



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2010

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

Introductions: 22 members in attendance, including 4 newcomers.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Mary; 12 Traditions read by John; 12 Concepts read by Steve

Call for quorum: 15 voting members present

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by John to approve the December, 2009 ASC minutes; seconded by Steve; motion carried.

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

GSR reports:

Woodbury Freebirds	6:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Kyle	(Garrett L. reported)
Avg. Attendance	: 10	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	:	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	:	

Step by Step	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Katie S.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 20-26	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	:	

Never Alone	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
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GSR	:	Nick (GSRA James M.)
Avg. Attendance	:	25
Avg. Newcomers	:	3
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	:	

Monday Night in The Grove	7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Neil H. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	:	

Monday Night Round Robin	7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	None Report Given
Avg. Attendance	:	15
Avg. Newcomers	:	1
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	\$8.90
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	:	

Ties That Bind Us	7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
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	:	Jon W.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	10	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$50	
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

Addicts in Recovery		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Erica D.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15-20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:	\$46 (Piggy Bank)	
Concerns	:		

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

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

Too Damn Early		9:00am Thursday	Stable
GSR	:	John S.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	12	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$20	
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		
Young People in Recovery		7:00pm Friday	Stable

GSR	:	(Pati W. reported)
Avg. Attendance	:	5-6
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	announced
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	:	19
Avg. Newcomers	:	3
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	
PIG/Other Donation	:	Piggy Bank passed
Concerns	:	Moved to Apple Valley – PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT MEETINGS

<i>NA Day</i>	<i>7:30pm Friday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Philip C. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	25
Avg. Newcomers	:	2
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
PIG/Other Donation	:	Chili Feed February 20.
Concerns	:	

<i>Finding Peace</i>	<i>8:00pm Friday</i>	<i>New</i>
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	:	

<i>Keep It Simple</i>	<i>9:00pm Friday</i>	<i>New</i>
GSR	:	Eric (Garrett L. reported)
Avg. Attendance	:	9
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	Announced
ASC Donation	:	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	:	New meeting – please announce!

Clear Eyes		9:30am Saturday	Stable
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	:	12	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:	Announced, most members are panel members at commitments	
ASC Donation	:	\$10	
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

Lakeville Basic Text Study		9:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Lisa	
Avg. Attendance	:	20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
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.

Activities: (Chair - Sage S.)

- The New Year's Eve party was a great success, with more than 75 addicts in attendance. The proceeds were disbursed as follows: \$70 (25%) to the House Committee at Old Langdon for rent, \$211 (the remainder) to the ASC.
- Sage is investigating places to hold a snow-tubing event for the area.

Public Relations: (Chair – Chad)
No report.

Hospitals & Institutions: (Chair – Chris C.)

- Area Service Learning Day – Saturday, Jan. 16 from 1pm-5pm, First Presbyterian Church, South St. Paul.
- Dakota Co. Jail is looking to start a daytime meeting. This would not be an H&I meeting but would require an ongoing commitment by area members to get the meeting established inside the jail if we are going to be involved.

Concerns: Continue to need more addicts to carry message, especially women.
Reminder to GSR's to mention sign-up sheets at meeting.

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: Chris C. 651-769-7250 / 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: Finding Peace, Friday, Jan. 15, 8pm at the Dakota Alano club in Eagan.

Concerns:

- Area website is out of date and needs to be updated.
- Participation in the Meeting of the Month has been very inconsistent – some months there have been 15+ members participating, other months only a few. Brent asked for opinions if it serves a need and should continue. Lisa said she announces and goes when she can. Chris C. suggested we concentrate on the meetings that are struggling. Bob G. suggested placing an ad (paper or online) to help encourage attendance and visibility; Chris C. suggested that if we are going to place an ad we should be giving out a help line number; Brent said that this would be a PR item.
- Area newsletter: have some material but could use some more. You can e-mail newsletter submissions, of your experience, strength and hope on NA recovery to ssfanews@naminnesota.org

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

- Subcommittee voted to have “Keys to Recovery” as the slogan and artwork (the artwork in in-process).
- Raised full-weekend registration fee to \$30 (from \$25). Pre-registration will remain the same (\$15). Registration fees have remained the same for 7 or 8 years while costs have increased. Some of the increase will be used to give a shirt to each person as they enter.

