



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes June 3, 2010

Meeting opened at 7:10 PM by Area Chair, Catie O.

Introductions: 24 members in attendance, with 2 newcomers.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Tom; 12 Traditions read by James; 12 Concepts read by Tim.

Call for quorum: 16 voting members present.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by James to approve the May, 2010 ASC minutes; seconded by Neil; vote – yes – 10; no – 0; abstentions – 2; motion carried.

7th Tradition: collected: (see Treasurer's Report)

GSR Reports

<i>Woodbury Freebirds</i>	<i>6:00pm Sunday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: John K.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 15	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$56.00	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	: Thanks for support for meeting of the month.	

<i>Step by Step</i>	<i>7:00pm Sunday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: Melissa W.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 23	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	: \$50.00	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	: Group conscience: approve literature chair, but do not use PIG proceeds to buy literature inventory.	

<i>Never Alone</i>		<i>7:00pm Sunday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Brad	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15-20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:	Now meeting at: Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 16200 Dodd Ln, Lakeville	

<i>Monday Night in The Grove</i>		<i>7:00pm Monday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Tom S.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	17	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

<i>Monday Night Round Robin</i>		<i>7:00pm Monday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	None	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

<i>Ties That Bind Us</i>		<i>7:00pm Monday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Sarah	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	30	
Avg. Newcomers	:	3	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

<i>Tues. Morning Women's Rec.</i>		<i>10:00am Tuesday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Alyssa	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	5-12	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$58.00	
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

TNT: Tues. Nights Together		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	open	(Brent reported)
Avg. Attendance	:	15	
Avg. Newcomers	:	3	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$40	
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

Addicts in Recovery		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Pat S	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	16	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:	Pass piggy bank for PIG donation.	
Concerns	:	Attendance is low in summer. Group likes idea of picking up literature at ASC meetings.	

Midweek NA		7:00pm Wednesday	Stable
GSR	:	Alex	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:	.	

Too Damn Early		9:00am Thursday	Stable
GSR	:		(Tim reported)
Avg. Attendance	:	7-10	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:	Needs support.	

Young People in Recovery		7:00pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:		(Bob reported)
Avg. Attendance	:	6-7	
Avg. Newcomers	:	0	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:	Donated \$90 to PIG	
Concerns	:	All money was going for rent; have moved to park for summer.	

<i>Peace Of Mind</i>		<i>7:30pm Friday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Mary M.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20-25	
Avg. Newcomers	:	3-4	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$10.00	
PIG/Other Donation	:	Piggy Bank passed	
Concerns	:		

<i>NA Day</i>		<i>7:30pm Friday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Philip C.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$100.00	
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

<i>Keep It Simple</i>		<i>9:00pm Friday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Neil H.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	10	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

<i>Your Basic Text Meeting in Hastings</i>		<i>7:00pm Saturday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Will C.	(Matt reported)
Avg. Attendance	:	15	
Avg. Newcomers	:	15	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

<i>Lakeville Basic Text Study</i>		<i>9:00pm Saturday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Lisa F.	(James reported)
Avg. Attendance	:	20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$40	
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

Subcommittee Reports

Meetings for the Activities, Hospitals & Institutions, Outreach, and Public Relations Subcommittees are held at 7:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Faith Methodist Church, 1530 Oakdale Ave., W. St. Paul, MN.

Region: (RCM: Mark H.) Mark was unable to attend the ASC meeting, Bob passed on comments. Mark said that he he did notice in the Guide to Local Service that purchasing literature for meetings is listed as a responsibility for area service committees.

Activities: (Chair: Tim B.)

- Softball picnic – need funding (see new business)
- Tubing – Saturday July 10 @ 9am

Public Relations: (Chair: Chad N. - not present; Co-chair Kevin M. reported)

- Printed newsletter (75 copies) and new meeting lists.
- Twin Cities Area and Minnesota Region are both looking into changing their respective hotline/phone lines; please talk to Kevin or Chad if you are interested in volunteering. Region is also holding a survey on the naminnesota.org website for region's hotline (also looking for volunteers).

Hospitals & Institutions: (Chair: Open; Brent reported)

- Looking for volunteers to help with a weekly meeting at the Dakota Co. Jail on Saturdays; please talk to Brent if interested.
- H&I Learning Day was a success.
- Concerns:
 - Need a new H&I chair & co-chair.
 - Need panel leaders for Haven adolescent group.

