



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes September 6, 2012

Meeting opened at 7:04 PM by Area Chair, Garrett.

Introductions: 22 members in attendance, with no newcomers.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Alyssa; 12 Traditions read by James; 12 Concepts read by Kristie.

Call for quorum: 9 voting members present (minimum for quorum is 7). With 9 voting members present, motions at this meeting require 6 votes in support to pass.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mike to approve the August 2012 ASC minutes; seconded by Shane. Vote: Support – 7; 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.

Vice-Chair: (Erica)

- No report given.

Region: (RCM: Catie)

- No report given

Activities: (Chair: Rick)

- No discussion with church yet but MNNAC fundraiser taco feed is tentative for November 10th.

Public Relations: (Chair: Open)

- Still looking for a chair

Hospitals & Institutions: (Chair: Brian F)

- No concerns
- **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: 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: Monday Night in the Grove, September 17th at 7:00 pm
- Friday night KIS could use support
- Need more support at meeting of the month.
- 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.

PIG (Chair Brad)

- \$2646.78 current balance, we got dinged for bank fees so we are looking for a new bank.
- We held elections that we will present at the election time. Three of four senior positions were filled.
- We have a storage tub to donate to activities - coffee, creamer, sanitizer wipes

PIG MONTHLY TREASURY REPORT			
Date:	09/06/12	Merchandise Income:	\$ -
Treasurer	Melissa C.	Group Donations:	\$ -
Old Balance	\$ 3,153.74	Pre Registration Income:	\$ -
Plus Total Income:	\$ -	Other Income:	\$ -
Subtotal:	\$ 3,153.74	Equals Total Income:	\$ -
Minus Total Expenses:	\$ 506.96	PO Box Renewal Expense:	\$ 225.00
Equals New Balance:	\$ 2,646.78	Sorting Party Expense:	\$ 52.25
		Expense:	\$ 11.96
		Expense:	\$ -
		Equals Total Expenses:	\$ 506.96
Notes: Check # 2629 - Porta-potty rental (\$225.00), Check # 2630 - Storage fee (6-month = \$270), Bank Fee for redeposited check (\$7.00) & Coin/Currency Deposited (\$4.96)			
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- No report at this time.

Group Concerns & Announcements

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

1. Ties That Bind Us - Need a GSR
2. Tuesday Morning Women's - Need more women.
3. TNT – Need a GSR, they have been announcing it for months.
4. Keep It Simple - No GSR, Needs support, newcomers recently.

Open Forum

1. Melissa was curious about how long we keep groups on our log. Garrett stated that we don't have any bylaws concerns attendance for area.
2. Monte, our Regional Delegate, talked about one of the challenges we face is communication. What does that mean for us as trusted servants to help better communicate together? It means building relationships with RCM & RCMA's, getting to as many ASC meetings, being available to facilitate discussions about maybe putting together a workshop. Mike was curious as to how he would like that feedback. Monte stated that right now is good. Mike stated that the region has a Google group, but he isn't sure how to get access to it - maybe verbal instructions or send something along to pass out. Alyssa stated that to her that we should try to figure out how to make that less of a problem because communication is so important because it lets everyone be aware of what's going on. She feels our area in general has good communication and we are a strong area, but she has heard that other areas are not that strong. Mike thanked Monte for showing up and asking for our thoughts. He also suggested that we have some more written communication passed along to us. Are all of the areas represented by an RCM? Monte stated that at this point ten out of twelve areas show up for region. Kris stated that the loss of communication from world & region deteriorates the message, she's not sure how to fix the issue but maybe having straight information sent to us. There are concerns about if World is first or the addict first, for awhile the pyramid has been turned upside down. Some people are tired of hearing stuff come down rather than asking for our input. The basic text was changed with more information, the pages don't line up, which in turn makes us not believe in the World. We don't have any faith that things are going to change. Brad stated that when it gets beyond the area level it become political. World dictates to Region, Region dictates to Area - there is not a question of yes or no. The service structure change is one example of their will being enforced on us. The world is still the good old boys, just like the region is the good old boys group as well. If world fails & region fails the meetings will still go on. They don't have any humility. It is difficult to get stuff done, i.e. PIG went off because of a group of dedicated people chipped in without expecting a pat on the back. Our Area hasn't made a donation to Region for a reason. This area started out because of resentment from the politics of another area. James stated that he has no experience with region and when he went to the CAR there was a sense of dictation going on there in the way the statements were made. It was like it wasn't up for discussion as to what was talked about. It all led back to a certain view. Topics were all pro's, not balanced out with con's. There was already a format with some ideas to talk about, but the CAR before had more discussions. Maybe there should be more communications prior to the event so people have the opportunity to talk about stuff concerning the groups rather than the regions ideas. Maybe we should have workshops where areas get together to discuss certain things. The ideas were corralled in one discussion to be voted on - rather than free thoughts. Josh's point of view is basically its human nature - if ideas are brought to people they should have time to update it through out the process, we are going to shy away from it if we don't know what is going on with it. Kris stated that is how it used to be with the CAR report - in advance there were several workshops in each area that questions and concerns could be answered so that people didn't feel like they were being pushed in one direction and felt comfortable about the votes. Maybe before the next CAR we could have workshops to help people to understand what is in it and how to better formulate our opinions. James stated that there was an Area of Hope workshop before CAR but it had a small turnout and it is was shortly before it. He liked the idea of people having time to discuss it. It takes a lot of resources to put something like that together. Monte thanked everyone for their honest feedback and would like to be put on the minute's list. He heard us loud and clear about our opinions and will take certain ideas to

