



Southwest Minnesota Area of Narcotics Anonymous
Area Service Committee Meeting and Activities Committee Minutes
February 16th 2020

1. Audit: Please see Treasurer's Workbook page 15.

2. Activities Committee Agenda:

Opened at: 12:48 PM

- i. Valentine's Dance: February 15th
 1. How did it go? Really Small
 2. Food: BBQ's
 3. Music: Good
 4. Flyer: Done and sent out
- ii. Steps Inservice March 14th in Worthington
 1. Speakers:
 - a. Steps 1-3 Loud Jim
 - b. Steps 4-5 Joel D
 - c. Steps 6-7
 - d. Steps 8-9
 - e. Steps 10-11 -Louise B
 - f. Step 12 Al J
- iii. Officers and GSRs Inservice May 9th in Worthington
 1. Louise will cover using the website and dropbox systems.
 2. Al will cover
 3. Joel will cover
- iv. Cannonball Run:
 1. Tentatively July 25th
 2. Garvin Park
 3. Camping from the 24th to the 26th
- v. Burning Desires Campout: August 14-16
 1. Traditions Inservice:
 - a. Traditions 1-2
 - b. Traditions 3-4
 - c. Traditions 5-6
 - d. Traditions 7-8
 - e. Traditions 9-10
 - f. Traditions 11-12
 2. HI Inservice:
 - a. Note, if you want to speak at a treatment center, jail or other institution, attendance at this Inservice is strongly suggested.
 3. Sponsorship Inservice:
 - a. Speakers Needed
- vi. Halloween Dance:
 1. Date: Tentatively set for October 31st





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2. Food:
3. Music:
4. Costume Contest?

3. HI PI Meeting

- i. GSRs are encouraged to have their groups post flyers and schedules in their community. Gas stations, truck stops, restaurants, hospitals, clinics, jails, PO offices and courthouses are suggested locations. There will be extras available for you to pick up.

Out Reach:

- a. Visiting Schedule for the month
 - i. Redwood Falls NA has a new meeting at 4PM on Sundays.
Check your schedules for location. Joel Suggested

4. Break

5. ASC Meeting

- i. Call to Order:
- ii. Service Prayer:
 1. "God, grant us knowledge that we may act according to your Divine precepts, instill in us a sense of your purpose, make us a bond of selflessness, that this may truly be your work, not ours, in order that no addict anywhere need die from the horrors of addiction."
- iii. Twelve Traditions read by: _____ Twelve Concepts read by: _____
- iv. Roll Call
 1. Officers Present:
 - a. Chair -Al
 - b. Co-Chair - Joel
 - c. Treasurer -Matt M
 - d. Co-Treasurer- Chad
 - e. RCM
 - f. Alt RCM- Not Elected
 - g. Secretary – Louise B
 - h. Co-Secretary
 2. Subcommittee Chairs Present
 - a. HI- Jess
 - b. PI - Craig
 - c. Activities - Chad
 - d. Webservant - Louise





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3. Groups Present

- a. Blue Earth
- b. Lakefield – Jess reporting for Lakefield
- c. Montevideo
- d. Pipestone – Matt reporting for Pipestone
- e. Redwood Falls
- f. Slayton -Left the area
- g. Windom - Joe
- h. Winnebago – Chad reporting for Winnebago
- i. Woodstock
- j. Worthington - Craig
- k. Worthington Brunch – Louise Reporting for Saturday Brunch
- l. Visiting Groups? - None

v. # of Groups. 6 Quorum established? yes

6. Minutes of Previous ASC Meeting: Emailed to Officers and GSR's in December of 2019.

Motion to accept_Joel, 2nd_Joe_ Pass- yes

Reports: Please turn in written reports to the Secretary or Co-Secretary per pages 9 and 16 of the Policy.

