



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes August 4, 2011

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

Introductions: 21 members in attendance, with 1 newcomer.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Brad; 12 Traditions read by John K.; 12 Concepts read by Zoë.

Call for quorum: 11 voting members present (minimum for quorum is 7).

Approval of Minutes: Todd made a correction to the July ASC minutes: the minutes incorrectly stated that he has over 2 years of clean time, he actually has slightly under 2 years of clean time. Motion by Shane to approve the corrected July, 2011 ASC minutes; seconded by Brian F.; vote: favor – 11; 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)

Melissa plans to take the following SSFA concerns to the August Region meeting:

1. How is separating areas by counties promoting NA unity?
2. How will "renaming" our Area & Region meetings help to get more people to do service?
3. Talk with the Regional Delegate about doing training on the Service Structure revisions.
4. Submit letter from Kris B. about H&I at the Shakopee Women's prison.

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

- Tubing: August 20 at 11am.
- Concerns:
 - Need a new chair, Tim has too much going on personally and will not be able to continue as Activities Chair.
 - Need money for tubing event [see New Business].

Public Relations: (Chair: Kevin M.)

- Printed regular meeting list and tear-off meeting list.
- Kevin missed the subcommittee meeting due to illness.

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 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., Co-Chair Todd V.)

- Meeting of the Month: Midweek NA on Wednesday, August 17.

Concerns & Needs:

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

PIG (Chair: Sage S., Co-chair Dylan R.)

- Chair/co-chair not present. [See Open Forum item 3 for a report from the PIG committee meeting.]

Literature (Chair: Heather J.)

- Have new price sheets. Keytags and IPs went up. New price list states sales tax as 7.7%, so we'll go with that for the future.
- Wallet cards haven't been available, but there are \$2 Introduction to NA books which have the same info plus many of the IPs.

- Melissa suggested scanning a copy of the order form and including it with the minutes each 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.]

- Step by Step: Concerned that Region has overstepped their authority with the project-based programs, that Region is becoming a governing body instead of a service body, and that Region is dictating to the groups.
- Peace of Mind: Would like more knowledge on Region & World boundaries and need contact info.
- Basic Text: World changes to Areas; Region trying to govern us.

Open Forum

1. Melissa asked for more information about the concerns raised by the groups with regards to what has been discussed at Area with respect to the proposed service structure changes.
2. Lisa - has a letter from an addict who was at Shakopee prison stating concerns that NA is no longer coming there. [Secretary's note: the letter is copied below on p. 10.] When we take on commitments it's extremely important to follow through on them. Bridging the Gap is great, but what about the addicts who have no way to get to a meeting - shouldn't we concentrate on them? H&I is having problems getting people to fulfill commitments. Angie stated that a while back she signed up on 3 different H&I lists, but never got a call back; she suggested having a more coordinated way of handling this. Todd stated that he always announces that H&I needs people and asks people to contact the panel leaders on the H&I commitment lists. Melissa stated that if someone fills out the volunteer form on region website and that person is from SSFA, a monthly e-mail is sent to the SSFA info e-mail address with that info (which is automatically sent to area trusted servants). Catie mentioned that at an H&I subcommittee meeting we discussed AOH & SSFA H&I are working together; and a new H&I chair was just elected in TC area. Melissa stated that H&I can be a "metro"-level committee, which might help. Lisa stated that SSFA H&I has pitched in by taking a commitment from another area, but at the last commitment only had 2 of the 5 people who had agreed to go actually show up.
3. Catie gave a report from the PIG meeting. Tent and porta-potties haven't been paid yet as we haven't yet received an invoice. After everything is paid, will have a little over \$2000 left (which is about \$500 more than PIG started with this year). We also have a person who wants to step up as PIG Chair and PIG Treasurer, along with co-chairs moving up. Discussed moving the site; 3 people are looking into campgrounds, and have called 8 to 12 different campgrounds and none of them look like it would work. Still thinking about moving due to the lake (swimming) situation and lack of showers at the campground in Gaylord. Mary stated that the dunk tank safety issues were talked about, and it was stated that the bylaws need to be changed. Garrett suggested getting all of the PIG bylaws changes done at once (including the new PIG Concessions Chair description).
4. Melissa noted that we have lots of area positions coming up for change in the next 6 months; please talk to people about the possibility of doing service at the area level.

