



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes June 2, 2011

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

Introductions: 18 members in attendance, with 1 newcomer.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Joe C.; 12 Traditions read by Raven; 12 Concepts read by Tim B.

Call for quorum: 10 voting members present (minimum for quorum is 7).

Approval of Minutes: Motion by John K. to approve the April, 2011 ASC minutes; seconded by Alyssa; vote: favor – 5; oppose – 0; 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)

- See attached MNRSC Report for June Area Meeting. [p. 9-10]

Activities: (Chair: Tim B.)

Upcoming events:

- Sat. June 11, Barbeque, Comedy, and Dancing
- Sat. June 25, Tubing @ Welch on Canon River, \$9/person, bring your own for BBQ

Concerns & Needs:

- \$ the upcoming 2 events, see New Business; no \$ needed for copies this month.

Public Relations: (Chair: Kevin M.)

Funds spent:

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| • Meeting Lists w/Tear Off (25): | \$2.50 |
| • Meeting Lists (40, double side): | \$4.00 |
| • H&I Commitment Lists (25, ream-cut): | \$2.50+\$1.09 |
| • Total: | \$10.81 |

Hospitals & Institutions: (Chair: Lisa F., Co-chair Brian F. reported)

- H&I Learning Day, Sat. June 4, 3pm-7pm
- **Concerns & Needs:**
 - Need \$150 for H&I Learning Day (see New Business).
 - Need more people to carry the message for H&I commitments; GSRs, please announce at meetings.

Current H&I commitments:

Every Saturday: Dakota Co. Jail 1-2pm (Need pre-approval to participate, call contact for info.) Contact: James M. 612-716-4449
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 Center Contact: Jocelyn G.
3rd Monday of every month: Haven Treatment Center (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 every other month: Journey Treatment, Farmington, 7-8pm Contact: Todd V. 651-285-1789
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: Hudson Hillside in Prospect Park, Hudson, WI at 7pm on Friday, June 17 (meeting formerly known as “Young People in Recovery”).

Concerns & Needs:

- Addicts to participate in the subcommittee meeting.
- Newsletter submissions – please send experience, strength & hope for newsletter, either via hardcopy or e-mail to ssfanews@naminnesota.org
- Need Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chair.

PIG (Chair: Sage S.)

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

Current PIG account balance is approx. \$3500-\$3700.

Concerns & Needs:

- Issues with tent. [Secretary’s note: Sage said the issues have been resolved since the ASC meeting, the tent and associated items are rented for PIG.]

Literature (Chair: Heather J.)

- Going well (except missing 1 IP this month).
- Please call Heather with a heads-up of items needed before the 4th Thursday (for meetings that hold business meetings after the last Thursday, please give a call with an estimate if possible).

Group Concerns & Announcements

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

None reported this month.

Open Forum

1. Melissa - Are people submitting financial information with committee reports?
Garrett stated that what's in the minutes is what has been submitted. Melissa asked if the Literature subcommittee is covered by the Treasurer's Report; Garrett said that the new bylaws state there should be an inventory report in addition to the report of money received & spent. Heather discussed her process; each month she gets a receipt from UMSO with the last month's check and a detailed order. Melissa stated that she thinks each subcommittee chair should submit a written report each month that's included in the minutes (it can be written, it doesn't have to be on a computer).
2. Catie O: Update on Inter City Unity Convention (ICUC)
ICUC has gone to the Twin Cities Area and asked to be a subcommittee of that area to be accountable to the fellowship. TC Area has not yet acted on this request.
3. Catie - Because the Treasurer isn't here (Angie is out of town), we'll have to hold off on paying rent and giving receipts until next month. (Mary M. is acting Treasurer for the meeting, but doesn't have the checkbook or receipt book.)

Elections

- Need new Outreach Subcommittee Co-chair.
- Melissa nominated Mary M. to be Co-Treasurer. Mary stated that she doesn't have a job, so she didn't think she's eligible. Garrett read the Treasurer and Co-Treasurer position descriptions from the bylaws, which require the person to be "financially stable" but do not state any requirement to be employed. Mary stated that her husband is employed and they are financially stable; she spoke on her willingness and service experience. Nomination seconded by John K.
Vote: Support – 7, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 2, nomination carried.

Open Positions: Vice-Chair, RCMA, Co-Secretary, Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chair, Public Relations Subcommittee Co-Chair, Literature Subcommittee Co-Chair, PIG Concessions Chair (new position).

Old Business

None.

New Business

1. Motion by Brian F. Title: Learning Day

Motion for SSFA to give \$100 towards H&I Learning Day.

Discussion: Twin Cities Area has donated \$50 (cash, already in hands of H&I subcommittee) and Area of Hope has donated \$50 (check, in the P.O. box) towards H&I Learning Day. H&I subcommittee would like an additional \$100 to insure there's enough money to buy sufficient food (pop, water, and pizza) if there is a large turnout; if there isn't, the unspent money will be returned to the area. James stated that in the past, each area has donated \$50, which was plenty, so that should be enough. Motion seconded by Steve P.

Vote: Support – 3, Oppose – 1, Abstentions – 5, motion failed.

Motion by Steve P. to give \$80 towards H&I Learning Day; motion seconded by Alyssa.

Vote: Support – 6, Opposed – 1, Abstentions – 2, motion carried.

[Secretary's note: H&I Subcommittee was given a total of \$130 cash: \$80 from this motion, plus \$50 for the check from AOH which hadn't been cashed yet.]

