

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2009

Meeting opened at 7:05pm with Serenity Prayer by Area Chair, Chris, with 10 addicts in attendance. Minutes of the July meeting were read; moved by Vern to approve, seconded by Chris, motion passed. Chris read the 12 Concepts of NA service. Collected 7th tradition of \$5.00 which was given to the church as rent.

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

James read the H&I Dos and Don'ts.

Literature: (Garrett reported) We have plenty of literature and several Mock H&I panel CDs.

Panel leader reports:

- Avalon: (Vern reported) Good turnout this month (5 attended), went well. Literature was missing due to housecleaning.
- Cochran Recovery Center: (Matt reported) They were running late due to family program immediately before. Matt confirmed that their schedule allows H&I to run until 9pm.
- Lino Lakes: (Panel leader Dan reported) Commitment is going "pretty good".
- Hastings Detox: (Chad reported) Going very well, have enough literature. Have plenty of people showing up.
- Haven in Woodbury (adult group): (Panel leader Garrett reported) Next commitment for the adult group is Thurs. Aug. 27 (same night as Detox) & Thurs. Dec. 17.
- Haven in Woodbury (adolescent group): (Chris reported) Chris has been going to provide rides/support, have 5 or so addicts going every month; it's going well.

Old business:

- Chris (chair) finished flyer for Northfield NA using flyer from Iowa as a template. He's still looking around for basic texts.
- Chris (H&I) reported we have 5 softcover and 2 hardcover texts to donate. H&I signup sheets have been distributed to GSRs, not much response so far.
- Brent knows some people in Iowa who do PR for their area, he will contact them to see about service learning day.

New business:

- There is a recovery event at a Twins game Friday, Sept. 18 (evening game), \$10 per person; contact Matt if interested.

Outreach:

- James was elected as co-chair as ASC meeting.
- Meetings of Month: For August: TNT on Tuesday Aug. 18, passed. For Sept. Brent moved to go to We Are Perfect (new meeting on Saturdays in New Richmond) on Sept. 19; Chad seconded, passed.
- Looking for ideas of direction for area newsletter. Jocelyn is still willing to put it together. One idea: include article on a spiritual principle every month. Discussed ideas for getting people involved to help with writing; other forms (jokes, comics, etc.) are welcome. Please mention at meetings; Jocelyn's contact info is on area meeting list.

Activities

- Chair position is open.

Public Relations

- Chris: suggestion made at area to have tri-fold meeting lists which work well for distribution with IPs. Kevin has a prototype he'll bring to area for further discussion.

- Chad reported on experience at Dakota Co. Jail. AA brings 2 meetings a week, they have a large presence. There were a lot of people interested in NA who attended the AA meetings, wanted to know about meetings, etc. There is definitely a need for more NA literature/information/meeting lists. Brent suggested possibility of starting an institutional meeting, but it would require commitment from addicts who meet Dakota Co's requirements – which are stringent. We could also ask region for help with literature, but it needs to be brought up at area. Chad agreed to take it on as a project leader.

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

South Suburban Fireside Area H&I Committee Agenda September 10, 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) – adult and adolescent
 - d. Other H&I items
7. Outreach Subcommittee
8. Activities Subcommittee
9. Public Relations Subcommittee
10. Other old/new business
11. Adjournment