- Oversight effort has started; all receipts and financial records from the past 2 years have been scanned and copied. This data will be used to build a budget for this year.
- Plan to do more workshops than recent years.
- Campsite (in Gaylord) has been reserved & paid for.
- New PO box has been rented which is more accessible to subcommittee members; it will be checked at least once a week.
- An initial set of flyers has been printed, so pre-registrations are now being accepted.
- Bank account has been changed so that checks are signed by current subcommittee officers.
- Storage locker rent has been paid.
- Financial status: current balance after paying above items is \$2707.64, which is approx. \$500 more than PIG started with last year.
- Aaron reported that the website – www.gotopig.com – has been getting 300-400 visits per month.

Concerns:

- Volunteers are needed!
- Shirts will require money in advance to get them made.

Ad-Hoc Committee Pig Bylaws: No report.

Per last month's minutes - You can still see the initial rough draft at:

<http://SSfa.naminnnesota.org/PigLawsRough1109.pdf>

RCM: (Chris B.)

Discussed items from the written report included below.

During the discussion, Brent asked for an explanation of the GSR Assembly. The GSR Assembly is a once a year event where GSRs from all over the region get together to discuss NA topics. It is open to ALL addicts, you don't have to be a GSR to go. This year's GSR assembly is especially important because the GSRs votes will determine how our RDA votes on motions at the world conference (see discussion about the CAR in the written report below). **[Secretary's note:** a copy of these motions is included after the end of the meeting minutes]

RCM Report: Regional mtg December 2009

Notes taken were as follows:

ON THE 2009/2010 REGIONAL BUDGET:

The main expense so far this year (2009) has been for PR events, (see the Regional Treasury Report for a detailed breakdown of funds and expenditures) with the RD/RDA and Regional Assembly in a tie with the phone line for second place in terms of greatest expense. Thus far, for 2010 MN Regional Budgets main focus (with a leverage of 12 grand) is for projects coming from the project-based development passed previously in with the new Regional

Bylaws approved last year by the Region at large. The second most important expense would be the phone line, currently tagged at 6 grand plus.

THE MZF (Midwest Zonal Forum):

There is a new MZF website in use, the address is www.mzfna.org. Caleb B, our RDA, expressed his willingness to put on an informational presentation explaining what the MZF is and how it works. Also, minutes from the most recent MZF meeting are available (in the most recent CAR report?) for download at the www.na.org/conference address. Note that this only became available after 25 December, so if you tried to look at it before then and it didn't work, try it now and it should be accessible.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Carrying The Message):

Minnesota NA was invited to attend at least 21 PR events, with 1004 volunteers pitching in to help. Region was very happy and very grateful to all those who donated their time and energy to help carry the message... additional details are available from me, as currently there is no approved version of minutes for December 2009, but when they are approved at the next Regional meeting in February, they will become available for public viewing online at www.naminnesota.org.

MEETING LISTS:

So folks know, there are meeting lists available at www.naminnesota.org/meetinglist.htm. According to my notes, there are three separate lists, one for Regional, one for Metro, and another that pertains to changes made to all of the above. Note I personally have not read nor reviewed whether or not this is true, I encourage anyone curious to check it out-- this is just what was written down in answer to a question about changes/accuracy in the Regional meeting lists. The overall response was that changes can be submitted online, but no immediate clear indication what the process involved is nor how long a turnaround it takes to reflect on newer lists.

As far as paper regional meeting lists goes, as last area there was brought up by consensus a desire to have paper regional meeting lists, it was brought up, discussed and voted on, with the following results: only 4 or 5 areas out of the total of about 25 expressed desire to have paper printed meeting lists. Still, the Region saw it as important enough to allow for consideration, and discussion began about how many lists do we want. Initially 200 was suggested, but was voted as too high, so 100 was brought up and that was voted too low. In the end, it was agreed that 150 meeting lists will be printed next regional meeting for distribution.

THE PHONE LINE:

I asked Region about the phone line that we have for NA here in Minnesota, per the questions at area that what-does-our- (SSFA's) money-do in nature. The response was that the 1-800 number is for meetings only, and the Twin Cities Area handles the local 952 number. Apparently the 1-800 number is a recording, which is provided by a company who can direct those seeking a meeting with times and locations with input from user location, date, etc. There is no human being at that number to speak with: that is the purpose of the

local 952 number; to talk to a real addict when the need is great. Region's suggestion was to talk directly with the Twin Cities Area about what, exactly, the phone line entails in terms of breakdown of expenses and services provided.

