



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes September 1, 2011

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

Introductions: 20 members in attendance, with 1 newcomer.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Lisa F.; 12 Traditions read by Shane K.; 12 Concepts read by Erica D.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Todd to approve the August, 2011 ASC minutes; seconded by Mary; vote: favor – 7; oppose – 0; abstentions – 3; 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 the MNRSC Report for the September Area Meeting (which was distributed separately with the August ASC minutes). One correction: The Proposed Service Structure System workshop for the We Are Here Area is on Sept. 24 (not Sept. 17).

Activities: (Chair: Tim B.) [See Activities spending report on p. 9]

- Haunted 3D Experience, 10/29 – \$19/person (but if we can get 20 people, we get a \$2/person discount).
- \$13.11 spent on copies.
- Need money for refreshments (see New Business).

Public Relations: (Chair: Kevin M.)

- Chair not present.

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

- **Concerns & Needs:**
 - 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 Program (Hastings) Contact: Brent F. 651-276-6050
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: Don 952-686-3018
4th Thursday of every month: Dakota County Detox. 7-8pm Contact: Donnie 612-226-7528
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., Co-Chair Todd V.)

- Meeting of the Month: NA Day on Friday, September 16.
- We haven't published a newsletter in several months, we will as soon as there are enough submissions.

Concerns & Needs:

- Newsletter submissions – please send experience, strength & hope for newsletter, either via hardcopy or e-mail to ssfanews@naminnesota.org
- James will be stepping down next month as it's the end of his term. Todd is planning to step up from co-chair to chair, so we will need a new co-chair.

PIG (Chair Brad)**Concerns & Needs:**

- Please discuss at groups and bring back:
 1. 3 things you didn't like about PIG
 2. 3 things you liked about PIG
 3. 3 things you would like to see at the next PIG.
- Submissions for logo/slogan are due by 12/1/11.

Literature (Chair: Heather J.)

- Order forms are available online with the minutes, please print them. [Garrett will have some at the ASC meeting.]
- Please fill out forms before the ASC meeting; include the group name and name of the person paying.
- 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.]

- Never Alone – listed at the old location (Hope Community Church) on the area website. [Melissa stated that she just updated the region info based on what's on our meeting list, which should resolve the problem.]
- Monday Night in the Grove – Inconsistent attendance and high turnover.

Open Forum

1. Melissa stated that her term is up and she is stepping down, so we need a new RCM.
2. Lisa asked about the Fellowship Services Team. Melissa described the team as a group of people who do things “behind the scenes” at the region level; the group meets by conference call during the opposite months from region meetings.
3. James asked for some more information about the \$3000 UMSO request that was rejected by region. Melissa said that it was a last-minute proposal due to region having extra money which it is donating to world, and that it wasn't well presented. The intent was to get some additional support for UMSO to assist with expenses. The motion raised a number of concerns by RCMs, and failed by a vote of 6 to 7.
4. Tim pointed out that in order to get the discount for the Haunting 3D Experience event, everyone has to go in together. There will be a social hour from 6-7pm with refreshments provided, meet across from the ticket booth.

Elections

- H&I Chair: Brian nominated Lisa to be H&I Chair for another 1 year term; Lisa expressed willingness to continue in the position. Nomination was seconded by Shane. Vote: Support – 9, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 1, nomination accepted.
- PIG Concessions Chair: Brad nominated Erica as PIG Concessions Chair. Erica currently has 19 months of clean time, so she will have over 2 years by the time PIG takes place. Lisa expressed concerns that the PIG Bylaws suggest 3 years of clean time for the position, and we as an area have made a habit of ignoring clean time suggestions (which are there for a reason). Mary stated that the 3 year suggesting makes sense for some positions, but not all of the ones currently with that amount. Erica stated that she worked concessions for most of the weekend at the last PIG, maintaining accountability to the PIG Treasurer throughout the weekend, and would do so again; she also has a Sam's Club membership, which would help with purchasing necessary food/supplies. Garrett suggested that the PIG Bylaws are supposed to be reviewed and revised after the event, so it would be a good idea

to propose and vote on changes first. Brad withdrew the nomination pending bylaws changes. Several members expressed concerns that the clean time requirements in the bylaws are too strict and prevent people from taking service positions; others stated that the requirements have been put in place in response to past problems.

