

NORTHERN LIGHTS AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF AUGUST ASC

Saturday, August 18, 2007

Cotton, MN

NLASC Administrative Committee

OFFICERS:

Chair: Robin E.

Vice Chair: Terry

Secretary: Bryan J.

Treasurer: Patti L.

SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

RCM: Jamie

RCMA: Jimmy I.

Public Information: Mary Kay

H&I: Caleb B

Vermillion Chair: Nicky F

Vermillion Co-Chair: Jim S

Outreach: Jason S

The meeting was called to order at 2:00

Skip H. read the 12 traditions

Jim S. read the 12 concepts

Roll call 18 of 29 qualified votes present. Quorum was met 18 voting;

Members Present:

Jaime H., RCM	Scott R., Hope Not Dope	Robin E., Chair
Jimmy I., RCMA	Keith V., NA Safe Harbor	Terrie G., Vice Chair
Sheila F., Activities	Missy L., NA Safe Harbor	Bryan J., Secretary
Caleb B., H&I	Trac R., Superior Thurs NA	Patti S., Treasurer
Jason S., Outreach	Kurt P., Fri/Sat Night Chisholm	Dawn L., Progression In Recovery
Mary Kay R., PI	Skip H., D.R.H.U.G.	Jackie F., New Horizons
Jim S., Vermilion	Crickett B., Rompin' Stompin'	Rick C., Burning Desires
Tony S., Not Just Surviving	Julie M., Member NLANA	Arty E., Hibbing Thursday NA
Joe S., Member NLANA	Fairbee M., Member NLANA	Daisy O, Smoking Guns
Dave, Not Just Surviving		

Arty & Daisy presented tradition 5. Thanks for a great job. .

Tradition 6-Scott & Jim in October

GROUP REPORTS

The following concerns and information were presented:

1. NA Safe Harbor: would like to see all GSR's promote a positive view concerning area ASC meetings.
 2. Dirty Dozen: noted that after 14 months of meeting they began to lose support and those remaining decided to close the group and lend support to the 7:00 Wednesday meeting.
 3. Hugs Not Drugs: is supportive of there being child care available at ASC meetings.
 4. Sunday Rompin Stomping: is supportive of there being child care at ASC meetings.
 5. D.R. H.U.G. is supportive of there being child care at ASC meetings.
 6. Fri. Borderline is supportive of the "Being of Service" pamphlet.
- Motion was made by Jim and 2nd by Skip to accept group reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

RCM-Read and Received

Literature - Read and Received

Vermillion - Read and Received

Activities - Read and Received

Motion was made and 2nd to approve sub committee reports; motion carried

MOTIONS

1. Motion was made by Sheila Feters and 2nd by Julie M to increase the activity fund from \$75.00 to \$125.00 for Unity Day. Breakdown-\$50.00 for Phone Line; \$60.00 for Cotton Community Center. Motion passed
2. Motion was made by Shelia F and 2nd by Crickett B to approve budget for Halloween Dance of \$500.00. Expense to cover DJ, Building rental, and decorations. Motion Passed.
3. Motion was made by Crickett B and 2nd by Bryan J to remove our present Literature Chairperson due to failure to fulfill responsibilities. Motion passed.
4. Motion was made by Rick C. and 2nd by Mary K to assist the Burning Desires group with the purchase of literature and key tags for the group in the amount of \$69.00. Motion passed.

ELECTIONS

Jim S. was elected to the position of Vermillion Chair. Congratulations!

DISCUSSION

1. All budgets for the sub-committees must be presented at the November ASC meeting.
2. Are the mailing for ASC minutes and other ASC information being received.? Do they need to be mailed to the GSRA's as well as the GSR's ?
3. PI committee is looking for a catch phrase for the new 1-800 #. The member whose idea is adopted by the ASC will receive a Gift copy of Just For Today. Some ideas thrown around were 1-800-NAROCKS or 1-800-NAWORKS.
4. Discussion was held concerning the area providing child care at all ASC meeting. An Ad-Hoc committee will be formed by those interested in having the child care provided. This Ad-Hoc committee will report their findings to the area.