TAX ISSUES:

According to Region, when I asked how does Region handle Tax problems and explained why and in what nature I was asking the question, (see previous Dec 09 SSFA ASC minutes) I was told that "NA is off the tax-grid". And it stays that way so long as there are no problems with individuals abusing the tax-exempt status. Note the obvious fact is you first must get caught to draw the IRS' attention. There was reference to a specific form, a 501C3, which the UMSO is (a for-profit venture) and MNNAC is not. Region suggested that for further information to contact a tax professional.

INSURANCE FOR THE REGION, REVISITED:

It was brought up that there was a desire to have a insurance rider again which would cover literally every function in the entire region, every meeting, everything! The ONLY exception to this, is that the "event", be it meeting, function, etc MUST BE ON THE REGIONAL CALENDAR TO BE COVERED. And I believe what they meant by this is the updateable calendar which I think is on the naminnnesota website, but never having been there, I am not sure.

Region is going to get another quote for such a policy as described above, and from what I was told it will be very cheap: as in, 50 cents or so an addict, if broken down.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REGIONAL-TO-AREA LEVEL INFO:

It was brought to my attention that in order to address the need for Areas clamoring for experience and suggestions from other Areas and other members about PR/PI work that there was (now is) a phone conference call in the works, which in fact is taking place tonight (10 January) at 8pm. I received a confirmation email stating details and an RSVP, I put in that I could not be there as I will be at Area, but I did pass on the word and the email to our Area's PR guru, Chad N, who like me was very enthused and excited about the idea of sharing with other addicts about how do we do our primary purpose better. At last check, I saw on the list 25-30 names that had checked in confirming their intention to be a part of the call. Note also that the intention of this idea is NOT a one-time and its done deal: Regions PR guru (Monte J) mentions in the email he sent out to all areas, RCMs, GSR's, etc that there is a hope that this will be only the first of several conference calls with the purpose being refinement and enlightenment to the benefit of all for those doing PI/PR work or those curious on how to do so.

MISCELLANY:

SSFA has its own printed version of the latest CAR report available at the UMSO, where I have been fielding communication between myself and the RD among others to coordinate pick-up of the CAR for review. Note that it also is available online at naminnnesota.org as well as na.org, the worldwide NA website. Anyone can read it, review it, etc, my plan is to present the idea for a discussion about what is contained in the CAR so I can have a better idea of how SSFA feels about this or that., no different than in previous years where a CAR-

discussion workshop (at least one) came to pass once a CAR was released. The deadline for submission/opinions etc of the information in the most recent CAR is at the Regional Assembly of 2010, of which flyers are just now becoming available, with many more to follow shortly I'm sure.

I also grabbed the usual contingent of flyers for various functions happening around the Region, to be distributed at Area, and as always anyone with any question or comment is welcome to drop me a line via email at chris.betzler@gmail.com or call me at 763.221.1718, and I'll do what I can to help!

In Loving Service and Gratitude,

ChrisB

Treasurer: Steve H. was not present, Chris C. filled in; report below.

OPEN POSITIONS: Vice-Chair and Co-treasurer.

Old Business:

Book fund: ASC decided last month to go back to the groups for a decision on continuing a separate fund for the area targeted for purchasing basic texts for jails and institutions. Chair asked if there was any additional discussion, which resulted in a call for a vote. The results were: 2 in favor of the book fund, 6 against the book fund, 3 abstentions – so the area will **not** maintain a separate book fund. Brent asked for an explanation of why the groups decided against the book fund; Mary said her group thought that there is already money budgeted to the appropriate subcommittees, and 3 other GSRs expressed that their groups held similar views.

