

Back 2 Basics Area Service Committee



April 15, 2011

New Ulm, MN

Moment of Silence followed with Serenity Prayer

Reading of the 12 Concepts: Kari

Introductions – 31 in attendance

Announcements

May 13 - 14, 2011	Friday - Saturday	B2B	5th Annual Speaker Jam by the River - Winona MN
May 27 - 30, 2011	Friday - Monday	UMRNA	Spiritual Refreshment - Fargo, ND
Jun. 10 - 12, 2011	Friday - Sunday	B2B	S.M.A.R.B. 23 - Madison Lake, MN
Jun. 17 - 19, 2011	Friday - Sunday	B2B	Recovery not Relapse 24 - Granite Falls, MN
Aug. 12 - 14, 2011	Friday - Saturday	B2B	Hopefest - Garden City, MN
Sep. 1 - 4, 2011	Thursday - Sunday	WCNA	World Convention of NA 34 - San Diego, CA
Sep. 10, 2011	Saturday, 7:00 pm	TCA	28 th Annual Twin Cities Area Banquet - Minneapolis, MN

Chair called the meeting to order at: 2:00pm

Chair asked for a moment of silence at: 2:02pm

Service workers prayer was read by: Jay

Approval of Minutes: Jay and Kim

Priority Business:

Area Trusted Servants Reports:

Chairperson: No mail, Thanks NUMC for hosting area, would like to change to this agenda: open forum, new business before old business. Also would like to know where area is in May and June.

Secretary: Verbal (had nothing)

Treasurer: B2B APRIL 2011 TREASURERS REPORT

Balance on 3/19/2011 + \$3654.23

CHECKS WRITTEN

Check #1002 To LeAnna P (activities reimbursement) -\$140.16

Check#1003 To Rick H (literature budget) -\$200.00

Check#1004 To Al J (H & I budget)	-\$300.00
Total amount in checks written	-\$640.16
Balance	+\$3014.07
Deposit (on 4/11/2011)	+\$48.00
Deposit (on 4/11/2011)	+\$108.00
Total amount in deposits	+\$156.00
Balance	+\$3170.07

Area Service Representative:

MNRSC Report

The meeting was held one hour before COCW – Creating Our Common Welfare in Center City, MN.

Old Business

The following are some of the motions presented, voted on, and their status:

- Motions voted on will be given by RCMA

Elections

The following people were elected into service positions:

Fellowship Services Team - Cole (there are several positions still available on this team)

Fellowship Services Team - Melissa W.

RDA – Anthony B.

UMSO Board of Director's Representative – Pam S.

Budget

Monte spent time reviewing the past several year's revenues and expenses. It seemed as if our own AREA has seen the same sort of numbers, in the sense that, our numbers were up a couple of years

ago and that we are now on a decline. The numbers were easy to see and talk about as he had spent some time reviewing

graphs of the past four years.

The following is a simple break down of where we stand as of April 02, 2011

Cash on Hand

Wells Fargo Checking

\$10,811.06

Wells Fargo Savings

\$785.17

Total Cash on Hand

\$11,596.23

❖ See attached M.N.R.S.C. Treasurer Report

❖ Actual Treasurer's Report is available on Regional Website.

Help Line

❖ Volunteers are always appreciated

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❖ Amanda B. committed to returning all missed calls within 24 hours and has been able to do so within several hours thus far.

New Website

- Please take the time to review our new website at www.naminnesota.org. Feel free to surf and make suggestions for continual improvement.
- Feel free to join the “M.N.R.S.C. Google Group” on our regional website and be able to communicate / stay in contact with other N.A. members.

RD Report Was not present during MNRSC

RDA Report

- Anthony B. was nominated and elected.
- This will be predicated upon the B2B ASC’s approval. When I was nominated for the position, I asked if there would be a conflict with being the RCM from B2B. I was told that I would be able to serve in both positions until my term as RCM ended. I have subsequently been told that I would not be able to, as both positions hold a vote at the Regional level. So, it is with humility, that I ask the B2B ASC to decide what would be best. I have always been able to fulfill any previous service commitments and think it is always best to do so whenever possible; therefore, I will humbly step down from the RDA position if necessary. I feel we do have a capable and competent RCMA (Jay S.) who, in my opinion, would do a great job as the RCM for B2B. He has been to every meeting since elected as the RCMA and has offered great insight into the questions and challenges presented during the MNRSC.

