



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2011

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

Introductions: 25 members in attendance, with 2 newcomers.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Erica D.; 12 Traditions read by Melissa.; 12 Concepts read by Scott.

Call for quorum: 18 voting members present.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Erica D. to approve the November, 2010 ASC minutes; seconded by Rick; vote: favor – 12; oppose – 0; abstentions – 7; motion carried.

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

GSR Reports

Woodbury Freebirds	6:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: John K.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 25	
Avg. Newcomers	: 3	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

Step by Step	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Rick	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 10-15	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2-3	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	: \$38.20	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

<i>Never Alone</i>	<i>7:00pm Sunday</i>	<i>Unstable</i>
GSR	: Deanna	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 18-20	
Avg. Newcomers	: 4	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	: announced & flyers	
Concerns	:	

<i>Monday Night in The Grove</i>	<i>7:00pm Monday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: Joe C.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 15	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	: \$50.00	
Scheduled Activities	: Party Feb. 12 at Old Lagdon	
Concerns	: Turnover & open service position.	

<i>Monday Night Round Robin</i>	<i>7:00pm Monday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: Steve	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 10-15	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	: Seeking guidance on distractions of small children at closed meeting.	

<i>Ties That Bind Us</i>	<i>7:00pm Monday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: Chad F	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 20-25	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2-4	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
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	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$30.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	announced	
Concerns	:		

Addicts in Recovery		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Scott S.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	13-14	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$19.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	announced & flyers	
Concerns	:	Need male sponsors	

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	:	Meeting is closing.	

Inspirations		12:00pm Thursday	Unstable
GSR	:	Brian F. Reported	
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$31.00	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Concerns	:	Meeting has closed.	

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	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	announced & flyers	
Concerns	:	Need more male sponsors.	

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

Keep It Simple		9:00pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Concerns	:		

NA 101		7:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Jill (temp)	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15-20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	3-5	
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	: 2	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$18.00	
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)

- Region attempted to have an online meeting in December, was cancelled due to lack of voting members.

Activities: (Chair: Tim B.)

- Upcoming events:
 - Sat. Jan. 8, noon - Bowling at Mattee's, South St. Paul (\$11.99/person)
 - Sat. Jan. 22, 7pm - Dance at Club SOS, Oakdale (\$8/person)
 - Sat. Feb. 19, 10am - Water Park of America, Bloomington (\$15/person)
 - Sat. May 21, Horseback Riding, Carver at River Valley Stables (\$20/person)
- **Concerns:**
 - Lack of support for last event (snow tubing); need more support from GSRs.
 - Trouble getting insurance for events; is there a better way? [see New Business]

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

- Sent meeting lists, SSFA event flyers, and introductory letters (sent Attn: Program Manager) to treatment centers
- Printed new issue of newsletter
- Working on getting helpline & website listed on county community resource sheets.

Hospitals & Institutions: (Chair: Lisa F.)

- Concerns:
 - Dakota Co. Jail - contacting them to get more information on what they would like us to do.

Current H&I commitments:

- 2nd Tuesday of every month: Avalon Treatment (Eagan) 5:30-6:30pm
Contact: Todd V. 651-285-1789
- 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 “odd number” months: Journey Treatment, Farmington, 7-8pm

Contact: James M. 612-716-4449

- Every 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: Monday Night Round Robin on Jan. 17
- **Concerns:**
- Northfield NA has closed.
- Newsletter submissions – please send experience, strength & hope for newsletter, either via hardcopy or e-mail to ssfanews@naminnesota.org

PIG (Chair: Sage S.)

Current balance: \$2000

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

- New Year’s party at Old Langdon was a great success, more than 100 attended.
- Feb. 12 - party at Old Langdon, details forthcoming.
- **Concerns:**
 - Need more fundraisers (still \$2000 under prudent reserve).
 - Need volunteers.
 - Still looking for a location for PIG.

Literature (Chair: Heather J.)

- **Concerns:**
 - Please call before last Sat. of month with any special orders.
 - Sales tax for orders is 7.776%.

Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee (Chair: James M.)

- Meetings on Jan. 20, and Feb.17 (3rd Thursdays), 7pm at First Presbyterian Church; all are welcome.
- **Concerns:**
 - See old business.

Old Business

1. Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee: Should voting rights be restricted to GSRs?

John K. asked if subcommittee chairs would still be able to make motions if voting were restricted to GSRs; James stated that the Guide to Local Services (GTLS) states that anyone should be able to make a motion, but only voting members should be able to second a motion or vote. Garrett raised a concern that was sent in e-mail stating that we should follow the 12 Concepts, and that all members of the body should be able to

vote. Brent stated that his opinion is that the groups are the ultimate authority in NA, so the groups should be telling the committees what to do, not vice-versa. Melissa read the 7th Concept discussion from the 12 Concepts of NA Service. Catie stated that other nearby areas (Twin Cities Area and Area of Hope) restrict voting rights to GSRs. Erica stated that changing the voting rules would allow people to take on more responsibilities at the area level.

Vote: Favor - 10, Opposed - 1, Abstentions - 8; Bylaws committee will write the proposed bylaws with only GSRs having voting rights.

2. Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee: How should quorum be defined for ASC meetings?

Brent stated his group suggested having quorum be 2/3 of the average number of voting members in attendance at ASC meetings over the past year. John K. moved to have this be the suggested definition in the new bylaws; seconded by Brent.

Vote: Favor - 15, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 4; Bylaws committee will include this definition in the proposed bylaws.

3. Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee: What should be required for a motion to pass?

