

Next ASC March 21st

- Moment of silence; Serenity prayer; 12 Traditions; 12 Concepts; Service Prayer;
- Introductions: Andrew S., Tabi Z., Steve' O G., Dan J., Bruce S., Randy P., Corine K., Tommy S., Quint S., Joe K., Deb K., Shannon P., Paul G., Steve A., Seth P., Rob D., Ladian R., Lucy K., Krista W., Mike G., Doug F., Darryl B., Jason L., Gary J., Scott N., Charlie W., Jerry G., Ruth T., Kristin, Arvis S., Keith W., April S., Sharon J., Kathy., Scott., Jeff H., Sam M., Stacy B., Brady W., Katie., Lisa., Aaron
- Establish quorum: yes
- Approval of minutes: no minutes to approve- tabled until Ben can get together with Krista or Lonnie
- Recognition of new members: Ladian R., Katie., Darryl B., Aaron
- Executive Reports:
- Chair;

Good Morning everyone in recovery!

I will keep this very short this month. It makes my heart so happy when I see addicts pulling together and working for our common good. And this is for helping save the addict that still suffers in and outside our rooms. I'd like to share a quote with you. "Positive attitudes bring positive results". I hope everyone's New Year is going well.

Grateful to be of Service,
Ruth T. Chair of CMASC

- Co-Chair; absent
- Secretary; absent, Krista filling in
- Treasurer; Andrew S; Ready for Audit

Beginning Balance	Income	\$	CK# Expenses		Ending balance
2455.40					
	Lit Sales	747.05			
	Group Donations	290.00			
	Activities Arctic Blast	1999.23			
	Total Income	3036.28			

			#1908 Fall Ball Tickets	40.74	
			#1909 Arctic Blast	23.00	
			#1910 Arctic Blast	37.96	
			#1911 Arctic Blast	15.54	
			#1912 Arctic Blast Radisson	1621.61	
			Total Expenses	1738.85	
					3752.53

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RCM; Gary J; RCM Report to the CMASC for February 21, 2010

During the Treasurers report it was mentioned that the tax I.D. Number that the region was using was wrong (or retired). Spence got a new Tax I.D. # and they'll have to file a W-9 form.

Every Area should have a Tax I.D. # and file a W-9 form annually. Also any groups that have a bank account. This information will be sent out with the regional minutes.

NA, EIN, Banks and the IRS*

Since 9/11 and for issues of national security, the IRS has instituted policies for banks to enhance security and accountability to the government. Recently, our bank contacted us and informed us that the name and EIN number on our account did not match. In order to solve the problem, the MNRSC obtained a new EIN (employer identification number) from the IRS (internal revenue service). Decades ago, someone probably opened our checking account with a personal social security number or an EIN number from another entity in NA. Our bank asked us to rectify this and so we did. The MNRSC is in good standing with our financial institution.

Is anything else required?

Based on conversations with the IRS and with NAWS, the Fellowship Services Team recommends that the MNRSC remain "an informal organization". That means we won't be filing any forms at the end of the year. This decision is based on the following facts:

- The RSC receives less than \$25,000 per year in donations
- The RSC does not have any employees or special workers
- The RSC does not sell any merchandise

Does my ASC need to do anything?

It is in each committee's best interest to know exactly where they stand. Here are some questions you need to ask:

- 1) Do you have an EIN that specifically matches the name of your Area?
- 2) Do you take in less than \$25,000 annually in donations?

If the answers to these questions are “Yes” - then you are in good shape. If your Area ever receives a letter from its financial institution asking for specific information, you need to do whatever it takes to satisfy their requests.

If your Area ever receives a letter from the IRS, you should immediately consult members of the MNRSC Fellowship Services Team and NAWS. It is imperative that we remain in good graces with both our financial institutions and the federal government.

What if my ASC sells merchandise?

If your Area sells merchandise and/or employs a special worker, you should consider filing for tax exempt status under 501(c)(3) regulations. See these helpful steps to becoming a 501(c)(3) non-profit:

http://www.mncn.org/info/basic_start.htm#Steps to becoming a nonprofit.

(Narcotics Anonymous and the MNRSC does not endorse, oppose, finance, or lend its name to the MN Council of Non-profits. It is merely a useful resource for small non-profit organizations.)

How do we find out if our Name and EIN match?

