

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes January 13, 2011

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Serenity Prayer by H&I Chair Lisa F., with 19 addicts in attendance.
Moved by Brian, seconded by Preston to approve the December minutes, passed.
Ned read the 12 Concepts of NA service.
Collected 7th tradition of \$16.50 which was given to the church as rent.

Outreach Subcommittee

- Meetings of Month: The planned meeting of the month for December, Monday Night Round Robin, didn't happen due to snow. For January, Northfield NA was scheduled, but the meeting has closed; instead, we will go to Monday Night Round Robin on Monday, January 17 at 7pm. For February, Brent suggested Peace of Mind, as it's been a long time since we've been there; Preston mentioned that Never Alone has a lot of younger people with less clean time; several others agreed. The group agreed on Never Alone on Sunday, February 20 at 7pm.
- There haven't been any newsletter submissions since it was printed this past month. Brent suggested making more copies of that newsletter since copies seem to have all been taken. Todd moved to use the Outreach \$50 fund for printing newsletters next month; seconded by Matt; agreed to print 60 more.
- Brent suggested that everyone at the meeting write something for the newsletter so we can get another one published for March.

Activities Subcommittee

- Tim reported on bowling this past weekend; more than 30 people were there.
- Upcoming events:
 - Dance at SOS Club - Saturday, January 22
 - Water Park of America - Saturday, February 19, \$15/person
- Tim discussed his frustrations with how the activities were discussed at the ASC; he thinks the issues raised about cost were blown out of proportion, and most of the "free" events (other than Speaker Jam) were not well attended. To do "free" events, he needs a full committee to help. He is looking at doing a game/speaker night coming up as a free event. He also has an agreement with the bowling lane used last weekend to have another bowling night at half price.
- The person who was activities co-chair hasn't been participating, so a co-chair would help greatly and be welcome.
- James expressed concern about how the contract was signed committing to a specific amount of money/number of people for the water park event; he suggested not doing that in the future.
- James suggested presenting a detailed accounting of money coming in and going out each month to the secretary to be included in the area minutes; Melissa expressed agreement.
- Lisa suggested sending around a sign-up sheet for people to help with events. Brent suggested asking for help at the subcommittee meeting, that's why we're here.

Public Relations Subcommittee

- Kevin plans to send more meeting lists to treatment centers this month. He mentioned that counties put out "community service sheets", many of these have AA listed but not NA; he'll try to get the new helpline listed.
- Has been working with region on getting website issues resolved.
- Lisa asked about contacts for the treatment centers; Brent stated that the list we have is from the region, and they maintain a database of treatment centers.

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

Literature: (Garrett reported) We have plenty of literature.
Todd read the H&I Dos and Don'ts.

Panel leader reports:

- Avalon: (Panel leader Todd reported) Had a better turnout this month, 5 clients and 5 addicts participating. He talked to the counselor, who said that they are getting more new clients.
- Hastings Detox: (Donnie reported) Asked questions about what he needs to do for the commitment; Brent will get a contact at the facility for him. Matt suggested checking what is there & what's missing as far as literature is concerned. Lisa suggested making sure we have the old panel leader introduce the new one to people at the facility when we "hand off" a commitment.
- Haven in Woodbury (adult group): (Garrett reported) Left another voicemail message with the counselor of the evening program.
- Haven in Woodbury (adolescent group): Lisa talked to Sage, the commitment is still going well.
- Journey Treatment Center (James reported): Received a call from the head counselor about whether or not we want to continue, as our original commitment to them was for 1 year and that is now up. They are restructuring their program, so we will be going every other month (odd numbered months) on the last Monday. Todd reported that quite a few people went this past month and it went well.
- Dakota Co. Jail (Brent reported): We have some issues to discuss with the jail. James contacted the jail to set up a meeting with the jail, but there were issues within the jail about it. Jeff said the jail has made it clear that they do not want anyone other than Jeff contacting the jail; he is meeting with the jail tomorrow to discuss the new rules and take in the books and readings for us to use. Jeff said he will be at the jail on Saturdays for the next several months to make sure everyone knows the rules; he will also try to come to the subcommittee meeting when possible. Brent suggested that Jeff be the panel leader for the commitment since Jeff has the contact with the jail. Matt nominated Jeff as panel leader; Jeff expressed willingness to try it for 3 months with Brent's help.

Other H&I business:

- none

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none

Meeting closed at 9:00pm.

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Agenda February 10, 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 11th Concept of NA Service