

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2012

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Serenity Prayer by Brian, with 12 addicts in attendance. Motion by Todd, seconded by Beth to approve the minutes from March meeting, passed with corrections to Meeting of Month to be changed to Ties That Bind Us, not Monday Night Round Robin. Garrett read the 12 Concepts of NA service. Collected 7th tradition of \$8, which was given to the church as rent.

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

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

Literature Report (James reported): Picked up a bunch of IP's and went a little overboard and the price was \$64.56 which was reimbursed at the area level. He was down to only a few IP's so he got twenty of each to replenish except "For those in treatment" because the UMSO didn't have any. He was not able to print out the H&I meeting lists. Melissa stated that the price of IP's that were \$0.22 went up to \$0.25

Panel leader reports:

Dakota Co. Jail (James reported): Didn't go the week of the CAR meeting, but they went the following two weeks. He has someone else in the process of being cleared so that will make it a total of five addicts cleared to go into the jail. There was talk of having a speaker go in one day a month. An idea came up to have a personal story shared one week instead of the basic text study. Todd asked: Are the requirements still the same? Brent wanted to know if one of five would be sharing their story or would we have to get more people cleared to go in and speak? James wasn't sure what questions to ask concerning people getting cleared but assumes the requirements would be the same as anyone else visiting the jail. It was shared that someone from another fellowship used to share his personal story and that helped bring people into the meeting. We do currently share our thoughts while reading from the basic text but it would be nice.

Detox (Beth reported): 5 recovering addicts attended and it went well.

Haven in Woodbury, adult group (Garrett reported): We have a commitment there this coming Monday at 6:00pm.

Haven in Woodbury, adolescent group (John reported): He didn't go but Sage did and it went well.

Haven in Shakopee, morning (Brian reported): Three addicts attended, two shared. Smaller meeting then normal but it went well. There is a new counselor there they had to talk with - Mona.

Haven in Shakopee, evening (James reported): It seemed to be alright. The counselor asked us to convince people to take a basic text. James mentioned that reading the book would help them because they might relate to the personal stories in the back. They had questions about what meetings they go to and James stated that he didn't go to meetings in the RITH area. Maybe next time we could bring them a Region or RITH meeting list or possibly the Twin Cities area meeting lists. Brian asked if at times people from RITH would go or do they still? No they do not. Brian tried to get a hold of the H&I chair to get meeting lists. John asked if we needed another meeting list with other area meetings on it since he is currently working on it. James thought it would be a good idea to bring the H&I meeting lists with contact information on it. They need meeting lists, they have IP's and PIG flyers.

Journey Treatment Center (Todd reported): Went there last month and everything went well. There were 10 - 15 clients that attended and four addicts shared. His attendance is good for the next four months - every other month, last Monday. Last time we did it every month they were running into the same people there and the clients complained we were getting repetitive and hearing the same things so they requested we go every other month.

Cochran Recovery Center (Beth reported): There were three addicts in attendance and everything went well. There was some interest in someone being a panel leader but no final answer yet. Lisa questioned if they were still an all male facility and the guidelines suggest that it should be a male panel leader. At this point Beth is the only one available and the Cochran house is okay with her being the one to go in.

Other H&I business:

- Brian: He has an out of date H&I commitment sheet that needs to be updated. It was passed around for panel leaders to update to hand back in for updates.
- Brian: It was brought up to him by BTG to bring flyers to our commitments. Last month he passed out the flyers but not the cards. He has stuff for the facility to hand out to their clients to help them find a temporary contact. James doesn't see a problem with it because it's providing information about our fellowship. At this point it is limited supplies. Brian would like to make a motion to hand out the literature at our commitments, and Eric seconded it. The motion passed. Make sure you remember to ask the facilities if you can hand out the information. Melissa spoke on the reasons why BTG was requesting H&I to bring this literature into commitments. They would like to get more exposure to suffering addicts who are in need of temporary contacts and give them the information they need to get in contact with NA.
- Brian: Asked about Paul's Place commitment that was brought up from last month. He currently has a few people who said yes to going but it's hard to start up a commitment when we only have a few people with short recovery time. He is thinking about calling them up and letting them know that at this time we won't be able to bring in a meeting. He would really like to try and do the speaker meetings. John wanted to know where it was and how often? It is in Farmington and it would be the third Thursday every month from 6:30 to no later than 8:00pm. People are willing to go and share for a 30 minute time frame. Todd wanted to know what we needed to get this going. He is willing to step up and be the panel leader for the next six months. We can do a presentation, basic text study or speaker meeting - he is open for anything. He has several addicts from Paul's Place that go to our meetings. There are people willing to go but don't have the clean time to speak as of yet. James thinks it great that we are willing to go out there and do it but since they go to several of our meetings already but he thinks we should go to places that don't already have access to our meetings. Lisa thinks that since we already have someone willing to step up and take on the commitment we should try it. Brian agrees. There are several people who are graduates from Paul's Place that think it would be great if we could bring a meeting in there. Beth commented that Paul's Place is an all male facility and if we have men willing to go to there, why wouldn't they want to go to Cochran. It was brought up that Cochran is on the same evening as the Area meeting. Brent commented that sometimes commitments always see the same people not only at meetings but also at their commitment. It would be nice to have fresh faces going to these commitments. Eric commented that basically we need more people to step up for commitments. Brent stated that it would be nice to go to a different commitment but then someone would have to do his current commitment and that is where the problem is. Eric wanted to know why we don't try and find another facility that is not involved with NA and then people could switch commitments. James suggested maybe we drop the Cochran commitment because of the day and time and the conflicts with Area. Melissa asked if we could change the date and time. Brent stated that it would make us, as in NA, look bad if we dropped the commitment because we couldn't fill it. We should really look closely at our commitments before taking them on so that they don't conflict with our existing programs. Brian asked Lisa what was going on when the commitment started – she stated that they choose that day because that was what worked best for all three people who were willing to take it on. John is willing to go share at the Cochran house, but he's not willing to step down from his area position to do it. The majority people who are willing to go to commitments have area positions. Melissa made a motion to take on the commitment at Paul's Place, Eric seconded - motion passes. Brian will call Carolyn up to get the paperwork going.

Outreach Subcommittee

Todd is pushing for more submissions; he has announced it at the Area level and at his meetings. Meeting of Month – For April is the Ties That Bind Us on Monday April 16th at 7:00. May meeting will be the new meeting in Northfield - Rock Solid on Wednesday May 16th at 8:00. Brian stated that he liked the format that they have and that there are young addicts there looking for recovery.

Activities Subcommittee

Rick: Not present. James talked with Rick and he discussed a softball event coming up soon. Brian got a phone call from Becky that they are doing a three area game night in May, and asking PIG for a free registration.

Public Relations Subcommittee

Chair needed.

Other Business

Melissa asked if someone could take the minutes for the next subcommittee meeting, Garrett said he would.

Meeting closed at 7:58pm.

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Agenda May 10th, 2012

Opening
Introductions
Approval of minutes
Reading of 12 Concepts of NA Service
7th Tradition
Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee
 H&I Introduction/Dos and Don'ts
 Literature Report
 Panel Leader Reports
 Dakota Co. Jail
 Dakota Co. Detox
 Haven (Woodbury) – adult and adolescent
 Haven (Shakopee) – morning and evening
 Journey Treatment Center
 Cochran Recovery Center
 Other H&I items
Outreach Subcommittee
Activities Subcommittee
Public Relations Subcommittee
Other old/new business
Adjournment