

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2009

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Serenity Prayer by H&I chair, Chris, with 10 addicts in attendance. Minutes of the August meeting were read; moved by Vern to approve, seconded by Will, motion passed. Chad 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

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

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

Panel leader reports:

- Avalon: (Vern reported) Going well, located literature that was missing last month. Should we buy a rack for their "research center"? Brent moved to buy a small rack for Avalon pending their approval, seconded by Kevin, motion carried. Vern will contact them Avalon to discuss. Vern asked if there are any H&I area meeting lists available; we are out, Kevin will make a new one for fall.
- Cochran Recovery Center: (Brent reported from talking with Matt) They had 3 people last time, could use some more support.
- Lino Lakes: no report
- Hastings Detox: (Chad reported) Going great, have plenty of people showing up. Need literature.
- Haven in Woodbury (adult group): (Garrett reported) August commitment went very well, 4 addicts shared and approx. 25 people were there to listen. Next commitment is Thurs. Dec. 17 at 6pm. The counselor from the daytime program would be interested in having an H&I commitment; would need to be a Mon, Tues, or Thurs between 9am and noon; Garrett will get more info.
- Haven in Woodbury (adolescent group): (Chris reported) Group went well, had more people to share than people in the program. They have a new counselor and are not sure what the approach will be; Chris will contact them to see if the counselor is ready for the commitment this month; if not, will forgo this month. Brent suggested having the panel leader (Sage) come to the H&I subcommittee meeting.

Other H&I business:

- Chris suggested having panel leader ask people to come 10 minutes or so early to remind members of the meaning of a clear NA message.

Outreach:

- Meetings of Month: For Sept., We Are Not Perfect on Saturday Sept. 19 in New Richmond. For October, Vern moved we go to Step By Step on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 7pm; passed.
- Newsletter: no news from Jocelyn. Kevin is willing to format a newsletter if we can get people to write content. Discussed idea of passing out a "topic of the month" at meetings and giving people the chance to write down anything and/or e-mail Kevin. Brent suggested coming up with a flyer and inviting people to come to the subcommittee meeting with ideas. Another idea was an NA trivia contest with the prize being a book (given away at the subcommittee meeting).
- Brent asked if anyone would be interested in discussion of the 12 Concepts of NA Service (maybe after the subcommittee meeting?) Vern moved that we start next month; seconded by Chris, passed. Please announce at meetings.
- Outreach team has been trying to go to 1 meeting a week; if anyone is interested call Brent or James for info. Discussed going to the Tuesday Morning Recovery Group for next week.

Activities

- Chair position is open.
- Service Learning Day: Haven't heard anything for Chris B. on getting the church reserved, so it is on hold.

Public Relations

- Discussed the idea about tri-fold meeting lists; decided to keep the current format (tri-fold formatting is difficult to do with the amount of info and wastes a lot of space; the current format can still be folded like IPs).
- Chad asked us to announce at meetings that we are looking for people who could go in to Dakota Co. jail to help facilitate a new meeting in the facility; need people with 2 years clean time and 2 years off-paper. Chad also suggested getting some books to take there to help start dialog.
- Book fund was approved at area meeting: groups can designate funds donated to area be used to purchase books for jails and institutions; public relations subcommittee needs to facilitate purchase of books from the fund. Chad suggested idea of holding fundraisers for the fund; members discussed interpretations of the 7th tradition.
- Brent moved taking funding back to area proposing that all subcommittees be allotted the same funding level as H&I; seconded by Vern; passed.

Old Business

- If anyone is interested in a flyer for posting in public places, Chris put one together and Brent has a copy.
- Have 6 softcover and 3 hardcover basic texts. Chad and Will volunteered to take them to Dakota Co.
- H&I signup sheets have had limited response but are out at meetings.

Motion to close by Will, seconded by Vern, meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

South Suburban Fireside Area H&I Committee Agenda October 8, 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