



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2011

[Secretary's note: **THANK YOU** to Melissa W. for taking meeting notes in my absence! - Garrett]

Meeting opened at 7:03 PM by Area Chair, Catie O.

Introductions: 21 members in attendance, with no newcomers.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Alissa; 12 Traditions read by Joe; 12 Concepts read by Brad.

Call for quorum: 17 voting members present.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Melissa W. to approve the March, 2011 ASC minutes; seconded by Brian; vote: favor – 9; oppose – 1; abstentions – 2; motion carried.

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

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., West St. Paul, MN.

Region: (RCM: Melissa)

- Report will be submitted at next Area meeting.

Public Relations: (Chair: Kevin M.)

- Printed meeting lists
- Working on H&I flyer
- Working on persuading TCA H&I Events on meeting list
- Emails to counties to get onto their service lists

Hospitals & Institutions: (Chair: Lisa F.)

- CONCERNS:
 - Need more addicts to carry the message

Current H&I commitments:

Every Saturday: Dakota Co. Jail 1-2pm (Need pre-approval to participate, call contact for info.) Contact: Brent F. 651-276-6050
1 st Monday of every month: Haven in Shakopee 10:00am Contact: Brian F. 612-209-6358
1 st Thursday of every month: Cochran Recovery Program Contact: Jocelyn G.
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 S. 651-315-6007
4 th Monday of every month: Haven in Shakopee 7pm Contact: Lisa F. 952-688-3655
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 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: Never Alone on April 17th
- Area Newsletter is printed for groups
- More submissions needed
- **Concerns:**
 - Newsletter submissions – please send experience, strength & hope for newsletter, either via hardcopy or e-mail to ssfanews@naminnesota.org

Activities: (Chair: Tim B.)

- Upcoming events:
 - Sat. April 16, Taco Feed Extravaganza/Spades/Raffle \$5 admission
 - Sat. April 30, Bowling @ Mattie's in South Saint Paul \$7 admission (3 games + shoes)
 - Sat. May 7, Theme Park @ Nickelodeon Universe \$21 for all day for each child
 - Sat. May 21, Horseback riding @ River Valley Ranch in Carver \$20 (bring your lunch)
 - Sat. June 11, Club SOS Barbeque & Comedy/Dancing \$8 admission
 - Sat. June 25, Tubing at Welch Village \$15
- **Concerns & Needs**

- Raffle items needed for Taco Feed
- Co-Chair is needed to take on the Chair position in June

PIG (Chair: Sage S.)

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

- Sat. May 21, party @ Old Langdon
- **Concerns & Needs**
 - Dunk Tank will be \$100 – proposing to take it out due to lack of funds.

Literature (Chair: Heather J.)

- New order forms from USMO, still with incorrect sales tax
- Call or text orders to Heather – do not email
- Picks up material on Thursday before instead of Saturday

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

- No meetings scheduled pending the outcome of groups concerns
- After the vote tonight the final meeting will be decided from there

Group Concerns

[Note: written GSR reports are now at the end of the ASC minutes.]

- TNT needs female sponsors
- Addicts in Recovery needs male sponsors

Open Forum

1. James would like to take back to Region about how we have to sign onto get information from the NA website. Registration of the website is not a happy thing. In the past users were not requested to log on to see information in the website. Can't get into different areas information. Catie explained that the sign in information is protecting the fellowship from leaking information to the public. The front side is for professionals not members. Kevin commented that you should be able to get to everything without registering unless you want to get into minutes. Mary voiced her concerns that our address is .net instead of .org, Kevin stated that the website is currently being redirected.
2. Money was donated from NA Day from the Chili Feed and Angie is concerned if we should track the money through the treasurer at Area. Kevin stated that money should go through treasurer because it was received at area. Mary stated that it was discussed and voted on last year that money is to go straight to the PIG committee. James stated that donations should have been given at the PIG meeting not at Area. PIG would report to those funds to Area. Angie is going to pass the cash straight over to the PIG treasurer and not track it in the area notes. Catie found information from a previous meeting notes that says that money should go straight to PIG.
3. Melissa brought up the fact that literature has been going on for almost six months now and are we tracking anything. Do we think this is working? Heather commented that she felt it was working and she has been able fulfill most of the orders each month. Shane commented that it is very convenient because of the closer location. Brian commented that his small orders have not been filled because of big orders taking all of the merchandise. Melissa suggested passing around a blank order form for groups to fill out for the Heather to use for future orders.