James stated that one group he attends proposed that a 2/3 vote of the voting members present at a meeting be required to pass a motion. Erica asked if this would work given the number of abstentions on most votes; Brent stated that most of the abstentions have been subcommittee chairs and officers (i.e., to let the GSRs make the decisions), so the number of abstentions should be much lower when voting rights are restricted to GSRs.

Vote: Favor - 14, Opposed - 1, Abstentions - 4; Bylaws committee will include a 2/3 vote requirement in the proposed bylaws.

4. Phone line check: The \$300 check previously made out to Twin Cities Area for the old phone line has been destroyed; Steve will withdraw this money from his old ASC checking account and get the money to Angie for it to be deposited into the current checking account.

Elections

- Melissa nominated Mary to be PIG Gate Co-Chair; motion seconded by Kevin. Mary discussed her willingness to serve and her NA experience (including being PIG Gate Chair in the past and working at the gate at each of the last several PIGs).

Vote: Favor - 15, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 4; nomination confirmed.

- Erica D. expressed willingness to serve as co-treasurer, as Angie (SSFA Treasurer) is her sponsor and she already works well with her. Erica stated that she will have 1 year of clean time in a few weeks. Lisa suggested holding off on this position, as the bylaws are currently under revision and the current draft shows a 2 year suggested clean time; Preston expressed agreement. Melissa stated her thoughts that if someone is willing and meets the requirements of the current bylaws they should be allowed to take the position. Scott moved to nominate Erica as co-treasurer, nomination seconded by Angie.

Vote: Favor - 4, Opposed - 8, Abstentions - 5, nomination not confirmed.

- Garrett nominated Kevin M. as Chair of the Public Relations Subcommittee, as Kevin has served as co-chair for several months and the current chair has not been attending ASC or subcommittee meetings. Kevin spoke on his willingness to serve. Nomination seconded by Erica D. Vote: Favor - 16, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 3; nomination confirmed.

Open Positions: Vice-Chair, RCMA, Co-Treasurer, Public Relations Subcommittee Co-Chair, PIG Co-chair, PIG Co-treasurer, PIG Merchandise Chair/Co-chair.

New Business

1. Tim B.: Having trouble getting area events on the insurance policy from UMSO. Catie spoke to Barb, who stated that she had received the event sheets but misplaced them; Catie asked Tim to call Barb and leave her the information on the events. Brent asked if the information could be e-mailed, which would make it less likely to be lost; Catie agreed to ask. James asked if we get any documentation that events are covered; Catie stated that we are supposed to receive copies of the insurance rider forms. Catie suggested bringing this issue up to region, since other areas may be having similar issues. Tim stated that he will call Barb again, and leave the information on her voicemail if he cannot get ahold of her.
2. Brian F.: Announced that the Thursday noon Inspirations meeting has closed.
3. Lisa F.: Reconsideration of vote on Activities Subcommittee money last month. Lisa stated that she had reservations about the vote last month to give the Activities Subcommittee an additional \$20/month budget for flyers (which she supported). James clarified that the Guide to Local Services allows any ASC member who supports a motion to ask for reconsideration. James moved to revisit the motion for the additional \$20/month to the Activities Subcommittee; seconded by Brian.
Vote to reconsider: Favor - 13, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 3.

Discussion: James noted that \$10 prints 100 flyers, so \$50 should allow 100 flyers for 5 events, which should be more than enough. John suggested using half-sheet flyers instead of full-sheet if the \$50 is not sufficient; he has designed half-page flyers for PIG fundraisers and that has worked out well. Erica agreed with using half-page flyers. Tim stated that most of the “overage” was due to having 2-3 months worth of events planned and then running out of flyers. Lisa stated that she thinks events are too expensive for many people to attend; Chad agreed, saying that it would cost \$95 to take his family to the water park event. Heather agreed that events cost too much and questioned whether having flyers 2-3 months in advance is cost effective. Steve suggested seeing if we can use the helpline to publicize events. Preston stated that most groups are announcing the events, so the number of flyers printed shouldn’t really affect awareness or turnout. Joe asked if the information is available online; Catie answered that Kevin posts information and flyers on the SSFA website. Moved by Brian to go back to a \$50 monthly budget for the Activities Subcommittee; seconded by Lisa.

Vote: Favor - 14, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 1; motion carried.

4. James M.: Literature subcommittee funding

James asked what is the possibility of area having to go below prudent reserve again in the future to pay for literature? Catie stated that the money spent last month was a start-up cost to build an inventory, and we shouldn't have to spend that much again. Brian asked if we are "caught up" with payments to the UMSO; Heather stated that we are, and that she now has a better idea of what the groups need so that she can maintain a better stock. Brent suggested that Heather might be able to use some help.

Treasurer's Report

1/6/2011

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$516.02	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7 th Tradition	\$15.00	\$ 0
TNT	\$30.00	\$ 0
Lakeville Basic Text	\$18.00	\$ 0
Monday Night in the Grove	\$50.00	\$ 0
Addicts in Recovery	\$19.00	\$ 0
Step By Step	\$38.20	\$ 0
Inspirations	\$31.00	\$ 0
Literature Sales	\$160.08	
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$361.28	\$ 0

Cash out (-)	
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00
TSASC - Phone Line	\$0
MNRSC (Region)	\$0
Activities (Tim B.)	-\$70.00
Copies (Kevin M.)	-\$24.06
Bank Bags&pencils (Angie W.)	-\$7.63
Literature + tax (UMSO)	-\$224.17
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$355.86
ENDING BALANCE:	\$521.44

Motion to adjourn by Preston. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.