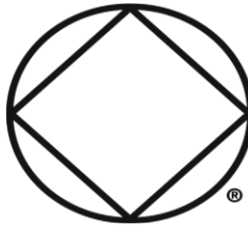


Back 2 Basics Area Service Committee



September 17, 2011

Owatonna, MN

Moment of Silence followed with Serenity Prayer

Reading of the 12 Concepts: Kari

Introductions – 9 GSR's in attendance, 20 people total

Announcements

Upcoming Events:

September:

- 18: Twin Cities Area Unity Picnic, Columbia Park, Minneapolis
- 1980's Throwback Party, UAW Ray Bush Union Hall (Ford Union Hall), St. Paul

October:

- 7 - 9: ICUCNA Inner Cities Unity Convention, Hyatt Regency, Minneapolis
- 22: RITH Halloween Party, St. Boni City Hall, St. Bonifacious
- 28: The Great Halloween Party, Litchfield Christian Church, Litchfield
- 29: Frolic in Disguise, First Congregational Church, Winona
- 29: A Haunted 3d Experience, Zywiec's Landscape and Garden Center, Cottage Grove

FOR MORE INFO go to www.naminnnesota.org click on calendar

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

Chair asked for a moment of silence at: 2:01pm

Service workers prayer was read by: Chad

Approval of Minutes: Approved Motion by Mike 2nd by Al

Bridging the Gap Presentation:

Two representatives from the Minnesota Region were present and gave a short presentation regarding the Bridging the Gap Program. This program links people up who are coming out of institutions with someone that can help them get acquainted with where the local meetings are in the area the person is being released in. There is very little commitment with this program and this is not a commitment to being a "temporary sponsor." It is only saying that you are willing to be a contact person, nothing more. There are a couple of different ways to sign up for this program. The first is by filling out the forms that were brought in and to give them back to the representatives from the Region, otherwise you can sign up on the Regional website, naminnnesota.org. They also talked about the opportunity to be of service to the Regional helpline. Some of the statistics they offered is that 92% of calls are answered on the first call. The other 8% receive a call back from someone within 3 hours. You can also sign up to help with this at naminnnesota.org.

Area Trusted Servants Reports:

Chairperson: I checked the PO Box and there was nothing in it. I am looking forward to acting as your Area chair over the next year and am open to any ideas you all may have about how we can get more people involved in our ASC meetings.

Co-Chair: OPEN

Secretary: OPEN

Asst Secretary: OPEN

Treasurer: Balance on 8/20/11 \$3,288.37

Check #1014 West Hills NA -\$50.00

Check #1015 Kari A. -\$20.00

	-70.00
	3218.17
Deposits	
7 th Tradition	\$174.02
Hopefest	\$1270.05
	+1444.07
Balance 9/17/11	\$4662.44

Grateful to be of service.

Jeffrey

McDowell

Co-Treasurer: OPEN

RCM: Absent

RCMA Report: Absent

Subcommittees:

Policy: Absent-no report (term is up, nominations will be taken at the next ASC)

Activities: Open

Hospitals & Institutions: Al reported that 18 people were present at the meeting today. 10 institutions represented today. The white books, An Introductory guide to NA books are in. If there are any special things needed, let me know ahead of time.

Newsletter: Open

Public Relations: Open

Outreach: Open

Smarb: Open

Hopefest: We have our committee set for the most part. We are still accepting ideas for theme's for next year's campout and the person whose is chosen gets a free admission. Please give submissions to Mike M. or any other committee member. Our idea for next year is to involve the House of Hope and maybe let them pick a theme because that's where it all started. I will be making a phone call to set up a meeting with the campground to get on the agenda for the Board meeting.

Recovery not Relapse Campout: Shantele – first meeting since the campout is scheduled for this Thursday, the 22nd. At this meeting we plan on voting on our slogan to put on the back of the t-shirts and sweatshirts. We plan to order these i so we can have them on time for a fundraiser we are planning to hold at Halloween. All planning for this fundraiser will be discussed that evening.

Literature: Open

Ad-hoc: Back 2 Basics Area Service System Ad-hoc

9/17/2011

In the decades since the first NA meeting in October 1953 our fellowship has grown from a few groups in the suburbs of Los Angeles, to a global fellowship of over 58,000 meeting every week. As we have grown, the services we provide to help the groups focus on their primary purpose have grown with us.

Today there are over 1,000 Area Service Committees in well over 100 regions. We are able to carry the message to so many addicts in so many places around the World. But it's past time to take a holistic look at our service system to an increasingly diverse set of circumstances, and in many cases, it's not working as well as it could.

For years we have heard about the challenges in local NA communities: ineffective communication, insufficient resources, frustrated trusted servants, and a poor atmosphere of recovery in our service meetings.

Results from two recent Issue Discussion Topics, Infrastructure and Our Service System, expressed these same struggles and the same goal---to better align our practices with our principles. Of course for some of us the system we have is working, but for others it is not.

Some examples in our Area is the vacant positions, lack of mentoring, H&I Panel Coordinators not attending ASC or providing a report, lack of volunteering to provide services and the focus on functions vs. carrying the message. These are the reasons that the ad-hoc was formed.

The B2B decision to adopt the NAWS Service System Proposals would (in practice) provide an opportunity for us to try out the proposals in an effort to see if their adoption in Southern Minnesota will improve our service delivery.

The ad-hoc committee was charged with developing a process to transition from the current system to the proposed system.

We met via webinar/conference call on Thursday evening September 15, 2011. As chair of this ad-hoc I emailed the B2B email list to inquire about participation and those who were interested either called in or let me know their interest.

