



South Suburban Fireside Area Service Minutes

November 6, 2008

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by Kevin
25 members in attendance.

Introductions:

12 Steps read by Brent
12 Traditions read by James
12 Concepts read by Chris

Call for quorum: 20 voting members
September minutes accepted. Motion by Mary, 2nd by Kevin S.
Passed 7th Tradition, collected \$18.70

GSR reports:

Woodbury Freebirds: 6:00 PM Sunday

GSR Garrett L.: present
Average newcomers: 1 Average Attendance: 7
H&I Activities: announce H&I meeting
Pig Fund Raisers: none
Concerns: none
ASC Donation:

Step by Step: 7:00 PM Sunday

GSR Jocelyn: present
Average newcomers: 2 Average Attendance: 16
H&I Activities: announce H&I, activities, & outreach
Pig Fund Raisers:
Concerns:
ASC Donation:

Never Alone: 7:00 PM Sunday

GSR Jeromie H.: present
Average newcomers: 2-3 Average Attendance: 10-20
H&I Activities:
Pig Fund Raisers:

Concerns: Attendance fluctuates need more "old timer" attendance, a lot of newcomers.

Monday Night in the Grove: 7:00 PM Monday

GSR Kevin S.: present
Average newcomers: 1 Average Attendance: 18
H&I activities:
Pig Fund Raisers: none

Concerns: Need sponsors
ASC Donation:

Monday Night Round Robin: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

GSR (?): not present
Average newcomers: 1 Average Attendance: 12-15
H&I activities: announce
Pig Fund Raisers:
Concerns: none
ASC Donation:

Ties That Bind Us: 7:00 PM Monday

GSR Ryan S.: present
Average newcomers: 2 Average Attendance: 30
H&I activities: announce
Pig Fund Raisers:
Concerns: none listed
ASC Donation: \$50.00

Tuesday Morning Recovery Group: 10:00 AM

GSR Pat W.: present
Average newcomers: 1 Average Attendance: 3-4
H&I Activities:
Pig Fund Raisers: pass the “pig” for loose change every week
Concerns: Promotional emphasis on this relatively low attended closed women's
NA group – perhaps mtg. of the month.

T-N-T; Tuesday Nights Together 7:00 PM Tuesday

GSR James M.: present
Average newcomers : 1 Average Attendance: 10-12
H&I Activities: announce activities
Pig Fund Raisers: announce
Concerns:
ASC Donation:

Addicts In Recovery: 7:00 PM Tuesday

GSR (Barry): present
Average newcomers: 1 Average Attendance: 15-20
H&I Activities: announce activities
Pig Fund Raisers: announce
Concerns:
PIG Donation:

Northfield NA: 7:00 PM Wednesday

GSR ?: not present, no report
Average newcomers: Average Attendance:
H&I Activities:
Pig Fund Raisers:
Concerns:

Midweek NA: 7:00 PM

GSR Sage: present

Average newcomers: 3-4

Average Attendance: 25-30

H&I Activities: announced

Pig Fund Raisers: When donation given 50% to Area, 50% to Pig after prudent

Concerns: Need more sponsors

ASC donation: \$48.50

Pig donation: \$48.50

Too Damn Early: 9:00 AM Thursday

GSR (Mark M.) : present

Average newcomers: 1

Average Attendance: 5

H&I Activities:

Pig Fund Raisers:

Concerns: Needs support, hope to see addicts on Thanksgiving.

Young People in Recovery: 7:00 PM Friday

GSR (vacant) : not present

Average newcomers:

Average Attendance:

H&I Activities: announce

Pig Fund Raisers:

Concerns:

Peace of Mind: 7:30 PM Friday

GSR Mary M.: present

Average newcomers : 3

Average Attendance: 20

H&I Activities: announced

Pig Fund Raisers: pass the piggy

Concerns:

NA Day: 7:30 PM Friday

GSR Jack M.: present

Average newcomers: 1-2

Average Attendance: 20-23

H&I Activities: make announcements

Pig Fund Raisers: announced, saving funds for upcoming Chili feed for Pig

Concerns: none

ASC Donation:

Still Waters Run Deep: 7:00 PM Saturday

GSR ?: not present no report

Average newcomers:

Average Attendance:

H&I Activities:

Pig Fund Raisers:

Concerns:

Lakeville Basic Text Study: 9:00 PM Saturday

GSR (open) : present

Average newcomers: 2

Average Attendance: 10-15

H&I Activities: announced

Pig Fund Raisers: discussed
Concerns:

Basic Texts on Hastings NA: 7:00 PM Saturday

GSR.(Matthew T.): present
Average newcomers: 1 Average Attendance: 10-12
H&I Activities: announce, some members attend H&I commitments
Pig Fund Raisers: announce
Concerns: none

Clear Eyes: 9:30 AM Saturday

GSR.(Chris C.): present
Average newcomers: 0 Average Attendance: 4
H&I Activities: announced
Pig Fund Raisers: announced
Concerns: Young meeting, desperately needs support

Committee Reports: Scheduled meetings are at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Faith Methodist Church, 1530 Oakdale Ave., W. St. Paul, MN
Sub-committee's are merging responsibilities to cover what is needed in our Area.

RCM: (Skip H.): Election of UMSO Board Dec. 6th, need new board members.
Motion to pay Barb to run UMSO. Need new Web Master and staff.

No one from MNNAC was at Region, they will have motions for the Dec. mtg.