use next time to make more formal conversations about it. Then there will be more time for workshops. If you have more ideas on how to increase communication about certain concepts please pass that information to Monte.

Elections

- No nominations at this time for Area Position.
- PIG nominations –
Brad was elected as Chair - Vote: Support – 8; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 2; passed
Melissa was elected as Treasurer - Vote: Support – 8; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 2; passed
Mike was elected as Co-Treasurer - Vote: Support – 8; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 2; passed
Angie was elected as Merchandise Chair - Vote: Support – 8; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 2; passed
Kori was elected as Merchandise Co-Chair - Vote: Support – 8; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 2; passed.
The co-chair, gate/co-gate is still open. We have someone who is willing to be co-chair. We will be doing bylaw changes next meeting. Logos & Slogan will need to be turned in soon.

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

Old Business

1. MNNAC is asking for someone to run a workshop. Brad nominated Kris B, but she didn't have any willingness. Kori nominated Brian F. and he has the willingness to do the workshop. He knows he'll be going and he's done a few speaking engagements. He enjoys doing H&I and likes to talk. Kris seconded. Kris stated that she said no because she's done workshops at MNNAC before and wants to have new people doing it. MNNAC is a powerful statement and makes a powerful impression on a lot of people. Vote: Support – 8; Opposed – 0; Abstentions – 2; passed

New Business

1. No Motions this month.

Motion to adjourn made by Todd, seconded by Shane. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Treasurer's Report

09/06/2012

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1802.48	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7th Tradition	\$13.96	\$ 0
Literature Sales	\$274.31	\$ 0
Door to Freedom	\$100.00	\$ 0
Tues. Morning Recovery	\$200.75	\$ 0
Step by Step	\$71.47	\$ 0
Monday Night Round Robin	\$40.00	\$ 0
Farmington TNT	\$5.54	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$706.03	\$ 0

Cash out (-)	
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00
Copies & Stamps (Garrett)	-\$41.80
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$71.80

ENDING BALANCE:	\$2436.71
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GSR Reports

Woodbury Freebirds	6:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Step by Step	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	:	Kris B. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20 – 25
Avg. Newcomers	:	1 – 2
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	\$71.47
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Never Alone	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	:	Nick P. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

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

Monday Night Round Robin	7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Kristi A. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20 – 25
Avg. Newcomers	:	2 – 3
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	\$40.00
Scheduled Activities	:	none
Other	:	

<i>Ties That Bind Us</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>Tues. Morning Women's Rec.</i>	<i>10:00am Tuesday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Alyssa H. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	6 – 8
Avg. Newcomers	:	1
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	\$200.75
Scheduled Activities	:	announced
Other	:	send more women/newcomers

<i>TNT: Tues. Nights Together</i>	<i>7:00pm Tuesday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Todd V. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20 – 30
Avg. Newcomers	:	1 – 2
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	\$5.54
Scheduled Activities	:	announced
Other	:	area should strive for PR chair, need a GSR

<i>Addicts in Recovery</i>	<i>7:00pm Tuesday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Mike S. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	10
Avg. Newcomers	:	2
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

<i>Door to Freedom</i>	<i>7:00pm Tuesday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Josh M. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	6
Avg. Newcomers	:	1
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	\$100.00
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

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

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	:	3
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	Roadside pickup
Other	:	

NA Day	7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Erik J. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	25 +
Avg. Newcomers	:	2
H&I Activities	:	announced
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	:	

NA 101		7:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Shane K.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	10 – 25	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1 – 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	:	20 – 25	
Avg. Newcomers	:	4 – 5	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	announced	
Other	:		