

Back 2 Basics Area Service Committee



January 21, 2012

North Mankato, MN

Chair Called the Meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Moment of Silence followed with Serenity Prayer

Reading of the 12 Concepts: Cole

Reading of Service Workers Prayer: Jeremy P.

Introductions – 6 GSR's in attendance, 16 people total

Announcements

Newsletter – please make sure you are announcing that we need submissions for the newsletter sent to b2bareanewsletter@yahoo.com or via mail to PO Box 84, Mankato, MN 56002

Upcoming Events:

February

- 4: Free Pancake Breakfast, First Presbyterian Church, St. Paul
- 11: A Night to Remember, Recovery Church, St. Paul
- 18: 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff, Holy Rosary School, N. Mankato
- 18: RITH Gig 2012, Waverly Village Hall

March

- 3: Arctic Blast '12, St. Cloud
- 3: NA Day Chili Cook off, First Presbyterian Church, St. Paul
- 10: Camden Bridge Group Taco Feed and Dance, Salem Lutheran Church, N. Minneapolis
- 24: Creating Our Common Welfare, Hutchinson, Faith Lutheran Church

April

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

May

- 18: Speaker Jam, Winona

June

- 15-17: Recovery Not Relapse Campout 25, Memorial Park, Granite Falls
- 20: PIG 28, Apple River Family Campground

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Tracy D., 2nd by JJ, Unanimously approved

Officer Reports

Chair

I checked the PO Box and only the Hopefest account statement was in it. I have been in contact with Anthony B. regarding the status of funds in the SMARB checking account. He wrote out a check to the Area for \$2500 and gave it to our treasurer, who verified that he received the check and would deposit it this week. Also, they will be going to the bank where the account is located and will be writing out a check for the final balance to Area and closing the account. Anthony indicated that there is a debt owed to the Chair for 18 months of the PO Box but he hasn't been able to contact Steve. I told him that the Area will reimburse him if he comes back to Area and requests this reimbursement.

Jeremy A.

RCM

Hello B2B area; first I would like to say I apologize for not being in attendance the last two month. A touch of the flue got me in November and December ASC was the same day as the regional meeting and I thought that is where my attention needed to be.

Ok so on to my report. The Minnesota region met via web conference on the 10th of December. This was a historic meeting as it was the first time a Narcotics Anonymous Region has held a remote meeting. Just one more example of how Minnesota is leading the way in NA. The meeting went very smoothly and in the online survey completed by members after the meeting it was judged a success by almost everyone in attendance.

Now onto the business of the day, there were only a couple motion on the table, the first motion was motion 325 to approve the budget for 2012. This motion passed, and if anybody in interested in the regional 2012 budget it can be found on our web site or talk to me and I will help you find it.

Next motion # 326 was a motion to approve a UMSO audit project. This motion never made it to vote as it did not get the required second to the motion. That was the end of the day's motions.

I would like to remind everybody that there are many different service opportunities available at the regional level. Co-Chair is an open position as well as several fellowship services team member positions. If anybody would like to know what these positions are about please talk to me.

I would also like to encourage anyone who hasn't yet, to please sign up to be a temp contact for the bridging the gap program. The program is now up and running and more volunteers are always needed. You can sign up via email at BridgingtheGap@naminnnesota.org through the Minnesota regional web site

under volunteer opportunities, or just give me your contact info today and I will get your info where it needs to be.

There is also some helpline volunteer training sessions coming up. Answering the helpline is another great way to make sure the addict who still suffers can find his way to an NA meeting where the miracle happens. They are scheduled for [Thursday 1/19 at 7:05 pm Minneapolis & Online](#), [Saturday 2/11 at 3:30 pm Minneapolis](#), [Saturday 2/18 at 2:00 pm Minneapolis & Online](#).

One more point of interest and that is that we are still in need of an RCMA. I bring this up today because next month I will not be able to make it to the regional meeting and it would be nice if we could have some representation.

That is all I have to report today. Thanks for letting me be of service.

Jay S.

Treasurer – Jeff (absent but submitted the following report)

Here is a January 2012 Treasurers report and I promise in February I will have A final annual report for 2011. I will not be able to attend the ASC meeting today because of mandatory overtime at work, I'm hoping that this is going away by next month cause i am not liking this missing ASC meetings at all and I am sorry to you all . Anyone who needs checks or anything else from me please cal me @ [507 363 9426](tel:5073639426) or email me @ jmcdowell1971@yahoo.com.

