

Back 2 Basics Area Service Committee



November 19, 2011

Faribault, MN

Chair Called the Meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

Moment of Silence followed with Serenity Prayer

Reading of the 12 Concepts: Jill

Reading of Service Workers Prayer: Verna

Introductions – 9 GSR's in attendance, 15 people total

Announcements

Monday in Mankato at the Fillin' Station at 6 p.m. – discussion of new GSU forming in Mankato. Please attend and help to make this effort successful!

Upcoming Events:

November:

- 25: Thanksgiving Weekend Friday Kickoff, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis
- 26: Thanksgiving Weekend Saturday Kickoff, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

December:

- 10: Holiday Rocks, Eagles Club, Fairmont, MN
- 11: Life In Recovery Skating Event, St. Cloud Skating Place
- 31: Rocken Eve: University Lutheran Church/P.E.A.S.E. Academy
- 31: New Year's Eve, Albert Lea

January

- 14: Volleyball Tournament, Hutchinson Rec. Center
- 14: Holiday Ball 2012, Calvary Episcopal Church, Rochester

April

- 13-15: MNNAC, Grand Kahler Hotel, Rochester

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jill, 2nd by Gordon, Unanimously approved

Officer Reports

Chair

I contacted Jeff S. from the Region and had our B2B website deleted, so now if you go to that site it will direct you to our portion of the Regional website. I also updated all the trusted servant information, put up the new flier for this area as well as Holiday Rocks, posted the newest policy information (7/2011) and Amanda posted the minutes from all ASC meetings since she was secretary. I was also made a web developer for the website, so if you have any ideas on what you would like to see on the website or if you have something that needs to be posted please let me know. I also updated our meeting list to reflect some more changes that I was made aware of. I visited a meeting here in Faribault and was made aware of a couple of more meetings that are currently meeting here, but when I contacted the contact person for all the Faribault meetings, Jess M., she said she hasn't been attending meetings in town recently. I would like to get some more information on these meetings and also get a new contact person that we can list in case someone has a current question regarding meetings in Faribault. I also corresponded with the developer of a public service announcement about getting one made for our Region with our local information on it including the helpline and our regional website. It turns out that our Region already purchased one. I have been in email contact with KEYC Mankato about airing it and the programming manager said that she would be happy to give us some air time on CBS and FOX. Monte, from the Region has a high quality beta copy, which is commercial ready of the PSA's and will be sending it to me over the weekend. As long as it's ok with those in our area, I will be setting up a meeting next week to get them on the air. I checked the PO Box and we received a bill for the PO Box and the Hopefest bank statement. Jeff and I made out a check for the PO Box for \$48 and Hopefest also put in a check for \$48 to cover the next 12 months. I contacted our treasurer in regards to making out a check to region and he will be sending out checks for 10% of our recent area donations. Jeff is not here presently, but will be able to fill out checks around 5 p.m. tonight for those of you that need to be reimbursed for anything. Thank you for letting me be of service!

Jeremy A.

RCM - absent

Treasurer – absent, but submitted a report via email

NOVEMBER 2011 B2B AREA TREASURERS REPORT

Balance on 10/15/2011

\$4488.28

CHECKS WRITTEN

Check #1018 on 10/18(MNRSC Donation)	- <u>\$118.00</u>
Check #1019 on 11/17(MNRSC Donation)	- <u>\$159.00</u>

TOTAL	- <u>\$277.00</u>
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BALANCE	<u>+\$4211.28</u>
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DEPOSITS

Group Donations From Oct 2011 ASC on 10/17	<u>+\$253.47</u>
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TOTAL	<u>+\$253.47</u>
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BALANCE	<u>+\$4464.75</u>
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Voided Check #1012 Written to MNRSC Was never sent	<u>+\$39.00</u>
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BALANCE ON 11/19/2011	<u>\$4503.75</u>
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Grateful To Be Of Service
Jeffrey McDowell

Subcommittee Reports

H&I: Al J. – the H&I committee met today with 6 people in attendance. Al didn't include on his report anything they spoke about and I wasn't taking notes thinking that it would be included in his written report. (If you have questions, please contact Al directly or let me know and I will get you in touch with him.)

SMARB: Gordon expressed that he needs to get a final report from last year's chair, Anthony. We also never received a final donation from the campout from last year. They met in Bricelyn at last month's ASCM and were able to get several volunteers to fill open positions. They will be meeting again today following the ASCM.

Hopefest: Mike – stay warm with the finest NA merchandise is out. We have hoodies, two styles of thermo's and t-shirts. Different colors for your tastes. Get them while they are hot!

R-N-R Campout: Absent, but submitted the following report via email

We had a great turnout for our "Fall into Recovery" party on October 29th. We raised approximately \$375 through donations, raffle items, silent auction items, and merchandise for our campout that night! Our committee met last night to discuss our next fundraiser that will be

held on New Year's Eve. We are planning on having a potluck, speaker meeting, "white elephant gifts," games, and a DJ! Flyer coming soon! We voted on more merchandise: purple glow-in-the-dark wristbands and have someone pricing travel mugs locally. It's great to see all the local support we've been receiving - we usually have about 10-15 people at any given subcommittee meeting.

Ad-hoc Committee: JJ stated that he will be meeting again with his committee prior to the next Area meeting.

In lieu of reading GSR reports, it was agreed upon by a motion at the September ASCM that we would have a workshop put on by the JJ, the Ad-Hoc Committee Chair regarding the proposed new service structure of NA. The following are the GSR reports that were submitted at the Area meeting and via email.

