



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2011

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

Catie explained that we are trying a new meeting format proposed by the Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee, which is meant to help area meetings be more productive. The significant changes from the format we've been using are:

- Instead of passing around a sheet for New Business items, there is now a Motion Request form. Discussion items not related to motions (that were previously done during New Business) should be brought up during the new Open Forum section.
- No more oral GSR reports reading the report forms; replaced by a Group Concerns section. (Written GSR Reports should still be submitted and will be included in the minutes.)
- Subcommittee Reports now come early in the meeting (before Group Concerns).
- New Open Forum section of the meeting for discussing motion ideas, ideas and concerns about the area, etc., with time limit of being done by 8pm, followed by break.
- After break, Elections, Old Business, New Business, finishing with the Treasurer's Report.
- For discussion of motions during Old Business and New Business, the Chairperson recognize up to 3 people to present arguments in favor of the motion and 3 against.
- The new rules for voting membership and quorum in the proposed Bylaws will not take effect until the new Bylaws are adopted.

Introductions: 28 members in attendance, with 2 newcomers.

Readings: 12 Steps read by James M.; 12 Traditions read by Todd V.; 12 Concepts read by Alissa H.

Call for quorum: 19 voting members present.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Deanna to approve the November, 2010 ASC minutes; seconded by Rick; vote: favor – 13; oppose – 0; abstentions – 0; 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)

- Region meeting coming up.

Activities: (Chair: Tim B.)

- Upcoming events:
 - Sat. Feb. 19, 10am - Water Park of America
 - Sat. Mar. 5, Chili Feed
 - Sat. Mar. 19, Night of Comedy & Dancing
 - Sat. April 16, Taco Feed Extravaganza
- **Concerns & Needs:**
 - Soda for Taco Feed (on sale this week, \$30 for 12/12)
 - \$15 needed for Waterpark
 - Raffle items needed for Taco Feed
 - Help for Taco Feed

Public Relations: (Chair: Kevin M.)

- Made flyers for Activities Subcommittee
- Made meeting lists
- Going to send flyers/events to treatment facilities

Hospitals & Institutions: (Chair: Lisa F.)

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
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 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, Sunday, Feb. 20
- **Concerns:**
 - Newsletter submissions – please send experience, strength & hope for newsletter, either via hardcopy or e-mail to ssfanews@naminnesota.org

PIG (Chair: Sage S., not present due to illness; oral report given by committee members)

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

- Committee meeting went well, accomplished a lot.
- Feb. 12 – PIG fundraiser party at Old Langdon, 9pm.

Literature (Chair: Heather J.)

• **Concerns:**

- Heather will be on vacation at the time of the March ASC meeting; Melissa volunteered to handle literature sales at the meeting.

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

- Meeting on Feb.17 (3rd Thursday), 7pm at First Presbyterian Church; all are welcome.

Group Concerns

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

- Never Alone is looking for more male sponsors.
- Monday Night Round Robin is now a child-friendly meeting, so the group's entry in the meeting list needs to be updates. The group would like advice as to whether or not it should now be an "open" meeting to fit in with being child-friendly; the consensus of the discussion is that it would be a good idea to do so.
- TNT: Group is concerned that Area treasury is significantly below prudent reserve. [Further discussion below during Open Forum.]
- Peace of Mind: Group needs more male sponsors. Also, it is now an open meeting on the last Friday of the month, so the area meeting list needs to be changed.

Open Forum

1. Laurie M. from Gaylord Serenity Seekers announced that the group would like to join SSFA. They had problems with the area they previously belonged to, so they have not participated in any area for the last few years. The group feels a strong bond with SSFA due to interactions with the area during PIG, since the event has been held in Gaylord for the past several years. Catie also pointed out that the group's joining the SSFA would allow PIG to be held in Gaylord again this year without violating the PIG Bylaws passed last year; since the PIG committee hasn't been able to contact any campgrounds appropriate for the event, this would be helpful.
2. Brent F. asked for more discussion of TNT's concerns about the area being below prudent reserve. Catie stated that we just received \$300 from Steve H. for the check for the phone line written against the old checking account which was returned and cancelled; this should get us much closer to prudent reserve. Kyle W. asked why we are below prudent reserve; it is due to building up a literature stock for the Literature Subcommittee. Melissa asked what the area's prudent reserve is; it is \$1000. Kevin suggested that we need to do a reconciliation of the old and new bank accounts, since the bank statements show that the new account has more than \$1000. Brent asked if we really need prudent reserve to be that high; something like \$500 might be more appropriate, most groups try to make it about twice their actual monthly expenses. Brian suggested taking the idea back to the groups for discussion. Lisa stated that we would need to have an idea of the average monthly expenses for the area first. Kevin stated that from his experience he thinks \$1000 is about right; we might be able to go a little lower, but \$500 would be too low. Jocelyn and Tim both expressed concerns about area having enough funds to help out newly-formed groups. Preston suggested looking at cash out from the last several Treasurer's Reports to get an idea of how much the area spends. Scott stated that he hasn't heard any good reasons to change the prudent reserve from \$1000.