Please let me know what everyone feels would be best,

Thank you,

Anthony B.

Our Area donated \$0

Once again, thank you all for the opportunity to represent B2B AREA.

In Service,

Anthony B.

RCMA Report:

RCMA Report April 16th

Hello B2B area, as Anthony said in his report we had a shortened version of region this month in order to allow time for the creating our common welfare service workshop. Anthony covered the elections so here are the motions that are pertinent to our area that were voted on this month. All of these motions passed.

Motion #301 To amend the Regional Guidelines replacing:

1 Bids by Areas to host the Minnesota Regional Convention of NA, need to be brought to

the MNRSC by June two years prior to the convention and then given to the MNNAC

BOD for review.

2 The MNNAC BOD will bring the bids and their recommendation on which bid to accept to the MNRSC in August, where the MNRSC will vote to select the host Area.

With:

1 Bids by Areas to host the Minnesota Regional Convention of NA need to be brought to the MNRSC in accordance with the guidelines of the Minnesota Narcotics Anonymous Convention Board of Directors.

2 The MNNAC BOD will bring the bids and their recommendation on which bid to accept to the MNRSC for final selection at such time as they feel appropriate.

Intent To amend the Regional Guidelines to leave the timing of the Regional Service Conference's approval of Area bids for the Minnesota NA Convention to the discretion of the Minnesotan Conference Board of Directors.

Motion#302To approve the Temporary Contact Project Idea

Intent: To allow the FST to solicit NA members to volunteer as a temporary contact and then match them with newcomers from treatment facilities.

The Temporary contact Project idea is to provide a "Bridge" between Narcotics Anonymous meetings and treatment facility patients and prison inmates upon the completion of their program or time served. Volunteers are "bridges" to the NA fellowship. You meet the newly released addict at a meeting and introduce them to other addicts so they have a broad, healthy base for their recovery program. In order for this program to move forward we need to know there are volunteers out there. If anyone would like to be a volunteer please go to www.naminnnesota.org and click the volunteer opportunities and sign up. If you don't have web access and want to do it today I have my computer here and will gladly stay after area and help. There will be some guidelines as far as clean time to be a volunteer goes but as of yet those guidelines are not set so I encourage all those willing to.

Motion #303To approve the Service Mentorship Project

Intent: As the Service Mentorship Project was a success, the FST should take the lessons learned from

I really don't know a lot of the details of this as it was an experimental project done by the region over the last year and I was not in on the planning and development. What I know about it is that new members interested in service are put in contact with experienced service members who took on a mentorship role introducing them to different levels of service as well as the 12

traditions and 12 concepts. I will try and have more details about this next time.

Another project the region is doing is called the Public Relations Conversation Project. We would like to encourage all interested members to participate in this. It is a conference call being held on Saturday, April 23 at 11:00 AM for one hour. It is designed to discuss public relations ideas, set PR goals, create a plan or two, and help each other achieve those goals. Call (641) 715-3620 enter 1041393# or go to www.naminnnesota.org click NA Events, click committee meetings and then click on the PR conversations event on April 23.

There is one other thing that was unveiled at the COCW. That is the new service system proposal. I am not going to get into all the details of it today but I am going to attach a copy of the proposal for inclusion in the minutes. It is a long document but I would really encourage you all to review it. This is the biggest thing to come out of world since the basic text and it will have a direct effect on how our groups, areas and regions approach service. More will be revealed in the months to follow but for now please get familiar with it as it will be the talk of the fellowship in the months to come.

