

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2010

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Serenity Prayer by H&I Chair Lisa F., with 11 addicts in attendance.
Moved by Brent, seconded by Matt to approve the October minutes, passed.
Matt read the 12 Concepts of NA service.
Collected 7th tradition of \$8.00 which was given to the church as rent.

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

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

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

Panel leader reports:

- Avalon: (Panel leader Todd reported) Had a misunderstanding with the counselor this month, so didn't have any participation from clients. Todd left a message with the director to get clarification on the commitment.
- Dakota Co. Jail (Brent reported): Saturday meeting is going well; will talk about Tuesday under new business.
- Hastings Detox: (Matt reported) Going well; took some Just for Today Books.
- Haven in Woodbury (adult group): (Garrett reported) Haven't heard when they want us to come back, but lots of people from there have been attending Woodbury Freebirds on Sundays.
- Haven in Woodbury (adolescent group): Commitment moved to 3rd Monday of month; still looking for panel leader. Garrett will take 3 Just for Today books.
- Journey Treatment Center (James reported): They would like more books; James gave them information about ordering from world.

Other H&I business:

- Brent: We need to find a way to get more addicts involved with H&I. Matt suggested asking for "just one volunteer" when at meetings. Brent suggested reminding people that they need just 3 months clean time to come listen, which may help people get over fear of having to speak; asked people to think about it and come back with some ideas next month.

Outreach Subcommittee

- Meetings of Month: Had a few people come to Step by Step in Inver Grove Hts. Sunday, October 17; meeting seems to be in good shape. For November: Ties that Bind Us in Hastings on Monday, November 15 at 7pm. For December: Tim suggested Monday Night Round Robin, which was agreed - Monday December 20 at 7pm.
- James reported that he hasn't heard about any more newsletter submissions, asked how we could get more submissions. Brent suggested that everyone at the meeting lead by example and write a submission for next month. Tim asked how people should make submissions; they can be written on forms and given to GSRs (or James or Kevin), or e-mailed directly to Kevin (kevin@naminnesota.org).

Activities Subcommittee

- Moonlight Bowling set again for January 8. Lisa asked if Tim had checked in to Brunswick in Lakeville, which he will do.
- January 22 - swimming, food, and game night in Oakdale, hopefully a free event.
- February 19 - Water Park of America, \$15 in advance (if possible), will have the whole facility from 9am-4pm.
- Trying to find more free events to do; have had newcomers at recent events.
- Still looking for items for the raffle at the Speaker Jam.

Public Relations Subcommittee

- No report.

Other Business

- Dakota Co. Jail H&I commitment - ideas and concerns:
 - Jeff said that the programs area at the jail is going to put out a list of rules; anything (i.e., literature) that is going to be left at the jail has to be cleared through the programs area.
 - Unless explicitly approved, anything we take in to a meeting at the jail must be taken back out when we leave.
 - Guards will likely be enforcing the rules more thoroughly due to some issues that have come up. Bringing in items which are not allowed (such as cell phones) could result in arrest. Suggestion: leave everything in your car other than identification and whatever literature we're allowed to bring with us.
 - Only softcover books can be brought in.
 - No books or pamphlets with any kind of stain (such as coffee stains) can be brought in -- no exceptions.
 - More changes will be effective the first of the year.
 - Most likely, all NA commitments (at the 3 units) will be Saturdays at 1pm. Matt asked if we might be able to go earlier in the day; Jeff said that this is not feasible because of the jail schedule on Saturdays.
 - Brent expressed concerns about always having at least 2 people presenting in any unit; agreed that we will go to as many units as we can on a given Saturday so that we have at least 2 people presenting in each unit. We will rotate between the units as needed to make sure they all get meetings -- if a unit is missed one week, will make sure that unit gets a meeting the next week.
 - Not a problem to get more people approved to go to the jail - up to 10 people (we have 7 now). There is a significant cost to the jail for running background checks, so they want a consistent list of people (i.e., people who will commit to participating long-term).
 - Jeff will work on getting a box with books and readings that will be left at the jail so that we do not have to bring literature in. Will have to wait and see how this will be coordinated. Not sure if it would be possible to have books left in the units.

Motion to close by Matt., seconded by Garrett, meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Participants discussed the 9th Concept of NA Service after the meeting.

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Agenda December 9, 2010

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. Dakota Co. Jail
 - iii. Dakota Co. Detox
 - iv. Haven (Woodbury) – adult and adolescent
 - v. Journey Treatment Center
 - d. Other H&I items
7. Outreach Subcommittee
8. Activities Subcommittee
9. Public Relations Subcommittee
10. Other old/new business
11. Adjournment
12. Discussion of 10th Concept of NA Service