Elections

- PIG Chair: Brad expressed willingness to step up as PIG Chair, but he has 23 months of clean time, so area would need area to wave the clean time requirement. Joe asked if there is urgency to fill the position; Mary stated that there should already have been a co-chair trained already, but the co-chair from last year was elected 2 months before PIG and then never showed up for meetings. Brad stated that he has worked with PIG and other NA campouts. Brian nominated that Brad be PIG chair, with clean time requirement waived; nomination seconded by Mary. Vote: Favor - 8, Opposed - 0, Abstentions – 3, nomination approved.
- PIG Treasurer: Brad nominated Melissa as PIG Treasurer; nomination seconded by Lisa. Melissa stated that she meets the clean time requirements, is willing and is financially stable. Vote: Favor - 10, Opposed - 0, Abstentions – 1, nomination approved.
- PIG Gate Chair: Debbie nominated Mary as PIG Gate Chair, nomination seconded by Lisa. Vote : Favor - 10, opposed - 0, abstentions – 1, nomination approved.

Open Positions: Vice-Chair, 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 Tim B. Title: Money for tubing.

Need \$70 for food and supplies for tubing event: hamburgers, potato salad, cole slaw, water, pop, etc.

Motion seconded by Debbie.

Vote: Support – 11, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0, motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Todd, seconded by John K. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Treasurer's Report

8/4/2011

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2503.55	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7 th Tradition	\$10.00	\$ 0
Ties That Bind Us	\$10.00	\$ 0
Peace of Mind	\$20.00	\$ 0
NA 101	\$10.00	\$ 0
NA Day	\$43.71	\$ 0
Sat. Night Basic Text	\$5.00	\$ 0
Woodbury Freebirds	\$25.00	\$ 0
Literature Sales	\$335.59	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$459.30	\$ 0

Cash out (-)		
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00	
MNRSC (Region)	\$0	
Activities (Tim B.)	-\$70.00	
Copies (Kevin M.)	-\$24.64	
Stamps (Garrett)	-\$25.60	
Literature (UMSO)	-\$267.43	
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$417.67	
ENDING BALANCE:		\$2545.18

GSR Reports

Woodbury Freebirds	6:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: John K.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 25-30	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2-3	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$25.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

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

<i>Never Alone</i>	<i>7:00pm Sunday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
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	:	15
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	:	14
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	:	\$10.00
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	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
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	:	5	
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	:	18
Avg. Newcomers	:	3
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	\$20.00
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

<i>NA Day</i>	<i>7:30pm Friday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Raven A. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	23
Avg. Newcomers	:	1
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	\$43.71
Scheduled Activities	:	
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	:	20-25
Avg. Newcomers	:	2-3
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
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	\$5.00
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Activities Subcommittee Spending

July 11
in - \$25.00

OfficeMax 7/19/11 - 4.89
7/29/11 - 1.92
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998100000139 \$4.50
FS B&W LTR SS 24#Wh/3H
45 @ \$0.10 **LX**
998100000139 \$0.10
FS B&W LTR SS 24#Wh/3H
SubTotal \$4.60
Tax 7.125% \$0.33
TOTAL \$4.93
Cash \$5.00
Change \$0.07

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Offi- SALE

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FS B&W LTR SS 24#Wh/3H
18 @ \$0.10
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Tax 7.125% \$0.12
TOTAL \$1.92
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H&I Letter

TO Whom it May Concern:

My Name is Candy I am a recovering addict and alcoholic. I was recently at Shakopee's women's prison.

I was there from Feb. 14th to June 7th there wasn't even one NA meeting for General population that whole time.

It is hard in prison for a recovering addict I did attend the once a week AA meeting which was always consistent. But the NA volunteers never showed up.

There are a lot of women who need the NA meetings I needed them and it felt like people didn't care.

My hope in writing this letter is so the 'right people' can help make a change, and find people committed to carrying the message to the ladies in prison. I am no longer there but I hope someone can help the other women there.

Thank you to all who put effort in helping make this change.

Sincerely
Candy