Elections

- No nominations made.

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

Old Business

1. Insurance for SSFA events: Catie reported that Barb found all of the missing paperwork, so everything has been resolved.

New Business

1. Motion by Laurie M. Title: For Gaylord Serenity Seekers to join SSFA.
Intent: Help with service work.
Financial Impact: None.
Discussion: There was some discussion as to whether the ASC even needs to vote on this, since groups have the right to join any area; however, decided to vote on the motion.
Vote: Support – 18, Oppose – 0, Abstentions – 0, motion passed.
2. Motion by Tim B. Title: Activities
Motion to give an additional \$45 to the Activities Subcommittee - \$30 for soda because it is currently on sale and will not be this low for a while; \$15 for one waterpark admission which will be recuperated (need one more person to meet minimum number of participants per the agreement with the water park).
Intent: Money for soda is for the Taco feed; money for the water park admission is because we guaranteed 20 admissions to get a \$6/person savings and 19 have paid to date.
Motion seconded by Rick.
Discussion: Preston asked if the money will be recovered; Tim stated that is the intent.
Vote: Support – 9, Oppose – 2, Abstentions – 4, motion passed

Discussion of new meeting format: Brent thought it went well. Mary suggested that the Open Forum be for a specific amount of time (like 30 minutes), not “until 8pm”; otherwise, it could be cut short if committee reports or group concerns take more time than usual. Jocelyn said she liked how it went.

Catie and Garrett are both going to be unavailable for the April ASC meeting. James volunteered to chair the meeting, and Melissa volunteered to take notes.

Treasurer's Report

2/3/2011

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$521.44	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7 th Tradition	\$11.01	\$ 0
Never Alone	\$10.52	\$ 0
Serenity Seekers	\$100.00	\$ 0
Monday Night Round Robin	\$30.00	\$ 0
Step By Step	\$30.00	\$ 0
Peace of Mind	\$75.00	\$ 0
Woodbury Freebirds	\$50.00	\$ 0
Steve H.-voided check/old acct.	\$300.00	
Literature Sales	\$171.93	
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$778.46	\$ 0

Cash out (-)		
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00	
MNRSC (Region)	\$0	
Activities (Tim B.)	-\$95.00	
Copies	-\$37.00	
Literature (UMSO)	-\$170.83	
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$332.83	
ENDING BALANCE:		\$967.07

Motion to adjourn by Jocelyn, seconded by John K. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

GSR Reports

Woodbury Freebirds	6:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: John K.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 16	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$50.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

Step by Step	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Rick	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 15	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1-2	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	: \$30.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

Never Alone		7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	:	Deanna	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20-25	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2-3	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$10.52	
Scheduled Activities	:	announced	
Concerns	:	Need male sponsors.	
Monday Night in The Grove		7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Joe C.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	Party Feb. 12 at Old Langdon, 9pm	
Concerns	:		

Monday Night Round Robin		7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Steve P.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	10	
Avg. Newcomers	:	0-1	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$30.00	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Concerns	:	We are proud to announce that we are now a child-friendly meeting; however, should we also change from "closed" to "open" meeting?	

Ties That Bind Us		7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Chad F	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20-25	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2-3	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
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	:	Area is below Prudent Reserve.	

Addicts in Recovery		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Scott S.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	12-13	
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:	handouts	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	none	
Concerns	:	Need sponsors.	

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

Gaylord Serenity Seekers		7:00pm Thursday	Stable
GSR	:	Laurie M.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$100.00	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Concerns	:	Group joined SSFA (see New Business).	

Young People in Recovery		7:00pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Concerns	:		

<i>Peace of Mind</i>	<i>7:30pm Friday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Alyssa H. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	\$70.00
Scheduled Activities	:	Announced & flyers; Pass piggy as PIG fundraiser at each meeting.
Concerns	:	Need more male sponsors; now an open meeting on last Friday of the month (change to area meeting list).

<i>NA Day</i>	<i>7:30pm Friday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Josie PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	25-30
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-3
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	Chili Feed March 5 th
Concerns	:	

<i>Keep It Simple</i>	<i>9:00pm Friday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	(Garrett reported)
Avg. Attendance	:	12
Avg. Newcomers	:	1
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

<i>NA 101</i>	<i>7:00pm Saturday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Will C. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15-20
Avg. Newcomers	:	2-3
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

<i>Lakeville Basic Text Study</i>	<i>9:00pm Saturday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Brian F. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20
Avg. Newcomers	:	2
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	announced
Concerns	:	Forgot ASC donation (\$10.10).