

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes March 10, 2011

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Serenity Prayer by H&I Chair Lisa F., with 16 addicts in attendance. Moved by James, seconded by Donnie to approve the February minutes, passed. Todd read the 12 Concepts of NA service. Collected 7th tradition of \$9.00, which was given to the church as rent.

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

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

Literature Report: (Garrett reported) We're missing a few IPs due to low stock at the area meeting, and we still need readings for the new commitments.

Panel leader reports:

- Avalon: (Panel leader Todd reported) Went Tuesday, 5 addicts and 6 clients were there. They seem to be getting more clients in. Had 2 newcomers go, hopefully will be getting more involved.
- Dakota Co. Jail (Brent reported): Things are going well, other than not being able to cover all 3 units. Have had 4 people most times, so have been able to cover 2 units each time. Could use a couple more volunteers.
- Detox: (Donnie reported) Had 5 people attend, everyone had a chance to speak, 9 or 10 clients attended.
- Haven in Woodbury (adult group): (Garrett reported) Upcoming commitment on Monday, March 28.
- Haven in Woodbury (adolescent group): Lisa talked with Sage, the commitment is going well and has had good turnout.
- Journey Treatment Center (James reported): Going this month on the 28th, will be taking event flyers. Went well last time.

Other H&I business:

- Lisa: We have 2 new commitments at the Haven in Shakopee. First is Monday at 10am, Brian is the panel leader; had 4 addicts attend and it has gone very well. Other one is the 4th Monday of the month; we have a couple new people involved there. It went really well, other than working out a few details with the counselor. Lisa asked if we should continue to say we represent SSFA since the commitment is in RIH; consensus was that we can just say we're from NA unless it becomes strictly an SSFA commitment.
- We have another commitment on the first Thursday of the month at Cochran Recovery Center. They would like us to do 2 more commitments each month but we don't have enough people to commit. Jocelyn is the panel leader.
- Donnie asked where he could get no-contact meeting lists; Lisa has them.

Outreach Subcommittee

- Meeting of Month: For February, the meeting of the month was supposed to be Never Alone on Sunday, February 20, but for the second month in a row the scheduled meeting happened on the same night as a major snowstorm. For March, Addicts in Recovery on Tuesday, March 15. For April, Lisa suggested going back to Never Alone on Sunday, April 17 at 7pm
- There have been a few submissions for the newsletter; James asked those at the meeting to consider bringing something to submit next month. Please also ask at meetings.
- James asked what else the committee could do; he is considering reaching out to other areas for ideas.

Activities Subcommittee

- Tim: Still need a few people to help with the Taco Feed; passed around sign-up sheet for volunteers.
- Next Saturday: Night of Music and Dancing at Club SOS.
- Looking to set up a free event in early June; Lisa suggested an open mike night.

Public Relations Subcommittee

- Kevin: Will send some flyers to treatment centers this month & work on H&I flyers.
- Would like SSFA to adopt the region's e-mail forwarding service to make it easier for people to contact area officers & subcommittee chairs.

Other Business

- H&I Learning Day on June 4 3pm-7pm. There was a suggestion to make it 2pm-7pm due to not having enough time the past learning day; Lisa's concern was the ability of people from the Dakota Co. Jail commitment being there (since the commitment runs until 2pm). Discussed how much food we would need, Brent suggested allowing for 60 or 70 people through the event. Mark from AOH discussed things from the last H&I Learning Day, including speakers, panels, discussion with facility personnel, interactive Dos and Don'ts presentation, audience participation, and an open mike; suggested looking at the suggestions in the H&I manual. Mark and Brent both suggested that a planning meeting is crucial for a successful event.
- Tim: Need raffle items for Taco Feed, please announce.

Meeting closed at 8:05pm.

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

April 14, 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. Haven (Shakopee)
 - vi. Journey Treatment Center
 - vii. Cochran Recovery 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