

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
June 14 , 2012

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Serenity Prayer by Brian, with 11 addicts in attendance.
Motion by Todd, seconded by Kyle to approve the minutes from May meeting, passed.
James read the 12 Concepts of NA service.
Collected 7th tradition of \$6, which was given to the church as rent.

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

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

Literature Report (James reported): We have some IP's but don't have updated meeting lists at this time. We've talked about revising the tear off meeting list but not sure how to go about doing it. Should he print new meeting lists? Garrett will pull our meeting out of the regional meeting list for a new tear off. A question came up about handing out meeting lists with contacts on them and it was stated that they should NOT have contact information on them.

Panel leader reports:

Dakota Co. Jail (James reported): Seems to be going alright. There are other programs that are starting to go there, like CMA and that is creating confusion with getting into the jail. There were five people attending.

Detox (Brent reported): Went last month, four or five attended.

Haven in Woodbury, adult group (Garrett reported): Took the adolescent off of the H&I list because we haven't heard from them. The adult one we should be hearing from them soon.

Haven in Shakopee, morning (Brian reported): Three people attended a couple of Mondays ago and it went well.

Haven in Shakopee, evening : No report given.

Journey Treatment Center (Todd reported): They went on the 21st and everything went good. There were new people there carrying a great message. He doesn't go back in there until the end of July.

Cochran Recovery Center (Matt reported): Went good as usual, five people showed up.

Other H&I business:

- At area we received 10 soft cover Basic Texts to give to the Dakota County Jail Treatment Center. Brian will be working on getting them in there. Brian wondered if they give the books to the jailers and what happens to them at that point. Brent stated that we've given them approx. 30 books in the past and he's only seen a couple of people with them. Brian has seen our books in the library but not in the unit itself.
- Brian talked about the Panel Leader for the Shakopee Evening who has not been here for the last three or four months. The suggestion is that the panel leader should show up to report on the commitment. Brent suggested we talk with the person to see if they want to step down or show up to the subcommittee meeting to report on the commitment.
- Todd inquired about Paul's Place and Brian stated that they wanted days and we can't do days because we don't have many people available to commit to day hours. The only thing Brian is willing to set up is speaker meeting in the evenings. There was discussion about writing out a statement letter of what we can and cannot do so they know what to expect from us, with maybe a six month commitment to start the process and see how things go at that point. James commented that we could put it together and see what their feedback is. Matt suggested we look to see if there is already a letter formulated that we would just need to change the names and what not. Harry volunteered to put together the letter if we couldn't find one. They searched the H&I handbook for some type of letters to professionals but couldn't find anything. Brent suggested we look on www.NA.org for more resources.

Brent discussed that usually the PR chair along with the H&I chair go into a new commitment together to present our strengths and abilities to the facility. Unfortunately we haven't had a strong PR presence in South Suburban Fireside Area. Brent wondered why we could bring in a speaker meeting and not a panel? It was unclear why we couldn't do both simply because it's difficult for a speaker to talk for sixty minutes about recovery and not talk about war stories. Brian will do more investigations into it and get back to us. From the director they were interested into a panel during the day and speaker during the evening...

Outreach Subcommittee (Todd V.)

Meeting of Month – The month of June is N.A. Door to Freedom in New Prague. For July, Keep It Simple on July 13th at 9:00 in Cottage Grove.

Activities Subcommittee (Rick H.)

James reported there are no activities for June or July. They have something going on August 5th - BBQ, volleyball, horseshoe, and lots of fun. Tubing, Taco Feed, Bingo Night, Disc Golf are some ideas that have come up. Brent suggested we do a bingo meeting or some type of event on the Friday before the Meeting of the Month. Garrett shared there will be a meeting already in attendance so noise would be an issue. Eric will do some research with the local churches nearby and will follow up with James. It is suggested to do a MNNAC fundraiser so there was some talk if we should donate to our local convention or put on an event to raise funds.

Public Relations Subcommittee (No Chair)

No report given.

Other Business

Garrett should've addressed the workshops at the PIG meeting. If they don't have any set up maybe we should volunteer our services so that we are not embarrassed by the unplanned events and poor turnout. Since we are having a Sunday afternoon potluck maybe we could do the workshops then. There was discussion about who was running the adult events. Garrett is planning on attending the next PIG meeting to bring it up and that would give H&I a week to put something together before PIG weekend.

Meeting closed at 7:50pm.

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Agenda
July 12, 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
 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