i. Officers

1. Chair/CoChair – Al Work with area to make things work as smoothly as possible
 - a. Joel-Policy review, helping secretary, sponsorship, meeting list for Region, Spoke at New Life treatment center in Woodstock.
Sharing experience, strength + hope
2. Treasurer: Matt M- Continued Outreach and communication with other groups. Wrote checks to fund events.
 - a. For the Period from 12-19 to 2-20
 - i. Previous Balance: 1107.46
 - ii. Expenses: PO Box Rent 76.00
 - iii. Ending Balance 971.46
 - iv. Prudent Reserve amount: 100
 - v. Available 871.46
3. RCM/RCMA- None
4. Secretary/Co Secretary:





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- a. The minutes and agenda were sent out to the officers and GSR's. Flyers were tentatively made with the option of changes made after the Activities committee in January. The meeting was canceled due to weather.
 - b. Checked with the Post Office, and the bill for 2020 was due by the end of the month of January. Contacted Al, Joel, and Matt about the issue.
 - i. As the PO Box was voted in in the past. The bill was covered as a recurring expense under ASC Rent expenses
- ii. Subcommittee Chairs
1. Activities: February 15th put on the dance for Valentines Day. It went well. About 20 People
 2. HI: Helped co-chair jail meetings in both Fairmont, MN and Blue Earth MN. Also attend area meetings unless work schedule doesn't allow it. When am able attend other groups in the area.
 3. PI: Chaired meetings and gave literature
 4. Webservant:
 - a. Tundra group is going well.
 - b. Twitter account is going well.
 - 5.
- iii. Groups Reports:
1. Blue Earth
 2. Lakefield: All is well, no needs
 3. Montevideo
 4. Pipestone: All is well, no needs, growing
 5. Redwood Falls
 6. Slayton- left the area
 7. Windom: Need literature for the jail, excellent attendance, 20 attending consistently
 8. Winnebago
 9. Woodstock
 10. Worthington: No needs steady attendance
 11. Worthington Brunch: Going well, 2-4 per week attending. Books from area still needed.
 - a. Worthington NA donated 6 books to Saturday Brunch group.

7. Break

- a. Old Business: Please note, per policy page 13, section A, only GSRs may vote on old business.
 - i. Fundraiser: Al needs reimbursed





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1. Motion made, 2nd and passed to reimburse AI will be in next month's report how much.
 - ii. RCM MIA
 1. Per policy, had to step down.
 - iii. Reimburse Tami for Scholarship to MNNAC
 1. Check sent to Tami who could not attend for reimbursement.
8. Open Floor –
9. New Business: According to Policy page 13, Section B, all elected trusted servants including GSR's vote on these motions.
- i. Elections:
 1. Officers
 - a. Chairman: Qualifications and Duties Page 3, section C 1,
 - i. Elected: AI J. 2nd Term May not per policy chair a 3rd term unless Area votes to do it that way.
 - b. Co-Chairperson: Page 4, C 2
 - i. Elected: Joel D. 2nd Term. May not per policy serve a 3rd term unless Area votes to do it that way.
 - c. Secretary: Page 5, C 3
 - i. Elected: Louise B 3rd term. May not per policy serve a 3rd term unless Area votes to do it that way.
 - ii. Area voted to have Louise serve a 3rd term
 - d. Assistant or Co-Secretary Page 5-6 C 4 – Tabled not in attendance
 - i. Nominations:
 - ii. Elected:
 - e. Treasurer Page 6, C 5
 - i. Elected: Matt M May not per policy serve a 3rd term unless Area votes to do it that way.
 - f. Assistant or Co-Treasurer Page 6-7 C 6
 - i. Elected: Chad May not per policy serve a 3rd term unless Area votes to do it that way.
 - g. Regional Committee Member Page 7-8 C 7 -Tabled
 - i. Nominations:
 - ii. Elected
 - h. Regional Committee Member Alternate Page 8 C 8 -Tabled
 - i. Nominated
 - ii. Elected
 2. Subcommittees: Note there are no term limits for these positions.





