

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes July 12, 2014

Meeting opened at 7:15pm with Serenity Prayer by Area Vice Chair Jules L. with 9 addicts in attendance.

Todd V. read the 12 Concepts of NA service.

Collected 7th tradition of \$5.00, which was given to the church as rent.

Motion by Mike S., seconded by Todd V. to approve the minutes from the June meeting.

Vote: Supported - 7, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 2, passed.

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

Steve P. read the H&I Dos and Don'ts.

Literature Report (James M. reported): We have IPs available, and up-to-date no-contact meeting lists for distribution at closed facilities.

Panel leader reports:

Dakota Co. Jail: (Mike S. reported): Have been going well; may miss next 2 weeks due to PIG (he will be in touch with the jail contact). Working well with inmates in the Motivated to Change unit – 18-20 inmates attending weekly.

Detox (Steve P. reported): Last time Steve and 2 other addicts attended; had an issue when they went in with a client who tried to escape. Steve initially reacted trying to restrain the person, but then let go after thinking that he has no training to do so and didn't want to get into any liability issues. Because of the incident they were asked to give their full names as witnesses, which they agreed to do. Brent was also there; he thinks that in going to a commitment we basically give away our anonymity anyways (so he didn't have a problem with giving his name), but doesn't think it's our place to restrain anyone.

Haven in Shakopee, evening (Brian F. reported): He didn't talk to them about the possibility of the commitment ending. He will go this month and mention that there may not be a commitment any longer if we cannot get a new panel leader.

Haven in Shakopee, morning: (Raven not present, Brian reported for her): The commitment is going on.

Journey Treatment Center (Todd V. reported): The commitment is going really well; they like us coming in and speaking. Had 3 other addicts attend, 2 of which spoke; there were 6 clients there.

Cochran Recovery Center (Steve P. reported): 3 addicts went to speak, including a woman. Had about 17 clients, it went well.

Other H&I business: Nate attends the Haven in Shakopee in the morning with Raven; they have had 5 or 6 people attend. Nate is also interested in being the panel leader for Cochran House; he went there for treatment and then their halfway house program a couple years ago. He has been attending H&I at the Haven for a while, so he's familiar with the process. He knows at least one other addict who will go, and Steve is willing to attend if he needs another person. Todd added that it's good to have a woman attend when possible since it's a co-ed program. Mike asked if Nate has an NA sponsor; he said he doesn't, but does have a sponsor from a different fellowship. James moved to nominate Nate as panel leader for Cochran House, Brent seconded.

Vote: Support – 6, Opposed – 2, Abstentions – 1, passed.

Outreach Subcommittee (Chair Steve P. reported)

- Only had a couple people attend MOM last month (Woodbury Freebirds).
- MOM for July: Midweek NA on Wednesday, July 16 pm at Old Langdon School in Cottage Grove.
- Steve suggested we go to Apple Valley Basic Text for August; will be Saturday, August 16 at 9pm; all agreed.

Activities Subcommittee (Co-chair James M. reported)

No report.

Public Relations Subcommittee (Chair – Brandon H.)

- Brandon's e-mail is: obtainthatinfo@gmail.com
- Brandon plans to attend the MNRSC meeting August.
- Asked what he needs to do for the meeting list – Garrett discussed with him after the meeting to fill him in. (The master copy is distributed as ASC meetings; then updates need to be made on the Region website. Once that's done, region generates a new master meeting list, which Garrett prints for distribution at the next ASC meeting.)
- What would we like PR to be doing?
 - a. James: We haven't had a PR committee or chair for a long time; a while back, the last chair was trying to put together a presentation for professionals about the NA program. That presentation outline/format should still be available.
 - b. Brent: Suggest looking through the PR handbook and consider what would be interesting and helpful.
 - c. Steve: Don't be afraid to ask anyone for help – we need to help each other.
 - d. Mike: The jail has a day where they have various groups come in (Resource Fair); he's willing to help with that. Also think about places like schools where we might not be thinking about a lot.

Other Old/New Business

- Mike has PIG flyers; please get the word out.
- Workshops for PIG: Todd, Steve, and James agreed to facilitate the 3 workshops (one hour each); they are all set.

Meeting closed at 8pm. Motion to close made by Todd, seconded by Steve, all 9 approved.

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Agenda August 14, 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