

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2012

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Serenity Prayer by Erica, with 8 addicts in attendance.
Motion by Erica, seconded by Todd to approve the minutes from September meeting, passed.
Todd read the 12 Concepts of NA service.
Collected 7th tradition of \$8, which was given to the church as rent.

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

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

Literature Report (James reported): We have a bunch of each IP's. Literature for the rack has been purchased. There are some meeting lists here, no copies were made.

Panel leader reports:

Dakota Co. Jail (James reported): Going okay, we were given a list of people that are approved to go into the jail. We have about eight people approved, five have been going on a regular basis.

Detox (Beth reported): Unable to attend, but everything was good.

Haven in Woodbury, adult group (Garrett reported): Has not heard anything from them this month.

Haven in Shakopee, morning (No report):

Haven in Shakopee, evening (James reported): There was five members in attendance. It seems to be going alright.

Journey Treatment Center (Todd reported): Will be going at the end of this month on Halloween. He has one addict that volunteered.

Cochran Recovery Center (Matt reported): Went good, he has literature that still needs to be brought inside.

Other H&I business:

- James - TNT donated some books potentially to be donated to Dakota County Jail - six soft cover Basic Text's & six Just for Today daily meditation books, along with IP's and a stand to hold them all. But unfortunately some of the IP's have staples in them so they will have an inmate pull the staples out and glue the books back together. He did replace a couple of the IP's with staples in them. Should we still submit the materials with staples? Garrett suggests we still pull the staples out and if they want to glue them together then they can so that we don't risk them throwing them in the trash. When he counted up the suggested literature it came up to sixteen but they suggest other material that he did not get to donate. He also has meetings lists without phone numbers on them, the Bridging the Gap post cards & business cards. Garrett said that meeting lists will take up more than one spot and the BTG information is definitely helpful for those coming out. Erica stated that he could ask if it would be alright to hand out the business cards. Garrett suggested we might want to put a metro meeting list in there since people outside of the county get held there. James stated that our H&I meeting lists do not have the website on it or the helpline number on it - maybe we could add it and then we wouldn't need the metro meeting lists.
- Brent would like to make a motion that we donate the books to Dakota County Jail, Matt seconded it - motion passed.

Outreach Subcommittee (Todd V.)

Meeting of Month – For November is Monday Night Round Robin on November 19th at 7:00pm in South Saint Paul, First Presbyterian Church.

Activities Subcommittee (James)

Taco Feed on November 10th at 11am

James is not the best at coordinating events; he states it because someone commented about how we are not having a Halloween event this year and how our area should be

doing more. Hopefully more people will step up to help out with the scheduling and coordinating of events. Brent stated that you can't be there for everybody all the time - you can only do what you can with what you have. He is grateful that he is doing something. Erica stated that in the past we've just met at the haunted Halloween hayride in Cottage Grove with cider and cookies, it wasn't something that someone planned, they just met and did the ride. Melissa stated that when Tim was the activities chair he didn't have a job and had more time to coordinate activities. It was stated that there is always December - maybe we could do a New Year's Event. A lot of area's host a New Year's events. Maybe we could do a Christmas party.

Public Relations Subcommittee (No Chair)

Erica said that this might be a good time to discuss the PR day. January 12, 2013 from 11am - 5pm at First Presbyterian. She has volunteered to get a hold of Kevin to get a copy of the handbook, which Garrett printed out, she printed out all of the trusted servants list, there are three areas with PR positions so she sent out an email to each of them letting them know that we would like their involvement. Jay forwarded the inquiry email to all of the contacts he had and Erica received a response from Lucy. Maybe we could ask Kevin to help out since he's done with school now. Matt received some numbers from Brent about contacting people from Iowa to see if they'd be willing to come up and help out as well. The last time they were up here it was a good experience. Maybe we should try to reach out to Wisconsin. Brent suggested it might be worth our while to make phone calls instead of email because of the lack of response from emails. Maybe we can have two people talk about each topic (PR in general, PR in relation to the 11th Tradition, PR dealing with professionals, PR on the internet, PR with literature), they don't have to be the current PR chair but someone who has some experience, strength and hope with public relations. Next month we should start talking about getting food coordinated for the event.

Other Business

No other business.

Meeting closed at 7:48pm. Todd made a motion to close, Beth seconded it.

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Agenda November 8, 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