

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2009

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Serenity Prayer by H&I chair, Chris C., with 14 addicts in attendance.
Matt read the 12 Concepts of NA service.
Collected 7th tradition of \$7.50 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.

Panel leader reports:

- Avalon: (Vern reported) They like the rack. Commitment is going well, have plenty of literature.
- Cochran Recovery Center: (Matt) Needs literature, commitment is going fine.
- Lino Lakes: Prison is changing how they work with volunteers; new people go to 1 meeting then go through a 2 hour orientation. Need to have an "event letter" for people at the guard shack, Dan will call to make sure that it set up before the commitments; if it's not there, nobody can go in. Things are going well, last month was "awesome", had a new person.
- Hastings Detox: (Chad reported) Going well, Christmas Eve was a good turnout. Need a new panel leader since Chad is now area PR chair. There were a couple people from another fellowship there, but not a problem.
- Haven in Woodbury (adult group): (Garrett reported) Dec. commitment went well. Haven't been able to get ahold of the counselor yet to get the schedule for this year.
- Haven in Woodbury (adolescent group): (Sage reported) Going well, have new people and good mix of males and females.

Other H&I business:

- Dakota Co. Jail (Chris C.) On Dec. 17 we took a "1-time" commitment at the Dakota Co. Jail for the "alumni" group, which went well. The jail staff is also looking to start an internal meeting for inmates at the jail but they would like help from us to facilitate getting it going. That would be a weekly commitment for some amount of time and we would need consistency, since the Dakota Co. Jail had an H&I commitment in the past which wasn't handled well (which gave NA an unfavorable reputation there).
- Area of Hope is planning an H&I Learning Day in April; Chris C. will try to attend their meeting next month.

Outreach Subcommittee

- Meetings of Month: For December, Midweek NA on Wed. Dec. 16 at 7pm, had 4-5 addicts show up for support. For January, Finding Peace in Eagan tomorrow night (Friday, Jan. 15).
- Kevin has enough material for a newsletter, will look to get it out for next ASC meeting. Please announce at meetings.
- Meeting of the month for Feb – new Friday night meeting in Cottage Grove (Keep it Simple), on Friday, Feb 19, 9pm.
- Brent attempted to go to the Northfield meeting but nobody was there; he will try to find out if the meeting is still going on.

Activities Subcommittee

- Sage: New Year's Eve party was a success; raised \$280, donated 25% to house committee at Old Langdon as rent & rest (\$211) to ASC.
- Looking at ideas for places to go snow tubing. Members gave a couple different options (Badlands in Hudson & a park in Minneapolis); Sage will investigate and get a plan together.
- Valentine's dance – didn't have enough time to get one organized. (Note: Area of Hope has one.)
- Sage asked about the possibility of a St. Patrick's Day dance in March; there was some interest.
- Service Learning Day: (Chris C) We are a "go" for Saturday, January 16, 2010, 1pm-5pm. Area approved \$150. We will get pizzas (Cici's or Little Caesar's). Chris B. said doors are supposed to be open at 12:30, he will call to

verify. Vern will contact Little Caesars and let them know we're looking for 10-12 pizzas at 2:30. Will need pop, water, paper plates, napkins. There are speakers lined up to share about each of the topics (H&I, former area chairs, GSRs, and Activities).

Public Relations Subcommittee

- Chad participated in region PR conference call and learned a lot about what TC area does – they concentrate on emergency rooms & hospitals. There is a posting on region's Google group; they are looking for input on prioritization. Next call is on Jan. 26.
- Chad has been reading the PR manual; he would like input and ideas from others on goals. He feels strongly about getting books in jails and getting meeting lists to probation officers – and meeting lists could end up using most of the budget before buying any books. Another idea is cards with helpline for police and EMTs. All of these would need a presentation put together & rehearsed for professionals.
- Brent brought up idea of working with drug court in Dakota Co.; also, Goodhue Co. had expressed interest in having an NA presentation for professionals at their jail.
- Chad will arrange a meeting for setting up a PR presentation/script and announce at Service Learning Day.

Other Business

None.

Motion to close by Matt., seconded by Sage, meeting adjourned at 8:10pm, and was followed by a discussion of the 3rd Concept of NA Service.

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Agenda February 11, 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. 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
12. Discussion of 4th Concept of NA Service