



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2012

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

Introductions: 22 members in attendance, with two newcomers.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Todd; 12 Traditions read by Erica; 12 Concepts read by Shane.

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 Todd to approve the October 2012 ASC minutes; seconded by Brian. Vote: Support – 8; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 2; motion carried. Meeting of the month needs to be updated to November 19th - Monday Night Round Robin

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)

- There has been some feedback on the SSFA Facebook; some people believe we are in violation of traditions. Also that we didn't get group conscience before posting stuff.

Region: (RCM: Catie)

- Not present

Activities: (Chair: Rick)

- Taco Feed is next Saturday, money will be brought up during motions.

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)

- P&I Learning Day on January 12th
- 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: 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: 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: Monday Night Round Robin on November 19th at 7:00pm in South Saint Paul – First Presbyterian Church
- Friday Night - Keep it Simple is still struggling. It would be nice to have more people show up and support.

PIG: (Chair: Brad)

- Current balance is still \$2696.78 – no changes from last month.
- We have a spaghetti dinner scheduled on Feb 9th from Noon – 5 pm.

Literature (Chair: Mike S.)

- Left the medallions at home.
- Has Living Clean books for sale \$10 + tax
- Order forms will be updated with the next minutes.

Group Concerns & Announcements

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

1. Midweek NA – financially unstable and could use more attendance
2. Keep It Simple – needs a GSR

Open Forum

1. Mike brought up that at his meeting they are looking for more local events like sledding, or haunted hay rides. The SSFA website is not good – www.ssfa.na.minnesota.org Melissa is currently the UMSO's webmaster and is willing to be the SSFA webmaster. Erica stated that all of our information is incorrect on the website. James stated that his group brought it up but he was under the impression they would be sending out a form so they didn't talk about it. Peter brought it up at his meeting and our area is doing fine, but it would be nice to get different people to do service positions.

2. Shane said that there is interest in the PR position and maybe if we get the word out more maybe someone would be willing to step up.
3. Erica brought up that some people are concerned that we are breaking traditions by posting stuff on our SSFA Facebook page. This is a secret group, where only addicts are allowed on there by invitation only. At this point we are only posting upcoming events and meeting reminders. There was a concern that it wasn't brought to the meetings for approval. Garrett did supply the MNRSC Social Media guidelines and at this point we are in accordance with the guidelines. Nick shared that his group, Never Alone, did vote on the Facebook page so maybe there was a breakdown in communication between the Area & GSR's. James doesn't like the way it is a secret group, if you are a member you should have access to it. Erica shared that the term Secret comes from Facebook, not her own personal term. It basically means that only addicts can see what is going on with it. As far as announcements go, if the event is on the regional website then anyone can access it. Peter shared that we do have a SSFA website; maybe we could do more through that. Erica stated that at this point we do not have a PR chair or webmaster to maintain that site. Todd was curious to know if all we have on there are events. Erica replied that she posts events, meeting of the month, PIG events and other various things. Shane wanted to know how someone can get invited if they don't want to break their anonymity. Kris stated that it's just like on our meeting lists we have open meetings and closed meetings; there is no reason to over complicate things. Rick wanted to say thank you for posting because it's reminded him to get to a few events. Garrett inquired if we should bring it back to the groups to get another vote on if we should keep it or not. Peter stated that sometimes information only gets shared in their business meetings, not in the general groups. Josh personally doesn't think it needs to be brought back to the meetings because it's up to GSR's to bring it back to the meetings. Kris stated that we are only here representing the groups; we are not governing or leading. We should bring it back again and ask them again if they are okay with it. Erica asked that we take it back to the meetings and share it at their announcements so that if people have questions they can be brought back to the area for answers. Erica is getting personally verbally attacked about it and she is getting worn out about it. Candis wanted to know what exactly should we be bringing back to the groups - Do they understand what the SSFA group is? That we are operating within the Social Media Guidelines? Do we still want it or vote it out? Nick wanted to know if the question was should we make it open or close it completely. Erica stated that she feels it would certainly be breaking traditions if we made it open. Josh stated that even if we do bring it back to the groups someone is going to still complain about it. Brad wanted to know who to direct people to if they are interested in being on the Facebook page.
4. The comedy jam update is that Dave is currently out of town.
5. Chair & Secretary positions are up for re-election next month; please share that with your groups.

Elections

- Literature Co-Chair - Erica nominated Mike S., Shane seconded the nomination.
Vote: Support – 9; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 0; Nomination passes.

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

Old Business

1. No Old Business.

New Business

1. Motion by Rick to give him \$350 for supplies, \$50 for change for the Taco Feed, Nick seconded. Vote: Support - 10; Opposed - 0; Abstentions - 0. Motion passed. This money will be coming back to the area, anything above and beyond that will be passed along to MNNAC.
2. Brad passed out the PIG bylaws that need to be brought back to the groups to be voted on and brought back to the next area meetings.

Motion to adjourn made by Erica, seconded by Shane. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Treasurer's Report

11/01/2012

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2581.69	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7th Tradition	\$17.00	\$ 0
Literature Sales (UMSO)	\$323.39	\$ 0
Woodbury Freebirds	\$10.00	\$ 0
TNT – Tuesday Night Together	\$10.00	\$ 0
Step By Step	\$44.30	\$ 0
Door To Freedom	\$51.91	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$456.60	\$ 0

Cash out (-)	
Rent – 1st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00
UMSO - literature	-\$545.61
Copies (Garrett)	-\$15.00
Activities (Rick) Taco Feed MNNAC	-\$400.00
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$990.61

ENDING BALANCE:	\$2047.68
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GSR Reports

<i>Woodbury Freebirds</i>	<i>6:00pm Sunday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	\$10.00
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

<i>Step by Step</i>	<i>7:00pm Sunday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Kris B. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20 – 25
Avg. Newcomers	:	1 – 2
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	\$44.30
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

<i>Never Alone</i>	<i>7:00pm Sunday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Nick P. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	10
Avg. Newcomers	:	2
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	

Other	:	attendance
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Monday Night In The Grove	7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Ties That Bind Us	7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Candis PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	31
Avg. Newcomers	:	6
H&I Activities	:	Jan 12 th learning day
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Monday Night Round Robin	7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Dannielle W. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	8 – 15
Avg. Newcomers	:	0 – 1
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Tues. Morning Women's Rec.	10:00am Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Alyssa PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	6 – 8
Avg. Newcomers	:	1
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	announced
Other	:	Piggy passed

Addicts in Recovery	7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Mike 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	:	20
Avg. Newcomers	:	2
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	\$10.00
Scheduled Activities	:	

Other	:	
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NA Door To Freedom		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Josh M.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	9	
Avg. Newcomers	:	4	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$51.91	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Midweek NA		7:00pm Wednesday	Unstable
GSR	:	Brad	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	12	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:	financial unstable, oldtimers needed	

Rock Solid NA		8:00pm 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	:		

Peace of Mind		7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Peter Z.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20+	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		

Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

NA Day	7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

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

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	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	announced
Other	:	