Our first meeting agenda included:
Set up future meeting times (1-2 times a month, Thursday's 6pm-7pm) our next meeting is Thursday October 6th via webinar/conference call.
Propose 60 minute workshops on NA Vision and the Service System (GSU & LSU)
Plan for an Area Assembly for January 2012 (to set the course for B2B Services in 2012).
Propose 7 GSU's 1. (Albert Lea, Austin, Blooming Prairie, Briceyn) 2. (SW Minnesota-Marshall, Worthington, Pipestone, Redwood Falls, Woodstock and Granite Falls) 3. (Fairmont, Jackson, Windom) 4. (St. James, New Ulm, Sleepy Eye) 5. (Mankato) 6. (St. Peter) 7. (Owatonna, Faribault)
The SW Minnesota GSU has already begun to meet and has nothing but positive things to report.
We want to proceed cautiously yet intentionally. We have motions that will come up in new business regarding the next two ASC's. The proposals are to have workshops in place of the GSR reports both in October and November. We would encourage GSR's to submit their reports in advance. It's important that we make sure that it's known that every member is invited to attend the workshops. We want this to be a whole fellowship endeavor. We invite reflection on Concept 7 that ALL members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes.
Thanks for allowing me to be of service,
JJ

GSR REPORTS:

Group Name: Friday Night Gotta Do Something
Name: Mike
Service Position: GSR
Average Attendance: 10-15
of Newcomers: Yes
Donation to the ASC: 15.00
Updates: Our group is adopting IP #28 funding NA services

Group Name: Hopeless to Dopeless
Name: Al
Service Position: GSR
Average Attendance: 20
of Newcomers: 5
Donation to the ASC: None
Updates: New room coming soon; waiting for carpet.

Group Name: Wild Side NA
Name: Mike K.
Service Position: GSR
Average Attendance: 5-10
of Newcomers: 2
Donation to the ASC: 0
Updates:

Group Name: Crossroads NA
Name: Kari
Service Position: Acting GSR
Average Attendance: 15-20
of Newcomers: 1-2 Per week average
Donation to the ASC: \$0
Updates: None at this time.

Group Name: Hope Works
Name: Absent
Service Position:
Average Attendance:

of Newcomers:
Donation to the ASC:
Updates:

Group Name: Dopeless Hope Fiends
Name: Katie R
Service Position: GSR
Average Attendance: 15-25
of Newcomers: More are coming each week with the time change.
Donation to the ASC: \$20.00

Updates: Group Name: Wonders of Recovery, Ties that Bind and True....
Name: Chad S
Service Position: GSR
Average Attendance: 14-20
of Newcomers: 6-8 treatment centers with some coming back
Donation to the ASC: None @ this time
Updates: None

Group Name: Salvation at the Salvation
Name: Jeremy P
Service Position: GSR
Average Attendance: 20-30
of Newcomers: 1-2
Donation to the ASC: 0
Updates:

Group Name: Gift of life Fairbault Na
Name: Stephanie
Service Position: GSR
Average Attendance: 20-30
of Newcomers: 5-10
Donation to the ASC: 0
Updates: Attitude of Grattitude, November 17th, New Treasurer Jerry. New GSRA Arthur

Group Name: More out of Life
Name: Eli R.
Service Position: GSR
Average Attendance: Tues – 4, Wed – 10, Thurs – 20, Sat - 30
of Newcomers: 20
Donation to the ASC: \$125.84
Updates: none

Open Forum:

- Al J. brought up that this year he wasn't sure if Fairmont would still be putting on the Holiday Rocks event with the ASC in December. He stated that they didn't have a whole lot of funds and also that the participation in putting on the event last year fell on about 3 or 4 people to put on the entire event. He stated that maybe Mankato could host such an event in December. After some discussion, it was agreed that Al would go back to Fairmont to see if he could secure a location as well as enough people to get involved so that the event could be successful. The area gave him assurance that if some start up money was needed, the activities money might be a way that we could help get it started. He will report to area next month if he was successful and if the event will still be held.
- Kari A. suggested that we use the activities money to purchase beverages and doughnuts, etc. to bring to ASC

meetings stating that many of us are at the meetings from early in the morning until late in the afternoon without having much of a chance to get anything to eat.

Old Business:

No nominations or volunteers for PR, Newsletter, Secretary, Co-chair, Literature or Activities.

Alyssa nominated Gordy for SMARB chair, second by Kari A. After Gordy indicated that he would be willing to be the chair and attend the ASC each month as well as hosting subcommittee meetings the same day as area at 4:30 p.m., he was voted in as the new SMARB chair for 2012 at a margin of 9-1.

Motion #1 (motion #4 from last month)

Maker of the motion: Mike K.

2nd by: Al J.

Motion: Funding for October Harvest Hug up Dance in Bricelyn. **Intent:** to have \$300 funding for food and a band.

Motion Passed 11-1

New Business:

Motion #2

Maker of motion: JJ

2nd by: Mike M.

Motion: To substitute a 60 minute workshop “A Vision for NA Services” in place of GSR reports in October 2011 at the ASCM.

Intent: To provide information and learning about the service system proposals.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #3

Maker of motion: JJ

2nd by: Mike M.

Motion: To substitute a 60 minutes workshop “GSU & LSU” in place of GSR reports in November 2011 at the ASCM.

Intent: To provide information and learning about the service system proposals.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Close at 4:00 pm by Mike M., 2nd by Arthur

Meeting adjourned