



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2010

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

Introductions: 25 members in attendance, with no newcomers.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Matt; 12 Traditions read by Brent; 12 Concepts read by Melissa.

Call for quorum: 15 voting members present.

Approval of Minutes: Catie corrected item 3 in New Business of the April ASC minutes which incorrectly stated that Peace of Mind is closing; the meeting that has closed is Finding Peace. Motion by Pati to approve the corrected April, 2010 ASC minutes; seconded by John; 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	: 18	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$40	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	:	

<i>Step by Step</i>	<i>7:00pm Sunday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: Melissa W.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 20	
Avg. Newcomers	: 3	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$34.35	
PIG/Other Donation	: Group conscience is to approve PIG guidelines.	
Concerns	:	

<i>Never Alone</i>	<i>7:00pm Sunday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR :	Brad	(Lisa reported)
Avg. Attendance :	25	
Avg. Newcomers :	2	
H&I Activities :		
ASC Donation :		
PIG/Other Donation :		
Concerns :	Moving 1 st of June to: 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 :	NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance :		
Avg. Newcomers :		
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 :	4	
H&I Activities :		
ASC Donation :	\$50.00	
PIG/Other Donation :		
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 :		
PIG/Other Donation :		
Concerns :		

TNT: Tues. Nights Together		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	open	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

Addicts in Recovery		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Pat S	(Angie reported)
Avg. Attendance	:	10-15	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:	Pass piggy bank for PIG donation.	
Concerns	:	Need support & sponsors	

Midweek NA		7:00pm Wednesday	Stable
GSR	:	Alex	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	30	
Avg. Newcomers	:	3	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:	Use more sponsors.	

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

Young People in Recovery		7:00pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:		(Patti reported)
Avg. Attendance	:	6-7	
Avg. Newcomers	:	0	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:	Donation to PIG – was voted on.	
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. (Angie M reported)
Avg. Attendance	:	20-25
Avg. Newcomers	:	2
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	\$21.00
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	:	25
Avg. Newcomers	:	2-3
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	\$135.25
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	:	

<i>Keep It Simple</i>	<i>9:00pm Friday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Neil H. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	10-12
Avg. Newcomers	:	1
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
PIG/Other Donation	:	PIG fundraiser Sat. May 8
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	:	

<i>Your Basic Text Meeting in Hastings</i>	<i>7:00pm Saturday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Will C. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15
Avg. Newcomers	:	2
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	\$25.00
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	:	On new business (see below)

Lakeville Basic Text Study	9:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR :	Lisa F.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance :	20	
Avg. Newcomers :	1	
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: Chris B. has stepped down as RCM due to new baby.

Activities: (Chair - Sage S.)

- PIG Fundraiser Party at Langdon Saturday, May 8.
- Can always use more suggestions/ideas.

Public Relations: (Chair – Chad N.) NOT PRESENT

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

- New commitment at Journey treatment center in Farmington; last Monday of each month at 7pm

Concerns:

- Need a new H&I chair & co-chair.
- Need panel leaders for Haven adolescent group.
- Need volunteers for H&I Learning Day & MnNAC Fundraiser on May 22, 3pm-11pm at SOS Club in Oakdale.

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

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

- 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; James (co-chair) reported)

- Meeting of the Month: Woodbury Freebirds on May 16 at 6pm.

Concerns:

- 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 \$2142.66 (see PIG Treasury Report below).
- Party on May 8 at Old Langdon is PIG fundraiser.
- Will be purchasing about \$200 more shirts to have additional sizes available.
- Looking to have the Pre-PIG Picnic in late June.
- Shopping for food prices; considering changing concessions to something less costly.

Concerns:

- May need money for Pre-PIG Picnic (see new business).

Old Business:

- PIG Bylaws: Moved by Bob to accept the proposed PIG Bylaws; seconded by Steve. Vote: Favor – 10; Against – 0; Abstentions – 4. Steve thanked everyone who helped with the process of creating the new PIG Bylaws.
- Kyle noted that the PIG Bylaws now conflict with the Area Bylaws, so Area Bylaws need to be amended. Steve H. suggested that GSRs go back to their groups and ask for volunteers.

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

- Bob nominated Mark as RCM, seconded by Kyle. Mark spoke on his willingness. Vote: Favor – 14; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 0.

New business:

1. Heather J. – Literature Chair Proposal

Heather stated that there is a need for help with groups getting literature; she suggested having literature brought to ASC meetings so that groups do not have to try to get to UMSO when it is open, as their hours have been cut back. It could be financed several ways: area could provide funds to start an inventory, groups could provide the money, groups could place an order with money at one ASC meeting to be picked up at the next ASC meeting, etc. Heather is willing to step up to taking such a position. Brent shared his experience as literature chair in another area – in that position, he communicated with the area about literature being developed by the World Service Conference. Brent also suggested asking UMSO if they would send someone to area to sell literature and supplies to meetings. Pati suggested that groups should put in their money and place orders. Steve said that if someone joined the UMSO board that person could bring literature from the office and sell it at area meetings; area could also ask UMSO to send a representative to the meeting, or buy literature as per Heather's proposal. Brent mentioned that the Guide to Area Service suggests that areas hold this responsibility;

we would need to determine how area comes up with the money for the initial stock. Mark suggested that area consider ordering directly from WSO because they charge less than UMSO. Steve said that UMSO is a non-profit organization which provides other services (such as insurance), and the extra money goes for those services, so bypassing UMSO would hurt the region. Brent suggested that GSRs go back to their groups with this idea, and suggested that proceeds from PIG could be used to fund the initial startup costs. Steve called for a vote on taking this back to the groups: Yes – 12; No – 0, Abstentions – 3.

