thing '10** (flyer coming soon) - St. Cloud, MN

March 27th, 2010 Saturday MNRSC [MN Regional Assembly](#) - TBA April 16th-18th, 2010

Friday - Sunday MNNAC XVII [MNNAC 17](#) - Mankato, MN

June 11th-13th, 2010 Friday, 3pm to Sunday B2B [S.M.A.R.B. 22](#) - Lake Washington, MN

Recovery not Relapse 6/18-6/20 Granite Falls, MN

August 6th - 8th, 2010 Friday - Sunday B2B [Hopefest 6](#) - Garden City, MN

MINUTES WERE APPROVED

GSR Reports (18 groups attended)

Faribault NA Groups: Gift of Life NA

GSR: Arthur R III

Average Attendance: 15-20

Newcomers: newcomers some come and some go

Donation: \$0

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Sunday Night at 7PM Episcopal Guild House Faribault,

MN Tuesday Night Just for Today NA @7PM and Thursday Read for Recovery at 8PM at the same place.

Any needs from the B2B? None at this time

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Welcome to attitude of gratitude

Any service positions open within your group? GSRA has not been voted on yet

Friday night Freedom Seekers

GSR: Anthony B

Average Attendance: 15-20

Newcomers:

Donation: \$0

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Friday night @ 7pm in Owatonna

Any needs from the B2B? None at this time

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

Any service positions open within your group? GSR

Crossroad NA

GSR: Jeremy A

Average Attendance: 10-15

Newcomers: Yes

Donation: \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Doing well. Attendance has been down a little lately but recovery is happening.

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Thursday @ 7:30pm at church of the bottom of stadium hill

Any needs from the B2B? None

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Any

Any service positions open within your group? None

Hopw works

GSR: CJ

Average Attendance: 20-30

Newcomers: Yes

Donation: \$17.00

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Wednesday 8PM 119 State St Mankato, MN

Any needs from the B2B? No needs

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

Any service positions open within your group? No

Hugs not Drugs

GSR: Joey P

Average Attendance: 20-25

Newcomers: 4-5 newcomers

Donation: \$0

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Group meets Wednesday night @ 7 alano club.

Any needs from the B2B? no needs

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

Any service positions open within your group? No positions open

Midweek Serenity

GSR: Dan Z

Average Attendance: 10-12

Newcomers: yes

Donation: \$50.00

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Wednesday @ 6:00pm at 1st Methodist Church of St.James

Any needs from the B2B? No

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? whatever

Any service positions open within your group?

West Hills NA

GSR: Andy D

Average Attendance: 20-30

Newcomers: 2-4 some stay

Donation: \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Group is doing well. Looking to changing format to Basic step study. Hopefully starting January 2010 depending on group conscious decisions

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? West Hills Alano Club Owatonna, MN

Any needs from the B2B? None at this time

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

Any service positions open within your group? Still looking for treasurer and GSRA

SMRF

GSR: Mike L

Average Attendance: 8-12

Newcomers: Occasionally

Donation: \$15

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Waldo's coffee shop in St. Peter Thursday evening 8PM

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

Hope Haven

GSR: Jean S

Average Attendance: 6

Newcomers: occasionally

Donation: \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Doing well but could use some support

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Redwood falls alano club every Sunday at 4pm

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? no

Friday Night hope fiends/Steps to Discovery

GSR: Dan

Average Attendance: 4-10

Newcomers: yes

Donation: \$60.00

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

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

Any needs from the B2B? no

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? whatever

Any service positions open within your group? GSR

7th day junkies

GSR: Mike P

Average Attendance: 35-40

Newcomers: 1-2

Donation: \$31.04

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Very well. New chair

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Sunday's 8pm @ Salvation Army in Mankato, MN.

