

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes May 8, 2014

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Serenity Prayer by Area Vice Chair Jules L. with 8 addicts in attendance.

Mike S. read the 12 Concepts of NA service.

Brian F. read the H&I Dos and Don'ts.

Motion by Todd V., seconded by James M. to approve the minutes from March meeting, 5 – Supported, 0 – Opposed, 3 – Abstained, passed.

Collected 7th tradition of \$9.00, which was given to the church as rent.

Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee

Literature Report (James M. reported): IPs available. We didn't get softcover books for the jail; he needs to get them from the Literature Chair (they are available). Mike will check with his contact at the jail. Also, we need no-contact meeting lists.

Panel leader reports:

Dakota Co. Jail: (Mike S. reported): It is going well. Brought in Just For Today books, has been going well putting that into the meeting format. 2 more addicts have asked to be added to the list of approved participants. Inmates at the jail have been asking for Basic Texts, so Mike check on that with the contact and if it is allowed move forward with purchasing them.

Detox (Steve P. reported): Going well, but only have had men participating; since it is a co-ed facility, it would be nice to have at least one woman participating (please announce at meetings).

Haven in Shakopee, evening (Brian reported): They have new staff at the facility; he is working with them on getting an agreement signed with them. Brian is stepping down as panel leader; he will finish off this month, but we need to get a new panel leader starting in June. James asked if Brian would mention to them that there might not be a commitment going forward, since we don't currently have an H&I chair; Brian said he would do so.

Haven in Shakopee, morning: (Raven not present, Todd reported for her): Had 2 addicts share this month, 3 last month, it is going well.

Journey Treatment Center (Todd V. reported): Everything is going good. They would like to see about us going an additional Wednesday during the month; Todd will survey and see if he can find anyone else who would like to do that commitment. This month the last Monday is Memorial Day, so will be doing it on Wednesday instead; we may just switch the commitment to Wednesday. The counselor thinks there would be more clients attending on Wednesday.

Cochran Recovery Center (Steve reported): 3 addicts attended with about 20 clients in attendance; it went well. Please mention at meetings that a permanent panel leader is needed for this meeting.

Other H&I business:

- Brian: It sounds like we are having difficulty in getting people to participate in commitments; maybe we need to think outside the box in getting people to participate. Every time we have a learning day we have the same people participate. Steve asked what it is that might turn people away; it seems to get personal. Todd stated that we can't take it personally; it gets frustrating when we have to scramble for participation and panel leaders; if it keeps up we may need to drop some commitments. Steve asked about presenting workshops at PIG; Mike said that would be a good idea. Angie stated that we all know how much it helps us, but we can't tell other people how to sponsor and what to do – it's a nationwide issue with people having their lives back. We can show others that it works for us this way – don't give up. Brian said we took on the Haven-Shakopee commitment because another area couldn't do it; maybe we need to let this one go, and focus on ones in our area. Steve mentioned that there are a couple of women's treatment centers in our area which could use a commitment; maybe we should look at those also. Mike asked if we need to print off more of the commitment sheets, and getting it announced more at meetings; if addicts don't know about it, they don't know that the assistance is needed and that it's a great way to give back to the program. James said that a general announcement is easily overlooked; asking someone one-on-one has been more effective.

Outreach Subcommittee (Chair Steve P. reported)

- Had a good turnout in April for Lakeville Basic Text on Saturday evening.

- Meeting of the month for May: NA Door to Freedom in New Prague, May 20th.
- Discussed what types of meetings should be Meeting of the Month; it doesn't always have to be meetings which are struggling. Todd mentioned that it has been quite a while since Woodbury Freebirds has been MOM.
- For June: agreed on Midweek NA, 7pm on Wednesday, June 18 in Cottage Grove.

Activities Subcommittee (Co-chair James reported)

No report.

Public Relations Subcommittee (No Chair)

Other Old/New Business

- Mike S. made a motion to use \$50 from H&I budget and \$50 from outreach to buy Basic Texts for the Dakota Co. Jail; seconded by Todd V. Vote: Support – 6, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 2, passed.
- Mike: Is this group interested in holding service workshops at PIG? Brian asked if there is a particular format; Mike stated that there would be 3 separate meetings with someone sharing for 20 minutes on the topic, then discussion for a while, then the person who spoke chooses the next person to share for 20 minutes, until the time is done. Would be looking time slots for 3 workshops. The intent is to bring more of a recovery and service focus to PIG. As of now, the topics are open, and would be up to those leading. Jules stated that it sounds like there is interest, but it sounds like not everyone is willing to commit. Todd stated that he's going to PIG as a participant this year and doesn't plan to volunteer. Steve has interest in doing it but doesn't want to do it alone. All agreed that it's a we program and nobody should do this alone. Tabled to next meeting.

Meeting closed at 7:54pm. Motion to close made by Todd, seconded by Brian, all 8 approved.

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Agenda June 5, 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