And one last thing I wanted to talk about was what Anthony touched on in his report. He was elected as the RDA for the Minnesota region. In his defense he did ask if this would interfere with his position as RCM and was told by the chair that the two positions did not conflict. After he was elected some other members brought it to his attention that because of the voting structure of the region he cannot hold both positions at the same time. As he said in his report he is willing to do whatever the ASC wants him to do. If this body decides they want him to step down as RDA in order to fulfill his RCMA commitment he is willing to do that. If this body would like to accept his resignation as RCM I would be happy to step into that position if elected.

Thanks for letting me be of service

Jay S

(Also attached a 32 page Service System Proposals: February 2011 in the email he sent out) if you would like to see it let me know and I will send the attachment in an email to you.

Subcommittees:

Policy: Date: 4/16/11, Attendance: 5 Updates: 1) There has been a question about if there are any guidelines with regard to a quorum. Not in policy currently, but I would be willing to look into the guidelines currently being used by a region and report at next area. 2) A motion was discussed to change policy to allow for one GSR to represent more than one group if serving a representative of a cooperative council as defined in the guide to local services in NA. 3) It was brought up that last year the subcommittees for the campouts were not diligent about following policy, especially regarding reports shortly after the campouts end. 4) It was asked if the Policy committee could provide a condensed version of policy as it applies to individual, officers, or committees, and give a copy to each chair or officer where applicable. 5) I was asked if it would be prudent to amend policy under VII J to read: "Smarb, Hopefest, and Recovery not relapse subcommittees are allowed to have functional checking accounts in which there are at least two

designated signers not residing in the same residence".

Activities: Absent: Josie reported she will not be using Area money or Activities to help fund Smarb.

Hospitals & Institutions: 15 people and 11 coordinators in attendance, Learning day in July 16th after Area meeting in Mankato. Burgers and Brats will be provided, bring a dish to pass.

Public Relations: Absent, he talked to JJ and reported he has the meeting lists and the receipts for the last 2 printings.

Outreach: Open

Smarb: Verbal - from Steve; they sold merchandise at recent functions. I also had wrote down in my notes that I had a written report from Amanda but I cannot find it. Sorry about that.

Newsletter: Brought the new newsletters with to area. Has contacts already for the next one, was not able to get the clean times in this one but will for sure in the next issue just let Logan know name and date or if you know someone else that you would want to put in the newsletter, just get the information to Logan.

Hopefest: Average Attendance: 2 today or whoever shows up, still looking for registration chair, still working on the fine details with the fair board, we have new tank tops for sale. We would like to see registrations to start coming in.

Recovery not Relapse Campout: Things are moving along well. 2 out of 3 speakers lined up. Working on filling service work like greeters, concessions, and registration. Area will be in Granite Falls on Saturday. A DJ will be lined up.

Literature: Rick gave verbal, Has starter kits available for new groups if interested please contact Rick.

Ad Hoc: Did not meet has no report.

Questions & Concerns:

GSR Reports:

From Hopeless to Dopeless:

GSR: Al J

Average Attendance: 20

Newcomers: 3

Donation: \$0

Updates: New meeting room for NA almost done

Dopeless Hope Fiends:

GSR: Jill

Average Attendance: 15 - 20

Newcomers: 2-3

Donation: \$20.00

Updates: Moving May 2nd to Jan 2012 due to construction, will be moving to Jesus Assemble of God, 722 Sunrise Dr, St.Peter. Contact Garrett for more info., 507-382-6780.

Salvation at the Salvation:

GSR: Mike (Acting)

Average Attendance: 20-30

Newcomers: yes

Donation: \$0

Updates: None

Hope Works:

GSR: Brandt
Average Attendance: 12 - 19
Newcomers: 2 - 3
Donation: \$50
Updates: None

New Beginnings NA:

GSR: Kim B
Average Attendance: 40
Newcomers: 3-5 from Treatment Center
Donation: \$0
Updates: Spring Fling was successful. Going well.

