



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes September 2, 2010

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

Introductions: 23 members in attendance, with 1 newcomer.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Erica; 12 Traditions read by Nancy; 12 Concepts read by Matt.

Call for quorum: 15 voting members present.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Angie to approve the August, 2010 ASC minutes; seconded by James; vote: favor – 11; oppose – 0; abstentions – 0; 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	: 1-2	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

Step by Step	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Diane B.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 10	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$10.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	: Low attendance.	

<i>Never Alone</i>	<i>7:00pm Sunday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: Todd V.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 15-20	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1-2	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
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	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

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

<i>Ties That Bind Us</i>	<i>7:00pm Monday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: Nick	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 10-15	
Avg. Newcomers	: 3	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$30.00	
Scheduled Activities	: announced	
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	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

TNT: Tues. Nights Together		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Brent F.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15-20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	announced	
Concerns	:		

Addicts in Recovery		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Jamie R.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	Pass piggy bank for PIG donation.	
Concerns	:	Looking for sponsors & people with clean time.	

Midweek NA		7:00pm Wednesday	Stable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
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	:	Nancy M.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	6	
Avg. Newcomers	:	0	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	Meeting of the Month Sept. 16	
Concerns	:	Oct. 7 will move to Hope Community Church, 9623 162nd St. W, Lakeville	

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	:	25-30
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-4
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	\$20.00
Scheduled Activities	:	Roadside cleanup, Sat. 9/11, 9-11:30am; pass piggy bank for PIG donations
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	:	Garrett reported
Avg. Attendance	:	12
Avg. Newcomers	:	1
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

NA 101	7:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Matt T. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	announced
Concerns	:	

Lakeville Basic Text Study	9:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR :	Brian F.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance :	20-25	
Avg. Newcomers :	1-2	
H&I Activities :		
ASC Donation :	\$13.51	
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:
 - Night Out at Club SOS, 9/11/10
 - Day at Como Zoo, 9/25/10
 - Haunted House/Hayride, 10/30/10
- Concerns:
 - Continued funds for events (budget of \$110 for 2 separate events, already have \$30 from softball picnic 7th tradition).
 - GSRs, please spread the word at meetings about events - they are important for carrying the message to newcomers.

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

- Sent meeting lists to 3 jails; costs approx. \$5/institution just for printing due to size of Twin Cities meeting list.

Hospitals & Institutions: (Chair: Open; Matt reported)

- We no longer have a commitment at Cochran Recovery Center; however, they are bringing their clients to meetings in Hastings so the message is still being carried.
- Matt T. is the new contact for Dakota Co. Detox (number below).
- 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 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: Matt T. 651-304-0304

- 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: Inspirations at Lac Lavon Park in Burnsville at noon on Thursday, 9/16/10.

• **Concerns:**

- Northfield NA has re-opened and could use support.
- 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).

- Sept 18, 9pm: Party/PIG fundraiser at Langdon

• **Concerns:**

- Looking for new site (considering Isanti?), please contact Sage or Luke with ideas.
- Please volunteer for PIG positions.

Old Business

UMSO Move: Catie talked with Barb & Buddy K. from UMSO. Sabathni Center decided to stay open on Saturdays to keep UMSO there, so the office will not be moving anytime in the near future.

Literature Chair: Catie spoke with UMSO; they are willing to provide up to \$1000 worth of literature/supplies to the area so that area does not need to purchase a running inventory. Heather J. (who originally brought the idea of a literature chair to area) spoke on her willingness to take the literature chair position should it be approved by the area. Matt T. asked how the credit system would work; Heather stated that she had been attempting to reach Barb from UMSO to work out details but was unable to reach her before the meeting. Erica asked about Heather's clean time and experience handling NA funds; Heather stated that she has 6.5 years clean time and has held treasurer positions for meetings on 3 separate occasions. Heather also suggested that having area provide this service might increase participation by groups which have not been coming to area. Moved by Erica to have a literature chair position created by the area, seconded by Angie. Vote: support - 10, oppose - 1, abstentions - 3, motion passed.