GSR Reports

Marshall, 5 groups - absent

Clean and Serene, Granite Falls – absent but sent the following report via email

Newcomers: 2

Avg. Attendance: 10-12

No donation this month

Notes: The treatment center in Granite Falls has, for whatever reason, stopped sending their clients to this meeting. The treatment center made up a good majority of our attendance, so our numbers this month are lower. We have quite a bit of support from outside of town and more addicts attending from in town than we've seen in quite a while. With the lack of NA attendance in the treatment center, the GSU is looking at offering an H&I panel instead.

Crossroads, Mankato

Meets Thursdays at 7:30 at 150 Stadium Court, Mankato

Average Attendance 20-30, 2-4 newcomers/week

No donation

Adler is the acting GSR at this time.

High Hopes, Mankato – absent but the following report was submitted

Meets Mondays at 6:00 at the SMRC at the corner of Broad and Main St., Mankato

Average attendance 6-10, newcomers 1-2/week

No donation

Gotta do something, St. Peter

Mike M., GSR

Average attendance 10 to 15

Newcomers: yes and return

Donation of \$41.70

Ties That Bind, True 2 Ourselves, Wonders of Recovery

Verna/Chad, GSR-A

Avg. Attendance: 14-15

Newcomers: 1-5

Donation: 0

Updates: Holiday Rocks is December 10, at the Eagles club in Fairmont.

Salvation at the Salvation

Jill, GSRA

Ave. Attendance: 25-40

Number of newcomers: 2-5

Donation: \$20

Super Mantastic Recovery Fantastic, Mankato

Logan, GSR

Attendance: 8

2 newcomers

\$20.00 Donation

Info: No meeting on Thanksgiving Day

Gift of Life, Faribault

Arthur, GSRA

Attendance: 10-20

Number of newcomers: a few and some stuck and stayed

No donation at this time

Info: We are hosting the Attitude of Gratitude after the meeting. We also have a new meeting that is meeting on Saturdays at 9 a.m. at the Guild House.

7th Day Junkies, Mankato

Tracy D., GSR

Attendance: 40

Newcomers: 5-10

Donation: 0

No updates

Hope Works – absent but report was submitted by Jill

Attendance: 15-30

Newcomers: 2-4

Donation: \$20

No updates

Hopeless to Dopeless

Al J., GSR

Attendance: 20

Newcomers: 2

No donation at this time

No updates

Southwest MN GSU: (update submitted via email)

Every two months we meet and focus on one specific goal. Highlighting briefly what's happened over the past two months:

Oct/Nov Goal: have an informal PI presentation wherein we have a regular meeting and invite specific individuals from the community to witness an NA meeting.

Intent: to let the community know that we are a viable option for recovery, show who/what we are, remove the "veil of mystery" surrounding NA meetings, and that we DO recover!

Outcome: We had the sheriff, 2 probation officers, and 2 clergy members show up to our meeting. The overall response was very positive. We had time for Q&A after the meeting where we were asked some great questions including, "What can we do to further your cause?" and "How can we get people to find you sooner?" Tough questions!

Response from members was very positive and people indicated that they wanted to do this again! We had about 20 members from Pipestone, Marshall, Worthington, Windom, and Redwood Falls show up, so it was a great way to create some unity!

Dec/Jan Goal: to reach out to the treatment center in Granite Falls and see if they would like an H&I panel brought into the treatment center

Intent: fill the gap between treatment and Narcotics Anonymous and, most importantly, carry the message

Methods: email the designated contacts at Project Turnabout, follow up with a phone call and meet in person as necessary. If yes: get applications (or whatever is needed) out to everyone that is able to help and move forward. If no: ask again in 6 months - 1 year.

Because this goal was really only going to take one or two people, we decided on getting some prep work done before the next meeting including:

- Get applications to all H&I commitments within the GSU so that we can have more volunteers available for each facility
- Find out when all the health fairs are in our local towns and bring back information to enter into a calendar.

In January, Pipestone is having a health fair where our GSU will be using the PI tables from the region.

Next meeting for the Southwest MN GSU is tentatively planned for January 14th at 2pm in Slayton at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Quorum Call:

Groups

Friday Night, Gotta Do Something, St. Peter (Mike M.)	Present
Hopeless to Dopeless, Fairmont (Al)	Present
Wild Side NA, Bricelyn (Mike K.)	Absent
Salvation at the Salvation, Tuesday, Mankato (Jill)	Present

Gift of Life, Faribault (Arthur)	Present
More Out of Life, Marshall (Eli)	Absent
Crossroads, Mankato (Adler)	Present
Ties That Bind, True 2 Ourselves, Wonders of Recovery (Chad/Verna)	Present
Clean and Serene, Granite Falls (Joel)	Absent
High Hopes (Mike L.)	Absent
Super Mantastic Recovery Fantastic (Logan)	Present
7 th Day Junkies (Tracy D.)	Present

9/13 69%

Officers

Chair	Present
Treasurer	Absent
RCM	Absent

Subcommittee Chairs

H&I	Present
SMARB	Present
Hopefest	Present
RNR	Absent
Ad-hoc	Present

5/8 62.5%

Quorum is achieved

Open Forum

PSA – discussed whether the airing of a PSA announcing the presence of NA in the area and giving out our regional helpline phone number and website followed our traditions.

New Business

Motion #1

Maker of the motion: J.J.

2nd by: Tracy

Motion: to proceed with the airing of public service announcements on Fox/CBS KEYC-Mankato

Intent: to attract addicts and let them know we are here and how to get a hold of us

Motion passed 11-0-1

Additional Notes:

Al J. will be passing around the current meeting list, please make any adjustments and Jeremy will update these on the Regional website as well as make note for future Area meeting lists.

Jill stated there will be an informational meeting on Monday night at 6 p.m. regarding the forming of a Mankato GSU. Please attend if you are interested in being a part of making this change successful.

Motion to close at 4:20 p.m. by Tracy, 2nd by Jill

Meeting closed