2. Motion by Tim B. Title: Tubing

Motion for \$65.00 for all the supplies for the tubing event: charcoal, lighter, hamburger, buns, potato salad, coleslaw, cheese, ice, plates, plasticware, and broiler pans. (Already purchased soda for this event.)

Discussion: Catie O. – we have a pavilion at the site.

Motion seconded by John K.

Vote: Support – 9, opposed – 0, abstentions – 0, motion passed.

3. Motion by Tim B. Title: Barbeque, Comedy, and Dancing

Motion asking for \$85 to cover remaining items for event: \$50 for comedian (Area committed to paying him \$125, he has received \$75 so far) and \$35 for supplies (due to Taco Feed going \$35 over budget in April).

Motion seconded by John K.

Vote: Support – 8, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 1, motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Brad, seconded by John K. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Treasurer's Report

6/2/2011

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2324.87	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7 th Tradition	\$12.01	\$ 0
Monday Night Round Robin	\$30.00	\$ 0
Peace of Mind	\$17.65	\$ 0
Lakeville Basic Text Study	\$30.00	\$ 0
NA Day	\$57.00	\$ 0
TNT	\$20.00	\$ 0
Step By Step	\$42.59	\$ 0
Literature Sales	\$179.14	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$388.39	\$ 0

Cash out (-)		
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$0.00	
MNRSC (Region)	\$0	
Activities (Tim B.)	-\$150.00	
Copies (Kevin M.)	-\$10.81	
Postage (Garrett)	-\$10.00	
Envelopes (Garrett)	-\$12.63	
H&I Learning Day	-\$130.00	
H&I Literature	-\$22.53	
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$335.97	
ENDING BALANCE:		\$2377.29

GSR Reports

Woodbury Freebirds	6:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: John K. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	: 18	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

Step by Step	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Brad	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 28	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2.3371	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	: \$42.59	
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	: 18	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

Monday Night Round Robin	7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	: Steve P.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 8-10	
Avg. Newcomers	: 0-1	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	: \$30.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

Ties That Bind Us	7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	: Shane K.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 10-20	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1-2	
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	:	Todd V.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	10-15	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$20.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	announced	
Concerns	:		

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

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	:	NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Concerns	:		

Hudson Hillside N.A.	7:00pm Friday	Stable
GSR	: Luke	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 6	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

Peace of Mind	7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	: Alyssa H.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 25	
Avg. Newcomers	: 3	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$17.65	
Scheduled Activities	: announced	
Other	: Piggy passed.	

NA Day	7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	: Raven A.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 30	
Avg. Newcomers	: 3/month	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	: \$57.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

Keep It Simple	9:00pm Friday	Stable
GSR	: Garrett rep.	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 8	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1	
H&I Activities	: announced	
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	:	2
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	\$30.00
Scheduled Activities	:	
Concerns	:	

MNRSC Report for June Area Meeting

Previous Business

In response to the inquiry as to what role I play at Region I've listed below the response I got from the Region Chair - Jeff S. We will be reviewing this topic as well at the August Regional meeting because our June agenda is already full. This is something that has been brought up at a couple different area meetings since new people have joined the FST team. Thank you for allowing me to be of service to South Suburban Fireside.

You would vote as a member of Narcotics Anonymous. Everyone who attends the RSC can vote. I expect everyone would vote for what's best for NA as a whole.

Your value as an RCM comes not from merely voting as anyone can vote. You're more than a "water carrier" for the ASC. Your value to SSF is that you bring solid two-way communication to the Area, and as their representative you can affect the agenda by making or seconding motions.

As an FST member, you are a driving force of service throughout the state of Minnesota. It's a different perspective than people are used to seeing, but I don't see any conflict of interest.

Jeff

Volunteer/Service Opportunities

Public Relations with Pride! - The Region is seeking a Project Manager to coordinate our Public Relations effort at the Twin Cities Pride Festival on Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26. This is a tremendous opportunity to get the NA message in front of 400,000 people in a single weekend. The Project Manager will be responsible for scheduling volunteers as well as getting volunteers to help set up/tear down our NA booth. Anyone interested in managing this incredible project is invited to send an email to info@naminnesota.org.

Helpline Orientations - Interested in getting involved in Service but just can't get off the sofa? Perfect!!! Please join us for one of the Helpline Orientations coming up in June. You'll learn how, from the comfort of your own home, you can provide a critical service helping members and prospective members find nearby meetings.

June 6, Monday, 2011 at 7:30 PM there will be a Helpline Orientation Conference Call to train new volunteers. Please dial this number (641) 715-3620 to enter the conference call. Then when prompted, enter the code 1041393#.

June 11, Saturday at the Sabathani Center in Minneapolis 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM You may have so much fun you'll stay for the Regional Service Conference beginning at noon.

June 19, 2011, Sunday, at 2:00 PM in Saint Cloud. St. Cloud Hospital 1406 Sixth Avenue North St. Cloud, MN 56303 held in the Spruce Room, Enter Door "F" and go down in the elevator to level "C".

Bridging the Gap - Addicts helping one another recover is the foundation of Narcotics Anonymous. The purpose of Bridging the Gap is to provide a “bridge” between Narcotics Anonymous meetings and treatment facility patients or those incarcerated upon the completion of their program or time served.

Volunteers are “bridges” to the NA fellowship. You meet the newly returning addict at a meeting where you'll introduce her/him to other addicts so s/he will gain a broad, healthy base for her/his recovery program.

Three ways you can sign up now to become a temporary contact in your hometown.

Email your contact information to: BridgingtheGap@naminnesota.org – go to www.naminnesota.org – Text TEMP CONTACT to 612-562-6609.