

CMASC Minutes October 16, 2011
Next ASC November 20, 2011

Moment of silence; Serenity prayer; 12 Traditions; 12 Concepts; Service Prayer;

Introductions: Sam, Scott, Dexter, Rocky, Calvin, Delbert, Sharon, Krista, Lucy, Vern, Arvis, Mike, Debbie, Jerry, Joan, Connig, Jackie, Mike, Paul, Debbie, Ned, Tabi, Aaron, Bob, Randy, Eric, Treonna, Tommy

Establish quorum: Yes

Approval of minutes: Approved September minutes

Recognition of new members: none

Executive Reports:

Chair; Sam M. No written report

Co-Chair; Scott N. From last month's area meeting I personally feel that the area has a lack of trust. All week I talked at meeting about trusted servants. I asked if I am trusted all the groups I attended Big Lake/Princeton NA said I am they trust me to make good decisions on their part. I challenge all GSR's to talk about their relationship with their groups. I'm also reading Aug 3rd Trusting People out of "Just For Today" How appealing is it to be a servant.

Secretary; Joan S. Greetings AREA, Glad to be here today. I want to know what people think about me changing the format of the minutes. I would like to remove the addresses from the group reports sections. All this information is in the meeting list. We have a meeting list that provides this information. I'm passing around a master phone/e-mail list, please make changes on the back and return to me. In Service, Joan

Treasurer; Jackie H. See Next page...

RCM; Lucy K: RCMA; OPEN

Good morning NA family, we need to talk about money because the donations from the areas are down so that we don't lose information from region. They are NOT closing the literature store, just 2 hours on Thurs morning. Otherwise they are still open in the evening. Vice Chair and Board meeting are open. The Helpline is doing good. I apologize for saying that Bridge The Gap start Oct

Sub-committee reports:

Activities; Arvis S: Looking forward to the Fall Ball

Lit; Scott N (Pro-Tem): Need to do physical Inventory, out of step guides, white Just for Today key tags, 1 year med. Was going to make order but treasure/secretary said no I haven't found that I have to ask permission. Lit Sales 402.00 Inventory \$1,667.96, Expenses \$20.92 copies, petty cash 0. Scott was given the okay to place a \$500 order.

H&I; Sharon J. Have a subcommittee on the 1st Tuesday. Things we discuss, H&I subcommittee need to change to the 2nd Tuesday Nov 8th. Adopt a meeting-will like a Central Minnesota NA Groups get involved with the H&I meets. It would be once a month still need 6 months clean and read the do & don'ts. This will help some of our commitments we only have one addict going in Clara's House, Children Homes, Passage Home, Our House Willmar Treatments, Detox VA. Stearns County Jail is finally getting better. Got addicts commitment every month. Need to replace Basic Text. Benton Jail change day Sunday night 7:15 Randy also looking into lower probation time to a year. Need addicts to support it. MN Correctional need support got only 2 addicts going in. Everything is going better for this subcommittee. Need to be careful about who you take to H&I meetings.

PI; Charlie W. Absent it was reported that Charlie had given a resignation letter to this body. Nobody received the letter, at this time Charlie was removed from the PI Chair position. Scott N to contact Charlie

Outreach; Randy P; Next 6 month schedules are printed and in circulation

Policy; Jerry; All GSR's need to pick up revised Guidelines.

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; the renaming of the newsletter contest is underway. We have gotten a very small amount of entries as of today. There is a yellow envelope here today for you to place your ideas in. Please remember to include your name along with your idea. The winner will receive an NA book of their choice worth up to \$20.00 the contest ends next month at area, the winner will be chosen at the newsletter meeting the first Sunday in Dec. at 5:00 in the meeting room at the Granite Edge Café in Rockville. Everyone is invited to attend this and any other meetings. The new name will be on the newsletter for Jan/ Feb which will be brought to area in Dec. I was pleasantly surprised when I attended an extra meeting and people there were aware of the contest even though they don't have a GSR. So my faith in the communication process has been renewed. I am disappointed in the amount of emails I've received in response to the newsletter attachments that were sent out. However I do appreciate the ones that were received. I just want to remind you that it is proper email etiquette to respond when you receive an email from somebody. Even if your response is a simple "got it". It's really hard to tell if people are interested when I don't hear anything. Even if you think it sucks, it's okay to let me know that. I can't fix it if I don't know it's broken. Again please remember this is your newsletter and your input is very important. The latest edition of the newsletter is here for GSR's to take 5 copies each back to their groups.