Brent asked what the term should be for the literature chair position. Garrett suggested that there has been discussion about the need to revise the area bylaws (due to inconsistencies with the new PIG bylaws); that would be a good time to handle this. Tim expressed a concern that the area has not been able to fill the existing positions already defined in the bylaws.

Angie M. nominated Heather J. to be area literature chair; nomination seconded by Erica D. Brent expressed a concern that the area bylaws need to be changed first. Matt asked when the bylaws are going to be changed. Erica asked the area not to wait for a bylaws committee and vote process before moving forward. James stated that since the area does not need to put up any money for this effort he does not see a problem with it. Brent stated a concern that the area has a tendency to jump into things without thinking them through first; we should go through the bylaws process first. Heather expressed that we have already been discussing a literature chair position for 6 months, so we aren't just jumping in to it. Nick shared a concern that Heather had not been at the ASC meeting the past 2 months; Heather stated that she didn't attend those meetings because the discussion had been tabled. Vern shared similar concerns to Brent; he is also trying to get Area of Hope's literature chair to come to a SSFA ASC meeting to discuss the way that AOH has the position defined. Brian F. stated that Lakeville Basic Text has discussed the position at their business meeting and supports creating it. Mary stated that the vote has already been taken to create the position and it passed. Brent discussed the 2nd Tradition section from It Works How and Why, which states that spiritual values are never in conflict and that NA decisions should be made by group conscience, which should be obtained before proceeding. Nancy stated that we have been talking about changing bylaws for a long time; we need to be creating a solution instead of another problem. James stated that we voted to create the position, so we should go ahead with a vote on the nomination. Vote: support - 10, opposed - 1, abstentions - 3; nomination carried. Heather will bring literature to the next area meeting, groups can be ready to purchase then.

Bylaws: Brent suggested forming an ad-hoc committee to revise the area bylaws. James expressed willingness to chair such a committee. Brian and several other addicts expressed willingness to serve on a bylaws committee. Brent moved to create a bylaws committee; seconded by Brian. Vote: support - 14, opposed - 0, abstentions - 1, motion carried.

Garrett nominated James to be chair of the bylaws ad-hoc committee; seconded by Matt. Vote: support - 15, opposed - 0, abstentions - 0, nomination passed. Brent suggested that the committee meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month since there are no conflicting meetings then; James will contact First Presbyterian to see if the committee can meet at the church.

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.

New Business

1. Tim B.: Activities subcommittee needs \$110 total for 2 upcoming events: \$50 monthly copying allotment plus an additional \$60 for food and beverages for the picnic before going to the Como Zoo. He already has \$30 of this amount in 7th tradition raised at the last softball picnic, so he needs \$80 from area for this event. Angie stated that due to Steve H. (Treasurer) being unable to attend the area meeting, there isn't \$80 to give Tim from money available at the meeting; Tim said he would contact Steve after the meeting. Vote: support - 12, opposed - 0, abstentions - 1, expenditure approved.
2. Sage S.: A new location is needed to hold PIG in 2011; please talk to Sage if you have any ideas. Sage also gave a reminder of the PIG fundraiser being held Sept. 18 at Langdon.

Motion to close at 8:35 by Erica, seconded by Matt, meeting adjourned.

Co-Treasurer's Report

[Secretary's note: Treasurer Steve H. was unable to attend due to illness. Per action taken at August ASC meeting, Co-treasurer Angie M. was given \$500 to open an account, but she has not been able to do so yet because the bank wanted both her and Steve present to do so. The following report shows the transactions from the September meeting but does not include the balance on the Treasurer's account - which was \$1185.90 after the August meeting -- or the \$80 requested by the activities chair per New Business #1.]

9/2/2010

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$500.00	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7 th Tradition	\$13.00	\$ 0
Peace of Mind	\$20.00	\$ 0
Lakeville Basic Text	\$13.51	\$ 0
Step By Step	\$10.00	\$ 0
Ties that Bind Us	\$30.00	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$86.51	\$ 0

Cash out (-)		
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00	
Copies (Kevin M.)	-\$38.50	
Stamps (Garrett L.)	-\$18.01	
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$86.51	
ENDING BALANCE:		\$500.00