B2B ASC JANUARY 2012 TREASURERS REPORT

Balance last report 12/10/2011	<u>\$3700.70</u>
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CHECKS WRITTEN

Check #1025(JJ for PR luncheon)	<u>\$650.00</u>
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Debit card orders to NAW(\$13.00x15)	<u>\$195.00</u>
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Debit card payment(USPS)	<u>\$4.52</u>
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DEPOSITS

Deposit(12/13/2011)	<u>\$49.50</u>
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<u>BALANCE ON 1/21/2012</u>	<u>\$2900.68</u>
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Thank you for letting me serve you

Jeffrey S McDowell

Subcommittee Reports

H&I: Al J. – absent, no report submitted

Hopefest: Mike – Hopefest is just around the corner. We secured our DJ and speakers. We also have a new fashion of zip-up hoodies for your zip up pleasure.

R-N-R Campout: Shantele – For the New Year's fundraiser we had 30-40 people and 8 people at the last campout meeting. New Year's fundraiser went very well despite the weather. After expenses, we raised \$125. We recently added new merchandise for sale including travel mugs for \$7 and wrist bands 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5. Last campout meeting we discussed what we will serve for meal that is included with registration. Ideas were brought forth but haven't made a final decision yet.

Ad-hoc Committee: JJ –

B2B PR Event Mankato update

January 2012

Have made contact with local Drug Courts, Probation office and treatment centers to inquire/pool them as to what day of the week would work the best. Have not heard back from several key people as the Drug Court Coordinators were meeting this last Friday. Considering that National Drug Court Month is in May the suggestion that we hold the event the first full week of May (May 7-11) avoiding Fridays. The likelihood will be that it is down to Tuesday 5/8 or Thursday 5/10. The venues being considered are AmericInn and Best Western. I have contact MSU about using their ballroom and they do the catering. This is an long shot but worth the inquiry.

With the advance I have purchased some literature and am prepared to pay the venue in advance when it is secured. Discussing this with Tammy G we would like to give away a substantial amount of literature. We plan to have an agenda with a 1) History of NA and NA in the Area, 2) Panel on what is NA, 3) lunch & 4) Q & A.

We will be looking to some old-timers for the history of NA piece and volunteers for What is NA and the Panel. If you would like to be considered please let me know or email me so I can start a list for us to consider. If you would like to be a part of this project and have not been involved in a PR Presentation previously please review Chapters 8-11 of the PR Handbook.

More will be revealed. JJ

Service System Project

Considering that the CAR review is planned for the January ASC I did not submit a motion or the proposed guidelines this time. I did want to have the GSR's review the Resolutions in the CAR prior to submitting a motion. In my discussion with Jeremy (our Area chair) I committed to have the information emailed in the next 14 days. Besides the CAR Resolutions here are the straw polls that are applicable to our B2B work.

- A. There is a small, neighborhood-sized body devoted to group needs. This group forum, which is typically not part of the delegation stream, is informal in nature and operates through conversation not formal decision making. (See page 56 for a detailed explanation of the body devoted to group support.)
- B. Groups send a delegate quarterly to a local service planning meeting. One of those quarterly meetings is a general assembly where all interested members are encouraged to attend and input is given to help plan service activities for the cycle. (See page 61 for a detailed explanation of the local service body.)
- C. Services are coordinated by a local service board and carried out by members, committees, and project workgroups who report to that board.
- D. Local service bodies follow county, city, or town boundaries, where practical. (They are much larger than the group forums mentioned above and in many cases larger than the current ASCs.)
- E. The boundaries of those local service bodies are agreed to at the state or national level.
- F. Planning cycles are synchronized from level to level (local to state to global) as well as across each level.
- G. When service needs cannot be accomplished effectively by local service bodies and state/national/province bodies, an intermediate level of service can be added. (See page 64 for a detailed explanation of an intermediate service body.)

The motion would be:

To substitute the current “B2B ASC” for the “LSU” Guidelines on a temporary basis or until the B2B groups ratify a change for a period of 18 months.

