

Minutes of the Northern Lights ASC of NA 10/18/08

Meeting opened at 2:08

Shawn read the 12 Traditions; Sheila read the 12 Concepts

We will approve the previous minutes at the next ASC.

There was no open discussion or changes to the agenda.

Sheila F. agreed to present the 11th Tradition at the November ASC.

Daisy and Arty will present the 12th Tradition at the January ASC.

Groups checked in and made announcements.

Robin will check on Thursday Duluth meeting and Sheila will check on the Saturday Duluth meeting to see how they are doing and what they need, if anything.

Marvella talked about the closing of the Sat. Womens meeting in Duluth, the remaining literature was given to the "Carry the Message" campaign, the books were given to Outreach and the remaining \$19 was given to the area.

Patti gave the treasurers report. We have a balance of \$19,825.84.

A committee will meet with Patti in the upcoming week to go over proposed budget for 2009.

A written report was received from the RCM (see attached). We talked about insurance, the closing of the Midwest Service Office. The groups will report back next time as to their feelings on those. A proposed change in Regional guidelines was tabled until June of 2009.

Literature-

NEW texts are out! Joe also has new sets of reading placards (only \$4). Also the price of key tags has gone up to \$0.45 each and medallions have gone up to \$2.75 each.

Outreach-

There are new meetings in Virginia and Ely.

There are prospects in Cook and Grand Rapids.

Marvella agreed to hold startup packets for meeting who may start in Duluth.

Vermilion-

Jim S. and his committee did a great job! 160 people attended.

Net profit of around \$5,500.

Jim mentioned the excellent communication at the event which helped.

Thanks to everyone who helped out!

Matt T. agreed to look into availability of Camp Vermilion next year.

Activities-

Bryan and Jim are putting together a dance in Gilbert on Nov. 1 at 5:30

Proposed budget of \$450 passed.

Shawn agreed to be the ASC Activities Chair and voted in.

Asked to buy a new coffee pot for activities. Robyn will shop around for one.

Went over ASC guidelines-

Voting has changed

Talked about rotation

Talked about the structure of the Area Committee.

Please take copy of guidelines to your groups and discuss proposed changes.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Troutwine

Area Secretary.

**TIME TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
ELECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE JANUARY 17, 2009**

Area Chair – 4 years continuous clean time

Area Vice Chair – 3 years continuous clean time

Area Secretary – 2 years continuous clean time

Area Treasurer – 3 years continuous clean time

Regional Committee Member – 3 years continuous clean time

Regional Committee Member Alternate – 2 years continuous clean time

Elected participants should have prior experience and/or related skills respective to their position. A working knowledge of the 12 Steps, Traditions and Concepts is essential. Trusted servants should have demonstrated leadership ability as discussed in the Fourth Concept. All elected participants are directly responsible to the groups of the NLASC.

Any NA member meeting the qualifications described in these Guidelines may be elected to the Executive, Administrative or Vermilion Committees.

Elected participants of the Executive Committee will not simultaneously serve in the position of group GSR or GSRA. All NLASC elected participants are encouraged to attend both the regular business meeting and the administrative committee meeting.

In order to maintain the distinction in service between principles and personalities, it is important to observe the practice of rotation. The practice of rotation reinforces the NA emphasis on service rather than the servant, consistent with our belief in the value of spiritual anonymity—what's important is the job being done, not the particular person doing it.

Trusted servants are encouraged to complete a one year term of office and then step-aside for a time or accept responsibilities elsewhere in the NA service structure, giving other members the chance to serve the group.