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

Basement Dwellers

GSR: Ryan S

Average Attendance: 4

Newcomers: 1

Donation: \$0

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Thursday 1 hr before the meeting

Any needs from the B2B? None

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? No

Any service positions open within your group? GSRA

More out of life

GSR: Joel D

Average Attendance: 20

Newcomers: 1-2 a meeting

Donation: \$52

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Things are going good we are gaining quality recovery

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? We meet at St.James church in Marshall MN Thursday @ 8 Saturday @ 7

Any needs from the B2B? Nothing

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

Any service positions open within your group? Nope

Clean and Serene

GSR: Amanda

Average Attendance: 20

Newcomers: 3-5 week (mostly treatment center)

Donation: \$216.76

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Great! More clean time have a handful of people with 1yr + people coming back after done w/treatment!

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Tuesday's at 8PM United Church of Christ in Granite Falls

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? GSR, GSRA

Gotta do something

GSR: Ben S

Average Attendance: 18

Newcomers: Yes

Donation: \$86.60

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? St.Peter, Friday @ 8PM

Any needs from the B2B? Literature and books

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? What cha need

Any service positions open within your group? Secretary

Dopeless Hope Fiends

GSR: Jeni S

Average Attendance: 20-30

Newcomers: Yes they do return

Donation: \$0

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

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Corner of sunrise and traverse in St.Peter @ 8pm on Mondays

Any needs from the B2B? No needs @ this time

Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Just let us know ☺

Any service positions open within your group? GSRA

New Beginnings

GSR: Kim B

Average Attendance: 65

Newcomers: 5-10 mostly fountain center

Donation: \$0

How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? No change-doing well

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Ulstead club, Thursday 7:30P

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? GSRA

Officer Reports

Chairperson: Cole---July 2009

Co-Chair: Scott S---August 2009

Secretary: Kari A---November 2008

Asst. Secretary: James---May 2009

Treasurer: OPEN

Co-Treasurer: Jeff M---June 2009

RCM: Luke J---August 2009

RCM-A: Tammy S---August 2009

Chairperson: Cole---no report

Co-Chair: Scott S---absent

Secretary: Kari A---I apologize that I have not checked the PO BOX since the 1st and 2nd week in October and Dan Z got the mail this month and the PO BOX payment was due 10/31/09...so the payment is late. We don't have the money to pay it and it would make sense to move it to Mankato. I am willing to set that up and to also send the new contact info to NAWS, UMSO and the PR chair as well as other members, GSR's and officers. I updated and deleted old GSRS on the b2bsecretary@yahoo.com e-mail account. I apologize to those who expected a hard copy mailed to then of the minutes, but I'm slacking and I have no excuses. I also have made a list of the duties that I have done or been doing over the past 2 years. I am going to be here next month to sit with whoever takes this position. But otherwise my position is officially done today. I am very happy to be done but I still plan to stay committed to the b2basc. Kari A

Assistant Secretary: James M----absent

Treasurer: Open

Co-Treasurer: Jeff M---Absent

Hello B2B members. I am sorry I am unable to make it to the November Asc meeting but i am deer hunting with my family which I am grateful to do clean!!!!I will send the receipt book with someone so gsrs can still bring back receipts to there groups..The balance at end of area last month was 5388.63 and on October 19, 2009 I made a deposit of 607.60 so our balance is 5996.23. So minus our 800.00 prudent reserve our balance is 5196.23. I will be in Fairmont for the next ASC meeting and event and sorry for any inconvenience. And I am so grateful to be of service.

RCM: Luke---. Nothing to report..didn't make the last meeting

RCMA: Tammy S---Went to region and they talked about the budget and the regional assembly

Committee Reports

Public Relations: Cindi C---

June 2009

Absent....need meeting lists

Hospitals & Institutions: Joel

August 2009

Hi all, I regret that I was unable to be here for the November area meeting. It's that time of the year for me again. By the way I hope you all enjoy your turkey dinner this Thanksgiving. I have a couple of things to report.

