

Next ASC October, 2011

- **Moment of silence; Serenity prayer; 12 Traditions; 12 Concepts; Service Prayer;**
- **Introductions:** Sam, Scott, Michelle, Randy, Aaron, Tabi, Ned, Tommy, Al, Paul, Trianna, Connie, Jackie, Joan, Jerry, Dave, Michael, Debra, Debbie, Krista, Lucy, Sharon, Steve O, Calvin, Rocky, Jane, Tracy, Delbert, Bernard, Debbie, Dale
- **Establish quorum:** Yes
- **Approval of minutes:** Approved August minutes
- **Recognition of new members:** Jane, Tracy, Debra, Al, Dave
- **Executive Reports:**
- **Chair; Sam M.** No written report
- **Co-Chair; Scott N.** Went to NA World it was awesome, I have limited pictures. Other than that help line is going good. Also would like to thank Tracy GSR-A and Jane GSR Princeton. Also talked to a person at Mspls about "being part of" instead of using service for helpers. It's been my thinking since the beginning. Personally I love being "part of" it's helped keep me clean for over 10 years. Along with the Just for Today daily reading and the fact that I 1st surrendered to myself that I was arrogant. Then to NA. I figured what's the big deal meeting with people like me for the rest of my life. Would like to be on treasure area account
- **Secretary; Joan S.** Greetings AREA, grateful to be of service to this body, not really much to report. I am going to ask that you make sure and hand me your written reports if you want them in the minutes. I'm sending around a phone list and ask that you please write on the back so I can read it, make notes on the back if needed. If you don't want to receive minutes by snail mail please let me know, this will also save the AREA money in postage each month. I also am going to send Sub-Committee and GSR reports by e-mail again. In service, Joan
- **Treasurer; Jackie H.** We had an old balance of \$1,770.65. We took in \$155 group donations, \$464.97 in Literature. We paid up to date to the UMSO in the amount of \$945.46 which leaves us with a zero dollar balance. I also paid the RCMA \$27 for mileage. We also found a \$150 credit during our adhoc meeting; this was added to the account. Check #2045 UMSO \$945.46 Check #2046 RCMA (Ned) \$27.00 Ending balance \$1418.16 Thanks in service Jackie H

RCM; Lucy K: Good Morning Area, They approved the virtual RSC plan. They also approved the MARCH Money came from the city area to put toward the March plan. A motion is on the floor to approve the Moose Lake Fair project which supports Bridging the Gap. They approved sending \$10,000 to NAWs. Six positions are open including Vice Chair in the region. They have to submit service resumes. The UMSO is not open on Thursday mornings from 10-12. The only Sat it is open is when there is a region meeting. Bridging the Gap kicked off on Sept 1 and the helpline is doing good. In service Lucy, RCM

RCMA; OPEN

Sub-committee reports:

Activities; Arvis S: Average attendance is 3-4 people our next sub-committee meeting Oct 15th 3:30 at Passage Home. Activities needs more support from members, volunteers.

Lit; Scott N (Pro-Tem) Lit sales were \$231.31 inventory is \$2321.67 no expenses, no balance at Service Office no petty cash. Inventory is pretty good right now. Would like to order lit to get back to inventory I started with. I like doing the lit stuff. Scott was asked to NOT make any lit orders at this time; lit inventory is over \$2000. Scott was asked to NOT make any lit orders at this time; lit inventory is over \$2000.

H&I; Sharon J. 2nd H&I Subcommittee will be meeting the 1st Tuesday of each month at Caribou Coffee at Crossroads. Any addict interested please come. Meetings need to stick to formats, will be going over some of them. Need help with Stearns County Jail

PI; Charlie W. Absent

Outreach; Randy P; Next 6month outreach schedule will be ready and copies printed by Oct ASC.

Policy; Jerry; Will be working with secretary to do guideline revisions for 2011, these will be completed by next AREA.

Newsletter; Krista W; Meeting is held first Sunday @ Granite Edge Café @ 5:00 PM next. There is an ongoing meeting by e-mail on going and 1 hr before ASC; Meeting is held the first Sunday of the month at 5:00-5:45 @ the Granite Edge Café in Rockville. 1 hr before ASC and available by email. Anybody is welcome to attend. If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter by email please let me know.

Avg attendance is 6. The newsletter is published every two months. Current newsletter is brought to Area the month before. Enough copies are available for each GSR to take 5 copies back to their groups. Additional copies can be made by each group as needed.