The treasurer or a member of your executive committee should call the IRS with your EIN and ask them. *1-800-829-4933, *Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

They are incredibly nice and helpful, really. Tell them that you’re an officer with an informal Narcotics Anonymous organization named [ASC Name], and that you want to verify that the name on your EIN matches the name on your checking account. If it doesn’t they’ll be able to help you right there on the phone. If you need to file for an EIN, the IRS agent can help you immediately, or your Area can apply for an EIN number at <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=102767,00.html>.

The MNRSC will keep the Areas updated on any further developments with this process. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

Kaleb (RDA) is willing to hold service workshops for the areas that want them to encourage GSR participation, etc.

Motion 272- Basic Text Project Plan was approved.

The project goal is to get basic texts into 50% of Minnesota's Public libraries.

Area involvement would include providing a local coordinator and funding approximately \$130.00/ year to put basic texts into 11 libraries in our area/year

Mentorship Project- Goals are to get one person who needs a mentor together with two mentors.

We will give the forms out and bring them to the GSR Assembly. Mentees will be matched with mentees there.

Website re-design- They're working with JOOMLA content management software- and hope to launch in June and expand from there.

The CD_ROM Business card project plan is not drafted yet- is not yet approved.
Emergency room literature project- Need to re-visit and re-define the project. Does anyone want to work with Justin on this?

Nominations: Jenny was nominated as a fellowship Services team member

AN OPEN INVITATION FROM THE MNNAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

SUBJECT: SERVICE MEMBERS/ Board Positions

The MNNAC BOD (board of directors), is seeking members of the fellowship to fill positions available on the board. The minimum clean time requirement for positions on the board is two years.

Open Positions include: Treasurer, Co-treasurer, Secretary, Directors at Large, and Regional Representative.

Interested members please attend the next MNAAC BOD Meeting on Saturday, February 13th at 9:00 AM; Sabathani Community Center, 310 East 38th Street Minneapolis MN 55409.

Contact Barb (UMSO) two weeks in advance for Insurance for events- There may be a fee

Please tell your Area about the **new BMLT**.

If you open our new BMLT (Basic Meeting List Toolbox) in your iPhone or Android phone you can utilize the "find near me" button and it will utilize the GPS in your phone and automatically locate the meetings closest to you.

If you do not have an iPhone or Android phone, you can simulate what happens on those phones by opening the following link in your FireFox 3.6 version browser at http://naminnesota.net/bmlt/satellite_server/?simulate_iphone

Click the "find near me" button.

If you haven't searched on the BMLT, give it a look-see at http://naminnesota.net/bmlt/main_server/index.php?supports_ajax=yes

Just click once or twice on the map for a quick search, or click "advanced search" to search by area or meeting format or both.

Please ask your meeting list administrator to contact me so that I can get her/his help in updating this powerful, single source database.

At

<http://www.central.naminnesota.org/content/service.html>

Download a printable copy of the [February RCM Report to the CMASC](#).

You can download the supplements to this report:

Download a printable copy of the [supplement to the RD/RDA report - NAWs_News_Feb10.pdf](#)

Download a printable copy of the [MNRSC_2010_02_13_Treasurers_Report.pdf](#)

Download a printable copy of the [MNRSC - 2010 PR Program - Final.pdf](#)

Download a printable copy of the [C.A.R. Workshop Session / Day Outline.](#)

Download a printable copy of the [Basic H&I Guide and PR Basics Drafts.](#)

Download a printable copy of the [Public Relations Informational Sheets CM Area.](#)

Download a zipped copy of the simplified CAR Powerpoint Presentation

http://groups.google.com/group/mnrsc/browse_thread/thread/7961dc21e2b15050

Events:

<http://naminnesota.org/cal.htm>

CAR Review:

St Cloud MN. March 13th 2010

<http://naminnesota.org/cal/WSC10.pdf>

GSR Assembly March 27th, 2010

<http://naminnesota.org/cal/rsa10.pdf>

Are there MNNAC XVII flyers at your home group?

- <http://mnnac17.com/>
- RCMA; Lucy K;

Dear NA Friends,

I was so excited about going to my first Region meeting. There's a lot of exciting stuff happening in the Region. They are getting ready to launch the new website in June. There is a project about expressing the responsibilities of the GSR's. I got to see a lot of old faces and new ones too.