The Granite Falls jail meeting was moved from Tuesday at 7:30 pm to Thursday same time. Attendance has been very low lately, in fact no inmates signed up for about five weeks in a row, so the meeting was canceled on those nights. Previously Lyon County had been housing its overflow in the Granite Falls jail, but due to the expansion in Marshall they are no longer sending offenders to Granite Falls, which could explain the decreased interest/need.

About six weeks ago an H&I effort was started in the mental health unit located at Avera Medical Center in Marshall. The meeting is held on Mondays at 2:30 pm and has been struggling a bit. This is not due to a lack of interest or participation on the part of the members making the effort. It's more a problem with interest or lack of participation from the patients and trying to come up with a structure that works well in that particular type of facility. It was discussed about the possibility of making it an open meeting rather than an H&I effort and holding the meeting at the facility to accommodate any patients that might want to attend, as of right now though it is still an H&I effort.

I've been keeping in contact with the jail administrator in Marshall and making sure they have literature available. They are still interested in having us bring an H&I effort in once the transition to the new facility has been fully implemented, likely this coming March.

The last thing I have is very important. On October 21st we went to the state prison located in Faribault. We had the opportunity to visit with the director of volunteer services Maria Hruska. She showed an extreme interest, let me say that once more "EXTREME" interest in getting us into their facility. They recognize that there is a great need among the inmate population. Just to give a couple statistics, the prison currently has about 2000 inmates, of those inmates approximately 27% are there on drug charges and an additional 300 are there for felony DWI. So we are looking at potentially 500 or more addicts in need of a good message of recovery. I see this as perhaps one of the best opportunities we could ever have to make a difference in the lives of so many addicts. Because of this, I have made a commitment to bringing an H&I effort to the prison the first Saturday of each month. In order to volunteer at the facility, we are required to go through an orientation beforehand. They normally do not hold any orientations during the month of December. Because they do want us in there so badly, Maria has decided to make an exception and do a special orientation that has yet to be scheduled some time during the last two weeks of December. The target start date is January 2nd. This drive is about seven hours round trip for me, not including the meeting time. I feel strongly about the importance of this effort, and I am willing to do all I can to make it happen. What I'm asking from all of you, especially those of you who are local to the Faribault area, is to make this a cooperative effort. If we can find enough members locally who are willing to carry the message, it would make all the difference in the world. Once a month should be something we can do. Please if you think you might be interested or know someone that might be, you can contact me or you can see Dan Z. or Amanda B. both should have the forms required to attend orientation etc. I'll be contacting Maria in a week or so, after I have a better idea what kind of support we can expect from our members in the Back to Basics Area. I recommend you fill out the volunteer application form even if you're not sure whether or not you can make it in December. Maria will be holding another orientation in January, so if you fill it out now, we will have your paperwork ready by then. Please take this back to your groups, I really need all of your help on this. Thank you all for your support and faith in my ability to serve the B2B area. In Loving Service,
Joel D.

Absent...there is a report in my e-mail.

Outreach: Anonthy B--

November 2008

Nothing to report and really there was no meeting today

Newsletter: Dan Z---Absent

August 2009

Same day as area whenever you want to talk. Submission. Views on steps, other spiritual principles, traditions, art work, and poetry that reflects recovery. Dan will have the new news letter month. All the positions are open.

Activities: OPEN

Policy:

October 2009

B2B Area Policy Report

11/14/09

Dear B2B ASC,

As I promised when elected, I have thoroughly read through the current policy and have found some discrepancies. Some of which were simply clerical errors which I have fixed, and others are standing policies which we have been in violation of.

- 1.) The biggest repeat offender is under section VI, subpart F.

The policy states "No member may serve as a combination of GSR/GSR-alt for 2 different groups"

As it stands, the policy is very clear on this matter. So, in simple terms, If your GSR reports includes the words "I am also representing so and so group" then you are in violation of policy. Every group represented has to have their own GSR or GSR-a give their report. This includes group donations to area.