Insurance: Passed motion to have insurance accepted by Region. Need to vote on at Area level, amount approximately \$276 - \$280 depending on new estimate. The amounts for each Area depends upon how many mtg.'s are in that Area.

MZF budget passed to help pay for Leadership and Communication workshop.
Region elections were tabled until December mtg.

Attended NAWS Communication and Leadership workshop, I am trying to get a copy of the notes. The workshop was very informative and well presented by people from all over the Upper Midwest.

Donate Basic Text Edition 5 to Public Libraries when the group's purchase Edition 6.

Activities: (open)

Hospitals & Institutions: (Brent F.) Meeting at 7:00 PM, 2nd Thursday at Faith Methodist Church, 1530 Oakdale Ave., W. St. Paul, MN

Concerns: We need addicts able to go into the jails & prisons (2 years off paper).

We may have a new meeting starting at the Dakota Co. Jail. No given time as yet, anyone interested will need to fill out form & turn it in. Get the form from Phil Drazkowski 651-438-4812. Also, if you are approached about carrying the message to hospitals or institutions please refer to H&I or PR committees rather than taking on a commitment. We also need addicts to help carry the message. We have the same addicts carrying the message, we need new blood to carry new measures of hope. Mock H & I presentation as topic for groups.

Female Treatment Center in West St. Paul: Tapestry, looking for females to carry the message so we can set-up a commitment.

4th Monday of the month: Red Wing Juvenile Facility: Buddy K., young people to carry the message.

Dakota County Drug Court, looking into H&I possibilities.

Groups to take meeting lists to Treatment Facilities, etc.

Workshops or Learning Day (January) Monday Night Round Robin to host.

Discussion of Basic Text Edition 5 distribution possibilities.

Current commitments as follows:

2nd Tuesday of the month: Avalon, 6-7 PM Panel Leader: Vern B.

3rd Wednesday of the month: Cochran, Hastings 7 PM, Panel Leader: LeeAnn

3rd Thursday of the month: Lino Lakes Prison 7PM, Panel Leader: Dan W.

2 person presentation

4th Thursday of the month: Hastings Detox : 7 PM. Panel Leader: Chris C.

2 people share story

November 5th, The Haven, Woodbury 6PM

Outreach: (James M.) present, need a co-chair. Scheduled committee activities are the newsletter and select the meeting of the month.

Put out October newsletter, please contact me at 612-716-4449 or Jocelyn to add personal stories or monthly step contributions. GSR's please encourage your group members to submit contributions to the newsletter. We need submissions on the steps & traditions for the upcoming month and personal stories. Anything recovery related would be of help.

NEED volunteers to help write

Meeting of the Month will be : Step by Step, November 23rd

PIG: (Kyle M.): We still need volunteers. Meeting 1st Thursday each month before ASC.

We also need all those that have held PIG positions in the past to please write a description of the position held so we can set up bylaws. Thank you.

The PIG committee needs support. The following positions are open:

PIG co-chair

Co-treasurer

Co-Gate chairs (1)

Food chair

Co- Food chair

Co-Breakfast chair

Co-Merchandise chair

Activities chair

Co-Activities chair (1)

Kids Activities chair

Co-Kids Activities chair

Concessions

Co-Concessions chair

Co-Radio chair

Outreach chair

Co-Outreach chair

Coffee chair

Co-Coffee chair

Clean-up Chair

Old business:

Discussed Groups taking meeting lists once every 3 months to facilities in their area.

New business:

Elections that are due:

Area needs 2 Regional Committee Members (RCM) Area still needs one more RCM. Region meets every other month February, April, June, August, October, December.

Other Business: Steve motioned to stay at 40 copies of meeting lists, 2nd by Mary, passed.

Steve motioned to set up Adhoc committee for revision of Region guidelines, 2nd by Kyle, passed. First meeting to be held November 13 at 7p at Skips, 501 - 2nd Ave. So., So. St. Paul

Insurance: take back to your groups for approval. Kyle motioned for the Area to pay for the insurance, Mary 2nd. Motion failed. Jocelyn motioned to bring back to groups for group approval, Mark 2nd, passed. Re-vote next month with groups approvals.

Function's and Fundraisers! Recovery can be **FUN!** Let's have some fellowship! Talk to other groups and combine activities possibly with Speakers.

We are presently trying to simplify the web address to our Area. More information to come. Skip H. motioned to take it back to your meetings and see what they think and if they have any suggestions. Kevin 2nd.

Presently our web address is: www.ssfa.naminnnesota.org

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: **\$1175.32**

Cash in:	ASC	PIG
7 th Tradition	18.70	

Group ASC Donations

Midweek NA	48.50	48.50
Ties that Bind	50.00	

Total cash in:	117.20	48.50	ttl:\$165.70
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New Balance: \$1341.02

Cash out:

Rent: 1 st Presbyterian Church:	30.00
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TCASC- Phone-line:	50.00	
SSFA PIG Committee	48.50	
Copies: (lists)	27.40	
Other:(newsletters)	8.22	
Total cash out:	\$164.12	
Ending Balance:		\$1176.90

Announcements:

South Suburban Fireside Area's website is at:

www.ssfa.naminnnesota.org

You can have your group or committee function's & flyers put on this site by attaching them to an e-mail and sending them to: kevinmoy@comcast.net Acceptable formats include, Microsoft word, works, publisher, or excel, Adobe illustrator or acrobat (.pdf files) windows text files (.txt or .rtf) , or Word Perfect (word process only)

Motion to close by Chris, 2nd by Mary