



South Suburban Fireside Area Service Minutes

December 4, 2008

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by Kevin

25 members in attendance.

Introductions:

12 Steps read by Kyle

12 Traditions read by Marc

12 Concepts read by Garrett

Call for quorum: 17 voting members

November minutes accepted. Motion by Chris, 2nd by Kevin S.

Passed 7th Tradition, collected \$16.05

GSR reports:

Woodbury Freebirds: 6:00 PM Sunday

GSR Garrett L.: present

Average newcomers: 2

Average Attendance: 10

H&I Activities: announce H&I meeting

Pig Fund Raisers: none

Concerns: none

Pig Donation:

ASC Donation: \$25.00

Step by Step: 7:00 PM Sunday

GSR Jocelyn: not present

Average newcomers: 1-2

Average Attendance: 18-20

H&I Activities: announce H&I, activities, & outreach

Pig Fund Raisers:

Concerns:

Pig Donation:

ASC Donation: \$25.00

Never Alone: 7:00 PM Sunday

GSR Jeromie H.: present

Average newcomers: 3-5 Average Attendance: 15

H&I Activities: Not yet, interested!

Pig Fund Raisers:

Concerns: Need sponsors (female) any will do.

Pig Donation:

ASC Donation:

Monday Night in the Grove: 7:00 PM Monday GSR Kevin S.: present

Average newcomers: 2 Average Attendance: 25 H&I activities:

Pig Fund Raisers: none

Concerns: Need female sponsors

Pig Donation:

ASC Donation:

Monday Night Round Robin: 7:00 – 8:30 PM GSR (Tim): present

Average newcomers: 2 Average Attendance: 10 H&I activities:
announce

Pig Fund Raisers:

Concerns: need support, female sponsors Pig Donation:

ASC Donation: \$9.60

Ties That Bind Us: 7:00 PM Monday

GSR Ryan S.: present

Average newcomers: 2 Average Attendance: 25

H&I activities: We have people willing to bring literature to jails, etc.

Pig Fund Raisers:

Concerns: none listed

Pig Donation:

ASC Donation: \$118.00

Tuesday Morning Women's Recovery Group: 10:00 AM GSR Pat W.: present

Average newcomers: 1 Average Attendance: 5 H&I Activities: 3rd Sunday –
3pm in works for Tapestry Pig Fund Raisers: Thinking on “funraiser” in some kind of
“feed”.

Concerns: Need female support (especially seasoned females for sponsorship of newcomers).

Pig Donation:

ASC Donation:

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:
Concerns: Take money from PR fund to make as many meeting lists as necessary.
Pig Donation:
ASC Donation:

Addicts In Recovery: 7:00 PM Tuesday

GSR (Barry): not present
Average newcomers: 1 Average Attendance: 15-20
H&I Activities: announce activities
Pig Fund Raisers: announce
Concerns:
PIG Donation:
ASC Donation:

Northfield NA: 7:00 PM Wednesday

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

Midweek NA: 7:00 PM

GSR Sage: present
Average newcomers:3 Average Attendance: 30
H&I Activities:
Pig Fund Raisers: We do 50% to PIG & 50% to ASC after prudent reserve.
Concerns: Need more sponsors
ASC Donation:
Pig Donation:

Too Damn Early: 9:00 AM Thursday

GSR (Mark M.) : present
Average newcomers: Average Attendance: 8 H&I Activities:
Pig Fund Raisers:
Concerns:
Pig Donation:
ASC Donation:

Young People in Recovery: 7:00 PM Friday GSR (vacant) : not present

Average newcomers:

Average Attendance:

H&I Activities:announce

Pig Fund Raisers:

Concerns:

Pig Donation:

ASC Donation:

Peace of Mind: 7:30 PM Friday

GSR Mary M.: present

Average newcomers : 3

Average Attendance: 25-30

H&I Activities: announced

Pig Fund Raisers: Pot Luck & Game Night Jan 16th after meeting 9p, Pass the piggy.

