



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes December 6, 2012

Meeting opened at 7:02 PM by Area Chair, Garrett.

Introductions: 27 members in attendance, with four newcomers.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Erik; 12 Traditions read by Ian; 12 Concepts read by Mary.

Call for quorum: 14 voting members present (minimum for quorum is 7). With 14 voting members present, motions at this meeting require 8 votes in support to pass.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mike to approve the November 2012 ASC minutes; seconded by Shane. Vote: Support – 9; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 1; 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.

Vice-Chair (Erica)

- We will address the vote later

Region (RCM: Catie)

- Not present

Activities (Chair: Rick)

- We have \$735.38 proceeds from the taco feed. \$400 back to the area, 10% (\$75) for the church and the rest goes to MNNAC.

Public Relations (Chair: Open)

- January 12th Public Relations Learning Day from 11am - 5pm at the First Presbyterian Church located at 535 20th Avenue North, South Saint Paul

Hospitals & Institutions (Chair: Brian F)

- We need a co-chair because his term is going to be up in a couple of months.
- PI Learning Day on January 12
- Commitments flyers were passed out, please bring them to your meeting
- **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
1 st Monday of every month: Haven Treatment (Shakopee) 10:00am Contact: Lisa F. 952-451-1161
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: Brian F. 612-209-6358
4 th Thursday of every month: Dakota County Detox. 7:00pm Contact: Beth 612-807-8637
Last Wednesday of every even 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: December 15th in Lakeville Basic Text at 9:00pm
- Need submissions for the newsletter, either online or sent to area - haven't had one in a while. Please GSR's bring that to your groups.
- Please announce at every meeting so we can get more attendance.

PIG (Chair: Brad)

- \$2696.78 current balance, no money spent in awhile.
- We are going to have a fundraiser on Feb 9th at South St. Paul First Presbyterian Church. \$5 at the door, flyers out next month.
- Please submit your logos & slogans to pigsurvey@gmail.com or you can text them to Brad's phone, which is on the meeting list.
- Bylaws will be voted on during old business.

Literature (Chair: Mike S.)

- If you've given more money than needed to pay for your order it will be donated to the area.

Group Concerns & Announcements

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

1. Monday Night Round Robin – low attendance, a lot of service positions are available

Open Forum

1. Brian has H&I meeting lists and commitment lists for the taking.
2. Rick shared that Monday Night Round Robin really does need help.
3. James talked about having more local activities so he looked up Buck Hill sledding fees. There is a place called Trap Farm in Eagan which is more reasonable, group rate for \$105/ for two hour period. We would pay the day of the event?? It would be refundable up to five days before the event. We

could bring whatever we wanted into the event. Matt brought up Badlands in Hudson, WI and the hills there are really awesome and you can snowboard there.

4. Rick was asked about the comedy night again. He is going to meet up with David on Sunday to talk more about it. He will have more information at the next area meeting.
5. Catie wanted everyone to know that she is celebrating her birthday at Red Lobster tonight and will be attending the regional meeting this Saturday.
6. Mike wanted to know what the bylaws stated about missing area meetings you lose your position. Garrett looked up the bylaws and it states in Sec 1.3.1 "An Area Trusted Servant can be removed for cause by a two-thirds vote of the quorum (see 1.4.1, Voting Rights and Quorum). An Area Trusted Servant missing two consecutive meetings without cause or prior notification shall result in the Area Chairperson placing an agenda item for discussion of possible removal of that Trusted Servant during the Elections portion of the ASC meeting. (GSRs are not Area Trusted Servants, and cannot be removed by an ASC vote.)"
7. Melissa shared that this is her last month as secretary and we will need to vote in a replacement.
8. Rick discussed that he gave the area back the \$400 and they have \$335.48 left and would like to give the church 10% (\$75) of the whole proceeds and the rest to MNNAC (\$260.48). Matt asked if the church asks for money and Rick shared that the chili feed donates money. Kris stated that because of the seventh tradition we should donate. Garrett thanked everyone who helped make the event such a great success.
9. Erica would like people to consider making a more formal statement about social media and put it in the bylaws. Matt would like to postpone the vote until after the P&I Learning day so that people can hear more about it then and make a more informed vote. He feels that a lack of knowledge will affect the vote. Mike picked up literature about social media to have the GSR's bring it back to their meetings and be more informed. Nick wanted to know if there was a vote on the table and Garrett stated that yes there is a motion in old business to vote.

Elections

- Chair – Melissa C. nominated Erica D., Kris B. seconded.
Vote: Support – 13; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 1; Nomination passes.
- Secretary – Erica D. nominated Kori H., Nick P. seconded.
Vote: Support – 12; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 2; Nomination passes.
- Outreach Co-Chair – Josh M. nominated himself, Eric J. seconded.
Vote: Support – 14; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 0; Nomination passes.
- Public Relations – Brad S. nominated Garrett L., who declined at this time.