Starting today and ending on Nov. 20 at Area, we are having a contest to rename the newsletter. Starting with first edition and ending with the 6th (April / May 2007), it was called "News for Addicts". The 7th and 8th edition (June / July 2007) were called "The CMA Buzz". Starting with the 9th edition (Oct. / Nov 2007) it was just called "The Buzz". Recently it has come to our attention that there is an interest to rename it with something that is more closely related to "recovery" rather than "using". I speak for the whole subcommittee and we couldn't agree more. So we need your help. So put your thinking caps on and help us rename the newsletter. We will choose the winner at our Dec. subcommittee meeting in Rockville. The winner will then be announced by heading the newsletter in the Jan. / Feb. edition which will be available at area and by email in Dec.

I received a bill from Marco for \$40.00 for estimating the repairs needed on the printer. I gave this to Randy and he will take care of going to Marco. In Service, Krista W

Group reports:

Albany; Life in Recovery Tuesday 7PM Our Savior Lutheran Church 840 Lake Ave Albany; Derek Absent
Big Lake; Refuge in Recovery; Thursday 7 PM Community Convent Church; Hwy.15 & Co Rd 10 Absent
Brainard; It Works N.A.; Monday 8 PM Up Front Alano Club; 302 Fourth Ave NE Absent
Cold Spring; Recovery in the Sticks; Sunday 7 PM Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Tiffany T, absent
Clearwater; Clean in Clearwater; Wednesday 7 PM United Methodist Church 405 Main St. Paul, 7-9 weekly attendance no donation WE NEED SUPPORT
Foley; No BS; Thursday 7:30 PM Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church Tabi Z, 60 monthly attendance
Little Falls; Recovery in Progress; Absent Monday 6PM and Friday 7PM Scott D, Absent
Long Prairie; Road to Recovery; Absent
Milaca; Milaca NA; Tuesday 7 PM Rum River Dr N. Aaron, good recovery, great meetings no donation
Big Lake/Monticello; Monticello Miracle; Monday Bridge View Assembly Church of God 20500 CR 11 Absent
Onamia; It Takes Two Addicts; Sunday 7 PM; Holy Cross Lutheran Church 102 N Crosier Dr. basement Classroom. Loren W, Absent
Princeton; Serenity Sunday NA; 7PM Princeton Alano 1315 N 3rd St. Lost Dreams Awaken; 6:45 PM;
Princeton; Rum River Recovery; 7:30 PM Jane GSR, Tracy GSR-A; 10-30 per meeting \$20 donation
Rockville; Recovery on the Rocks; Sunday 6 PM Granite Edge Café 244 W. Broadway St. Lucy K. no donation
Sauk Centre; NA Lengths; Monday 7 PM First UCC Church 620 5th St. S. Sauk Centre) Bob S,
Sauk Rapids; Home Fires NA; Sunday 7 – 8:30 PM Sacred Heart Church 2875 10th Ave S Dexter S. average monthly attendance 40 no donation at this time we could use support
Sauk Rapids; Productive Members of Society; Wednesday 7 PM Bridge Community Church 1702 West Highview Dr. Sauk Rapids Eric N, 200 monthly attendance no donation In two weeks our time will change to 8PM
St. Cloud:

Monday:

Focus on Recovery; Life Assembly of God, Michelle H. we have a \$25 donation.

Tuesday

It Works NA; Atonement Lutheran Church 1144 29th Ave. N 7-9 PM *Speaker meeting on first Tuesday of the month.* Calvin. Average monthly attendance 40 no donation

Attitude Adjustment Hour; 8 PM Salvation Army 400 Hwy 10 S Tommy. average attendance 25 per week we have a \$15 donation

Wednesday

You're Not Alone; St Cloud Library 1300 West ST. Germain St Cloud Debbie O. average monthly attendance 140 people

Thursday

Homeward Bound NA; 7 PM Salem Lutheran Church Dale K. average 30-40 addicts no donation

Women's "No Excuses"; 4 PM Boys and Girls Club of St. Cloud 1205 6th Ave S Debbie M, average attendance 25. The group is doing great. Our picnic was big success. WE have a \$100 donation and good recovery for women

Friday

Just for Today; 7P Bethlehem Lutheran Church 4310 Co Rd 137; Mike B, 5-10 newcomers a week, average attendane 50+. Group is doing well, we are a larger group. Will bring donation next area

Saturday

“How and Why” Men’s NA meeting;. 10 AM Atonement Lutheran Church 1144 29th Ave N; We work out of the “It Works How & Why” Workbook Study. Steps and Traditions Rocky C. 10-20 We need more recovering men to attend this important group of positive recovery. So, Recovering men please step up with the Steps and Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous

Upper Mississippi Shakedown; 7 PM Bethlehem Lutheran church 4310 Co Rd 137 Ben P, Absent

We do Recover; Closed NA meeting for addicts only Ned S, average attendance was 120 no donation. Good attendance still this will be my last area as GSR. This group still has concerns about the ASC’S checking account.

