



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 4, 2010

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

**Introductions:** 29 members in attendance, including 4 newcomers.

**Readings:** 12 Steps read by Bob; 12 Traditions read by Chelsea; 12 Concepts read by Chelsea.

**Call for quorum:** 17 voting members present

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Mary to approve the January, 2010 ASC minutes; seconded by Chris B.; motion carried.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** collected: (see Treasurer's Report)

**GSR reports:**

| <b>Woodbury Freebirds</b> | <b>6:00pm Sunday</b> | <b>Stable</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| GSR                       | : John K.            | PRESENT       |
| Avg. Attendance           | : 10                 |               |
| Avg. Newcomers            | : 1-2                |               |
| H&I Activities            | : announced          |               |
| ASC Donation              | : \$81.00            |               |
| PIG/Other Donation        | :                    |               |
| Concerns                  | :                    |               |

| <b>Step by Step</b> | <b>7:00pm Sunday</b> | <b>Stable</b>    |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| GSR                 | : Katie S.           | (Brent reported) |
| Avg. Attendance     | : 15-20              |                  |
| Avg. Newcomers      | : 2-3                |                  |
| H&I Activities      | :                    |                  |
| ASC Donation        | : \$41.52            |                  |
| PIG/Other Donation  | :                    |                  |
| Concerns            | :                    |                  |

| <b><i>Never Alone</i></b> | <b><i>7:00pm Sunday</i></b> | <b><i>Stable</i></b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| GSR :                     | Nick (GSRA James M.)        |                      |
| Avg. Attendance :         | 25                          |                      |
| Avg. Newcomers :          | 2                           |                      |
| H&I Activities :          |                             |                      |
| ASC Donation :            |                             |                      |
| PIG/Other Donation :      |                             |                      |
| Concerns :                |                             |                      |

| <b><i>Monday Night in The Grove</i></b> | <b><i>7:00pm Monday</i></b> | <b><i>Stable</i></b> |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| GSR :                                   | Brad C PRESENT              |                      |
| Avg. Attendance :                       | 20                          |                      |
| Avg. Newcomers :                        | 1                           |                      |
| H&I Activities :                        |                             |                      |
| ASC Donation :                          |                             |                      |
| PIG/Other Donation :                    |                             |                      |
| Concerns :                              |                             |                      |

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

| <b><i>Ties That Bind Us</i></b> | <b><i>7:00pm Monday</i></b> | <b><i>Stable</i></b> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| GSR :                           | Sarah PRESENT               |                      |
| Avg. Attendance :               | 15                          |                      |
| Avg. Newcomers :                | 2                           |                      |
| H&I Activities :                |                             |                      |
| ASC Donation :                  | \$50                        |                      |
| PIG/Other Donation :            |                             |                      |
| Concerns :                      |                             |                      |

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

| <b>TNT: Tues. Nights Together</b> |   | <b>7:00pm Tuesday</b> | <b>Stable</b> |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------|
| GSR                               | : | Jon W.                | PRESENT       |
| Avg. Attendance                   | : | 12                    |               |
| Avg. Newcomers                    | : | 2                     |               |
| H&I Activities                    | : | announced             |               |
| ASC Donation                      | : |                       |               |
| PIG/Other Donation                | : |                       |               |
| Concerns                          | : |                       |               |

| <b>Addicts in Recovery</b> |   | <b>7:00pm Tuesday</b> | <b>Stable</b>    |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------|
| GSR                        | : | Erica D               | (Angie reported) |
| Avg. Attendance            | : | 10-20                 |                  |
| Avg. Newcomers             | : | 2                     |                  |
| H&I Activities             | : | announced             |                  |
| ASC Donation               | : | \$50                  |                  |
| PIG/Other Donation         | : |                       |                  |
| Concerns                   | : | Could use sponsors    |                  |

