



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes December 2, 2010

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by Area Chair, Catie O.

Introductions: 24 members in attendance, with 2 newcomers.

Readings: 12 Steps read by James M.; 12 Traditions read by Brent F.; 12 Concepts read by Matt T.

Call for quorum: 19 voting members present.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by James to approve the November, 2010 ASC minutes; seconded by Lisa; vote: favor – 15; oppose – 0; abstentions – 2; motion carried.

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

GSR Reports

Woodbury Freebirds	6:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: John K.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 25	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2-3	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$40.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

Step by Step	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

<i>Never Alone</i>	<i>7:00pm Sunday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Todd V. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	Need women sponsors.

<i>Monday Night in The Grove</i>	<i>7:00pm Monday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

<i>Monday Night Round Robin</i>	<i>7:00pm Monday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	none Dan W. reported
Avg. Attendance	:	12
Avg. Newcomers	:	0-1
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	\$30.00
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	Need more newcomers & trusted servants.

<i>Ties That Bind Us</i>	<i>7:00pm Monday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Chad (temp) Jill reported
Avg. Attendance	:	10-15
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

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

TNT: Tues. Nights Together		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Brent F.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15-20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2-3	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$20.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	announced	
Concerns	:		

Addicts in Recovery		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	none	Angie M. reported
Avg. Attendance	:	17-27	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-4	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	announced & flyers	
Concerns	:	Need GSR & male sponsors	

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

Northfield NA		7:00pm Wednesday	Stable?
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Concerns	:	.	

Inspirations		12:00pm Thursday	Unstable
GSR	:	Deanna M.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	3	
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$50.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	announced	
Concerns	:	Need more attendance, otherwise considering closing.	

Young People in Recovery		7:00pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Concerns	:		

Peace of Mind		7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Erica D.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20-25	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	announced & flyers	
Concerns	:		

NA Day		7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Josie R.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	Chili Feed in February	
Concerns	:		

Keep It Simple		9:00pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Blake H.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	7-10	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	announced	
Concerns	:		

NA 101		7:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Matt T.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	12	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	announced	
Concerns	:		

Lakeville Basic Text Study	9:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Brian F. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	\$34.51
Scheduled Activities	:	announced
Concerns	:	Considering "pass the piggie"

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: Melissa)

- No Region meeting in November, coming up this month.

Activities: (Chair: Tim B.)

- Speaker Jam was a success, attendance was over 30 and 2 treatment centers brought their clients for the event.
- Upcoming events:
 - Dec. 18 - Snow Tubing
 - Jan. 8 - Bowling
 - Jan. 22 - Dance the Night Away
 - Feb. 19 - Water Park of America
- **Concerns:** (Discussed under new business)
 - Need \$70.00 for increased copies.
 - Need \$40.00 for snacks, hot chocolate, and misc. supplies for snow tubing. \$110 total, subtract \$20 donation, already subtracted \$10 for overage for copies 11/10.

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

- Sent meeting lists and event flyers to 3 treatment centers: River Ridge, Drug & Alcohol Services, and New Choice for Recovery.

Hospitals & Institutions: (Chair: Lisa F.)

- Concerns:
 - Need panel leader and participants for Haven adolescent group commitment.
 - Avalon: went last month but counselor didn't know about the commitment; have attempted to contact them twice but have not heard back.
 - Have been told that as of the 1st of the year we will no longer have a Tuesday commitment at the Dakota Co. Jail; instead, we will have commitments for 3 different units at the jail all at the same time on Saturday.

Current H&I commitments:

- 2nd Tuesday of every month: Avalon Treatment (Eagan) 5:30-6:30pm

Contact: Todd V. 651-285-1789

- 3rd Monday of every month: Haven Treatment (adolescent) 6-7pm

Contact: Sage 651-315-6007

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

Contact: Matt T. 651-304-0304

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

Contact: James M. 612-716-4449

- Every Tuesday and Saturday: Dakota Co. Jail 1-2pm
(Need pre-approval to participate, call contact for info.)

