

NORTHERN LIGHTS ASC MINUTES  
March 17, 2007

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| CHAIR: Robin | CO-CHAIR: Terry G |
| SEC: Bryan.  | TREAS: Patti L.   |
| RCM: Jaime   | RCMA: Open        |

NEXT ASC  
Sat April 22, 2007  
Carpenter's Hall  
Virginia, Mn

Robin opened the meeting at 2:00with the Serenity Prayer.

Introductions  
22 Addicts in attendance.  
Dean read the 12 traditions  
Jim read the 12 Concepts of NA

Roll Call.

**CALL FOR QUORUM**

Tradition One by Terri and Nicky

Tradition Two by Mary Kay

Motion to approve January Minutes Motion Carried

**OPEN FORUM**

+Saturday Night Special looking for new meeting place.  
Discussed a possible area meeting in Int Falls

**GROUP REPORTS**

Motion made and seconded to approve Group Reports motion carried

**UPCOMING ELECTIONS**

RCMA 2 years clean time requires

LITERATURE CHAIR 2 Years Clean Time

SECRETARY 2 years clean time

**SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

ACTIVITIES Read and Received

H&I Read and Received

PUBLIC INFORMATION Read and Received

LITERATURE None

RCM: Read and Received

TREASURER: Read and Received

OUTREACH: None

VERMILION: Read and Received

Motion made and seconded to approve sub committee reports motion carried

### OLD BUSINESS

Elections of  
RCMA, Vermilion Chair, Secretary

Congratulation to our newly elected Trusted Servants

Jimmie L RCMA

Nicky F Vermilion Chair

Bryan ASC Secretary

### NEW BUSINESS

Consensus decision making  
Ways to handle disruptive behavior at the ASC

Motions:

To Increase ASC Chair's budget to 150.00 motion carried

Give ASC Activities 560.00 for Mardi Gras Dance motion carried

To give ASC Activities 100. For deposit on hall for Na Prom motion carried

To try new GSR Form and discuss it at April's ASC motion carried

Motion to close ASC at 5.00 motion carried

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.

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| Category Description     | 12/1/2006<br>Actual | -<br>Budget | 11/30/2007<br>Difference |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| INCOME                   |                     |             |                          |
| Beginning Balance        | 0.00                | 11,190.00   | -11,190.00               |
| Committee Receipts       |                     |             |                          |
| Activities Receipts      | 1,520.75            | 2,500.00    | -979.25                  |
| Literature Committee     | 119.60              | 1,500.00    | -1,380.40                |
| Vermilion Receipts       | 0.00                | 16,450.00   | -16,450.00               |
| TOTAL Committee Receipts | 1,640.35            | 20,450.00   | -18,809.65               |
| Donations Received       |                     |             |                          |

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|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Anonymous Donations              | 103.00          | 0.00             | 103.00            |
| Dirty Dozen                      | 0.00            | 36.00            | -36.00            |
| Fri Chisholm                     | 0.00            | 36.00            | -36.00            |
| Fri Night Borderline Int Falls   | 0.00            | 36.00            | -36.00            |
| Fri Night NA Duluth              | 100.00          | 36.00            | 64.00             |
| Fri Our Survivors Aurora         | 0.00            | 36.00            | -36.00            |
| Mon Hugs Not Drugs               | 0.00            | 36.00            | -36.00            |
| Mon New Beginnings Walker        | 0.00            | 36.00            | -36.00            |
| Mon Night Cloquet                | 0.00            | 36.00            | -36.00            |
| Mon Night NA Hibbing             | 0.00            | 36.00            | -36.00            |
| Mon Not Just Surviving           | 0.00            | 36.00            | -36.00            |
| Sat Center City NA               | 0.00            | 36.00            | -36.00            |
| Sat Chisholm                     | 0.00            | 36.00            | -36.00            |
| Sat Dr. Hug                      | 25.00           | 36.00            | -11.00            |
| Sat Night Special                | 0.00            | 36.00            | -36.00            |
| Sun Just For Today Duluth        | 0.00            | 36.00            | -36.00            |
| Sun Rompin' Stomp'n' NA Superior | 0.00            | 36.00            | -36.00            |
| TGIF                             | 40.00           | 36.00            | 4.00              |
| Thu 7-1 1 Group Virginia         | 0.00            | 36.00            | -36.00            |
| Thu Candlelight Cloquet          | 75.00           | 36.00            | 39.00             |
| Thu Hibbing                      | 20.00           | 0.00             | 20.00             |
| Thu Hope Not Dope                | 0.00            | 36.00            | -36.00            |
| Tue New Horizons Duluth          | 20.00           | 36.00            | -16.00            |
| Wed Burning Desires              | 0.00            | 36.00            | -36.00            |
| Wed Dirty Dozen                  | 50.00           | 0.00             | 50.00             |
| <b>TOTAL Donations Received</b>  | <b>433.00</b>   | <b>792.00</b>    | <b>-359.00</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>              | <b>2,073.35</b> | <b>32,432.00</b> | <b>-30,358.65</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                  |                 |                  |                   |
| Bank Charge                      | 5.00            | 60.00            | 55.00             |
| Committee Expenses               |                 |                  |                   |
| Activities Expense               | 800.00          | 3,000.00         | 2,200.00          |
| H&I Expense                      | 0.00            | 1,000.00         | 1,000.00          |
| Literature Expense               | 0.00            | 1,620.00         | 1,620.00          |
| Outreach Expense /               | 250.00          | 1,000.00         | 750.00            |
| PI Expense ,^~^                  |                 |                  |                   |
| General                          | 93.00           | 1,000.00         | 907.00            |
| Meeting List                     | 65.35           | 600.00           | 534.65            |
| Phone Line                       | 150.00          | 900.00           | 750.00            |
| <b>TOTAL PI Expense</b>          | <b>308.35</b>   | <b>2,500.00</b>  | <b>2,191.65</b>   |
| Vermilion Expense                | 0.00            | 10,600.00        | 10,600.00         |
| <b>TOTAL Committee Expenses</b>  | <b>1,358.35</b> | <b>19,720.00</b> | <b>18,361.65</b>  |

