



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2010

Meeting opened at 7:05 PM by Area Chair, Catie O.

Introductions: 27 members in attendance, including 1 newcomer.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Tom; 12 Traditions read by Brad; 12 Concepts read by Skip.

Call for quorum: 17 voting members present.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mary to approve the March, 2010 ASC minutes; seconded by Sage; 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	: 1-2	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$95	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	:	

<i>Step by Step</i>	<i>7:00pm Sunday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: Melissa W.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 15	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	: \$50	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	:	

Never Alone		7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	:	Brad	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	25-30	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2-3	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:	Looking for new place to meet.	

Monday Night in The Grove		7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Tom S	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

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

Ties That Bind Us		7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Sarah	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

Tues. Morning Women's Rec.		10:00am Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

TNT: Tues. Nights Together		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	open	James reported
Avg. Attendance	:	25	
Avg. Newcomers	:	4	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$55	
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

Addicts in Recovery		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Pat S	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$20	
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:	Need support & sponsors	

Midweek NA		7:00pm Wednesday	Stable
GSR	:	Chelsea	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15	
Avg. Newcomers	:	3	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

Too Damn Early		9:00am Thursday	Stable
GSR	:	John S.	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

Young People in Recovery		7:00pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	(Bob. reported)	
Avg. Attendance	:	8	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

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

<i>NA Day</i>	<i>7:30pm Friday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Philip C. NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	:	

<i>Finding Peace</i>	<i>8:00pm Friday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Matt K. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	5
Avg. Newcomers	:	1
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	:	Meeting is closing

<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>Clear Eyes</i>	<i>9:30am Saturday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	:	

Your Basic Text Meeting in Hastings		7:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Will C.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	18	
Avg. Newcomers	:	3	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

Lakeville Basic Text Study		9:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Lisa F.	
Avg. Attendance	:	22	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$20	
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 – Chris will not be able to be at region this month (expecting a new baby).

Activities: (Chair - Sage S.)

- Planning a PIG fundraiser at Old Langdon in early May.
- Can always use more suggestions/ideas.

Public Relations: (Chair – Chad N.)

- Taking copies of Basic Text to area jails this week: 5 to Goodhue Co, 7 to Dakota Co.
- Setting up a PR presentation for Goodhue Co.

Concerns: Phone line run by Twin Cities area had 341 calls last month. They have 2 lines. They can always use more people to help; volunteers must have a cell phone & be willing to always carry a meeting list & be willing to answer calls forwarded to them.

Hospitals & Institutions: (Chair – Open; Matt reported)

Concerns:

- Need a new H&I chair & co-chair.
- Need panel leaders for Hastings Detox. & Haven adolescent group.

Current H&I commitments:

- 2nd Tuesday of every month: Avalon Treatment Center (Eagan) 6-7pm
Contact: Vern B. 651-263-1614
- 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
- Every three months Haven Treatment Center (adult)
(Please call contact for exact day and time)
Contact: Garrett L. 763-360-8151

Outreach: (Chair - Brent F)

- Meeting of the Month: Clear Eyes, Sat, April 17 9:30am at Old Langdon School in Cottage Grove.
- Newsletter – publish quarterly but need more material.

Concerns:

- Need experience, strength & hope for newsletter, either via hardcopy or e-mail to ssfanews@naminnesota.org
- Meetings of the Month sometimes have good participation and sometimes do not, please support.

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

- Financial Status – Current balance is approx. \$1300
- Pre-paid tent, everything is in place other than food
- Radios have been donated from Kyle & Mary so will not have to rent those
- Working on menus for dinner & breakfast
- Will be selling shirts & getting registrations at MNNAC

Concerns:

- Proposed speaker will speak on April 23 at Young People in Recovery meeting
- May need a donation of \$700 from area for food
- Per SSFA ASC bylaws, PIG is an activity of the area and is under the Activities subcommittee.

RCM: (Chris B.) – Not present

OPEN POSITIONS: Vice-Chair, Co-treasurer, H&I Subcommittee Chair & Co-Chair.

Old Business:

- Draft PIG Bylaws are being e-mailed for GSRs to take to their groups for group conscience; vote will be at next ASC meeting.

New business:

1. Kyle - Nominated Sage S. to be PIG Co-Chair; Sage spoke on his willingness. Vote: support – 16; oppose – 1; abstentions – 2; nomination passed.
2. Matt – Motion to donate \$50 to Area of Hope for H&I Learning Day on May 21; seconded by Mary. Vote: support – 12; oppose – 0, abstentions – 5; motion carried.
3. Matt – Friday Night Peace of Mind voted at their business meeting to close the meeting because nobody is available to open the church for the meeting. Remaining funds will be donated back to area; Matt is going to hold on to supplies for another month in case the meeting is able to continue, will decide what to do with them then.
4. Brad – Proper behavior during ASC meetings: Brad expressed that we need to remember spiritual principals at ASC meetings. Area has a bad reputation among some meetings due to the disagreements, etc. We all have strong beliefs; please treat others with respect and consider that there may be newcomers at the ASC meeting.
5. Catie – Time limits on subcommittee reports: Catie suggested placing a time limit on subcommittee reports to help move the meeting along. Bob suggested that if such limits are enforced that a chair could pass unused time to a different chair. Members discussed what would be a reasonable time limit, suggested times were 5 or 10 minutes. Kyle suggested having a 2 minute limit for each person on comments. Brent expressed that this would violate Concept 12 of the 12 Concepts of NA Service, which states that all viewpoints need to be considered, and that the subcommittees are the core of the area's work. Skip stated that we need to consider common sense. Brad noted that the Chair has the power to keep order and cut off discussion if it is excessive. Chelsea asked if Robert's Rules are required by the Bylaws. Skip expressed that most of Robert's Rules are beyond what we need; this is discussed in the Guide to Area Service – basically the establishment of quorum. Chelsea and Mary suggested that reports be just that – and any discussion deferred to new business. Brent suggested being considerate of others, it's time to move on. Lisa suggested that if PIG is under activities, the report should be part of the Activities Chair's report.

Treasurer: Steve H. arrived late due to a personal commitment, so report will be given at May ASC meeting.

Motion to adjourn made at 8:25 by Lisa, seconded by Mary; meeting adjourned.