2. Will C. – Your Basic Text Meeting in Hastings is concerned about Sage holding 2 area-level positions, which violates the Area Bylaws. Steve asked which positions; the positions are Activities Chair and PIG Co-Chair. Sage expressed concerns that addicts are not accepting existing positions, so things are not getting done; he doesn't see a problem with holding these 2 positions, but will step down and still help if it comes to that. Brent expressed support for the work Sage has done, and that the problem is the positions, not Sage. Pati expressed concerns about all of the open positions at area and regional levels, so groups need to get people to take positions and more addicts need to be involved in service. Bob stated that there are 2 issues here, with voting rights (i.e., holding 2 votes) and with the 9th tradition, as both of the positions can hold voting rights at the area level. Sage agreed to step down as activities chair but he will still help coordinate events. ASC members thanked Sage for all of his efforts.
3. Sage – May 8 PIG Fundraiser
Mark H., Lisa F., and Garrett L. will be speaking from 8-9:15pm; dance starting at 9:30; live DJ sets later in the evening until close. There will also be a potluck for refreshments. Suggested donation is \$5 but no addict will be turned away, all proceeds will be donated to PIG.
4. Bob G. – Pre-PIG Picnic
PIG committee would like to ask for \$200 from area to fund the Pre-PIG Picnic. Aaron mentioned that all of the PIG committee's current funds are committed to items required to put on PIG. Steve asked for clarification if this is a function to which all addicts are invited (whether or not they are PIG volunteers); Bob stated that the event is open to all addicts. Will seconded the motion to provide \$200. Steve pointed out that the area gave \$100 last year for the Pre-PIG Picnic and asked if that would be enough. Bob G. accepted a friendly amendment to make the amount \$100. Vote: Favor – 12, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 2. Steve clarified that the money will be disbursed at the June ASC meeting.
5. Kyle M. – Concerns about NA meetings at Old Langdon School
Kyle had a concern brought to his attention by another addict that the house committee at Old Langdon is not happy about the behavior at NA meetings there; Kyle asked more experienced members to support the groups meeting there. Sarah asked for members of the area to attend these meetings. Neil stated that he was approached by the chair of the house committee; he has spoken to people at the meetings but would like input on how to handle the situation. Alex stated that it is primarily a young persons' meeting on Wednesdays; the meeting is crowded and there are issues with behavior, and he and others with more clean time are experiencing problems at that meeting. Lisa mentioned that Never Alone was the same way in the past; members encouraged those with more clean time to take service positions and the chair enforced respectfulness

and called people out on their actions. She said that if a meeting loses their meeting place that is a consequence and some may learn from that; changing behavior takes patience and leading by example. Steve asked if the meetings have a respect announcement and, if so, if the announcement needs to be revised; also, that if an addict does not abide by the respect announcement, it is acceptable to ask them not to return, and that members with clean time can come in and show effort to help. Mark talked as an original founding member of those groups, stated that he plans to come to help, and asked people to come to the PIG Fundraiser on Saturday as he will be speaking on the story of how those groups were founded. Garrett expressed his experience with chairing the Friday night Keep It Simple meeting at Langdon, which has been respectful. Neil stated that the Old Langdon house committee will be sending representatives to the Monday and Wednesday meetings this week to discuss the issues with the groups. Steve asked for closure of the discussion and asked GSRs to take the request for support back to their groups.

6. Steve – UMSO update

Steve stated that Sebethani had talked about being closed on Saturdays, which would be a problem for UMSO. That has lead to UMSO considering moving to a space in the Dinkytown area with the possibility of having space for more social/support settings and space for meetings. The UMSO Board would like feedback if groups/area would support this initiative (and maybe that this would alleviate the need for a literature chair since it would be closer and open more often). Pati stated that she would be interested if it were closer to our area. Steve stated that the Twin Cities Area and Region have expressed support and willingness to pay rent for their meetings to be held at such a facility. Bob shared his experience with trying to set up a “Narano Club” in Montana; although World does not have a framework set up for this, it falls under the discussion of the 6th Tradition in It Works How and Why.

7. Sage – Funds for Saturday Party

Sage asked area for \$20 for supplies (cups, plates, etc.) for the PIG Fundraiser. Moved by Brent, seconded by Lisa, to do so. Vote: Support – 17, Oppose – 0, Abstentions – 0, passed.

Treasurer: [Secretary did not get a copy of the Treasurer’s Report, will be reported with June ASC minutes].

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.