Intent: To try out the “new” service system

The LSU will meet the odd months beginning March 2012 with a planning assembly to be held in December of 2012.

The proposed guidelines will be sent for review prior to the next B2B ASC.

JJ

GSR Reports

Marshall, 5 groups – Amanda B., treasurer/acting GSR

Newcomers: 3+/month

Avg. Attendance: 2-40

Donation: 0

Updates: Tuesday noon is struggling – going to do some PR work to hopefully boost the numbers.

Clean and Serene, Granite Falls – absent

Crossroads, Mankato – absent

High Hopes, Mankato – absent

Gotta do something, St. Peter – Mike M., GSR

Average attendance 15 to 20

Newcomers: yes

Donation of \$22

Ties That Bind, True 2 Ourselves, Wonders of Recovery – absent

Salvation at the Salvation – Jeremy P., GSRA

Ave. Attendance: 20-30

Number of newcomers: 1-2

Donation: \$0

Updates: my term as GSR is up. Will continue being of service until someone else takes the position

Super Mantastic Recovery Fantastic, Mankato - Logan

Average Attendance: 8

Number of newcomers: 2-3

Donation: \$15

Gift of Life, Faribault - absent

7th Day Junkies, Mankato – Tracy

Average Attendance: 30-50

Number of newcomers: ?

Donation: \$20

Updates: changed format and getting unity back!

Hopeless to Dopeless – absent

ALTT, New Ulm – Jon H., GSR

Average Attendance: 12-15

Newcomers: 4-6 monthly

Donation: \$10

SW MN GSU, Amanda B. – the next meeting will be held in Slayton on February 4th. They are going to be bringing the Regional PR table to the Women's health fair on February 18th. Joel contacted the treatment center to see if there was any support the local NA meetings could give them.

Quorum Call:

Groups

Friday Night, Gotta Do Something, St. Peter (Mike M.)

Present

Hopeless to Dopeless, Fairmont (Al)

Absent

Salvation at the Salvation, Tuesday, Mankato (Jeremy P.)

Present

More Out of Life, Marshall (Amanda)	Present
Crossroads, Thursday, Mankato (Adler)	Absent
Ties That Bind, True 2 Ourselves, Wonders of Recovery (Chad/Verna)	Absent
Clean and Serene, Granite Falls (Joel)	Absent
High Hopes, Monday, Mankato (Mike L.)	Absent
Super Mantastic Recovery Fantastic, Thursday, Mankato (Logan)	Present
7 th Day Junkies, Sunday, Mankato (Tracy D.)	Present
ALTT, New Ulm (Jon H.)	Present

6/11 55%

Officers

Chair	Present
Treasurer	Absent

Subcommittee Chairs

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

4/6 67%

Quorum is achieved

Open Forum

Policy questions brought to the group.

Old Business

We have several positions still open at the Area level, however at the last ASC it was suggested the we forego any nominations pending possible policy changes. However, Gordy will be attending the Regional meeting in February and bringing back a report to Area. He is looking at possibly taking the duties as the RCMA.

New Business

Motion #1

Maker of the motion: J.J.

2nd by: Mike M.

Motion: to direct our RCM to motion at the RSC that the RDA be removed for a failure to fulfill his duties.

Intent: to allow the RDA position to be filled with someone with the ability and time to attend to the delegate duties

Motion passed 8-0-0

Motion #2

Maker of the motion: J.J.

2nd by: Mike M.

Motion: that all new business motions be submitted to chair no less than 2 weeks prior to each area meeting

Intent: to get motions out to groups in advance of voting to bring a group conscience

Motion tabled pending possible language change from prior policy chair

Motion to close at 4:10 p.m. by Mike M., 2nd by JJ

Unanimous

Meeting closed**Additional Notes:**

Caleb B., our RD, came and brought a presentation regarding the CAR report. Attached is a summary of the information he covered. He will be gathering our input at the Creating Our Common Welfare workshop that will be held in Hutchinson, March 24, at the Faith Lutheran Church. Also, JJ brought information regarding Event Insurance (more information available on naminnesota.org). JJ also wanted everyone to know that the Upper Midwest Service Office has resumed shipping to all Areas in the MN Region. This is available for Area orders only at this time. I have more information if you are interested about having literature shipped to our Area.