

Northern Lights Area Service Committee

Minutes of the August ASC

Saturday August 15th 2009

Duluth MN

Next ASC will be held at:

Peace Church

1111 11th Ave E

Duluth MN

Saturday October 17th 2009

Guideline Sub-committee at 11:00 a.m.

ASC Exec meeting 12:15 p.m.

ASC Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Roll call Quorum was met 12 of the 15 qualified votes present

Administrative Committee and Committee Chairs:

Chair: Nicky F. (present)	H & I: OPEN
Vice Chair: OPEN	Vermillion: Bryan J. (present)
Vermillion Co- Chair: Marvella D. (present)	Treasurer: Zoey H. (present)
Outreach: Missy L	RCM: Jim S.
RCMA: Wayne F. (present)	Literature: James K
Activities: Val D (present)	Secretary: Robin L. (present)
P & I: OPEN	

GSRs Present:

Tony B; Sun Just for Today	Sheila F; Sun Rompin Stompin
Lucas M; Mon Hugs not Drugs	Michelle N; Thurs Hope Not Dope
Kenny D; Thurs Candlelight group	Marvella D; Thurs NA Basics
Julie M; Fri Night NA	Val D; TGIF Group

Administrative Meeting 12:15

- **Literature**- Should we dissolve the Literature committee. Aurora meeting needs event flyers mailed to them. We need to create a mail database for mailing flyers. (Bryan and Val)
- **Activities**- Will reserve the Harrison Center for Halloween, and New Years Eve Dance. (Val)
- **Webmaster**- not here.
- **Admin Secretary** - here get the name tags
- **Welcome desk** – here
- **Outreach** - not here
- **Meeting lists** - not here. Robin L. to follow up on the split. Is the split correct? Area needs to decide to if we will continue to print Voyager meetings on our list.
- **Phone lines** - split? Should we take off the voyager meetings? Check on getting the 877-767-3621 in the Hibbing, Chisholm, Virginia white pages. (Robin L)
- **H&I coordinator** - going to St Louis Co. jail on Sept 28th. Needs members to go on a panel. Please talk to Marvella to get a back ground clearance done it takes about 6 months to clear
- **H&I** - needs a new coordinator.
- **Carry the message** - need to print the worksheets for the groups. Going smoothly.
- **Public Information** - getting the PSA announcement out to. (Robin E.)
- **Vermillion** - Storages for vermilion and area activity stuff. 10 x 10 \$40. 6 x 10\$22.
To consider...

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Other –

- **Wed and Thurs Sept 23, 24** at the DECC 9 am – 5 pm, MN mental health convention display sign up sheet. Sign up for a 4 hour shift. (Bryan)
- **PO Box** - should we change to a bigger box? Should we pick new key holders?

What is our area's direction? How are we going to get folks into service? What would we do to make it more interesting? Bring this to our groups? Have a sign up sheet for service work to rotate at the meetings and bring back to area. Call them a week later. And explain that we thank them for signing up and will get back to them after October ASC. Reserve the cotton facility for October ASC.

ASC meeting called to order at 2:00 pm

Bryan read the 12 concepts

Marvella read the 12 traditions

Open Forum - to have a potluck for unity day on August 22 at Lester Park 11am –??? (Val). Reserve Cotton for October ASC. **Bring a dish to share!!**

Group Reports:

- Sunday meeting in Cloquet needs support.
- NA basics will have a potluck on Oct. 29th and Katie will be the speaker.
- Fri and Sat Chisholm Meetings wanted to thank everyone for attending the picnic in Bennett Park. We had a very successful event and a good time was had by all.
- Hope Not Dope needs help with finding chairs for their meeting.
- Rompin Stompin on Sunday in Superior has a potluck every last Sunday of the month.

Executive & Administrative Committee Reports:

According to Article 5 of our guidelines the following executive officers are required to submit a report at each ASC:

RCM on the business conducted at the MNRSC and upcoming MNRSC business and events.

Treasurer presents a written financial report making all journals and ledgers available for review.

H & I Chair, P & I Chair, Activities Chair, Outreach Chair, Literature Chair, and the Vermilion Chair are all to provide a written report at each ASC business meeting on that committees activities and happenings.