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

| <b>Midweek NA</b>  |   | <b>7:00pm Wednesday</b> | <b>Stable</b> |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------|
| GSR                | : | Alex D.                 | PRESENT       |
| Avg. Attendance    | : | 30                      |               |
| Avg. Newcomers     | : | 1                       |               |
| H&I Activities     | : |                         |               |
| ASC Donation       | : |                         |               |
| PIG/Other Donation | : |                         |               |
| Concerns           | : |                         |               |

| <b>Too Damn Early</b> |   | <b>9:00am Thursday</b> | <b>Stable</b> |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------|---------------|
| GSR                   | : | John S.                | (GSRA Rick)   |
| Avg. Attendance       | : | 8-12                   |               |
| Avg. Newcomers        | : | 1-2                    |               |
| H&I Activities        | : |                        |               |
| ASC Donation          | : | \$20                   |               |
| PIG/Other Donation    | : |                        |               |
| Concerns              | : |                        |               |

| <b>Young People in Recovery</b> | <b>7:00pm Friday</b> | <b>Stable</b>      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| GSR                             | :                    | (Pati W. reported) |
| Avg. Attendance                 | :                    | 6                  |
| Avg. Newcomers                  | :                    |                    |
| H&I Activities                  | :                    |                    |
| ASC Donation                    | :                    |                    |
| PIG/Other Donation              | :                    |                    |
| Concerns                        | :                    |                    |

| <b>Peace Of Mind</b> | <b>7:30pm Friday</b> | <b>Stable</b>     |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| GSR                  | :                    | Mary M. PRESENT   |
| Avg. Attendance      | :                    | 21                |
| Avg. Newcomers       | :                    | 1                 |
| H&I Activities       | :                    | announced         |
| ASC Donation         | :                    | \$10              |
| PIG/Other Donation   | :                    | Piggy Bank passed |
| Concerns             | :                    |                   |

| <b>NA Day</b>      | <b>7:30pm Friday</b> | <b>Stable</b>           |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| GSR                | :                    | Philip C. NOT PRESENT   |
| Avg. Attendance    | :                    |                         |
| Avg. Newcomers     | :                    |                         |
| H&I Activities     | :                    |                         |
| ASC Donation       | :                    |                         |
| PIG/Other Donation | :                    | Chili Feed February 20. |
| Concerns           | :                    |                         |

| <b>Finding Peace</b> | <b>8:00pm Friday</b> | <b>New</b>      |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| GSR                  | :                    | Matt K. PRESENT |
| Avg. Attendance      | :                    | 8               |
| Avg. Newcomers       | :                    | 1               |
| H&I Activities       | :                    |                 |
| ASC Donation         | :                    |                 |
| PIG/Other Donation   | :                    |                 |
| Concerns             | :                    |                 |

| <b>Keep It Simple</b> | <b>9:00pm Friday</b> | <b>New</b>            |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| GSR                   | :                    | (Garrett L. reported) |
| Avg. Attendance       | :                    | 8                     |
| Avg. Newcomers        | :                    | 0-1                   |
| H&I Activities        | :                    | Announced             |
| ASC Donation          | :                    |                       |
| PIG/Other Donation    | :                    |                       |
| Concerns              | :                    |                       |

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

| <b>Your Basic Text Meeting<br/>in Hastings</b> |   | <b>7:00pm Saturday</b> | <b>Stable</b> |
|------------------------------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------|
| GSR                                            | : | Will C.                | PRESENT       |
| Avg. Attendance                                | : | 12-15                  |               |
| Avg. Newcomers                                 | : | 2                      |               |
| H&I Activities                                 | : |                        |               |
| ASC Donation                                   | : |                        |               |
| PIG/Other Donation                             | : |                        |               |
| Concerns                                       | : |                        |               |

| <b>Lakeville Basic Text Study</b> |   | <b>9:00pm Saturday</b> | <b>Stable</b> |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------|
| GSR                               | : | Lisa F.                |               |
| Avg. Attendance                   | : | 20                     |               |
| Avg. Newcomers                    | : | 1                      |               |
| H&I Activities                    | : |                        |               |
| ASC Donation                      | : | \$25                   |               |
| PIG/Other Donation                | : |                        |               |
| Concerns                          | : |                        |               |

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

**Activities:** (Chair - Sage S.)

- Thinking about a picnic/scavenger hunt in the spring.
- Can always use more suggestions/ideas.

**Public Relations:** (Chair – Chad)

- Will finalize a presentation for probation officers at the subcommittee meeting next Thursday.
- Will start using \$50/month budget for meeting lists to distribute through probation officers.

**Hospitals & Institutions:** (Chair – Chris C.)

- Area Service Learning Day – had about 30 addicts participating. Returned \$52.14 of \$150 back to area; 7<sup>th</sup> tradition of \$42 was given to the church as rent.
- Looking at putting on an H&I Learning Day with Area of Hope and Twin Cities Area.