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| Misc                 | 0.00                | 2,000.00    | 2,000.00                 |
| Officer Expense      |                     |             |                          |
| Chairperson Expense  | 57.61               | 50.00       | -7.61                    |
| RCM-RCMA Expense     | 120.00              | 750.00      | 630.00                   |
| Secretary Expense    | 155.38              | 600.00      | 444.62                   |
| Treasurer Expense    | 0.00                | 50.00       | 50.00                    |

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|-----------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Vice-Chair Expense    | 0.00     | 250.00    | 250.00    |
| TOTAL Officer Expense | 332.99   | 1,700.00  | 1,367.01  |
| TOTAL EXPENSES        | 1,696.34 | 23,480.00 | 21,783.66 |
| OVERALL TOTAL         | 377.01   | 8,952.00  | -8,574.99 |

### **Public Information Committee Meeting Report 02/17/07**

Caitlin, Marvella, and Mary Kay were present at the meeting.

Most of the meeting involved orientating the new PI Chair, Mary Kay to processes and updating her on current procedures involving public information.

The PI budget is as follows: General \$1000.00  
Meeting Lists \$600.00 Phone Line \$900.00

The phone line needs to be updated to include new meetings and locations. It was determined that a professional sounding person to record the message would be preferable. Matt T. has volunteered to update the phone line.

In the hopes of unity and participation in the Public Information Committee, the meeting will now be held after each Area Service Committee meeting. This will enable all persons from all geographical locations within the ASC the ability to participate in Public Information if they choose, as well as help carry the message. Since the area meetings 8 times a year, Public Information will also meet 8 times a year.

The following were topics discussed to improve effectiveness of the committee:

- Reaching out to meetings not listed on the area meeting list to see if they are interested in being on the lists and Northern Lights Area.
- A database of schools, hospitals and clinics was discussed to ensure these facilities are receiving our

meeting lists.

Greetings from the Vermilion Committee. Vermilion is running fairly smoothly thus far. All of our positions are full, except the Vermilion Chair position. However, each of the committees listed below will still need ample support to make this year's camp out a success. Please spread the word about getting involved. The following is a list of the people who have committed to do the following tasks:

**March ASC 2007  
Vermilion Report**

**Chair:** *Open*

**Co-chair:**

**Registration:** Terrie G (chair), Caitlin (co-chair)

**Merchandise:** Summer (chair), Zoey (co-chair)

**Kitchen:** Mike J & Mary Kay (co-chairs)

**Adult Games:** *Open*

**Kids Games:** Open

**Kids Crafts:** Michelle /

**Programming:** Bryan

**Hospitality:** Marvella

**Secretary:** Caitlin

**Banner:** Jitterbug & Sheila (co-chairs)

**Clean up:** *Open*

The theme and logo have been approved already . . . "Fire Up NA In Your Life"

The registration flyer will be approved at today's committee meeting and will be printed to distribute to the Region, MNNAC, as well as our surrounding areas. Once approved, it will also be emailed to the MN NA website and our Area website. The committee will also be approving the merchandise order and for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, we will be selling merchandise at MNNAC this year, which is exciting!

The contract with the camp has been signed and the deposit has been made. A planning calendar has been updated and will continue to be updated throughout the planning stages. We have an email account ([vermilionna\(a\),yahoo.com](mailto:vermilionna(a),yahoo.com)), which has been linked to our Area website. The email account is being checked regularly and all the committee chairs have access to it and the materials that are in the folders on the account.

We will be doing check-ins with each subcommittee at each of our meetings to see how we can best support their initiative. If you know of someone who would make a great main speaker or workshop speaker, please let Bryan know. We are looking for tape submissions until the 1<sup>st</sup> part of May.