New business:

1. Chris C. nominated Garrett L. as area secretary; seconded by Sage; nomination passed.
2. Garrett L. requested \$50 for Keep It Simple Stupid, a new Friday night meeting in Cottage Grove. The meeting is a literature study and is held from 9pm-10:30pm at Old Langdon School. Motion by Brent F. to have area donate \$50 to the new meeting for startup costs; seconded by Mary; passed unanimously. Chris C. suggested that the group may want to consider the word "stupid" in the group name as it could be taken as a shaming statement. Note: since treasurer and group GSR both were not present at the meeting, were not able to write a check so the \$50 will be disbursed at February ASC meeting.
3. Chris C. requested \$150 for Service Learning Day to cover rent and pay for food and beverages. Moved by Will to do so, seconded by Lisa, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report
1/7/2010
WE NEED A CO-TREASURER

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$856.89		\$17.00
Cash in (+)	ASC	PIG	Book Fund
7 th Tradition	\$ 28.00	\$ 0	\$ 0
Round Robin	\$ 8.90	\$ 0	\$ 0
TNT	\$ 50.00	\$ 0	\$ 0
Addicts in Recovery	\$ 0	\$ 46.00	\$ 0
Too Damn Early	\$ 20.00	\$ 0	\$ 0
Your Basic Text Meeting...	\$ 10.00	\$ 0	\$ 0
New Year's Eve Party	\$ 211.00	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$ 327.90	\$ 46.00	\$ 0

Cash out (-)			
Copies	\$ -25.00		
Service Learning Day	\$ -150.00		
CASH OUT TOTAL:	\$ -175.00		\$ -175.00
ENDING BALANCE:			\$1009.79

8:20pm Motion to close

Secretary's Notes -- the following items are not part of meeting minutes:

Book Fund Partition
Books Bought (-) \$ 0.00
NEW TOTAL \$ 17.00

of the ASC

You can have your group or committee function's & the area website 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).

flyers put on

[The following is excerpted from pp. 49-50 of the 2010 Conference Agenda Report.]

WSC 2010 Summary Sheet: Motions and Other Issues to Be Discussed
World Board Motions

Motion 1: To approve "A Vision for NA Service" stated below to replace the existing "NA World Services Vision Statement."

Maker: World Board, page 13

Motion 2: To approve the draft contained in Addendum A, *Money Matters: Self-Support in NA*, to replace the existing IPs #24 "Hey! What's the Basket For?" and #25 *Self-Support: Principle & Practice*.

Maker: World Board, page 24

Motion 3: To approve the draft contained in Addendum B, *Funding NA Services*, as a Conference Approved pamphlet.

Maker: World Board, page 24

Motion 4: To approve the revisions to *In Times of Illness* contained in Addendum C.

Maker: World Board, page 25

Regional Motions

Motion 5: Direct NAWS to produce and add to inventory a purple decades clean and granite decade clean key tag in English only.

Maker: Show Me Region, page 36

Motion 6: To add purple key tags for multiple decades of clean time to the NAWS inventory

Maker: New Jersey Region, page 37

Motion 7: To add a Spanish (Castilian) Line Numbered Large Print Basic Text, in the current edition, to NAWS inventory.

Maker: Southern California Region, page 38

Motion 8: The World Board is directed to develop a project plan for presentation to WSC 2012 for a Traditions Working Guide.

Maker: California Mid-State Region, page 39

Motion 9: To direct the World Board to develop a project plan, for presentation to WSC 2012, to revise Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts by replacing the thirteen quotes (and meditation passages if necessary) that were taken from the Fifth Edition Basic Text and Youth and Recovery with current fellowship approved NA literature.

Maker: The Iowa Region, page 39

Motion 10: The World Board will post on the NAWS Website the motions that pertain to the Conference Approval Track at the same time the Conference Approval Track is sent out to Conference Participants.

Maker: South Florida Region, page 40

Motion 11: The World Board will post on na.org all recovery literature workgroup meeting records in English within 30 days of any workgroup meeting. The World Board will also link these postings to any project resources: such as the projects discussion board, or similar resource. This post will include the project's timeline and a schedule of workgroup meetings. The WB will also post their meeting schedule & have the discretion to post an overview of the literature development process or any other additional information.

Maker: Greater New York Region, page 42

Motion 12: To add language to the end of the Approval Process for Recovery Material section of GWSNA, page 36, that says, "No more than two informational pamphlets or one booklet or one book-length piece will be out for Fellowship review and input at the same time."

Maker: FreeState Region, page 43

Motion 13: To add language to the end of the Approval Process for Recovery Material section of GWSNA, page 36, that says, "Review and Input periods will be at least six months for informational pamphlets and booklets and at least one year for book-length pieces of literature."

Maker: FreeState Region, page 45

Motion 14: To require a 180-day review and input period for Fellowship Approved, Conference Approved, or World Board Approved material.

Maker: New Jersey Region, page 46