**Concerns:**

- Back to Basics is looking for addicts to help carry the message into Fairbault Prison.
- Continue to need more addicts to carry message, especially women
- Will need a new H&I Chair, as Chris is moving to Iowa soon.
- Need a panel leader for Hastings Detox.

## Current H&amp;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: Keep It Simple in Cottage Grove, 9pm on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Plan to publish the area newsletter quarterly.

**Concerns:**

- Need submissions for newsletter.
- You can e-mail newsletter submissions, of your experience, strength and hope on NA recovery to [ssfanews@naminnesota.org](mailto:ssfanews@naminnesota.org)
- Northfield NA no longer appears to be meeting.

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

- Chili Feed: Donated 7 pieces of old merchandise, 2 new shirts, and 2 pre-registrations. Bob also made an item for the Chili Feed raffle.
- Purchased shirts for PIG.
- Will be making deposit for PIG tent.
- Going to go down to Gaylord to inventory the PIG storage locker.
- Will send out a mass e-mail for pre-registration to everyone who has provided an e-mail address.

**Concerns:**

- PIG subcommittee would like to have the PIG Donation line removed from the GSR reports. (Addressed in New Business.)

- Voted on pricing of old and new merchandise.
- Turned over all records of PIG 2009 to oversight committee.
- Need ideas for workshops at PIG.
- Need an e-mail address for area contact.

#### **Ad-Hoc Committee Pig Bylaws: (Chair – Steve)**

- Draft PIG By-laws are complete and will be e-mailed; please review with meetings so they can be voted on at the March ASC meeting.

#### **RCM: (Chris B.)**

- Region's first CAR review on Jan. 9 had very low attendance; Regional Delegate JJ is looking for more input.
  - Chris has read through some of the CAR report; world is looking to change the service structure because money is a serious issue (donations are down significantly).

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

#### **Old Business:**

- Keep It Simple (new meeting) was given \$50 as voted on at last ASC meeting.

#### **New business:**

1. Steve H – Moved that ASC should suggest to the groups that the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition is just that – it shouldn't be used as a donation to a specific thing. Any targeted donations should be separate from the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition; those items can be collected and reported separately. Although Area cannot tell the groups what to do, the ASC can advise the groups.

Aaron – reported that the PIG subcommittee votes that they would like to remove the PIG line from GSR reports so that PIG isn't seen as different from any other subcommittee. If PIG needs money it can come to the ASC and ask for it.

Catie – Expressed concern that Chili Feed is coming up; that is a group activity which has always been a fundraiser for PIG.

Bob – Meant to be a clarification. Currently, PIG is singled out; it makes it look like the area is asking groups to donate to PIG, and gives the impression that PIG is something different. Do we want to completely remove the line or make it non-specific?

Steve H. – Historically, PIG used to survive on donations from the groups. Later ASC decided that PIG funds should come through Area for accountability. The current setup helps the treasurer keep things separate in the books.

Mary – Expressed that she doesn't think we should take away from PIG being a party for the area – it is a group organized to throw a party (like an outreach or activities function). Peace of Mind always passes a piggy bank as a PIG fundraiser, it is always stated as separate from and shouldn't reduce the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. If we change anything, we should leave a way for groups to give a targeted donation.

Brent – We can't tell the groups what to do, we can only make a suggestion – which may or may not be accepted. How would it work, would it just be a communication? Motion was seconded by Patti. Vote: Favor – 10, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 7; motion carried.

2. Bob G. – Motion to remove PIG donation line from GSR Report form.

Aaron – if line is removed would groups doing fundraisers give money directly to the PIG subcommittee?

Steve – We still need to have the money come through Area for accountability.

Should we just make the line "Other"?

Bob – Maybe for clarity it should just be "Area Activity".

Chad – Should it also be on the subcommittee report form?

Steve – It was done that way in the past, then area decided that subcommittees must go through the area; PIG is the only subcommittee that is authorized by area to have a separate fund/account.

Brent – Since PIG does report its funds, the PIG fundraisers should go directly to the PIG subcommittee. It could just be written in the text of a GSR report since it would be a special activity.

Motion seconded by Will.

Voting recalled for clarification.