10-16-2011

Good morning CMASC

Where do we start? I want to start with apologizing for my response last month in regards to the ad hoc committee. I needed to say that I am to also confuse with where this all went last month. When I was ask how I thought about with what was going on, I had a hard time explaining myself. After leaving area last month I think I confused myself even more. When ultimately what I needed to say was this was a complete headache of a mess. I think that our executive committee needs to look at the books and make a decision. In regards to receiving many phone calls after area from groups and members of groups that were very confused. I search out my options of help. I made a decision after many phone calls to meet with the regional chair, to complete another audit. I did this, because 1st I don't believe the groups understood, to the extend all the red flags that were found in the previous 10 audits. Also I wanted to find someone that again did not know what was going on with our books, a 3rd person who has never see the books, and who had no opinion already in their mind about the books. There is a letter that I brought forward to this body from the regional chair, in regards to the findings and HIS opinion on the books. I am going to ask that the chair read this letter to the body during open form. Again we spend another 5 hours at the coffee Shoppe, but I now feel that we can move forward after our findings.

Group reports:

We took in 210.00 in group donations

We took in 219.43 in litature sales

Our expenses were to the fallowing

Joan Schneider check number 2047 in the amount of \$77.26 for secretary fees for this month and the previous month

Randy Pung check number 2048 in the amount of \$75.00 for outreach for this month and the previous month

Krista Weyer check number 2049 in the amount of \$35.10 for Newsletter and Calendar.

Previous balance \$1,418.16

Income \$ 429.43

Expenses \$ 187.36

Total \$ 1660.23

My concern that I feel needs to be brought to this body is the amount of donations is area is receiving each month. It has been told to me by groups and other members that they are choosing to not donate to our area due to the findings in our audit, and the amount of errors that were being made. We used to have an average of around 20 donations each month we are now averaging around 8-10. I want to make

it clear to this body that after this last audit our check register, ledger, and bank account are finally all matching up. In Service, Jackie H.

Group reports:

Albany; Life in Recovery Derek Absent

Big Lake; Refuge in Recovery; Absent

Brainard; It Works N.A. Absent

Cold Spring; Recovery in the Sticks; Tiffany T, absent

Clearwater; Clean in Clearwater; Paul, 5 average attendance WE NEED SUPPORT. Outreach will be here on Oct 26th at 7PM all are welcome.

Foley; No BS; Tabi Z, 60 monthly attendance check us out

Little Falls; Recovery in Progress; Scott D, Absent

Long Prairie; Road to Recovery; Absent

Milaca; Milaca NA; Aaron, 32 attending per month still pushing recovery

Big Lake/Monticello; Monticello Miracles; Absent

Onamia; It Takes Two Addicts Loren W, Absent

Princeton; Serenity Sunday NA, Lost Dreams Awaken Jane GSR, Tracy GSR-A; Absent

Rockville; Recovery on the Rocks; Lucy K. 40-50 monthly attendance, \$20 donation

Sauk Centre; NA Lengths Bob S, 60 monthly attendance \$20 donation

Sauk Rapids; Home Fires NA; Dexter S. average monthly attendance 25 no donation

Sauk Rapids; Productive Members of Society; Eric N, 175 monthly attendance \$35 donation

St. Cloud:

Monday:

Focus on Recovery; Michelle H. absent

Tuesday

It Works NA; Speaker meeting on first Tuesday of the month. Calvin. No written report

