

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2009

Meeting opened at 7:05pm with Serenity Prayer by Area Co-Chair, Chris. There were 12 addicts in attendance.

Minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

Dan read the H&I Dos and Don'ts; Chris read the 12 Concepts of NA service.

Collected 7th tradition of \$10.00 which was given to the church as rent.

Literature: (Garrett reported) We have plenty of literature.

Panel leader reports:

- Avalon: (Panel leader Vern reported) Commitment going well, could still use other people (especially women). Vern makes announcements at all the meetings he attends. Commitment is 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm in Eagan.
- Cochran Recovery Center: (Brent reported). Commitment is going well, the timing has worked out better. Leanne is probably going to be stepping down as panel leader soon. Commitment is 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm in Hastings.
- Lino Lakes: (Panel leader Dan reported) Going same/well. Have another person who completed orientation.
- Hastings Detox: (Panel leader Chris reported) 4th Thursday of month at 7pm. Going extremely well, had 9 addicts (including 2 women) for Christmas Day this month; he's very grateful.
- Haven in Woodbury: (Panel leader Garrett reported) Have 2 commitments on January 25 – for adult and adolescent groups at the treatment center. We will have quarterly commitments for the adult group and monthly for the adolescent group in 2009; Matt will give us a schedule for the rest of the year when we are there next week.

Old business:

- Tapestry (inpatient women's treatment center in St. Paul): Brent reported that Tapestry doesn't have a need for an H&I commitment.

New business:

- Brent reported – inpatient women's facility in Mendota Heights, Pat is contacting them. There is also a new men's inpatient facility in Farmington (between Farmington and Hampton) called Paul's Place, Brent is willing to contact them and work out a commitment if there is interest.
- Need an H&I co-chair who is willing/ready to step up as chair within a few months (Brent has been chair for almost 2 years, term is up in April). Chris expressed interest and willingness.
- Will expressed interest in taking Cochran Recovery Center panel leadership if Leanne steps down.

Other committees:

- Outreach:
 - Meetings of Month: January, Ties That Bind Us on Monday, January 19. Chris suggested Lakeville Basic Text Study. Brent suggested Never Alone (the Sunday Lakeville

meeting), as he's heard it is struggling; Lisa suggested some issues she has seen with that meeting. Voted to make Never Alone the meeting for the month in February (on Sunday the 15th).

- Brent mentioned need to recruit a new outreach chair.
- Activities: Service Learning Day: Pat checked with her church, we can probably do something there; we just need to decide on a date so she can reserve it. Consensus was to go with Saturday March 28 from noon-6pm (with the learning day running 1-5pm). Brent suggested getting some people from other areas to share their experience so we can get some new perspectives; Brent and Kevin will look for some speakers. Kevin will work on a flyer and make sure the information is online.
- (Old business): Discussed more about the Gratitude statement. Decided to not go forward due to the fact that it's not NA-approved literature and the subcommittee is not autonomous.
- Public Relations: still need a chair.
- Area inventory: Kevin asked people to make sure their groups do the inventory at their January business meeting and make sure to get them back.
- Meeting list distribution: Chris brought a list of treatment centers for various groups; some people suggested just putting together a list of all treatment centers and have groups choose their own. Concern is that there will be overlap or gaps. The list has been put together and is available. There are approx. 20 treatment centers on the list (many in Stillwater, Red Wing, and Burnsville).
- New projects for the new year? Ideas are welcome/encouraged.
- Please consider donating 5th edition basic texts to take to treatment centers or jails.

Motion to close by Will, second by Kevin, meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

South Suburban Fireside Area H&I Committee Agenda
February 12, 2009

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