



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes December 5, 2013

Meeting opened at 7:05 PM by Area Chair, Erica D.

Introductions: 18 members in attendance, with 3 newcomers.

Readings: 12 Steps read by James M.; 12 Traditions read by Catie O.; 12 Concepts read by John S.

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: Steve P. moved to approve the minutes for August and September; seconded by Mary M. Vote: Support – 8, Opposed – 1, Abstentions – 0, passed.

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: (Open)

Region: (RCM: John – reported as below; see attached MNRSC Minutes for further details.)

- Stickers are here! GSRs can take them. Always ask for permission before putting one up – and then please take a picture and send it in to post on region's web site.
- Positions open: Region Secretary and UMSO Representative.
- 6 of 11 areas were in attendance at the November RSC meeting; all 4 motions passed.
- NA introduction starting on Friday mornings at Hennepin Co. building; coordinated with Hennepin Co. Drug Court and open to anyone interested.
- Region has purchased a Dropbox Pro subscription for easier sharing of files and documents online.
- Region is working on an online GSR report form.
- Push for online communication to make region more efficient.
- Helpline needs help – calls come to own phone, can do anywhere. There will be upcoming trainings by conference call.
- Bridging the Gap needs support to help newcomers get to their first NA meeting.
- Conference Agenda Report (CAR) and Conference Approval Track – region is set to come to our February meeting (2/6/14) to explain and solicit input on these documents, which discuss the World Service Conference mission, WSC sustainability, new service system, multi-zonal symposium update, and Traditions study book). [See New Business, below.]
- Region's financial standing is reported in good shape; YTD contribution to NAWS is over \$12,000.
- Projected budget for 2014 is available.
- Creating Our Common Welfare will be on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014 from 11am-6pm at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 285 N. Dale St., St. Paul, MN 55103. Speaker and dance to follow from 7pm-11pm.

Activities: (Chair: Rick H. – not present; Co-chair James reported)

- Rick has the finds from the “Horrors of Addiction” dance that took place in October; hope to have at the meeting next month.

Public Relations: (Chair: Catie O. reported)

- Catie has a conflict on Thursday evenings due to a college course during the upcoming semester, so she is stepping down.

Hospitals & Institutions: (Chair: Brian F. reported)

- Need more HELP!
- Looking for a panel leader for the Haven – Woodbury adult program commitment.
- Need a co-chair [Brian’s commitment is finished in March].
- Need more support for H&I commitments (see below); GSRs, please announce at meetings!
- Service Learning Day & Pancake Breakfast will take place on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014 starting at 9am; flyers are available.

• **Current H&I commitments:**

Every Saturday: Dakota Co. Jail 1:00pm (Need pre-approval to participate, call contact for info.) Contact: Mike S. 612-860-0274
1 st Monday of every month: Haven Treatment (Shakopee) 10:00am Contact: Lisa F. 952-451-1161
2 nd Monday - even numbered months: Haven Treatment (Woodbury) – adult pgm. Contact: Brian F. 612-209-6358
3 rd 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 Monday of every month: Journey Treatment (Farmington), 7:00pm Contact: Todd V. 651-285-1789

Outreach: (Chair: Open)

- Meeting of the Month: Midweek NA, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7pm at Old Langdon School in Cottage Grove.

PIG: (Chair: Nick P.)

- Current balance is: \$2,523.16 (no change from last month).
- Spaghetti dinner flyers will be available at next month’s Area meeting.

Literature (Chair: Open)

Group Concerns & Announcements

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

1. Ties That Bind Us: Group needs help with structure (trusted servants have stepped down) and needs supplies. Group has not had much communication. GSR brought money for literature but since the area doesn't have a Literature Chair they could not purchase literature; other GSRs helped with getting Shawn added to the contact list and giving information about purchasing literature from UMSO.
2. Addicts in Recovery: Need people willing to sponsor.

