



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes November 3, 2011

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

Introductions: 25 members in attendance, with 1 newcomer.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Erica D.; 12 Traditions read by Zoe L.; 12 Concepts read by Joe C.

Call for quorum: 11 voting members present (minimum for quorum is 7). With 11 voting members present, motions at this meeting require 7 votes in support to pass.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Brad S. to approve the September, 2011 ASC minutes; seconded by John K.; vote: Support – 9; Opposed – 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: open)

Activities: (Chair: open [see Elections])

Public Relations: (Chair: Kevin M.)

- Printed newsletters and mailing lists.
- Kevin's term is technically up; anyone interested, please step up!

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

- **Concerns & Needs:**
 - Would like more volunteers to help with H&I commitments; GSRs, please announce at meetings.

Current H&I commitments:

Every Saturday: Dakota Co. Jail 1:00pm (Need pre-approval to participate, call contact for info.) Contact: James M. 612-716-4449
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1 st Monday of every month: Haven Treatment (Shakopee) 10:00am Contact: Brian F. 612-209-6358
1 st Thursday of every month: Cochran Recovery Program (Hastings) 7:00pm Contact: Matt 651-304-0304
4 th Monday of every month: Haven Treatment (Shakopee) 6:00pm Contact: Lisa F. 952-451-1161
4 th Thursday of every month: Dakota County Detox. 7:00pm Contact: Donnie 612-226-7528
Last Monday of every other month: Journey Treatment (Farmington), 7:00pm Contact: Todd V. 651-285-1789
Every 3 months: Haven Treatment (Woodbury) – adult program (Please call contact for exact date and time) Contact: Garrett L. 763-360-8151

Outreach: (Chair: Todd V.)

- Meeting of the Month: November 21, Monday Nite in the Grove in Cottage Grove.

Concerns & Needs:

- Newsletter submissions – please send experience, strength & hope for newsletter, either via hardcopy or e-mail to ssfanews@naminnesota.org
- Please help support Monday Nite in the Grove (Mondays at 7pm) and Keep It Simple (Fridays at 9pm); both of these meetings could use support, and meet at the Old Langdon Schoolhouse in Cottage Grove.

PIG (Chair Brad)

- **Current balance:** \$1780.17 + recent donations.
- Placed \$500 deposit to hold the campground.
- The committee voted to change the PIG admissions to: \$25 weekend pre-registration, \$35 weekend after pre-registration (i.e., at the gate), \$20/day at the gate.
- **Concerns & Needs:**
 - Will be working on revising the PIG Bylaws at the December meeting, which will then be sent to the area for approval. Please attend this meeting if there are any changes you would like to see.

Literature (Chair: Heather J.)

- We normally stock medallions up to 10 years; for longer ones, please contact Heather in advance.
- 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.]

- Peace of Mind:
 1. Group needs more male sponsors.
 2. Would like to pass money from Area to PIG and/or Region.

Open Forum

1. Debbie G. - Peace of Mind would like area to pass along a donation to either PIG or region. Area is almost \$2000 over prudent reserve. Brad stated that PIG is about \$2000 under prudent reserve. Joe C. suggested making a donation to PIG to help build support with the move to the new site. Brad stated that the campground wants to build a long-term relationship with us for the future of the event; they are excited too. Tim stated that most of the funds should flow up to region, or split it 50%-50%. Erica asked if area needs to keep anything above the prudent reserve; Kyle stated that the \$1000 figure was chosen to have extra money in case PIG has problems. Joe asked what PIG's prudent reserve is and how the new campground affects that; Brad stated that the \$4000 amount was for the old campground. The campground rent in Gaylord was lower, but there were additional costs (dumpsters & porta-potties), so it's about the same. The campground rent includes 100 campsites, additional ones are \$20/site. We will not need to lay out too much more cash until closer to PIG, as the campground rent doesn't need to be paid until the end of the event. In general, we are in better shape than we were last year at this time. James suggested changing the wording of the PIG bylaws, since they are confusing as to what is meant by "prudent reserve" vs. "working capital", and the amounts. Brad stated that it might be premature to do so, since we don't know how it is all going to work with the new campground.
2. Melissa is making a motion to donate funds to support the UMSO, since we use them to obtain literature. Brad stated that he would rather see funds donated to UMSO or world than region until the current political situation changes. Melissa stated that region wants groups to donate some of our funds to world directly so all facets of the fellowship are supported. John stated that his understanding was that area allocates funds upwards. Garrett stated that other places in the fellowship donate directly to both levels. Melissa stated that region just made a \$10,000 donation to world because they were that far over their prudent reserve. Heather asked for clarification that UMSO could use funds; Melissa explained that UMSO purchased a large order to stock up before world raised their prices, so they have a shortage of cash at the moment. Heather stated that groups going to UMSO normally donate directly, but we haven't done so as an area. Tim stated that he thought it is more complicated to send money to both places. Melissa stated that UMSO is a non-profit, self-supported entity; they make money on specialty items, but all normal literature is sold at cost. Kevin stated he thinks that at this time PIG needs the money more than UMSO or region. Shane stated he thinks he should go back to his group and ask for group conscience on where to put the money. John stated that PIG funnels it's profits back to area, so if they need money, they should get it first.
3. Catie O: Announced that her term as area chair is up, and there is no vice-chair, so we will need to elect someone as area chair next month.
4. Melissa: Please sign up for the Bridging the Gap program, so that suffering addicts have an easier time coming in to the fellowship. Sign up by texting 612-562-6609, or my e-mail to bridgingthegap@naminnesota.org.

