



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes August 5, 2010

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

Introductions: 33 members in attendance, with 2 newcomers.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Todd; 12 Traditions read by Nancy; 12 Concepts read by Mary.

Call for quorum: 18 voting members present.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by John to approve the July, 2010 ASC minutes; seconded by Kevin; vote: favor – 9; 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	: 20	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$95	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	:	

Step by Step	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Diane B.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 20	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	: \$14	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	:	

<i>Never Alone</i>	<i>7:00pm Sunday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: Todd	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 15-20	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1-2	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$25.00	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	: Need more 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	:	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	:	

<i>Monday Night Round Robin</i>	<i>7:00pm Monday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: Dan W.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 10-15	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1-2	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$10	
PIG/Other Donation	:	
Concerns	: Need trusted servants	

<i>Ties That Bind Us</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>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	:	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.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$40.00	
PIG/Other Donation	:	Pass piggy bank for PIG donation.	
Concerns	:		

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

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

Inspirations		12:00pm Thursday	Unstable
GSR	:	Nancy M.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	5-6	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:	Thanks to Too Damn Early for donated literature & key tags	

Young People in Recovery		7:00pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	(Bob G. reported)	
Avg. Attendance	:	6-7	
Avg. Newcomers	:	0	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

Peace of Mind		7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Erica D.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	25-30	
Avg. Newcomers	:	4	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:	Pass piggy bank for PIG donations	
Concerns	:		

NA Day		7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Phil/Brenda	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	25	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$25	
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

Keep It Simple		9:00pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Tim S.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	10	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

NA 101		7:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Matt	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	3	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$21.00	
PIG/Other Donation	:		
Concerns	:		

Lakeville Basic Text Study	9:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Brian F. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20
Avg. Newcomers	:	20
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	\$56.00
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: (RCM: Open; no report)

Activities: (Chair: Tim B.)

- Upcoming events:
 - Moonlight Bowling 8/7/10
 - Softball Picnic 8/21/10
 - Tubing 8/28/10
 - Night Out at Club SOS 9/11/10
 - Moonlight Bowling 9/25/10
- Concerns:
 - Continued funds for events.
 - Continued GSR support to get the word out to meetings.

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

- Will be sending out meeting lists and maybe some activities flyers to treatment centers, jails, and prisons. Projected cost: approx. \$50
- Will include a cover letter with the meeting lists; will discuss this at the subcommittee meeting.

Hospitals & Institutions: (Chair: Open; no report)

- Concerns:
 - Need a new H&I chair & co-chair.
 - Need panel leader for Haven adolescent group.

Current H&I commitments:

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

Contact: Lisa F. 952-688-3655

- 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 (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, Farmington, 7-8pm

Contact: James M. 612-716-4449

- 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 in the Grove, Monday, Aug. 16.

• **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 2010 (Chair: Bob G.)

PIG 2011 committee meets first Thursday of every month at 6pm (one hour before ASC).

- PIG attendance was less than expected due to weather on Saturday (tornado watch).
- Financial Status: Final balance \$1694.89; will be transferred to PIG 2011 committee.
- All receipts scanned and accounting available.
- **Concerns:**
 - Would like to have online voting.

Old Business

UMSO Move: No update. Motion by Steve to table for 2 months; seconded by Kevin.

Vote to table: Favor - 11, opposed - 0, abstentions - 2; tabled until October ASC meeting.

Literature Chair: Action on this motion was tabled at the June ASC meeting until after PIG, now being considered again. James asked if the person who originally made the proposal is still willing since she was not present at the meeting. Steve raised a concern that we have existing positions which are not filled and that there were no surplus funds from PIG to use for an initial stock of literature. Mary stated that UMSO has a locker system set up whereby orders can be called in and picked up whenever Seabathani Center is open so the limited hours that UMSO is open should not be a concern. Moved by Bob, seconded by Kevin, to permanently table this motion. Vote: support - 12, oppose - 1, abstentions - 2, motion permanently tabled.

PIG Website: Aaron is willing to keep hosting and doing all of the work as the PIG webmaster for \$10/month (including graphic design, surveys, e-mail forwarding, etc.) Kevin asked how many hits the site has had over time; Aaron said that the site is getting hundreds of unique visits each month. John asked if the \$10/month included graphic design for shirts; Aaron said that it would. Steve stated his view that since PIG is an area subcommittee the PIG website should be on the area website. Mary expressed her opinion that if Kevin is willing to take on the responsibility without charge it would be better than paying someone. Motion by Matt to put the PIG website on the area website (i.e.,

hosted on the region web server); seconded by Melissa. Vote: support - 8, opposed - 2, abstentions - 7, motion carried.