Committee Reports:

Literature: Greetings from the literature committee. Not to much to report on. I would like to report that the committee has been operating at the committee's minimum capacity. This is a good thing. It means that we are able to supply literature to the area. As of the last ASC we were at full stock. My hope is that in the next few ASC meetings we will be able to implement some of our old operating procedures, in hopes to minimize confusion and frustration for both the committee and the ones we serve. Lastly I would like to express our pleasure in are new order form. It has only one mistake that we have encountered. Thanks to all those involved in the formation of the new order form. You may even find that some of the literature prices are cheaper that they were before. Thanks.
Literature Committee

H&I: Hello everyone from H&I. I want to let everyone know that I am an addict still suffering. I am not cured from the disease of addiction. Not even close. There are addicts in jails, and hospitals that are suffering as well. Maybe even a little more because they can't get to a meeting unless if we come together and go visit them. These people need H&I. It says in our readings, "for the addict who still suffers."

I was considering stepping down form my position because of the frustration of lack of participation and due to my health. But my term is not up yet so I am going to work out the lack of participation issues with this subcommittee. I am also going to work out my health issues. I need help in both of these areas. I am asking the entire ASC to please help, I am suffering in these areas. To my knowledge this is where we come together, to help the still suffering addict.

I am going to be working on a learning day for H&I and forming it into an activity. I have already mentioned this to the Activities Chair. People that I don't even know for the Region are willing to come up here and speak. Yet people that I do know won't help? I don't understand this. I know most of you here or know of you. I have brought this up and others as well here and there is still no help. I do not understand this at all.

To me, NA is about learning a new way to live. When I was using, people would ask me for help and if it didn't benefit me, I wouldn't help. Now that I am clean, I will help anyone if I can. I would like to end with a quote I read on the NA World web site www.na.org. "Never take on an H&I commitment alone. In the absence of an area H&I subcommittee, any H&I work has to be the effort of one or more groups. Remember, I can't--we can. The H&I member working alone may end up doing more harm than good in the long run."

So please think about supporting your local H&I subcommittee

Your trusted servant, Calab B.

Activities: Hello everyone. Our first NA sponsored activity will be on Sunday Sept. 2nd. This is the "World Unity Day" event. The 32nd annual NA World Convention is being held in Texas on this weekend and groups can link in via phone and we can hear the speaker live. This is not interactive. We will open the facility at 10:00AM and have a potluck brunch- both breakfast/lunch items. The speaker starts at 11:00 sharp and goes until 1:00. Unfortunately I will not be there due to a prior commitment. I have secured 2 people to lead this event in my absence. We are starting to plan the Halloween Dance/event. Talking about having it on Friday 10/26 rather than Saturday. I will keep you updated.

Shelia Feters

Vermilion: We had our meeting today and had 7 people attending. We are still looking for people to help out for adult games. A chair and at least one person. Ryan cannot fulfill the obligation. We are also looking for serenity keepers and huggers at the event. The next committee meeting will be August 26th @ 2:45. To be held at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church. This year there will be no after camping for the committee.
In loving Service, Jim S. Co-Chair.

Public Information: Minutes from meeting held on 7/21/07.

Meeting called to order with the serenity prayer @ 12:30PM

Again, discussion occurred regarding 1-800 number and how we are going to implement this action. After finding out there may be an additional cost that may not be available, it was decided that we could ask the area for a cushion of money to implement the 1-800 number right now instead of waiting for the new budget year. Also, Patty the area secretary stated that there is money still available in the existing budget to assist us in the extra start up cost.

Matt will update the phone line after the 1-800 number is implemented.

The database will be comprised before the next area meeting to ensure that we will have our own PI liaisons bringing meeting lists and at some point IP's to agencies and facilities. The following are the liaisons that volunteered to distribute meeting list and literature:

Stephanie/Michelle-International Falls; Shawn-Hibbing; Mary Kay/Tony-Virginia, Marvella/Jackie-Duluth; Keith-Two Harbors.

Meeting closed at 5:00 pm with the Addict's Prayer.