Elections

- Brad is willing to take on the Activities Co-chair. He has had prior experience with activities.
Vote: Support – 16, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0, nomination accepted.

Open Positions: Vice-Chair, RCMA, Co-Treasurer, Public Relations Subcommittee Co-Chair, PIG Co-treasurer, PIG Concessions (pending PIG Bylaws change).

Old Business

1. By Laws – Rick mentioned his group didn't have the bylaws so they will be an abstention. James was concerned about the suggested clean time requirement. They might leave the door open to clean time.
Vote: Support – 12, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 3, Bylaws have passed.

Moving forward only GSR's can vote. Committee members can bring motions to the table but a GSR needs to second it.

New Business

1. Motion by Lisa. Title: H&I
Motion to donate 12 soft cover books for jail for H&I commitment. Financial impact would be \$144 and the intent is to carry the message.
Lisa made the motion, Brian seconded it.
Vote: Support – 14, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 2, motion passed.
2. Motion by Tim B. Title: Money for 2 activities. Financial impact would be \$371 for the following: \$135 for taco feed for food & supplies, \$15 pre-registration for PIG for spades winner, \$225 - \$150 for comedian for barbeque, \$75 for food & supplies, and \$11 for a basic text. We need to give the comedian \$75 to hold the date. There will be an \$8 registration for the event. The pre-registration is being waived because we do that several times before PIG. Tim stated that the comedian would take less and Angie asked how much less he would take. Tim stated that he might take \$125 instead of \$150. Tim stated that the last comedian's who did it last time was too foul mouthed and the other comedian wants 1/3 of the door. SOS is giving the fellowship back \$1 per person at the door. Intent is to carry the message to the newcomer that we can have fun in recovery. Melissa made a motion to amend the \$150 down to \$125. John seconded the amend. The total amount that will be given will be \$346 for the two events after the amendment.
Vote: Support – 8, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 7, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

[The April treasurer's report will be included with the May ASC meeting minutes.]

GSR Reports

Woodbury Freebirds		6:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	:	John K.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	25	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$100.00	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Concerns	:		

Step by Step		7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	:	Rick	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15-20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$35.00	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Concerns	:		

Never Alone		7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	:		NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Concerns	:		

Monday Night in The Grove		7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Joe C.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	22	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Concerns	:		

Monday Night Round Robin		7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Steve P.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	10-12	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Concerns	:		

<i>Ties That Bind Us</i>	<i>7:00pm Monday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: Chad	(Shane reported)
Avg. Attendance	: 20	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2-3	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$70.00	
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	:	

<i>TNT: Tues. Nights Together</i>	<i>7:00pm Tuesday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: Todd V.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 8-10	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1-2	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	: \$25.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	: Need female sponsors.	

<i>Addicts in Recovery</i>	<i>7:00pm Tuesday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: Scott S.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 12-15	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	: Need male sponsors.	

<i>Midweek NA</i>	<i>7:00pm Wednesday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: Peyton S.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 30	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

Gaylord Serenity Seekers		7:00pm Thursday	Stable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Concerns	:		

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	:	Alyssa H.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$31.95	
Scheduled Activities	:	Announced & flyers; piggy passed around.	
Concerns	:	All good	

NA Day		7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Vern B.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	25	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$529.84 (includes Chili Feed donation which goes directly to PIG)	
Scheduled Activities	:	Chili Feed	
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	:	NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
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	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	announced	
Concerns	:		