Elections

Open Positions: Vice-Chair, RCM/RCMA, H&I Subcommittee Chair & Co-Chair, Activities Co-Chair, Outreach Co-Chair, PIG chair/co-chair, PIG co-treasurer, PIG Gate chair/co-chair, PIG merchandise chair/co-chair, PIG co-treasurer.

PIG Chair - Vote to affirm Sage as PIG chair for PIG 2011: support - 12, opposed - 0, abstentions - 0.

PIG Treasurer - Vote to affirm Luke as PIG Treasurer for PIG 2011: support - 12, opposed - 0, abstentions - 0.

New Business

1. Steve H. - Motion to give \$500 to co-treasurer (Angie) for the purpose of opening a checking account in preparation for her assuming position as SSFA Treasurer. Banking laws put into place resulting from 9/11 and anti-terrorism efforts make it impossible for an organization to open a bank account without being tied to a specific social security number; therefore, the existing bank account cannot just be transferred to Angie and she must open a new account as part of taking on the position of Treasurer. Motion seconded by Kevin. Vote: support - 14, opposed - 0, abstentions - 0, motion carried.
2. Tim B.: Activities subcommittee needs \$183 for food, drinks, and flyer copies for 4 events in August and September; seconded by Kevin. Discussion: Steve expressed concern that recent events seem expensive, but that we also haven't had an activities chair doing as many activities in the recent past. Question was asked if this amount is in addition to the \$50 monthly budget for the activities subcommittee; Tim clarified that the \$183 represents the total amount needed for these activities and he would not be needing \$50 in addition. Brent stated that part of the message of NA is that addicts can find a new way to live, and the activities support the message. Vote: support - 13, opposed - 0, abstentions - 2, motion carried.
3. Bob G.: Per new PIG bylaws, PIG will need to move in 2011. Luke has looked into a few different campgrounds which are available within the 25-mile limit in the bylaws; all require a per-person fee (like was the case when PIG was held in Isanti) instead of a flat amount to rent the campground (like was the case the last few years when PIG was held in Gaylord). Bob also suggested that PIG get "event insurance" to cover losses in the future if PIG were to be affected in a manner like this year (i.e., weather causing a financial loss). Steve suggested that the PIG subcommittee investigate event insurance.
4. Mary M.: The Serenity Seekers meeting in Gaylord has expressed interest in joining SSFA. They are an established group which does not currently hold membership in any area. They would like to see PIG stay in Gaylord because of the growth the event

provides for the NA community there.

5. Sage S.: Announced that there will be a PIG fundraiser party sometime in September at Langdon. The party will include speakers and an electronic dance music event with several DJs. Tim B. asked that the event not be on September 25 due to an already-scheduled area event; Sage said he would make sure the party does not conflict.
6. Catie O.: Area bought a large bag of coffee cups which are missing from the closet at the church. Matt moved to have area purchase cups, seconded by Pat. Vote: support - 10, opposed - 0, abstentions - 0, motion carried.

Motion to close at 8:45 by Matt, seconded by Sage, meeting adjourned.

[Secretary's note: the meeting was adjourned without presentation of the Treasurer's Report; the report is included here.]

Treasurer's Report

8/5/2010

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1744.13	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7 th Tradition	\$15.34	\$ 0
Woodbury Freebirds	\$95.00	\$ 0
NA Day	\$25.00	\$ 0
NA 101	\$21.00	\$ 0
Addicts In Recovery	\$40.00	\$ 0
Step by Step	\$14.00	\$ 0
Lakeville Basic Text	\$56.00	\$ 0
Monday Night Round Robin	\$10.00	\$ 0
Never Alone	\$25.00	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$301.34	\$ 0

Cash out (-)		
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00	
TCASC – Phone line	-\$50.00	
Activities (Tim B.)	-\$183.00	
Copies (Kevin M.)	-\$21.43	
Copies (Catie O.)	-\$32.14	
H&I literature (Garrett L.)	-\$43.00	
New Account (Angie M.)	-\$500.00	
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$859.57	
ENDING BALANCE:		\$1185.90