Committee Reports:

- **Treasury**- \$9,735 balance on statement. Still trying to balance the budget. \$8999 balance in books. Robin E. is going to recreate the database and help to balance the budget. A reconciled statement will be forthcoming.

- **Vermillion**- Vermillion 2009 Final Report

By the time you are reading this the Vermillion campout has completed its 25th anniversary. I hope that all of you that attended this event had a great and memorable time. The campout was once again a huge success. We had a total of 226 addicts and families in attendance. Due to our special newcomer discounts we gave out \$2048.00 in discounts. What a wonderful opportunity it was to have so many new comers in attendance. I want to say thank you to the Northern Lights Area for giving me the opportunity to serve as Vermillion Chair over the last year. It has been a great experience for me. It has allowed me to grow in my recovery and gave me the ability to work closely with other addicts and learn many lessons from them. Preparation for Vermillion 2010 begins this October. Marvella D is the 2010 Vermillion Chair. If you could find a place in your recovery to participate in the planning it would make a tremendous difference.

- o Do you have an idea for next year's theme and logo?
- o Do you have any suggestions on how to improve the event?
- o How can we better carry the message?
- o Would you like to lead a workshop?
- o Would you like to help choose next year's speakers?
- o Do you have suggestions for next year's merchandise?
- o Would you like to plan or prepare one of the meals?

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- o Would you like to chair one of the meetings?
- o How about being a greeter?

Chairpersons, co-chairs and committee members are needed for each of the following committees:

Merchandise Committee	Registration Committee
Kitchen Committee	Programming Committee
Games for Adults	Games and Craft for Kids
Facilities Committee	
Hospitality Committee	

You can help by responding to this invitation by mailing your comments to Vermilion Committee, P. O. Box 16934, Duluth, MN 55816 ~or~ better yet you could attend the first Vermilion 2010 Committee meeting to be held Saturday, October 17 at 11:00 before the ASC meeting. The Committee meets before each ASC meeting.

In loving Service, Bryan Johnson

- **Activities** - will book the Harrison center for Halloween and New Years. Would like to hire a DJ.
- **H & I** - No report
- **RCM** - emergency room project literature to all ER rooms in MN. Mankato is hosting MNNAC April 16-18, 2010. Info on world pool, groups can do this survey online at www.na.org. This survey is for research on the type of members that intend meetings and how they have been helped by NA discussed term limits for members in office.
- **Outreach** - No report
- **Literature** - No report
- **Carry the Message**- Database is reconciled. I & Ps going to individuals to distribute to facilities. Please sign up to help distribute information to facilities that you think addicts might find it.
- **New Business and Address the Area Forum:**
 - Currently we have the voyageur meetings on our meeting list and phone line announcement. Do we want to keep this for the time being? The area decided to keep this until the voyager area becomes self sufficient.
 - See if NLA toll free number is in the Iron Range White pages.
 - MN Mental Health conference at the DECC on Wednesday and Thursday September 23 & 24. 9-5pm. We will have a booth there. Needs volunteers to man the table. Volunteers will talk about NAs method of recovery and give out information. Guidelines for dress and presentation will be provided. Please contact Bryan J. if interested.
 - Val will be the secondary key holder for the post office box.
 - Admin positions are open in October. They are a 6 month commitment and require 6 months clean.
- **Election for Vice Chair- position is open:** qualifications are 3 years clean, performs the chairpersons duties in the absence of the Chair, maintains an index of motions passed at NLASC business meetings, makes available at each ASC a set of current guidelines, distributes updated copies as necessary, conducts a GSR orientation 15 min prior to each ASC meeting in accordance with the group Handbook, retains a current list of all items held in storage, assists with the responsibilities of any administrative committee member in their absence.
- **Election for Vermillion Chair**- Marvella D was voted in 2/3 majority vote as next years chair.
- **Guideline Amendments**- There is a sign up sheet to work on a guideline committee. Guideline committee to meet at 11 a.m. Oct 17th before the ASC at Peace Church.
- **Motions:**

Thanks so much for letting me be of service,

Robin Lindquist
Northern Lights Area Secretary