Printer Ad-Hoc committee report: No written report verbal given that Krista has received a bill from MARCO for \$40 Randy will talk to them and report back next month.

Treasurer Ad-Hoc committee report: As before all information is taken directly from documentation, ledger and checks.

1st thing is Activities credits the budget amount exceeded for Freedom Campout in 2010 by \$649.43 which went unnoticed. Also checks designated for Literature sales were written to the treasure

Check #1966 in the amount of \$500.00 but was documented in the ledger for \$327.09 on October 18, 2010.

Check #1996 in the amount of \$191.18 was also written to the treasure but documented as Literature sales written on 2-20-2011

In triple checking of register with bank statements we found a \$150 credit error.

In recommendation from this committee:

1. **There are to be no pre-signed checks**
2. **The person receiving a check may NOT be a signer of the check**
3. **All monies must be accompanied by receipts, NO EXCUSES**
4. **Four audits should be completed until we get back on schedule**

We would like to thank this body for their patience and I would like to thank the committee for their diligent. Now if there are any questions.

Many members expressed concern regarding accountability for the treasure. A motion was made to close the Adhoc Committee and passed. This committee has provided the AREA with the status of our finances. See Open forum for further discussion.

Motion to forego group reports, Paul from Clearwater reports they need support. Productive members of Society in two weeks will be moving their meeting time to 8PM

Old Business:

Motion 82111-Passes

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New Business:

Literature Chair position is open Dexter was to be Q&A but not here today.

Treasure opens Jackie was nominated, second and accepts the nomination

Activity Chair opens no nomination

Open Forum:

Co-Chair Scott would like to be a signer on the bank account per guidelines. Discussion to wait until the treasure issues are resolved.

Connie C asked for clarification from treasure adhoc committee.

The committee provided this body with the current status of our finances, which concludes the duty of the committee. If this body wants to pursue any other actions it would be up to somebody to bring a motion asking for further action. The adhoc committee extended 4 or 5 invitations to the previous treasure without success of communication either by phone call, text message, e-mail or to meet in person. This group cannot force that to happen. Early in the formation of this committee Jerry was able to speak with treasure by phone and in response to questions about checks written to the previous treasure was told that it was over a year ago and couldn’t remember why they were written but must have been a good reason. Sam said he was guilty of pre-signing checks and **WILL NOT** let that happen again. There were a lot of red flags throughout the audit; the group could not force the treasure to come sit down. Current treasure would like to give the previous treasure the opportunity to answer all questions but cannot force that to happen.

Again the committee reviewed the recommendations:

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Prior audit couldn't have been done correctly with the ledger and bank statement being off \$1700. Book of carbon copies of checks was missing. If the GSR's want to discuss this with their groups; bring something back next month.

Next month topics:

RCM and RCM-A Q&A Lucy and Paul

Outreach Chair position is still open (Need nomination)

Literature Chair Open (Need nominations)

Activities position open for nomination

Treasurer position open for nomination Jackie H nominated and accepted

Upcoming events & requests:

Outreach road trips

Sept 26 Sauk Center meet at Caribou @5:45pm

H&I 1st Tuesday of the month @ Caribou Cofee Crossroads 6pm

Speaker Oct 8th UMSD Wade D from Fargo

Oct 4th speaker at Atonement Lutheran @ 7pm

Oct 10th Outreach to Brainerd meet @ Caribou 6:45pm

Activities 3PM Oct 15th @ Passage Home needs support Arvis

Outreach to Clearwater meet at Caribou @ 6:15 pm

October 29th Hwy Cleanup meet at Caribou @ 10am

Clean and Clear in Clearwater needs support

UMSD needs leaders and support

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	December	February	March
Secretary	January	March	April
H&I Chair	December	February	March
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

Resume for RCM-A Paul Gillies 320-252-5408 St Augusta, MN

Qualifications:

GSR for Clean in Clearwater from 11/2009 to 5/2011

GSR-A for It Works NA Tues night 4/11 to 5/11

I have been clean since 10/11/2009. I have participated at this area sub committees and have been active in the outreach programs, newsletter programs, highway cleanup and I speak at the Willmar ST Hospital. I also have attended Regional meeting for GSR's at Center City 2010.

Other facts:

I was a member of Student Counsel at Brainard Vocational College 198-1990

I am working on step 4 with my sponsor, going into my 3rd semester at Rasmussen College.

Have tried to give back to this program as much as I have gotten the experience of being GSR has prepared me for this position.