



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes November 4, 2010

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

Introductions: 22 members in attendance, with 1 newcomer.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Angie M.; 12 Traditions read by Melissa F.; 12 Concepts read by John K.

Call for quorum: 17 voting members present.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by John K. to approve the September, 2010 ASC minutes; seconded by Kevin M.; vote: favor – 9; oppose – 0; abstentions – 3; motion carried.

Melissa F. provided 2 corrections for the distributed October 2010 ASC minutes: 1) she gave the GSR report for Step By Step, and 2) her name was misspelled in the RCM election.

Motion by Melissa F. to approve the corrected October, 2010 ASC minutes; seconded by Erica D.; vote: favor – 12; oppose – 0; abstentions – 4; motion carried.

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

GSR Reports

Woodbury Freebirds	6:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: John K.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 17	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$10.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

Step by Step	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	:	Steve P. reported
Avg. Attendance	:	15-20
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	\$62.62
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

Never Alone	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	:	Todd V. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	\$10.00
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	Need female sponsors.

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

Monday Night Round Robin	7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

Ties That Bind Us	7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Chad (temp)PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20-25
Avg. Newcomers	:	4
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	\$41.25
Scheduled Activities	:	announced
Concerns	:	

Tues. Morning Women's Rec.		10:00am Tuesday	Stable
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	:	12-15	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	announced	
Concerns	:	Concerns about area paying tax on literature sales.	

Addicts in Recovery		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Jamie R.	(Erica reported)
Avg. Attendance	:	17-20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$25.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	announced	
Concerns	:		

Midweek NA		7:00pm Wednesday	Stable
GSR	:	Peter S.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15-20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$37.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	The PIG who stole X-mas - fundraiser Dec. 11 @ Langdon	
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	:	Brian reported
Avg. Attendance	:	3
Avg. Newcomers	:	12:00pm Thursday Unstable
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	announced
Concerns	:	Need more attendance.

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	:	\$20.00
Scheduled Activities	:	announced
Concerns	:	

NA Day	7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

Keep It Simple	9:00pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Blake H. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	8
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	: 20	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2-3	
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	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$59.01	
Scheduled Activities	: announced	
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: Melissa)

- Upcoming events:
 - Service System Workshop - December 4 in Park Rapids, MN
 - GSR Assembly - March, 2011
- Service opportunities:
 - UMSO needs volunteers
 - Helpline needs volunteers
 - Fellowship Services Team - 3 open positions
 - Chair & UMSO Board Representative
- Announcements:
 - Lakes Area has folded
 - NA Way Magazine - groups need to re-subscribe if they want to continue receiving it
 - New flyers available on region website

Activities: (Chair: Tim B.)

- Upcoming events:
 - Nov. 27 - Speaker Jam
 - Dec. 18 - Snow Tubing
 - Jan. 15 - Moonlight Bowling
 - Jan. 29 - Swimming/Fellowship/Games
- **Concerns:**
 - Need some people to show up at 9am on Nov. 27 to help set up for the Speaker Jam.
 - Need to buy items for raffle from UMSO (see new business).

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

- No meeting lists sent to treatment centers or jails this month.
- Working on syncing SSFA's minutes, newsletters, lists, etc. on the regional website.
- Printed regular meeting lists and meeting lists without contact info (for H&I distribution).

Hospitals & Institutions: (Chair: Lisa F.)

- Concerns:
 - Need panel leader and participants for Haven adolescent group commitment.

Current H&I commitments:

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

Contact: Lisa F. 952-688-3655

- 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: Ties that Bind Us on Nov. 15.
- **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.)

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

• **Concerns:**

- Need volunteers.

Literature (Chair: Heather J.)

• **Concerns:**

- Area will need to pay sales tax on October literature sales. [Secretary's note: see Treasurer's Report.]
- Please call before last Sat. of month with any special orders.

Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee (Chair: James)

- Meetings on Thursday Nov. 18 & Thursday Dec. 16, First Presbyterian Church, 7pm; all are welcome.

Old Business

None.

Elections

- Melissa F. expressed interest in PIG Gate Chair; will come back next month after PIG committee meeting.