Concerns:

Pig Donation:

ASC Donation:

NA Day: 7:30 PM Friday

GSR Jack M.: not present

Average newcomers: 1-2

Average Attendance: 25 H&I Activities: make

announcements Pig Fund Raisers: Chili feed for Pig February 21st, fliers available

Concerns: none

Pig Donation:

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:

Pig Donation:

ASC Donation:

Lakeville Basic Text Study: 9:00 PM Saturday GSR (Lisa F.) : present

Average newcomers: 2

Average Attendance: 12-15 H&I Activities:

Pig Fund Raisers:

Concerns:

Pig Donation:

ASC Donation: \$30.82

Basic Texts on Hastings NA: 7:00 PM Saturday GSR.(Matthew T.): present

Average newcomers: 1

Average Attendance: 10

H&I Activities: announce, we have people willing to bring literature to jails, etc.

Pig Fund Raisers: announce

Concerns: Make sure we are on Region website Pig Donation:

ASC Donation: \$20.00

Clear Eyes: 9:30 AM Saturday

GSR.(Chris C.): present

Average newcomers: 1

Average Attendance: 8-10 H&I Activities:

announced

Pig Fund Raisers:

Concerns:

Pig Donation:

ASC Donation:

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 is Dec. 6, 2008. Due to low budget at the UMSO we can not afford to pay for a part time office manager. **Come January 1st of 2009 the UMSO will not ship orders out. You must go to the UMSO to pick up your orders at the Sabathani Center. It has been suggested that meetings get together and put in an order to save on time and gas. Buying in bulk is not a bad idea. The UMSO did not make this decision lightly. Due to lowering sales they must do this to keep the UMSO open to us. Also, as of January 1st we will have a new web master for our Region, Jamie of the Northern Lights Area. Also the UMSO may not be open if there is no one to staff the office so you may want to call ahead of time to make sure they are open before you go to pick up your literature. They need volunteers for 2 hour shifts once a month. Please consider this service work. We would like to keep our Service Office open. We also need volunteers for the phone line, so the suffering addict can reach out to us. Again, this is a short shift and greatly needed. Clean time requirements for volunteers 1 year.**

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

I am happy to report that we have successfully completed going over the proposed guidelines. The changes that we recommend may be seen at mnrscgooglegroups.com I believe. We will not be disbanding the adhoc committee at this time since we will hopefully have a revised set of guidelines to go over and approve down the line.

Central MN Area is putting forward a motion that they have asked if I would be willing to be a second on. I hope to get your blessing for this. I feel that it is the proper way to go about this (Garrett motioned to approve Skip to 2nd CMA's motion and Kevin 2nd, motion passed).

I would also like to thank all the members of the adhoc committee for all the hard work they have put into our work and I think we should send Roy C. a thank you note for the use of his front room for the committee.

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) H&I, PR and Outreach, 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: Lee Ann S.

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

Every 3rd Month starting in January, The Haven, Woodbury 6 PM. Panel Leader: Garrett L.

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

Put out newsletter, please contact 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 : Young People in Recovery 7PM December 19th.

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
Co-Concessions chair
Co-Radio 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. There are groups interested and we need more...**please** ask your groups to volunteer to help the still suffering addict by taking literature to facilities in your area. Packets now available through H&I. Thank you.

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: Mary motioned for 100 copies of meeting lists, 2nd by Kyle, passed.

PIG needs help with funds, **please** announce at your meetings that pre-registration would be helpful for cash flow. Thank you. Motion by Steve H. to table an Area donation until next month, Mary 2nd. Passed.

Insurance: After taking back to our groups we voted to except the insurance for our Area and function's.

Discussed donation to Region. Kyle motioned to save funds for Insurance pmt., Matt 2nd. Motion passed.

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: **\$1176.90**

Cash in:	PIG	ASC
7 th Tradition		16.05

Group ASC Donations

Ties that Bind	118.00
Sat. Basic Text	20.00
Freebirds	25.00
Step X Step	25.00
Lakeville Basic Text	30.82
Round Robin	9.60

Total cash in: **244.47** **ttl:\$244.47**

New Balance: **\$1421.37**

Cash out:	
Rent: 1 st Presbyterian Church:	30.00
TCASC- Phone-line:	50.00
Copies: (lists)	15.72
H&I	50.00

Total cash out: **\$145.72**

Ending Balance: **\$1275.65**

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 Garrett, 2nd by Mary