Love, Lucy K

Sub-committee reports:

- **Activities; Kristen A;** Meeting is held first Sunday @ McDonald's on Hwy 10 @ 2:30 PM next meeting will be March 7, 2010. Spring Thing is ready to go. Will be discussing ideas for fun stuff for Freedom Campout.
- **Literature; Jeff H.** filling in for Tom
- **H&I; Dan J;** Meeting is held one hour before ASC @ 10 AM in the Spruce Room Conference Center in the St. Cloud Hospital. I've had a hectic 2 months since my daughter returned home from long-term psych treatment. I'm doing the best I can. Get a hold of me for anything you need: IP's, Books, readings, guidelines for H & I work. I have most things on hand and can get most things fairly quickly if you need something I don't have. Gratefully yours in Service, Dan J.
- **PI; Mike N;** Meeting 1 hr before ASC, Position is open if anyone would like to step up, Mike will fill in until position is filled. So all you guys that have 2 years or more clean or your sponsor does, step it up.
- **Outreach; Randy P;**

- **Policy; Tommy S;** Meeting is one hour before ASC in the Spruce Room @ 10 AM No needs at this time.
- **Newsletter; Krista W;** Meeting is held first Sunday @ Granite Edge Café @ 5:00 PM next meeting to March 14 due to Chili Cook-off in Princeton. There is an ongoing meeting on line and 1 hr before ASC.
- **Web-maintenance; Joe K.** written report
- **Group reports; Greater Area Meetings:**

***=upcoming group event/ R=report given/VR Voting Rights status**

- **Albany; Life in Recovery; Seth; Tuesday 7PM Our Savior Lutheran Church 840 Lake Ave Albany; We've been averaging 8 members in attendance. We have a great core of regular attending members and a few newcomers this month. We have no donation this month.**
- **Annandale; Heart of the Lakes; Keith W; Friday 7:30 PM first Lutheran Church 350 Oak Ave N We have 10-15 regular members and boys treatment center every other week. About 8-10 newcomers monthly.**
- **Big Lake; Refuge in Recovery; Scott N; Thursdays 7 PM Community Convent Church; Hwy.15 & Co Rd 10 Big Lake, meeting going well**
- **Cold Spring; Recovery in the Sticks; Sharon J; Sundays 7 PM Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Doing good; 5-10 addicts**
- **Clearwater; Clean in Clearwater; Paul G. Wednesdays 7 PM United Methodist Church 405 Main St. During Lent season, meeting is downstairs**
- ***Eden Valley; Works if you work It; Shannon P; Tuesdays 7:30 PM Church of God 553 Maple St. Eden Valley Speaker meeting March 30th @ 7:30 PM Tommy S. speaking**
- **Eden Valley; Ladies Steppin' in the Valley; Deb K; Thursdays 11 AM Church of God 553 Maple St.**
- **Foley; No BS; Tabi; Thursdays 7:30 PM Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church Meeting is doing real well. We've got about 15 core members.**
- **Little Falls; Recovery in Progress; Scott D;**
- **Monday 6PM**
- **Friday 7PM**
- **Long Prairie; Road to Recovery; absent**
- **Milaca; Milaca NA; Aaron; Tuesdays 7 PM Rum River Dr N. 4-10 people per meeting**
- **Monticello; Monticello Miracles; absent**
- **Onamia; It Takes Two Addicts; Darryl; Sunday 7 PM; Holy Cross Lutheran Church 102 N Crosier Dr. Basement Classroom. I'm the new and first GSR for this group. Need all registration info including \$ forms for donations. Any help would be good help.**
- **Paynesville; Keeping it Simple; Jeff H;**
- ***Princeton; Serenity Sunday NA; Charlie; 7PM Princeton Alano 1315 N 3rd St. January attendance 64, with 1 newcomer, February attendance so far 27, with 1 newcomer Chili Cook-off March 7 4:00 til?**