- **PIG Bylaws Revision Subcommittee:** Discussed creation of a new ad-hoc subcommittee for revising the PIG Bylaws, and determined that it is not necessary to form a separate ad-hoc subcommittee to do so. The PIG Committee will propose revisions to the PIG Bylaws, which can then be voted on through the process already outlined (requiring the changes to go back to the groups for consideration and then requiring a two-thirds vote of GSRs present at the subsequent ASC meeting).
- **Outreach Chair:** Todd will soon meet the clean time requirement, so we will hold off on this nomination. Steve asked what the Outreach Subcommittee does; James stated that there is a manual describing how the subcommittee works, but it's primary purpose is to support meetings in the area, especially those which might be isolated or struggling.

Open Positions: Vice-Chair, RCM, RCMA, Co-Secretary, Activities Subcommittee Chair/Co-Chair, Public Relations Subcommittee Co-Chair, PIG Co-Chair, and Literature Subcommittee Co-Chair.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Motion by Brian. Title: New coffee pot.

The last couple times we have tried to use the coffee pot at the church it did not work; with winter coming, we need coffee.

Financial impact: unknown

Motion seconded by Shane.

Discussion: James stated that he has a coffee pot which he will try out and donate if it works.

Melissa also volunteered to do some research and look at prices.

Motion tabled until next ASC meeting.

Motion by Tim B. Title: Money for Haunted 3D Experience.

Tim would like to get \$45 to purchase refreshments for the event: cookies, chips, and apple cider.

Motion seconded by Debbie.

Vote: Support – 9, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 1, motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Lisa, seconded by Todd. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Treasurer's Report

9/1/2011

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2545.18	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7 th Tradition	\$12.00	\$ 0
Ties That Bind Us	\$34.00	\$ 0
Peace of Mind	\$9.65	\$ 0
Never Alone	\$10.00	\$ 0
NA Day	\$34.46	\$ 0
Sat. Night Basic Text	\$18.00	\$ 0
Step By Step	\$54.50	\$ 0
Literature Sales	\$223.42	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$396.03	\$ 0

Cash out (-)		
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00	
MNRSC (Region)	\$0	
Activities (Tim B.)	-\$58.11	
Copies (Kevin M.)	-\$16.61	
H&I Literature	-\$21.81	
Literature (UMSO)	-\$233.14	
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$359.67	
ENDING BALANCE:		\$2581.91

GSR Reports

Woodbury Freebirds	6:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: John K.	(Garrett reported)
Avg. Attendance	: 20-25	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2-3	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Step by Step	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Brad	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 15-20	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1-2	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$54.50	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

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

<i>Monday Night in The Grove</i>	<i>7:00pm Monday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: Joe C.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 12	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

<i>Monday Night Round Robin</i>	<i>7:00pm Monday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: Paul S.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 15	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

<i>Ties That Bind Us</i>	<i>7:00pm Monday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: Shane K.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 10-20	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1-2	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$35.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

<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	:	
Other	:	

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

Addicts in Recovery		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Zoë L.	(Mary M – sub)
Avg. Attendance	:	25	
Avg. Newcomers	:	3	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

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

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

Hudson Hillside N.A.		7:00pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

<i>Peace of Mind</i>	<i>7:30pm Friday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Debbie G. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	30
Avg. Newcomers	:	4
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	\$10.00
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

<i>NA Day</i>	<i>7:30pm Friday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Raven A. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	28
Avg. Newcomers	:	3
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	\$34.46
Scheduled Activities	:	announced
Other	:	

<i>Keep It Simple</i>	<i>9:00pm Friday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

<i>NA 101</i>	<i>7:00pm Saturday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Jill PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	10-15
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	announced
Other	:	

<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	:	
ASC Donation	:	\$18.00
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	