Remember, this is "our" camp out, so your ideas and suggestions are welcomed and encouraged. The committee will meet before each ASC at 11:00 a.m. to encourage members from throughout our area to participate.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service

Nicky F.Co Chair

### **RCM Report-3/17/07**

It is my pleasure to be serving the area as RCM however it would be great to see someone step up and be the Alternate so that I myself and the area can get a new and fresh perspective on what goes on at the Region. Last month in February, my significant other attended and I was able to hear about his experience and perspective which was very helpful for me. Unity was discussed quite a bit at Region and it would certainly be nice to show unity by having two representatives from our area to attend the Regional Committee Meetings. The topic unity was brought up and many people commented by saying "To show unity" followed by a suggested solution. The chair allowed about 10 people to share their thoughts and then said "we are closing discussion after the next person" which kept the momentum going. When there was a motion on floor and people were getting off track, someone asked for clarity of the motion. The chair then asked us for 3 pros & 3 cons to that motion and we moved on. It is in my opinion that this would be helpful to our area as well. It could help lessen the frustration level sometimes experienced while discussing issues here.

Our current Regional Delegate, JJ brought a wonderful slide and played it for everyone to see. It had music playing while showing pictures of fellow addicts from around the world. Its purpose was to show us that NA works and its unity exists throughout the entire world. It was very touching to watch. Then later he brought a motion to the floor to establish goals, prioritize these goals, and to implement them one at a time. The point is that we all need to be thinking about taking an inventory of our area and see where our focus needs to be at that current time. The RD suggested that we have an Annual Area Inventory at least once a year. Each GSR would go to their group and bring back to the area any issues or ideas. We then discuss the top 10 topics at this inventory. Also I asked the RD if he would be willing to come to our area to discuss such things since that's what we are currently struggling with in this area and he said he would be more than happy to accommodate this request. I would be happy to help set this up if the area would like this to happen.

There was an ad-hoc committee created to investigate the possibility of purchasing insurance for NA activities throughout the state. RCMs were asked to find out from their areas the average attendance at their local meetings, committee meetings, and NA functions as well, so it would be greatly appreciated if the area could assist me by giving me a rough estimate of these numbers. Thank you.

I would like to remind everyone that MNNAC 14 is just around the corner. It is April 13-15 and is being held at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd. It's a beautiful place and I hope to see you all there. If any of you remember from the ASC, I brought up that there was the possibility of having no MNNAC 15 next year, well I have good news. You can all thank the committee members of two gracious and committed areas for showing us unity by combining their efforts to host it together. The Twin Cities Area and the Area of Hope will be hosting MNNAC next year at the Hyatt in Minneapolis where it was hosted just a few years ago.

Also I know there have been issues with updating the online meetings list. I have been informed that the printings of the new regional meeting lists will reflect our most recent updates however there has been some confusion as to who is in charge of the online regional meeting lists. Hopefully I will be able to take care of this issue at the next RSC.

**~In Loving Service, Jaime ~RCM~**

## **H&I REPORT - 3/17/07**

Hello everyone, from H&I. I would like to report that as of this time I have touched base with Walker and they have been going to the jail there on a regular basis for about a year now. They told me that because of the distance they would send me H&I reports on how they are doing.

Unfortunately, to my knowledge there is no one else going to any jails or institutions at this time. I have touched base with NERC and I plan on taking a panel there as soon as possible. I am currently trying to recruit people into H&I because it is struggling for participation. This committee really needs support. To show unity, I would like to ask for others to step up from around the area and be panel leaders. That is one part of my solution. This way I am hoping to get more people involved, to hold productive meetings once a month and to show unity, I am willing to drive halfway to make this work. I do have at this time 2 possible new people that are willing to be panel leaders and also have the commitment of meeting in Virginia as well. 7r-H.ro t-^^ov-

I would like to let the area know that today that H&I will be meeting with PI today after the ASC until further notice. There are some overlapping areas between the two committees and I am hoping that this will be productive and as trusted servants maybe we can help each other with these two committees.

I would also like to address that I am very passionate with my new service position but all the committees need everyone's help. I have hopes that we as an area will come together and help one another. We need each other and help with building these committees. This could be fun for us and a great way to give back what has been given so freely to us all.

Lastly, it has been brought to my attention by my previous sponsor that I needed to read something out of the basic text. I did and now I would like to share it with all of you. "Everything that occurs in the course of N.A. service must be motivated by the desire to more successfully carry the message of recovery to the addict who still suffers. It was for this reason that we began this work. We must always remember that as individual members, groups and service committees, we are not and should never be in competition with each other. We work separately and together to help the newcomer and for our common good. We have learned, painfully, that internal strife cripples our Fellowship; it prevents us from providing the services necessary for growth." This comes from the final paragraph of the Introduction of our Basic Text.

Have a great day! Caleb, Co-Chair of H&I.

Date: March 17, 2007

To: Area Service Committee

I would like to apologize for the way I handled myself at the last area meeting. My language and my actions were inappropriate. I have thought at great length about how I can better deal with my anger in these situations. I am sorry if I made anyone feel uncomfortable or unsafe at that meeting. I hope that my outburst doesn't deter people from participating at area meetings in the future.

In loving service, Jim S.