

NORTHERN LIGHTS AREA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OCTOBER
Saturday, October 3, 2007
Virginia, MN

Members Present:	Crickett	Mary Kay	Jason S	Joe S	Jaime
	Margie E	Nicky F	Skip H	James I	
	Caleb	Terrie G	Marvella D	Jim S	
	Trac R	Tony S	Bryan J	Robin E	

The meeting was called to order at 12:15

Marvella read the 12 traditions and Bryan read the 12 concepts.

The first order of business was a discussion on meeting attendance. The majority of the meetings appear to be suffering. The question was asked, "How do we attract new members to the meetings"? The question was asked what is our mission and goal. It was apparent that as an administrative committee we need to develop a mission. Several topics were suggested to the committee: 1. The H&I committee needs to be reaching out more to the still suffering addict who doesn't have access to a meeting; 2. The area is spreading itself too thin by too many sub committees'. The question was asked what are our priorities?

An Area Inventory Planning Tool Power Point was presented:

It was divided into several categories

1. Why Plan
2. Benefits of planning
3. Who plans
4. 7 planning steps: these are
 - a. Gathering information
 - b. Listing the Issues
 - c. Developing goals ("what" not "how")
 - d. Prioritizing goals
 - e. Creating approaches (actions to reach goals)
 - f. Prioritizing approaches (a second look)
 - g. Developing an action plan

From the 7 planning tools the following issues were listed:

1. Lack of attraction to service
2. Lack of participation in NA
3. Subcommittee lack of participation
4. Training Education (Guidelines)
5. Lack of program basics
6. Lack of attraction of new members
7. Lack of Sponsorship
8. Lack of Committee to service position
9. Lack of follow through (inconsistency)
10. Lack of love, mutual respect and understanding
11. Lack of structure in Sub-committees

The 11 issues listed were organized into the following categories:

Lack of Basics

1. Attraction to newcomer's
2. Sponsorship
3. Participation/Follow through
4. Lack of love/ mutual respect & frank open discussion
5. Traditions

Lack of Participation

1. Subcomm. Attraction to Service

Area Service Structure

1. Training education
2. Lack of Commitment
3. Participation
4. Lack of love/mutual respect & frank open discussion.

The group has completed steps 1-4 and is now ready to begin step 5 Creating approaches.

Meeting closed at 3:00 with the Serenity Prayer