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- a. Activities Chair Page 9 VIII A
 - i. Elected: Chad
- b. Hospitals and Institutions Page 9 VIII B
 - i. Elected: Jess
- c. Public Relations Page 10 C
 - i. Elected: Craig
- d. Policy Page 10 D -tabled
 - i. Elected
- e. Outreach Page 10 E open- fulfilled by Craig D
 - i. Nominated
 - ii. Elected
- f. Recovery Rocks Campout Page 10 F, has been handled by Activities thus far. Campout name has been changed to burning desires by the way.
 - i. Elected: Chad
- ii. Updating our Officers and GSR info with Region and Naws
 - 1. This is a recurring yearly thing. Forms need to be filled out.
- iii. Having the July Area meeting in the Park.
 - 1. Will be outside at the Alano Club
- iv. PO Box
 - 1. Craig D and Louise B have keys. Suggest second key goes to Tami Y, co-secretary for the ASC.
- v. Location of upcoming ASC meetings.
 - 1. See Policy Page 2, Section III. A. Quoted below.
 - a. **"SWMN Committee**
 - b. A. The Committee shall meet bi-monthly in regular session on the third Saturday of the month, location to be determined at previous bi-monthly ASC meeting. Any group may offer to host ASCM.
 - c. B. Attention should be made to avoid conflicts with conventions, holidays and neighboring functions.
 - d. C. A special meeting may be called by the chairperson. The written request of 3 GSRs is required. The purpose, place and time of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least seven days' notice shall be given.
 - e. D. To read the Service Workers Prayer at the beginning of every SWMNASC meeting"
 - 2. Was voted that unless a group special requests area meeting, all area meetings to be held in Worthington. Cancelled are all previous requests. Except for the area meeting held at the campout.





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3. ASC Meeting Calendar for 2020

- a. January 19th – Worthington 920 Diagonal Road
- b. February 16th – Worthington 920 Diagonal Road
- c. March 21st Saturday Brunch Group -Note that this area meeting is on a Saturday. And is a different weekend due to the March inservice. Worthington Christian Church 1501 Douglas Avenue, Worthington, Use South Door.
- d. No April Meeting
- e. May 17th- Worthington 920 Diagonal Road

- f. June 28th – Worthington 920 Diagonal Road
- g. July 19th – Worthington 920 Diagonal Road, Worthington –
- h. August 16th at the Campout
- i. September 20th – Worthington 920 Diagonal Road
- j. October 19th Worthington 920 Diagonal Road
- k. November 15th – Worthington, 920 Diagonal Road, Worthington
- l. December 20th –, 920 Diagonal Road, Worthington

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a.

ii. Under things to work on, from our inventory

- 1. donating to NAWS and Region.
- 2. Communicating with NAWS and Region
 - a. Our RCM is our go between with Region. He gives our reports and voice to Region.
 - b. The secretary sends independent reports to NAWS and Region.
- 3. Under the Guide to local services, page 58-61 the area inventory is a yearly event, with a day set aside for the inventory. Does there need to be a day set aside for the Area inventory in December of this year to complete this task? Note, this would mean that all officers and GSR's would need to set aside the day for this event.
 - a. Motion made, 2nd and passed to have the December area meeting be the yearly inventory.

11. Bring back to the groups:

- i. We are interested in copies of your tag talk and whatever chants your groups do in your readings. Please bring a list of your ideas to the next area meetings so maybe we can do a local tag talk or local chants unique to our area. Suggested by Al.