Gotta Do Something:

GSR: Dan S
Average Attendance: 13.5
Newcomers: 1
Donation: \$30
Updates: We are moving across the street to Jesus Assembly of God 5/6/11

Key to Acceptance:

GSR: Elaine L
Average Attendance: 4 - 6
Newcomers: 2
Donation: \$10.00
Updates: Flyers on the table

SMRF:

GSR: Jeremy D
Average Attendance: 10
Newcomers: 6
Donation: \$20.00
Updates: None

Friday Night Hope Fiends:

GSR: Terry S
Average Attendance: 8 - 12
Newcomers: some here and there
Donation: \$0
Updates: None

More of out Life:

GSR: Drew L
Average Attendance: 20-40
Newcomers: 2 - 3
Donation: \$0
Updates: Our group is branching out and starting a womans meeting which will be held Wendsday at 8pm at St. James Episcopal church

Fireside Recovery:

GSR: Josie B (acting GSR)
Average Attendance: 5 - 10
Newcomers: 0 - 1
Donation: \$25
Updates: None

Granite Falls, MN:

GSR: Joel
Average Attendance: 25
Newcomers: 4
Donation: \$0
Updates: None: None

West Hills NA Groups:

GSR: Willow Fischer Dale
Average Attendance: Mon @ 7pm 15 – 20, Wends @ 9:30am 15 – 20, Sat @ 9:30am 15 - 20
Newcomers: 1 – 2 at all of the above
Donation: \$0
Updates: None: None

Keeping it Simple:

GSR: Michelle Van Riper (Acting)
Average Attendance: 20
Newcomers: 10
Donation: \$0
Updates: None: Adolescent treatment kids, Basic text and discussion meeting.

ALTT New Ulm:

GSR: Jonathan Hanson (Acting)
Average Attendance: 10 - 12
Newcomers: 1 weekly
Donation: \$20
Updates: None: None

Ladies Luck Recovery:

GSR: Rhonda
Average Attendance: 6 - 10
Newcomers: 1 - 2
Donations: \$40
Updates: None: Meeting is going well

Ties that Bind, Something Recovery, True to Ourselves:

GSR: Cindy C
Average Attendance: 12 - 15
Newcomers: 0 - 1
Donation: \$50
Updates: None: Meet in Fairmont Tues, Wends, and Fri, Recovery continues to need GSR, GSRA, and Secretary again.

Questions & Concerns:

Open Forum:

Area in May – was discussed to have it in Mankato at the Holy Roaserie School but that was booked so it is set up for Owatonna, check email for time and place.

Joel – About policy – creating cooperative counsel groups meet on monthly basis.

Sent around the meeting list for updates.

Joel – talked about printing out condensed policies for subcommittee chairs and camp out chairs.

Joel – put in motion about changing signers on campout checking accts.

JJ ran through major points how to navigate the NA website. (NA Minnesota.net)

Jay – Discuss RCM and RCMA position

JJ – Brought Presentation Board back wants to bring board to Drug Court function in May.

New Business:

Motion #1: Change policy in section V part F page 2 to read: “ No member may serve as combination of GSR/GSR-alternate for two different groups, unless serving as a representative of a cooperative council as defined in the Guide to Local Services in NA (pg 65-66). For voting purposes, a representative for the co-op would carry a single vote.”

Maker: Joel D

2nd by: ALJ

Intent: To facilitate rural group representation at the area service committee, to coordinate local services (such as H&I, PI, activities, etc.), and create unity in the rural portions of the B2B ASC. This will also ease the travel burden of the individual groups represented by the co-op.

For example, one representative will be sent to the area by the co-op each month instead of each individual group. However, for voting purposes, the representative for the co-op would only carry a single vote reflective of the co-op's group conscience.

Motion passed: 23/0/2

Motion #2: To amend policy under VII J to read: “Smarb, Hopefest, and recovery not relapse subcommittees are allowed to have functional checking accounts in which there are at least two designated signers not residing in the same residence.

Maker: Joel D

2nd by: ALJ

Intent: To simplify the financial needs of the various campout subcommittees while maintaining accountability of funds.

Motion passed: 26/0/0

Old Business:

PR – Will go on as open next month

Outreach – Open

Motion to Close at 3:58 pm

Meeting adjourned