Attitude Adjustment Hour; Tommy average attendance 25 per week we have a \$15 donation

Wednesday

You're Not Alone; Debbie O. average monthly attendance 220 people

Thursday

Homeward Bound NA; Dale K. absent

Women's "No Excuses"; Debbie M, average attendance 60 group is doing great, lot of women showing up from treatment donation of \$17.12

Friday

Just for Today; Treonna (GSR-A) average monthly attendance 250, Area donation from Sept \$37 Oct \$50 Going to be having a speaker every month 1st Friday of the month. Fallball tickets were given to the newcomer.

Saturday

"How and Why" Rocky C. 14-25 addicts per month no donation.

Upper Mississippi Shakedown Mike B average monthly attendance 25 Nov 12th Deb K from Eden Valley will be speaking

We do Recover; Ned S, average attendance was 60 no donation. Good attendance, good sharing join us

Old Business:

Q&A Lit chair nomination: Dexter

Q: What about transportation? I'm in the process of getting my license, I have a car already. I have friends that will take me where I need to go.

Q: Organization skills? I have run a business, this will not be a problem.

Q: Physical demands for the position? Counting key tags no problem, 60 pound boxes, I can handle it or I will get somebody to carry for me.

Q: Do you have a sponsor, work the steps? Yes I have a sponsor; no I don't work the steps. Going to college- I live the program.

New Business:

PI chair, this was taken care of during sub-committee reports the position is now open.

Motion 101611-1 Maker Scott N (Co-Chair) Second Randy P (Outreach Chair). To be put on Bank Account as per suggested guidelines Intent: "To be a part of" to follow suggested guidelines. This is a frivolous motion; it is in the guidelines as suggested. Motion dies.

Motion 101611-2 Maker Tabi Z. (GSR-Foley) Seconded Aaron (GSR Milaca) That the Executive committee hold accountable previous treasure for perceived misappropriation of NA funds. Group would ask the executive committee

send a certified notarized letter asking previous treasure to come forward and explain the discrepancies that were found. If previous treasure is unwilling. Intent: To ensure NA funds have been properly allocated for the benefit of the NA fellowship. At this time Chair Sam was asked to read the CM Financial Audit which was presented by Jackie H. The letter was written by the Regional Chair and placed in Archives. Was discussed as frivolous, motion dies.

Q&A RCM-A: Paul

Q: do you have a sponsor? At this time no sponsor (sponsor relapsed) I work the steps and attend meetings. Have 2 years clean. Comment Paul is a show up and do it kind of guy.

Open Forum:

Web Publisher: Joan added this only for clarification. Last month two people volunteered Krista and Joan. Discussion of who was willing at this time Joan will be the contact to the Region.

Area Budget: Connie asked questions about the budget that is in the guidelines and that it is reviewed. It was announced in Jan this year that the budget would be reviewed. The budget will be reviewed after the "FallBall" is over. We will have that \$1700 back in our account. There was discussion about lack of funds and spending. Budget review will be held 2 hours prior to January ASC. There will be audit in Dec and Jan.

Next month topics:

RCM and RCM-A Vote

Literature Chair Vote Dexter

Treasurer Q&A Jackie H

Outreach Chair position is still open (Need nomination)

Activities position open for nomination (closes for nomination)

P&I Chair position is open

Upcoming events & requests:

Highway clean up Oct 29th meet at Caribou Coffee Crossroads @ 10AM

Nov 5th Fall Ball

Nov 8th H&I subcommittee meeting

1st Tuesday of the month H&I subcommittee @ Caribou Coffee

Outreach road trips

January 22 @ 8AM Budget review at hospital

Clearwater needs support

UMSD Deb K from Eden Valley 11-12

Nov 14 outreach Little Falls

Nov 29 outreach Milaca

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 1\	August
Newsletter Chair	May	July	August
Website Chair	April	June	July