Elections

- Brian nominated James as Vice-Chair. James stated that he isn't willing to do so at this time due to needing a sponsor.
- Garrett expressed willingness to become Area Chair after Catie steps down next month; his term as Secretary is up and Melissa will be ready to take over this responsibility.
- Angie nominated Erica D. as Vice-Chair. Erica stated that she is willing to hold the position, assuming that someone else is Area Chair for the coming year. She has held several positions at the group level, along with helping out at PIG, and is a sponsor. She currently has a sponsor. Nomination seconded by Zoë.
Vote: Support – 10, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 1, nomination accepted.
- James nominated Rick as Activities Subcommittee Chair; nomination seconded by Brad. Rick stated that he is willing to take on the position.
Vote: Support – 10, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 1, nomination accepted.

Open Positions: Area Chair, RCM, RCMA, Activities Subcommittee Co-Chair, Public Relations Subcommittee Co-Chair, Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chair, PIG Co-Chair, and Literature Subcommittee Co-Chair.

Old Business

None.

New Business

1. Motion by Debbie G. to donate money from the Area to PIG and/or Region.
2. Motion by Melissa to donate money from the Area to UMSO.

Nick asked about the UMSO being closed on Thursday and whether that is related to funds. Melissa stated that only the Thursday afternoon shift closed due to lack of volunteers at that time; the Thursday evening one is still open.

Several people suggested taking it back to the groups. James and Zoë stated that the groups grant authority to the GSRs to make this decision.

Erica stated that we have the authority to do so for region and PIG, but would groups expect us to give money to UMSO? Should that question go back to the groups? Heather re-iterated that literature sales at the area usually have money "rounded up" which really turns out to be a donation to area; that would suggest groups are willing to donate to UMSO. James would like to suggest \$1500 to PIG and \$490.83 to UMSO; since region just sent \$10,000 to world they don't currently need money. John agreed with James' suggested donation amounts.

Zoë moved to combine and amend the 2 motions to a single motion: Area should donate \$1500 to PIG, and the remainder over prudent reserve (\$490.83) to UMSO. Motion seconded by Debbie.

Vote: Support – 10, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 1, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Lisa, seconded by Zoë. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Treasurer's Report

[Note: Angie wasn't present, so Mary M. was filling in as Co-Treasurer. Since Mary did not have the checkbook, the checks for the PIG and UMSO donations will be on next month's report.]

10/6/2011

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2990.83	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7 th Tradition	\$14.00	\$ 0
Ties That Bind Us	\$27.00	\$ 0
NA 101	\$10.00	\$ 0
Step By Step	\$62.53	\$ 0
Literature Sales	\$268.80	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$382.33	\$ 0

Cash out (-)		
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00	
MNRSC (Region)	\$0	
Copies (Kevin M.)	-\$19.81	
Stamps (Garrett)	-\$34.40	
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$84.21	
ENDING BALANCE:		\$3288.95

GSR Reports

Woodbury Freebirds	6:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: John K.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 20	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1-2	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Step by Step	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Brad	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 20	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1-2	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	: \$62.53	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

<i>Never Alone</i>	<i>7:00pm Sunday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	: Nick P.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 15	
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	: 7 (varies greatly)	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	: Attendance is low at times.	

<i>Monday Night Round Robin</i>	<i>7:00pm Monday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
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	: \$27.00	
Scheduled Activities	: announced	
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	:	2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	announced	
Other	:		

Addicts in Recovery		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Zoë L.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	3	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	announced	
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	:	25
Avg. Newcomers	:	4
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

<i>NA Day</i>	<i>7:30pm Friday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Raven A. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	28
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	None (funds are going to Chili Feed)
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	:	15
Avg. Newcomers	:	2
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	\$10.00
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	:	1-2
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	