Friendly amendment by Matt – Groups write in a note in the "Other" section of the GSR Report for donations to PIG, but the funds go directly to the PIG subcommittee.

Vote: Favor – 12, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 6; motion carried.

3. Steve H. – Form an ad-hoc CAR subcommittee (similar to the Service Learning Day) to form a group conscience on the CAR report.

Brent – Agree that it's a good idea, do we have time?

Steve – We could have it 2 weeks after the next ASC meeting and it would still be in time.

Sage – volunteered to put it together under Activities subcommittee. (Garrett volunteered to record minutes.)

Vote: Favor – 9, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 7; motion carried.

4. Bob G – PIG subcommittee plans to buy "plain" shirts to give out at the gate for the first 300 people to arrive which would cost about \$3 each. Tie die shirts are being obtained much cheaper this year, so the "free" shirts will have no net additional cost. PIG subcommittee wants to make sure area is ok with giving out the free shirts. Motion: 300 \$3 shirts will be given out at the gate.

Motion seconded by James.

Vote: Favor – 17, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 3.

**Treasurer:** Steve H. gave corrected report for January and report for February (see attached).

Motion to adjourn made at 8:45 by Brent, seconded by Will. Vote: Favor – 18, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 2. Meeting adjourned.

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

|                           |                  |                 |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>  | <b>\$856.89</b>  |                 |
| Cash in (+)               | ASC              | PIG             |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition | \$ 28.00         | \$ 0            |
| TNT                       | \$ 50.00         | \$ 0            |
| Addicts In Recovery       | \$ 0             | \$ 46.00        |
| Too Damn Early            | \$ 20.00         | \$ 0            |
| Round Robin               | \$ 8.90          | \$ 0            |
| Basic Text Hastings       | \$ 10.00         | \$ 0            |
| New Year's Eve Party      | \$ 211.00        | \$ 0            |
| Book Fund Balance         | \$ 17.00         |                 |
| <b>TOTAL DONATIONS:</b>   | <b>\$ 344.90</b> | <b>\$ 46.00</b> |

|                                         |                   |                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cash out (-)                            |                   |                                                                                      |
| Rent – 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Ch. | \$ -30.00         |                                                                                      |
| TCASC – Phone line                      | \$ -50.00         |                                                                                      |
| SSFA PIG Subcommittee                   | \$ -46.00         |                                                                                      |
| Service Learning Day                    | \$ -150.00        |                                                                                      |
| Copies                                  | \$ -25.00         |                                                                                      |
| <b>CASH OUT TOTAL:</b>                  | <b>\$ -301.00</b> |  |
| <b>ENDING BALANCE:</b>                  |                   | <b>\$ -301.00</b>                                                                    |
|                                         |                   | <b>\$946.79</b>                                                                      |

**Treasurer's Report**  
**2/4/2010**  
**WE NEED A CO-TREASURER**

| <b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>  | <b>\$946.79</b>  |             |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Cash in (+)               | ASC              | OTHER       |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition | \$ 14.50         | \$ 0        |
| Lakeville Basic Text      | \$ 25.00         | \$ 0        |
| Too Damn Early            | \$ 20.00         | \$ 0        |
| Step By Step              | \$ 41.52         | \$ 0        |
| Addicts In Recovery       | \$ 50.00         | \$ 0        |
| Ties That Bind            | \$ 50.00         | \$ 0        |
| Area Learning Day         | \$ 52.14         | \$ 0        |
| Peace of Mind             | \$ 10.00         | \$ 0        |
| Woodbury Freebirds        | \$ 81.00         | \$ 0        |
| <b>TOTAL DONATIONS:</b>   | <b>\$ 344.16</b> | <b>\$ 0</b> |

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|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cash out (-)                            |                   |                   |
| Rent – 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Ch. | \$ -30.00         |                   |
| TCASC – Phone line                      | \$ -50.00         |                   |
| MNRSC (Region)                          | \$ -84.17         |                   |
| Copies                                  | \$ -26.78         |                   |
| H&I                                     | \$ -50.00         |                   |
| Meeting funds - KIS                     | \$ -50.00         |                   |
| <b>CASH OUT TOTAL:</b>                  | <b>\$ -290.95</b> | <b>\$ -290.95</b> |
| <b>ENDING BALANCE:</b>                  |                   | <b>\$1000.00</b>  |