Contact: Brent F. 651-276-6050

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

Contact: Garrett L. 763-360-8151

Outreach: (Chair: James M.)

- Meeting of the Month: Monday Night Round Robin on Dec. 20

Concerns:

- Need a co-chair; if interested, please come to the subcommittee meeting.
- Newsletter submissions – please send experience, strength & hope for newsletter, either via hardcopy or e-mail to ssfanews@naminnesota.org

PIG (Chair: Sage S.)

Current balance: \$1900

PIG committee meets first Thursday of every month at 6pm (one hour before ASC).

- Dec. 11, 8pm: The PIG Who Stole Christmas - PIG fundraiser at Langdon

[Secretary's Note: Due to the blizzard on the 11th, the event was postponed and will now be a New Year's Eve party at Langdon starting at 9pm (speakers) with DJs starting at 10pm.]

Concerns:

- Need volunteers.
- Still looking for a location for PIG.

Literature (Chair: Heather J.)**Concerns:**

- Please call before last Sat. of month with any special orders.
- There was a miscommunication/misunderstanding with UMSO over the area's "house credit". UMSO allows the area to take up to \$500 at a time of literature/supplies; however, the area must pay off any previous credit **before** we are able to take out any more supplies. So, the \$500 is not a "running" credit, but the amount that we can purchase in a given month (and then has to be paid back at the end of the month). As a result, UMSO expects payment from the area for **all** of the literature we have obtained so far, including the literature that we haven't sold yet (our "inventory").
- UMSO will not accept "starter" checks, so the check for \$201.78 written to UMSO in November has been returned to the area treasurer, and we still owe that money to UMSO.
- In addition, the area had 2 unpaid purchases from 2007/2008 totaling \$32.12.

- Here is an accounting of the past due balance:

Date	Description	Amount	Balance
2007/2008	Previous unpaid purchases	\$31.12	-\$32.12
10/2/2010	Initial literature purchase	\$601.38	-\$633.50
10/30/2010	Check to UMSO (sales at Oct. ASC mtg.)	\$92.50	-\$541.00
10/30/2010	Literature purchase from UMSO	\$59.82	-\$600.82

UMSO is expecting immediate payment of \$600.82 from the Area to pay off the past due balance. From here out, the amount we will need to pay to UMSO will be the amount of literature bought to replenish our inventory that month (and any special orders from groups or subcommittees).

Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee (Chair: James)

- Meetings on Dec. 16, Jan. 20, and Feb.17 (all Thursdays), 7pm at First Presbyterian Church; all are welcome.
- **Concerns:**
 - See new business.

Old Business

1. Should Area pay the sales tax on literature sold to groups? (Motion was tabled at the November meeting so GSRs could take the question back to obtain their group's conscience.) There was no additional discussion.
Vote: Favor - 3, Opposed - 8, Abstentions - 4. Groups will pay their own sales tax on literature purchases starting in January.

Elections

- Catie O's term as Area Chairperson is up. Catie expressed willingness to hold the position for another year. Erica nominated Catie to be Area Chairperson for another year; nomination was seconded by Lisa. Vote: Favor - 9, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 6, nomination confirmed.
- Melissa W. expressed willingness to serve as PIG Gate Chair, but questioned if this would be considered holding 2 area-level positions and therefore a violation of the area by-laws (since she is currently RCM). Brent said that he does not think this would be a problem since PIG Gate Chair is not a voting position at the area level; several others agreed. Erica nominated Melissa to be PIG Gate Chair; seconded by Lisa.
Vote: Favor - 14, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 2, nomination confirmed.
- Lisa nominated Preston as Outreach Co-Chair. Preston spoke on his willingness and stated that he has 6 months of clean time. There was a discussion about the clean time requirement; the suggested clean time for Outreach Chair is 2 years, but the current area

bylaws only state a suggested clean time of 3 months for all alternate and co-chair positions. (This discrepancy was noted for consideration by the Ad-Hoc Committee on Bylaws.) Vote: Favor - 15, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 4, nomination confirmed.

