

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2009

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Serenity Prayer by Area Chair, Chris, with 14 addicts in attendance. Minutes of the April meeting were read; moved by Brent, seconded by Chris to approve; motion passed. Chad read the 12 Concepts of NA service; Matt read H&I Dos and Don'ts. Collected 7th tradition of \$8.00 which was given to the church as rent.

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

Literature: (Garrett reported) We have some literature, will be going to UMSO soon.

Panel leader reports:

- Avalon: (Panel leader Vern reported) Went well this month, had lots of support. Mentioned need to keep the focus on the solution, not the problem. Have plenty of literature.
- Cochran Recovery Center: (Will reported). Commitment is going well, good turnout. Put up literature rack, they have what they need.
- Lino Lakes: (Panel leader Dan reported) Have some new volunteers to get cleared, the commitment is going well (attendance of 30-40 each time they go).
- Hastings Detox: (Panel co-leader Matt reported) People there are sometimes "numb" to our stories, open to ideas on reaching people. Turnout has been good.
- Haven in Woodbury (adult group): (Panel leader Garrett reported) Had 4 members turn out for meeting on May 7, with 25 clients from the treatment center in attendance. We were well received. Next commitment for the adult group is Thursday, May 7 (same night as ASC meeting). Remaining commitments this year are: Thurs. Aug. 27 & Thurs. Dec. 17.
- Haven in Woodbury (adolentcent group): (Chris reported) Good attendance last time, had a young woman this time. Counselor from Haven suggested trying to address their weekly topic; asking for feedback. Several members suggested discussing the traditions with the counselor and state that we want to introduce members to NA.

Old business:

- Taking Basic Texts to county jails: Chris and another addict brought 2 to the Dakota Co. jail, talked with counselor there about having an H&I commitment there, he got contact info for the program director. (The counselor expressed concerns that there had been problems with an H&I commitment in the past in terms of people not showing up.) Looking for volunteers for members to take texts to the other facilities. Discussed possibility that institutions may not accept hardcover books; if so, we'll need to address that. Matt stepped up to contacting Washington Co. jail and Stillwater minimum security facility; Will will contact the Goodhue Co. jail.
- Area agreed to donate \$50 towards H&I Learning Day sponsored by TC Area, which will be held on June 6 from 11am-5pm at Seabathani Community Center in Minneapolis (1st floor banquet room).

New business:

- Chris brought up that some people have had cell phones turned on during H&I commitments; Vern mentioned that has been a problem at Avalon. Various members expressed ideas that panel leaders should mention to participants the Dos and Don'ts, including cell phone usage and staying on topic.
- Chris asked about new publications (we're not sure if they are IPs).

Outreach:

- Brent is new chair, he's learning about what outreach should do. He is looking for a co-chair and volunteers to go with him to meetings. One of the things he's been reading about is need to approach groups in a way to make it clear that we want to help, not to "police". Several addicts volunteered to help. He's looking for people to go to Northfield next week.

- Meetings of Month: May, Never on Time on Tuesday, 5/19, 8pm, 526 Masrhall Rd. in New Richmond. For June: NA Day, June 19 at 7:30pm, 1st Presbyterian Church in South St. Paul.

Activities

- Chair position is open.
- Brent mentioned we should look into another area learning day for the fall.

Public Relations

- Looking for a chair.
- Chris asked about distributing meeting lists for treatment centers. Jason from Never Alone asked about how to do it.

Motion to close by Brent, meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

South Suburban Fireside Area H&I Committee Agenda June 11, 2009

1. Opening
2. Introductions
3. Approval of minutes
4. 12 Concepts of NA Service
5. 7th Tradition
6. Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee
 - a. H&I Introduction/Dos and Don'ts
 - b. Literature Report
 - c. Panel Leader Reports
 - i. Avalon
 - ii. Cochran Recover Center
 - iii. Lino Lakes
 - iv. Dakota Co. Detox
 - v. Haven (Woodbury)
 - d. Old Business
 - e. New Business
7. Outreach Subcommittee
8. Activities Subcommittee
9. Public Relations Subcommittee
10. Adjournment