- 2.) According to section VII, numbers 1 & 2, subsections b- both the Chairperson and Co-chair person need to have a minimum of one year of B2B OFFICER Service experience. As the policy stands, this would make both our co-chair and chair person in-eligible for their current positions, and their nominations and elections to said positions null and void.

There are two ways to handle this situation. 1- Someone can simply make a motion to temporarily suspend qualifications for our current officers. 2- Nominate and re-elect new co-chair and chairpersons with at least one year's exp as officers at the area level.

- 3.) Both the new functions (campout and game feed) need to be added to several portions of our policy- Treasurer duties; subcommittees; etc. Being as the game feed is up in the air, I held off making updates to these sections until this is clarified.
- 4.) I will need updated mission statements from all subcommittees at January area. We will also be discussing the status of centralized meetings at the January meeting. I plan on having a 2010 draft available for all GSRs to get group approval at the Feb. Area meeting.
- 5.) Lastly, if did change policy to include Naranon meetings to our meeting list, than I need the verbiage of the motion to add to policy. If we didn't, I would appreciate it if P.R. would submit a motion with appropriate verbiage to add Naranon meetings to our meeting list.

To summarize we will need motions for the chair and co-chair requirements, as well as meeting list requirements.(Naranon)

Thank you for letting me serve,

Darcy Wennes

Literature: Arthur—Present

June 2009

2 people attended the meeting and we are going to start looking into the process for submitting an IP the benefits of fellowship in recovery. Discussion concerning helping addicts that are veterans. Ideas in the works is to get veterans who are addicts meeting lists, literature...(I cannot read the rest of this)

SMARB: Anthony B---

July 2009

- The committee has chosen a logo submitted by Andy and the committee will be making decisions about merchandise. Rainware suggested by Jeni S.
- David Cowan, the director for the campsite, has contacted us and said the pricing will remain the same as last year; however, they have yet to put together a contract for us to sign. As soon as one is received we will move forward with the signing and let the ASC know.
- We have sold \$591 worth and a deposit was made 11/14/09, in the amount of \$520.00
- We will be discussing later today whether or not make available debit / credit card purchases at the campout.
- Still have positions available.

Hopefest: Kari A—Present

August 2009

We meet at 11:30AM the same day as area. We decided on sweatshirts and beanies...more will be revealed.

MNNAC 17: Ransom---

Report in my e-mail

Recovery Not Relapse: Amanda B.---Present

Wild Game Feed: Dan reported Hello ASC, What is going on is this. We help a fundraiser in October that was a success, Thank you Frank D. Shortly thereafter we discovered the Lakes are of the Iowa Region was going to do a WGF in Okaboji on the same day. Imagine our changing. We as a committee have decided in the spirit of unity we should not try to compete with them, but support them. The details for the first WGF in Okoboja on the Iowa Regions website. As far as the money that the #2 peace area gave us, we haven't reached a concensus yet and will be in touch with the ASC soon. In humble service, Dan Z

BREAK

Old Business

Treasurer: None

Activities: None

New Business

Motion #1

Maker of the motion Policy sub-committee and 2nd by Arthur

Motion: To amend section 6 subpart of policy to add the ability for 1 member to represent 1 group with multiple meeting times. As previously agreed upon @ area but never implemented into policy.

Intent: Reconcile group conscience with policy.

New Business

In favor 21 Opposed Abstentions 0

Motion passed

Motion #2

Maker of the motion was Policy sub-committee and 2nd by Arthur

Motion: To temporarily suspend the 1 yr officer service experience qualifications for our current b2basc chair.

Intent: To keep the current chair in his position according to policy section #1 subsection B.

New Business

In favor 19 Opposed 0 Abstentions 0

Motion passed

Motion #3

Maker of the motion Kari A and 2nd Amanda B

Motion: Move the po box to Mankato. Because it sounds like the one in St.James is closed and its not a central location for b2basc.

Intent: Keep better track of the mail/central location.

New Business

In favor 20 Opposed 0 Abstentions 0

Open Forum
Meeting adjourned