Open Positions: Vice-Chair, RCMA, Co-Treasurer, H&I Subcommittee Co-Chair, PIG Co-chair, PIG Co-treasurer, PIG Gate Co-chair, PIG Merchandise Chair/Co-chair.

New Business

1. Tim B.: Activities Subcommittee requests monthly copy budget increase from \$50 to \$70. Brent asked how many flyers are being printed; Tim said that he usually prints 200 but sometimes runs out and needs to print 50 more. He is taking some of these to meetings in Area of Hope in addition to distribution in our area. Melissa asked for clarification that this amount is just for copies and not for other expenses related to events. Catie mentioned that she has seen newcomers take flyers at meetings. Matt moved that the area budget \$70/month to the Activities Subcommittee for flyers; seconded by Lisa. Vote: Favor - 9, Opposed - 1, Abstentions - 5, motion carried.
2. Tim B.: Activities Subcommittee requests an additional \$40 from area for refreshments for the snow tubing event. (Total amount spent will be \$90, the rest of the funds are remaining from previous events.) Moved by Lisa, seconded by Melissa, to provide an additional \$40 for the event. Vote: Favor - 9, Opposed - 1, Abstentions - 6, motion carried.
3. James M.: Bylaws committee would like ideas on how quorum should be defined for area meetings, and whether voting rights should be limited to GSRs. (Both ideas have been brought up for discussion when revising the bylaws.) Motion by Erica to have GSRs take these items back to their groups for discussion; seconded by Lisa. Vote to table: Favor - 13, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 2.
4. Angie M.: Should we change the literature order form to include tax on each item? There was a question asking if we are tax exempt; we are not (doing so would require the area to legally incorporate as a 501(c)3 charitable organization). One problem with including tax on each item is that it can cause round-off errors (since the tax computation should be a percentage of the total purchase). Garrett noted that the sales tax listed on the UMSO form is not correct, as the sales tax rate has changed since that form was printed. Agreed to not change the forms, but to inform the GSRs of the correct sales tax amount, which is **7.775%**. [Secretary's note: This is a different figure than what I quoted at the meeting; I just looked it up online. Since UMSO is located in Minneapolis, we are charged the sales tax rate for Minneapolis.]
5. Heather: Literature announcements. UMSO has introductory guides to NA, which contain the text of many of the IPs; they are \$2 each. Ordered more little white book this month; also now have 18 month medallions. Will be ordering more white keytags and little white books since they have been selling out each month.
6. Melissa W.: Follow-up on phone line - are we still donating & who does the check go to? Kevin verified that Twin Cities Area is no longer paying for the phone line as in the

past. Question about what to do with the \$300 check previously written by Steve to the TC Area for the phoneline. Motion to have Angie hold on to the check until she can contact Steve to resolve how to get the money back into the area's current account.
Vote: Favor - 11, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 2, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

12/2/2010

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1100.56	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7 th Tradition	\$16.00	\$ 0
TNT	\$20.00	\$ 0
Lakeville Basic Text	\$34.51	\$ 0
Monday Night Round Robin	\$30.00	\$ 0
Inspirations	\$50.00	\$ 0
Woodbury Freebirds	\$40.00	\$ 0
Returned check (UMSO)	\$201.78	\$ 0
Literature Sales	\$239.00	
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$631.29	\$ 0

Cash out (-)		
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00	
TSASC - Phone Line	\$0	
MNRSC (Region)	\$0	
Activities (Tim B.)	-\$110.00	
Copies (Kevin M. & Garrett L.)	-\$35.50	
PO Box (Angie W.)	-\$72.00	
Literature + tax (UMSO)	-\$968.33	
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$1215.83	
ENDING BALANCE:		\$516.02

Motion to adjourn by Erica, seconded by Todd. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.