Current H&I commitments:

- 2nd Tuesday of every month: Avalon Treatment Center (Eagan) 6-7pm

Contact: Lisa F.

- 3rd Wednesday of every month: Cochran Recovery Center 7-8pm

Contact: Matt K. 651-239-4805

- 3rd Thursday of every month: Lino Lakes Prison 7-8pm

Contact: Dan W. 651-278-8833

- 3rd Thursday every month: Haven Treatment Center (adolescent) 6-7pm

Contact: Sage 651-315-6007

- 4th Thursday of every month: Dakota County Detox. 7-8pm

Contact: Chad 651-319-3048

- Last Monday of every month: Journey Treatment Center, Farmington, 7-8pm

Contact: James M.

- Every 3 months: Haven Treatment Center (adult)
(Please call contact for exact date and time)

Contact: Garrett L. 763-360-8151

Outreach: (Chair: Brent F)

- Meeting of the Month: Your Basic Text Meeting in Hastings on June 19 at 7pm.
- **Concerns:**
 - Brent has been Outreach Chair for 1 year and is stepping down; he will be nominating James (current Outreach co-chair) [see Elections below].
 - Need more newsletter submissions – please send experience, strength & hope for newsletter, either via hardcopy or e-mail to ssfanews@naminnesota.org

PIG (Chair: Bob G.) Meets first Thursday of every month at 6pm (one hour before ASC).

- Financial Status: Current balance is \$2463.14
- Pre-PIG Picnic at noon on June 26 at Northwest Alano Club (“White House”)
- Have a band lined up for Saturday night at PIG; will need a stage and may need to rent a PA system. Steve said that there may be a stage available.
- **Concerns:**
 - Money for stage and/or PA (see new business).

Old Business

Literature Chair: [Continued discussion of literature chair proposal from last month.]

Kyle mentioned that there was a literature chair many years ago (before UMSO). Brent - concerned that we cannot fill the positions we have. Matt - meeting group conscience was to look at options (see if UMSO would send a representative) first. Mary - group wants more information, like how much literature would be stocked; group didn't want PIG proceeds used to purchase literature. Mary mentioned that orders can be pre-ordered at UMSO and can go pick it up anytime Sabathani is open. Steve - some other areas do maintain literature stocks, it can be a substantial investment; areas have had cases where literature disappeared (taken or someone goes back out). Bob suggested using a model where meetings would pre-order from UMSO but area has someone who can pick it up and bring it to area. Steve suggested having a form on the website where groups could order, literature chair picks it up and brings it to area, and area treasurer would collect money and write a check to UMSO. Aaron asked reason for ordering from UMSO instead of directly from world; Steve discussed services provided by UMSO (such as insurance); Steve also reminded people to request insurance for any function, just need to send. Kevin asked that item be tabled because there isn't significant support. Vote to table: Favor - 14; Opposed - 0; Abstentions - 0; motion tabled.

Elections

Outreach Chair: Brent F. nominated James M. to be Outreach chair; seconded by Matt. James spoke on his willingness based on his experience as outreach co-chair. Vote: Favor - 13, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 2; nomination confirmed.

H&I Chair: Kevin M. nominated Brent F. to be H&I Chair; Brent declined and would like someone else in the area to consider the position, stating that he would be willing to help someone else.

Open Positions: Vice-Chair, RCMA, H&I Subcommittee Chair & Co-Chair, Activities Co-Chair.

