

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes November 14, 2013

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Serenity Prayer by H&I Subcommittee Chair Brian, with 6 addicts in attendance.

Motion by Mike, seconded by Todd to approve the minutes from September meeting, 5 – Approved, 0 – Opposed, 1 – Abstained, passed.

Todd read the 12 Concepts of NA service.

Collected 7th tradition of \$6.00, which was given to the church as rent.

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

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

Literature Report (James reported): Didn't get to the service office this month, will be going soon; we're pretty much out (probably will need about \$50 worth).

Panel leader reports:

Dakota Co. Jail: (Mike reported): Doing well, we missed 1 commitment in the last month. Gave softcover basic texts, meeting lists, and IPs, all are in the facility. Some concerns were brought up by the liaison about some meetings becoming repetitious, he would like us to discuss changing the meeting format. That said – discussion tends to be on a topic and the three NA members who go do share their experience, strength and hope. He would also like us to go to one unit consistently instead of changing it up, and expressed dissatisfaction with us not being able to meet all of the commitments. The liaison said he would be at the meeting tonight, but isn't here. Mike is not planning on making any changes for now. James said that he had a couple inmates ask about meditation books; Mike said that would be a possibility since the Just For Today books are softcover. Brian asked if deputies at the jail take the group to the planned unit (or decide on a different one at the time); Mike said that usually they ask where we are instructed to go by the liaison, but occasionally one of the officers asks us to go to a different unit.

Detox (Beth reported): All is going well; next commitment is Thanksgiving Night.

Haven in Woodbury, adult group (Brian reported): Everything went well. One person felt uncomfortable participating in the introductions done by the facility clients; in the future, will discuss that with participants and decide then if we go in before or after the introductions. Todd asked if anyone has stepped up as panel leader; Brian said nobody has. James stated he thinks it should be decided before the commitment whether or not we will participate in their opening format (instead of deciding it on the spot); if someone passes on participating, it could be interpreted as being defiant or not "a part of". Brent suggested sitting down with the counselor and getting a definition of what we do in writing (as per the recommendation in the H&I handbook). Mike volunteered to help write a guideline to present to the counselor. Brent suggested then taking that to all of the commitments for the future.

Haven in Shakopee, evening (Brian reported): Had 4 members attend, all went well.

Haven in Shakopee, morning: No report.

Journey Treatment Center (Todd reported): Had 4 addicts attend, all went well. The counselor asked if we would share on how we deal with the holidays during the next couple commitments. Keeping a "round robin" of people going.

Cochran Recovery Center (Brent reported): Went well; could use some other people participating (especially women since it's a co-ed facility).

Other H&I business:

- Brian called First Presbyterian Church about holding a learning day on January 22. There is nothing planned at the church that day. Since SSFA is having a hard time getting people to step up, it would be a good idea to have education on service outside of meetings. Todd suggested the pancake breakfast would be a good idea to get people there. Mike asked if it would be a good idea to try another location since there are lots of meetings further away; decided to keep it at First Presbyterian due to the short timeframe, but look to another place for future learning days. Brian will reserve the church from 8am-4pm, with plans to serve pancakes at 9am and the learning day starting at 10am. We can form an ad-hoc committee at the next subcommittee meeting. We will make up flyers but not distribute until we have approval from the ASC. Todd and James will look into cost of supplies to have a proposal for a budget.

Outreach Subcommittee (No Chair)

Todd stepped down as chair; the subcommittee thanked him for his service. Brent congratulated Todd for stepping down on schedule/as planned.

MOM for November: Peace of Mind tomorrow (Friday, November 15, 7:30 in Lakeville). Some struggling meetings include Cottage Grove (Monday or Wednesday), NA 101. Brent suggested Midweek NA in Cottage Grove, all agreed – Wednesday, December 18 at 7pm.

Activities Subcommittee (Co-chair James reported)

Nothing to report. Rick had a personal issue that came up immediately before the ASC meeting; Rick has the money and receipts from the Horrors of Addiction dance.

Public Relations Subcommittee (Chair Catie O.)

We have a new chair! [Acting Secretary's note: Catie e-mailed me before the meeting that she was sick that day, I didn't see the e-mail until the next day. – Garrett]

Other Old/New Business

Mike asked when Brian's term is done as H&I chair; it is in March.

Meeting closed at 8:00pm. Motion to close made by Brent, seconded by Beth, all 5 approved.

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Agenda December 12, 2013

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