- Princeton; Lost Dreams Awaken; GSR; Tracie Christianson; 6:45 PM; Princeton Alano 1315 N 3rd St. Princeton; January -91 people, 1 newcomer February 5 & 12, 54 people
- Princeton; Rum River Recovery; Alyssa; 7:30 PM Princeton Alano 1315 N 3rd St. Princeton January attendance 47, with 1 newcomer, February attendance so far 70, with 5 newcomers
- Rockville; Recovery on the Rocks; Lucy K GSR; Krista W. GSRA; Sundays 6 PM Granite Edge Café Complex 244 W. Broadway St. We gave a 25 yr. medallion
- Sauk Centre; NA Lengths; Steve A. GSRA; Monday 7 PM First UCC Church 620 5th St. S. Sauk Centre
- Sauk Rapids; Home Fires NA; Jerry G; Sundays 7 – 8:30 PM Sacred Heart Church 2875 10th Ave S Average 25 addicts per meeting with 5 newcomers
- Sauk Rapids; Productive Members of Society; Steve G; Wednesdays 7 PM Bridge Community Church 1702 West Highview Dr. Sauk Rapids Meeting attendance Average 6-7. Still looking for a permanent treasurer
- St. Cloud:
 - Monday
 - Focus on Recovery; absent
 - Tuesday
 - *It Works NA; Rob D; Atonement Lutheran Church 1144 29th Ave. N 7-9 PM Speaker meeting on first Tuesday of the month. March 1st, Ben V speaking 141 attending for month with 14 newcomers
 - Absolute NA; Mike G; 7:30 PM We average 12-14 addicts per week. 7th tradition \$5-10. We are a closed, candlelight meeting offering snacks and real recovery for real addicts.
 - Attitude Adjustment Hour; Jason L; 8 PM Salvation Army 400 Hwy 10 S 25-30 average with 2-5 newcomers
 - Wednesday
 - You're Not Alone; absent
 - Thursday
 - *Homeward Bound NA; Stacy B GSR; Bruce S. GSRA; 7 PM Salem Lutheran Church 25- 40 average attendance with 3-5 newcomers Speaker meeting March 18th Kyle K speaking
 - *Women's "No Excuses"; Ladian R; 4 PM Boys and Girls Club of St. Cloud 1205 6th Ave S Speaker Jam & Picnic August 28th 2-10PM Please show your support and attend!
 - Friday
 - Just for Today; Brady W GSR; Katie GSRA; Bethlehem Lutheran Church 4310 Co Rd 137; Average 60 attendance 4-5 newcomers.
 - Saturday
 - "How and Why" Men's NA meeting; Quint S; GSR; 10 AM Atonement Lutheran Church 1144 29th Ave N; 10 members; We work

out of the “It Works How & Why” Workbook Study. Steps and Traditions

- * Upper Mississippi Shakedown; Corine; GSRA; 7 PM Bethlehem Lutheran church 4310 Co Rd 137; Speaker meeting March 13th @ 7 PM Lisa S. speaking
- We do Recover; Andrew S; no report

Old Business: Vote on Activities/ Fundraiser; passed

Guide to local services booklets, \$7.30 to purchase for any groups that don't have them. If your meeting can't afford it, ask Tom T. Literature chair and let him know your need.

Roadside Cleanup Dinner; Doug F. asked for money spent on food to be reimbursed because nobody showed up. Money was taken out of their budget so there is no reimbursement is warranted.

Open Forum: PI Pro-temp; Doug F; too controversial for submission in the minutes.

Treasurer; Resume from Quint S.;

Policy; Resume from Doug F. later retracted by phone call to Krista

New Business: Motion # 02212010-01

To give permission to Activities to contact Campgrounds and other facilities to reserve for future functions. Voted and passed

Coffee pot; Ladian volunteered to take over making coffee pot for ASC

Elections: Treasurer- Quint S nominated and accepted, no other nominations resume included in minutes Election to be held next month

Q & A:

Q: How much clean time 14 yrs 3 mo Q : Are you financially responsible? A: yes: Q: Have you read the duties for this position? A:Yes, review resume Q: Sponsor? Steps? A: Yes Q: Availability to commit A: Wasn't before is now available due to schedule change at work.

Policy: still open, Doug volunteered for nomination. Position will remain open for one month with Doug's resume submitted in minutes. Again this is being retracted via a phone call to Krista

Voted to waive Jerry's clean time by 4 days; voted and passed.

Nominations closed

Doug's Q & A retracted from minutes due to withdrawal.

Secretary: Krista volunteered for nomination, chair was closed, Krista will fill in as Pro-temp.

Chair: Ruth would like to step down but was nominated for second term. Ruth will not do a second term but will fulfill her position until the end.

Tommy S. was nominated for Chair and accepted.

Ben will be asked if he is willing to step-up to chair.

Co-chair: Andrew volunteered for nomination, Mike P was nominated, will respond next month.

PI : Sharon J has been nominated and second, accepted resume will be submitted next month Q&A to follow. Mike N. will fill in as Pro temp until chair is open in June. Nominations closed

Motion to close made by Tabi; seconded by Charlie

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Position	Announces	Closes	Election Held
Chair	February	April	May
Co-Chair	February	April	May
RCM	July	September	October
RCMA	July	September	October
Activities Chair	September	November	December
PI Chair	June	August	September
Secretary	January	March	April
H&I Chair	June	August	September
Treasurer	September	November	December
Literature Chair	March	May	June
Policy Chair	November	January	February
Outreach Chair	May	July	August
Newsletter Chair	May	July	August
Website Chair	April	June	July

