

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes October 10, 2013

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Serenity Prayer by H&I Subcommittee Chair Brian, with 5 addicts in attendance.

Motion by James, seconded by Brent to approve the minutes from September meeting, 4 – Approved, 0 – Opposed, 1 – Abstained, passed.

James read the 12 Concepts of NA service.

Collected 7th tradition of \$20.00, which was given to the church as rent.

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

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

Literature Report (James reported): Has IPs with him, take them if you need them. Will probably need to get some more before the next meeting.

Panel leader reports:

Dakota Co. Jail: (Mike reported): Awesome stuff is happening. Still need some more people to come share, as they are getting the same people. Jail asked if we can provide 10 Basic Texts; GSRs voted at the ASC meeting to spend \$115 for 10 softcover basic texts, which Mike will get soon.

Detox (Brian reported): All is going well (Beth reported to Brian).

Haven in Woodbury, adult group (Brian reported): Going this Monday. Talked with the counselor, he says he had no problem with the way it went in August. Will need to go early Monday if we still want to talk to the counselor about any concerns with what readings are done and participation in client introductions before the H&I presentation. Still need a panel leader; a couple people expressed interest but are not here. Need a couple people to go for this coming Monday. Brent said he thought the issue was less about specific readings and more about other things the counselor asked; making sure the introduction part is separate from the H&I Commitment. Mike asked if Brian is comfortable going forward for now and then report back to the subcommittee next month; Brian stated that he does believe in the readings and sharing, and is comfortable going forward with the commitment this week.

Haven in Shakopee, evening (Brian reported): Had 2 new addicts share; there was an issue with a panel member who did not carry a clear NA message; other than that, it went well. To solve the issue about a clear NA message, just need to follow the recommendations in the H&I handbook about screening panel members before they speak at a commitment. They did start their meeting the way the Woodbury location does (with a client providing a question which everyone is asked to answer), which is new for Shakopee. James said he has been there a few times where the clients were asked to state some things which were not what would be done at an NA meeting (including questions about drug of choice and clean date); he just introduced himself as an addict. The counselor there at the time was willing to take suggestions about this issue.

Haven in Shakopee, morning: No report.

Journey Treatment Center (Brian reported): Had 4 addicts share with several clients in attendance; it went well. James was asked what someone should do if someone who recognizes one of the panel members from a meeting tries to come up and give a hug; he said to the person that it's not an appropriate time or place because it would be showing favoritism. Brent stated that it really depends on the situation; unless it really looks like it's going to offend someone, he would go ahead – but it's a matter of treating everyone equally. All agreed the panel leader should be the one to make the call.

Cochran Recovery Center (Brent reported): Going well, had 4 people go; could use some other people participating.

Other H&I business:

- None.

Outreach Subcommittee (Todd V.) – New Chair Needed!

Peace of Mind requested to be MOM, so we will do that for November (Friday, November 15, 7:30 in Lakeville).

Activities Subcommittee (Co-chair James reported)

Horrors of Addiction Dance/Speaker on Saturday, Oct. 26. PIG registrations will be awarded for best costumes.

James asked for ideas for another activity in November; discussed doing something on Thanksgiving weekend, he will talk with the chair.

Public Relations Subcommittee (No Chair)

We still need a chair!

Other Old/New Business

Had an informal discussion about issues with service commitments in the Area. Discussed the possibility of holding an H&I or general service learning day with roundtable discussions. One idea is to maybe do a pancake breakfast or another free activity (food always seems to be a good motivator). Suggest a tentative date of Saturday, January 25; can see if either church is available.

Meeting closed at 7:45pm. Motion to close made by James, seconded by Garrett, all 5 approved.

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Agenda November 14, 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