New Business

1. Tim B.: Would like to get \$190 for food for the softball picnic and ongoing money to make flyers for activities. Catie clarified that each committee has a \$50/month standing budget that doesn't require further approval. Tim has estimates for costs of \$170 for food and supplies for the softball picnic. Kyle asked why it is so much; it sounds like a lot of money for a picnic. Tim said it is for brats, hamburgers, chips, water, and supplies (charcoal, etc.) Kevin suggested that there are likely to be around 25 people attending, Steve estimated 40 max. Steve also thought that the amount is excessive, and asked if can get by with less. Kevin moved to have area provide \$120 for the softball picnic; seconded by James. Tom said he thought the amount is reasonable. Kyle gave other options for helping lower costs. Vote: Favor - 12, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 1; motion carried.
2. Melissa: Motion to have PIG subcommittee meetings end by 6:45pm to allow sufficient time for ASC meeting setup, smoke break, etc, and still have the ASC meetings start on time promptly at 7pm. Motion seconded by Brad. Vote: Favor - 12, opposed - 0, abstentions - 0; motion carried.
3. Mary M.: PIG subcommittee meetings should start earlier than 6pm (per the previous item). Steve expressed his opinion that this decision needs to be made by the PIG subcommittee and not area, and asked that the item be tabled and taken there.
4. Bob G: PIG committee would like to get \$200 to rent PA equipment and a stage to accommodate the band on Saturday evening at PIG. Steve - asked if PIG committee has available funds. Aaron said that all of the funds are needed; existing funds are allocated for food budget. Kevin asked if it would put area under prudent reserve; Steve said that it wouldn't do so. Brad asked if he knows if it would be enough; Aaron received a quote for that amount. Brad volunteered to look into PA equipment. Steve asked PIG committee to come back with a quote for next meeting and table item until then; seconded by Kevin. Vote: Favor - 13, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 2; item tabled until July ASC meeting.
5. Mary M.: Nominated Angie M. to be co-treasurer. Seconded by Pat. Angie expressed willingness as long as Steve helps her learn. Steve said that when Angie takes over as treasurer Steve will need to close the existing account and Angie will need to open a checking account; Angie agreed. Garrett asked Angie's clean time; it is just under 10 years. Vote: Favor - 15, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 0; nomination confirmed.
6. Tom - asked for clarifications of open positions - Vice Chair and RCMA, which were given.
7. Melissa: Asked area to thank Brent and Steve for their service. (applause)

Treasurer's Report

Steve H. noted that the 6/3/2010 Treasurer's Report shows a \$4.00 cash out adjustment; this is due to an incorrect accounting for 7th tradition amount in the 4/1/2010 Treasurer's Report, which was actually \$21 but entered as \$25.

4/1/2010

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1395.47	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7 th Tradition	\$25.00	\$ 0
Addicts in Recovery	\$20.00	\$ 0
Step By Step	\$50.00	\$ 0
Finding Peace	\$37.12	\$ 0
Lakeville Basic Text	\$20.00	\$ 0
TNT	\$55.00	\$ 0
Woodbury Freebirds	\$95.00	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$302.12	\$ 0

Cash out (-)		
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00	
TCASC – Phone line	-\$50.00	
MNRSC (Region)	-\$10.20	
Copies	-\$18.00	
H&I Learning Day	-\$50.00	
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$158.20	
ENDING BALANCE:		\$1539.39

[Secretary's Note: Steve H. sent corrected Treasurer's Reports for May and June, so the ending balances are different than what was announced at the ASC meeting.]

5/6/2010

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1539.39	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7 th Tradition	\$8.50	\$ 0
Lakeville Basic Text	\$40.00	\$ 0
Ties That Bind	\$50.00	\$ 0
NA Day	\$135.25	\$ 0
Woodbury Freebirds	\$40.00	\$ 0
Peace of Mind	\$21.00	\$ 0
Hastings Basic Text Study	\$25.00	\$ 0
Step By Step	\$34.35	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$354.10	\$ 0

Cash out (-)		
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00	
TCASC – Phone line	-\$50.00	
Activities	-\$20.00	
Copies	-\$10.72	
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$110.72	
ENDING BALANCE:		\$1782.77

6/3/2010

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1782.77	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7 th Tradition	\$26.10	\$ 0
Peace of Mind	\$10.00	\$ 0
Farmington TNT	\$40.00	\$ 0
Wednesday Night in the Grove	\$30.00	\$ 0
Lakeville Basic Text	\$40.00	\$ 0
Step by Step	\$50.00	\$ 0
Woodbury Freebirds	\$56.00	\$ 0
Tues. Morn. Women's Rec.	\$58.00	\$ 0
NA Day	\$100.00	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$410.10	\$ 0

Cash out (-)		
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00	
TCASC – Phone line	-\$50.00	
SSFA PIG Committee: PrePIG	-\$100.00	
Softball Activity	-\$120.00	
Activities: copies	-\$43.96	
Copies	-\$16.00	
Coffee	-\$37.26	
7th Trad. adjustment (April)	-\$4.00	
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$401.22	
ENDING BALANCE:		\$1791.65

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.