12. Announcements:





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1. Please help clean up the room before you leave. We need to be kind to the group that generously donated the space.
2. Agenda and minutes are available in the Drop Box, as well as our archives
 - a. New officers and GSR's need to email swmnaascsecretary@gmail.com for a copy.
3. If the ASC meeting is going to be cancelled due to weather, you will be sent a text message by 10 AM the day of the ASC meeting. Please be safe on our roads.
4. MNNAC 27 April 17th No Area in April due to MNNAC
5. Please Check the Schedule online for upcoming NA Area meetings
6. Please post NA phone line flyers and meeting schedules in your communities. Pick them up before you leave.
7. Please encourage your members to volunteer. The links are below. The goal is to have two volunteers per group in our area for Bridging the gap one male, one female.
8. Please in your group conscience, consider donating to area.
9. Speakers for treatment centers are needed. Please get names and numbers of members willing to speak at treatment centers, and send to the Secretary. A list has been requested by the Chairman and the HI Chair.
10. According to IP 29 page 6,
 - a. "We strongly discourage any harassment, threats, or disturbing behavior before, during, and after our meetings. This includes unwelcome sexual, romantic, financial, and religious solicitation. Our meetings are for sharing NA recovery. If you feel harassed or threatened, share your concerns with the meeting leader or a trusted servant."S
13. Volunteer opportunities with Region
 - a. Bridging the Gap
 - i. <https://www.naminnesota.us/community/groups/bridging-the-gap-2012397073/>
 - ii.
 - b. Phone Line
 - i. <https://www.naminnesota.us/community/groups/helpline/>
 - ii.
 - c. HI
 - i. <https://www.naminnesota.us/community/groups/hospitals-institutions/>
 - ii.
 - d. PI
 - i. <https://www.naminnesota.us/community/groups/public-relations/>





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e. Closed at:

14. Next Meeting Date, Time and Location:

- i. March 21st, 12 PM, Worthington Christian Church, Worthington, MN Use the South Door, and South Parking Lot.

Here is the report sent to Region on 2/4/2020

In August of 2019 we had a Steps and Traditions Inservice. We had speakers from all over the area come and present a step or tradition based on experience working the steps. Winnebago and Blue Earth NA hosted the event. The turn out went well, and everyone had a good time.

For Outreach within our area, our officers have been visiting our groups that do not regularly attend the Area Service Committee meetings. They attend as NA members first, and Officers second. The towns we have visited so far are: Marshall, Windom, Slayton, Blue Earth, and Worthington.

We had a Sponsorship inservice in Pipestone in September. Speakers from throughout the area shared on sponsorship, and gave pointers on seeking out a sponsor, as well as what to expect from a sponsor. Afterwards, many went to a state park for a bonfire and to feed mosquitos.

We had a Halloween Dance in Sherburn in October. While attendance wasn't represented by all of our groups we broke even.

The October Area meeting was postponed due to the dance.

In November, Louise B stepped back in as secretary. Area Inventory was performed. The two parts where our area needs to improve, according to our GSR's and groups are communicating with Region and NAWS, and sending funds to Region and Naws.

We have given out two scholarships to MNNAC 2020 to newcomers. One in July at the Cannonball run, to a young male in treatment, and one in December to a newcomer from Windom NA.

In January, we cancelled the area meeting due to weather.

We have a full schedule for Inservices and Activities for 2020.

- February 15th, Put your heart into NA Dance held in Sherburn. Flyer was posted to the Region events site.
- March 14th, Steps Inservice. Breaking down the steps and implementing them. Speakers from Marshall, Fairmont currently chosen. Will be held in Worthington





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- April No ASC meeting due to MNNAC
- May 9th, Officers and GSR's Inservice training. How to do your jobs effectively in our Area.
- July 25th, tentatively, Cannonball Run year 2
- August 14th-16th Burning Desires Campout held at Anderson Park We will be having a sponsorship inservice, and H&I inservice, and a traditions inservice as well as our area meeting during this campout.
- October 31st, Halloween Dance
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H&I

Currently one group, Lakefield NA are presenting meetings to the Jackson County Jail. Books and IP's have been provided to the jail through the efforts of the Lakefield group. Lakefield NA has been reimbursed for those books and IP's.

Our area meetings are spread throughout our groups for the year 2020.

- February 16th, Worthington NA is hosting
- March 21st, the Saturday Brunch group in Worthington is hosting
- May 17th, Pipestone NA is hosting
- June 28th, Fairmont NA is hosting
- July 19th, Worthington NA is hosting
- August 16th, it will be at the campout
- September 20th, Windom NA is hosting
- October 19th, Lakefield NA is hosting
- November 15th, Worthington NA is hosting
- December 20th, Either Pipestone NA or Worthington NA are hosting.

In February, we will be electing officers as well as performing an audit of the books.