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

New Business

1. Tim B.: Activities Subcommittee funding needs
Activities subcommittee needs \$85.00 for upcoming events: \$50 for monthly copies, \$35 to buy misc. raffle items from UMSO for Speaker Jam. (Also have another Speaker Jam speaker: Jeanie M.) Motion seconded by Lisa F. Vote: support - 10, opposed - 0, abstentions - 2, expenditure approved.
2. Tim B.: Using area funds to allow him to attend events
Tim would like to know if anyone would object to him using area funds to attend events as Activities chair, since he is unemployed and cannot afford to go to some of the events. Discussion: Brent F: thought this would be a bad precedent to start; where would we stop? If we approve this, how could we not approve also giving money for newcomers, since they are the most important people? Chad: suggested going with less expensive activities, as a lot of people can't afford them (for example, it would have cost him \$90 to attend the Haunted Hayride with his kids). Tim responded that the more expensive activities have actually been the ones with the most participation. Melissa suggested that more activities that are free or low cost would be better. Brent suggested that people show up at the subcommittee meeting to help Tim out and bring up ideas for events.
3. Brent F.: Sales tax paid by area on literature sales
Members of Tuesday Nights Together are concerned about area paying sales taxes on literature purchased by groups. One concern is that small groups get unfairly burdened since they do not purchase as much literature. If groups went directly to UMSO to purchase literature they would have to pay sales taxes; this money would be better spent by area on events, etc. James stated that the traditions say groups should be fully self-supporting, and paying all costs for literature (including sales taxes) should follow this tradition. Lisa suggested that GSRs should take this issue back to groups for discussion. Moved by Lisa to table the discussion until next month. Vote to table: favor - 12, opposed - 2, abstentions - 3; discussion tabled until December ASC meeting.

4. Melissa W.: 2011 budgeting for donations to region

Minnesota Region is working on creating a budget for 2011; they would like to know if we are creating a budget, if we need any help in doing so, and what we would budget for donations to region in 2011. Region has started a draft budget (of which Melissa has a copy), and they asked her to bring this question back to the ASC. Kevin M. shared some history: in the past, region has budgeted for SSFA contributing \$500/year; some years we have actually donated more, some less. Brent asked about the status of the Twin Cities Area helpline, to which our area has been donating \$50/month; Kevin said that he will be participating in a conference call discussing that and will report back to the area. Brent said he thinks that the amount we have already set aside for the phone line should be donated to the TC Area, but we should reconsider this for the future (and possibly earmark this amount towards region instead). Melissa made a motion that we continue with the \$500 amount which region has budgeted in the past; motion was seconded by Kevin. James suggested we just donate what we can and not commit to any specific amount. Garrett suggested tabling the motion until the next meeting when we might know more about the TCA phone line; since there is no meeting for region in November, waiting a month will not hurt anything. Motion to table seconded by Todd. Vote to table: favor - 10, opposed - 3, abstentions - 1; tabled until December ASC meeting.

5. Melissa W.: GSR Assembly

The region holds an annual GSR Assembly, which is usually scheduled in March; the 2011 GSR Assembly is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 26. Region has asked if our area would be interested in hosting the assembly; this would involve planning/coordinating the assembly meeting, a dinner, and a dance/social event in the evening. Garrett mentioned that we are in the middle of revising the area bylaws, which involves a lot of effort for the area. Kevin suggested that we pass on doing this. Moved by Lisa that the area not host the GSR Assembly; seconded by Todd. Vote: favor - 7, opposed - 0, abstentions - 7; motion passed (i.e., we will not host the assembly).

Treasurer's Report

[Secretary's note: October Treasurer's Report was not available for the minutes last month, so it is included here.]

10/7/2010

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1185.90	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7 th Tradition	\$15.59	\$ 0
Peace of Mind	\$10.00	\$ 0
Lakeville Basic Text	\$11.34	\$ 0
Step By Step	\$45.00	\$ 0
Ties that Bind Us	\$50.00	\$ 0
Woodbury Freebirds	\$73.00	\$ 0
NA Day	\$75.00	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$279.93	\$ 0

Cash out (-)		
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00	
TSASC - Phone Line (2 mo.)	-\$100.00	
MNRSC (Region)	-\$151.60	
Activities	-\$145.00	
Copies	-\$24.75	
Coffee Cups	-\$14.48	
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$465.83	
ENDING BALANCE:		\$1000.00

11/4/2010

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1000.00	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7 th Tradition	\$10.00	\$ 0
Peace of Mind	\$20.00	\$ 0
Lakeville Basic Text	\$59.01	\$ 0
Step By Step	\$62.62	\$ 0
Ties that Bind Us	\$41.25	\$ 0
Woodbury Freebirds	\$10.00	\$ 0
Never Alone	\$10.00	\$ 0
Addicts in Recovery	\$25.00	\$ 0
Midweek NA	\$37.00	\$ 0
Literature Sales	\$181.50	
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$456.38	\$ 0

Cash out (-)		
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00	
TSASC - Phone Line	\$0	
MNRSC (Region)	\$0	
Activities (Tim B.)	-\$85.00	
Copies (Kevin M.)	-\$16.39	
Coffee (Angie W.)	-\$18.96	
Literature + tax (UMSO)	-\$201.78	
Receipt book (Heather)	-\$3.69	
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$355.82	
ENDING BALANCE:		\$1100.56

Note: The UMSO payment shown here includes the following:
 \$181.50 (literature sold at November ASC meeting)
 + 13.43 (sales tax on \$181.50 - literature sold at November ASC meeting)
 + 6.85 (sales tax on \$92.00 - literature sold at October ASC meeting)
 \$201.78

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.