

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes August 14, 2014

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Serenity Prayer by Area Vice Chair Jules L. with 7 addicts in attendance.

Motion by Mike S., seconded by Jules L., to approve the minutes from the July meeting.

Vote: Supported - 5, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 2, passed.

Nate read the 12 Concepts of NA service.

Collected 7th tradition of \$7.00, which was given to the church as rent.

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

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

Literature Report (Todd V. reported for James): We have IPs available. Garrett will print non-contact phone lists for next month. We also have updated commitment lists.

Panel leader reports:

Dakota Co. Jail: (Mike S. reported): Things are going well; couldn't get in last week because the facility was on lockdown. Have volunteers ready for next week. The meetings are being well accepted and the inmates look forward them. Region received a request by e-mail requesting 20 books from SSFA for the jail, but Mike didn't hear anything about it directly from our contact at the jail; Mike will check into it. We already have 7 we are waiting to donate; Mike heard that there would be a "matching" donation for books so if we can get our donation to 10, we may be able to get them donated. Brandon said that this topic was discussed at the RSC meeting; UMSO can ship directly to the jail so we don't have to do anything special to bring them in. Mike will bring it up at the next ASC meeting.

Detox (Steve P. reported): Had 3 other addicts go last time, with 6 clients; it went well. He has been getting a better response with addicts stepping up for the commitment.

Haven in Shakopee, evening (Garrett reported): Brian F. said that the commitment has been closed with the facility; it is no longer on the commitment list.

Haven in Shakopee, morning: (Nate reported): This month had 5 addicts attend, with about a dozen clients. 4 of the addicts shared, it went well. Next month it will be on Tues. Sept 2 because the 1st is Labor Day. Had a lot of good interaction with the clients after the meeting.

Journey Treatment Center (Todd V. reported): 3 other addicts came, with 6 clients; all is going well.

Cochran Recovery Center (Nate reported): 4 addicts shared; Steve went with Nate to help him with the transition. Had 17 clients there, it went well. They started & ended on time (starting on time is somewhat difficult as clients are coming in late). Will be going next week, have one other person already and looking for more. Todd suggested trying to make sure at least one woman addict attends; Nate will call and see if he can get someone.

Other H&I business:

Mike S. – One treatment center has facilities in several cities (Plymouth, Burnsville, Eden Prairie and Woodbury) across a couple areas; Region is looking for our H&I Chair to help coordinate the response. Mike asked Brandon if he would add to the e-mail topic and make sure our area's response is covered; Brandon agreed to do so.

Steve – a women's facility has no NA meetings there but the other fellowship bringing in meetings; he has had women from that facility express interest in having NA meetings come in.

Outreach Subcommittee (Chair Steve P. reported)

- Only had a couple people attend MOM last month (Woodbury Freebirds).
- MOM for August: Apple Valley Basic Text for August; will be Saturday, August 16 at 9pm.
- For September – we haven't done Peace of Mind or NA Day recently. Peace of Mind has asked for help with sponsors, so we will do that meeting on Friday Sept. 19 at 7:30pm in Apple Valley.

Activities Subcommittee (Chair Rick – not present)

No report.

Public Relations Subcommittee (Chair – Brandon H.)

- Brandon obtained a PR Handbook.
- Brandon has spoke to staff at several treatment facilities; he is sending meeting lists to them. Todd mentioned that Avalon (one of the facilities) is a place we used to have an H&I Commitment, but the facility ended it. He will get the meeting lists printed and mailed.
- He is focusing on treatment centers first, then will work on contacting hospitals next. Steve mentioned that when he took his daughter to the ER at Fairview, there were NA meeting lists in plastic holders available, which is a good way to get them out to people who need them.
- Steve suggested contacting Community Corrections (parole officers) for Dakota & Washington counties.
- Mike suggested contacting high school counselors and having meeting lists available to them.

Other Old/New Business

- none

Meeting closed at 7:40pm. Motion to close made by Garrett, seconded by Todd, all 7 approved.

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Agenda September 11, 2014

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 (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