Open Positions: Co-Chair, RCMA, Co-Secretary, H&I Subcommittee Co-Chair, Public Relations Subcommittee Chair, Public Relations Subcommittee Co-Chair, Literature Co-Chair

Old Business

1. Area inventory forms are here, GSR's please take back to your groups to discuss at your business meeting.
2. About a year ago a few addicts within the area put together a "private" facebook page to get information out to the areas. It was made private to maintain anonymity. Some addicts were concerned that with it being private we are keeping people out. Kris stated that no addict is turned away from being part of the Facebook page, but it is like a closed meeting. James' group discussed that it is different than a closed meeting because you don't have to be invited to a closed meeting. Mary shared that the way to protect your anonymity is to be invited and an idea is to have GSR's be administrators so they can invite people from their groups. Erica shared that it's not a meeting at all, there is no discussion allowed on the page, it's strictly announcements, there has been on average 20 - 30 people per announcement show up at events. She just wants it figured out so that we can put this stressful topic to rest. She did not start the group, she was asked to run it and she is thankful for other people stepping

up to post announcements. Last month we discussed the MNRSC guidelines and Mike brought the WSO discussions of it. She would like to see it become the responsibility of area, rather than just her, also bring it back to your groups and delegate someone to put people on there, she is currently deleting comments because the page is not for commenting, but for information only. Peter shared that it sounds like it's a mass mailer that comes to your facebook page. Nick shared that it was voted on a year ago to put it up, then people started making negative comments so we voted on it again. Now we are bringing it up again and spending a lot of time on something that has already been voted on. Kristie shared that with her busy life this is a great way for her to remember events that are coming up and it a great help to get her to events. Brad made a motion to table this until after the learning day, Eric seconded it. Motion Vote: Support – 10; Opposed – 4; Abstentions – 0; Motion passes

3. PIG Bylaws – James' group went through these and had an issue with removing the signer on the PIG bank account. Brad responded that because of the feed back over the last few years we felt it was in the best interest that we remove the PIG chair not a signer on the checking account. Plus the chair specifically doesn't deal with the finances at all. John's group was in favor in anybody who doesn't want to be on the account, but there should always be a back up in place in case one of the signers went "rogue". Melissa stated that we do have back up's in place like the co-treasurer and the gate chair. Motion Vote: Support – 13; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 1; Motion passes

New Business

1. Motion by Rick to give the church 10% (\$75) of the total amount received at the taco feed. That would leave the remaining balance of \$260.38 for a MNNAC donation. Eric S seconded.
Vote: Support – 14; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 0; Motion passes
2. Motion by Mike S. to have area donate the "Social Media and our Guiding Principles" pamphlet to each SSFA group. John S. seconded. Financial Impact is \$19.00 plus tax.
Vote: Support – 11; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 3; Motion passes
3. Motion by Mike S. to reimburse him for a receipt book. Nick P. seconded. Financial Impact is \$10.76
Vote: Support – 14; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 0; Motion passes
4. Motion by James M. to table the vote on SSFA Facebook page until P.I. Learning Day on January 12th. Beth seconded. Intent is to get more information on social media before making a decision
Vote: no notes
5. Motion by Erica D. about if Facebook site continues then the guidelines should be addressed in bylaws and then only reviewed with bylaw reviews. Recommended each group delegates a contact person to be assigned for "invite" purposes to room, to maintain anonymity of the group. No second listed. Intent is to maintain supervision/accountability of the site by SSFA as a whole.
Vote: no notes

Motion to adjourn made by Kristie F., seconded by Kris B. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Treasurer's Report

12/06/2012

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2047.68	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7th Tradition	\$18.30	\$ 0
Literature Sales (UMSO)	\$505.74	\$ 0
TNT – Tues. Nights Together	\$2.72	\$ 0
Taco Feed Proceeds	\$400.00	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$926.76	\$ 0

Cash out (-)	
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00
UMSO - literature	-\$0.00
P.O. Box Annual Rent	-\$107.00
Copies/Envelopes (Garrett)	-\$13.65
Literature Receipt Book (Mike)	-\$10.76
Lit. for GSR's (Social Media)	-\$15.08
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$531.53

ENDING BALANCE:	\$2442.91
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GSR Reports

Woodbury Freebirds	6:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Ian M.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 20	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Step by Step	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Kris B.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 10 – 15	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1 – 2	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Never Alone	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Nick P.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 13	
Avg. Newcomers	: 3	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Monday Night in the Grove	7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	: Joe C. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	: 15	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Ties That Bind Us	7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	: Candis B. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	: 35	
Avg. Newcomers	: 4	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	: announced	
Other	:	

Monday Night Round Robin	7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	: Danielle W. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	: 5 – 10	
Avg. Newcomers	: 0 – 1	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	: attendance low, open service post.	

Tues. Morning Women's Rec.	10:00am Tuesday	Stable
GSR	: NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Addicts in Recovery	7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	: John S. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	: 10	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

TNT: Tues. Nights Together	7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	: OPEN PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	: 30	
Avg. Newcomers	: 3	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$2.72	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Door to Freedom	7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	: Josh M. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	: 9	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2	
H&I Activities	:	
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	:	

NA Rock Solid	8:00pm Wednesday	Stable
GSR	: Josh M. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	: 9	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2	
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	:	

Peace of Mind	7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	: Peter Z. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	: 28	
Avg. Newcomers	: 3	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

NA Day		7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Erik J. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	20 – 30	
Avg. Newcomers	:	3 – 4	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Keep It Simple		9:00pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Eric S. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	5 – 8	
Avg. Newcomers	:	0	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

NA 101		7:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Shane K. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	10 – 20+	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2 – 4	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	announced	
Other	:		

Lakeville Basic Text Study		9:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Beth N. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	15 – 20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1 – 3	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	announced	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		