Open Forum

1. Chrissy E: Chili Feed is tentatively March 2 (annual fundraiser for PIG put on by NA Day); will have flyers next month. Need NA items for auction; please get ahold of Chrissy if you have any. And please plan to bring chili if you'd like to enter the contest! Also will have speakers, cribbage, and representation from MnNAC.
2. Brian F. – Plan for the Service Learning Day and Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 18 is to have the event at no charge; the subcommittee will be coming to ASC with a budget for supplies at the January meeting [see New Business below]. Anyone who would like to help with planning please come to the subcommittee meeting next Thursday.
3. Catie O: We've been having ongoing issues getting positions filled; should we consider merging with another area (such as TC Area or Area of Hope)? Kris B.: We should go back to having sponsees doing service work; we're slacking off and taking it for granted that someone else will step up. It shouldn't be a chore; it should be something we want to do. If we attract instead of complain, we'll get much more interest. Chrissy E.: Our literature says that rotation of service is our responsibility; we need to invite addicts to come with us – if we can't make it work, we'll have to consider other options (such as merging). The Area Inventory is something we might need to change, and re-look at what we need to do to find out what the barriers are. John S.: Tuesday Night Addicts in Recovery is considering looking at an alternate sponsorship system specifically for service – mentoring/shadowing/etc.; it's also something that's going to be discussed at the Creating Our Common Welfare conference. (There was concern raised about calling it sponsorship; maybe it should be mentoring.) James: As far as the idea of merging with other areas – there are a lot of open positions, but what is really the minimum of positions needed to have the area function? The Guide to Local Service states that some areas are capable of having lots of positions, others are not able to do as many – as long as there is a Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, the meeting is really for GSRs to come together and discuss what's important to the groups. Brent F.: The area is here to do the things for the groups that the groups can't do themselves; the GSRs need to give direction to the subcommittees that get the work done, and come to the subcommittee meeting to help get the work done. It's not the position or title that's important, it's getting the work done, and we'll figure out how to do it regardless of what structure we do or do not have. Mary M: We've been looking for a co-chair for a year with nobody stepping up; we've been looking for a co-treasurer for 6 months, with no one stepping up; we haven't had a secretary for several months. Maybe we need to look at the clean time requirements – in one way it may seem necessary, but we also are turning away those who may be willing and able to step up. Mary stated that she did repay the PO Box for another year. Kris B: The only thing we really need to be concerned with on clean time is the treasury – the rest really doesn't matter. Brad S.: We're now beating a dead horse. Erica D: The majority of the positions were filled until very recently; it's the natural progression of people going through service. This has happened before; it's a cycle, and others will step up when they realize someone needs to do so.

Elections

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

Kris B. nominated Brad S. as Area Chair; seconded by Catie O. Brad is willing to step up for the position. He has held many service positions over the years, and Area Chair doesn't require any skills beyond those of positions he has already held. Erica stated that her observations are that PIG Chair is far more stressful than Area Chair, and Brad handled that position very well. Brad has 4+ years of continuous clean time.

Vote: Support – 9, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0, passed.

Brent F. stated that he is not currently willing to serve as Vice Chair, but he is willing to facilitate the subcommittee meeting until he or someone else decides to step up for the position. He asked if there should be a vote whether GSRs would support this arrangement.

Vote: Support – 8, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 1, passed.

Kris B. nominated Garrett L. as Area Secretary, with a waiver of the suggested clean time. Garrett declined because he thinks it sets a bad precedent to the newcomer when clean time is waived for some people but not others. Erica noted that the area is due for bylaws revisions this coming year.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. CAR Discussion: Motion by John S. to invite MNRSC to present discussion & solicit input about Conference Agenda Report (CAR) at February ASC meeting (2/6/14); seconded by John M. Brad asked if we need a time limit; John said that the planned time window is a half hour, and there will be numerous other opportunities to provide input on this material.
Vote: Support – 9, Opposed -0, Abstentions – 0, passed.
2. Service Learning Day: Motion by Brian F. to provide \$200 for Service Learning Day for supplies for the Pancake Breakfast; seconded by Angie M. Brian stated that he is asking a month in advance in case there are any issues holding the January ASC meeting – given it's winter. Mary M. stated that ASC is currently at \$999.21, this will bring us down to \$799.21 if we do this (so we would be under prudent reserve); we might owe UMSO some for literature, but we don't know how much; in the worst case we would return what we have. We also are waiting for money back from Rick H. from the Horrors of Addiction Dance. The \$200 will go towards food, with a 7th Tradition taken to give rent to the church.
Vote – Support 9, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0, passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Catie O., seconded by Chrissy E. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Treasurer's Report

12/05/13

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$896.84	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7th Tradition	\$17.00	\$ 0
Step By Step	\$52.80	\$ 0
Tuesday Nights Together	\$53.40	\$ 0
Lakeville Basic Text	\$26.20	\$ 0
Addicts in Recovery	\$27.66	\$ 0
Peace of Mind	\$36.00	\$ 0
Woodbury Freebirds	\$60.00	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$273.06	\$ 0

Cash out (-)	
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00
Copies: H&I (Mike S.)	-\$14.11
Post Office Box rental	-\$113.00
Copies: ASC meeting (Garrett)	-\$13.58
H&I (Pancake Breakfast)	-\$200.00
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$370.69

ENDING BALANCE: \$799.21

GSR Reports

Woodbury Freebirds	6:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Julie L. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	: 30	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	: \$60.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Step by Step	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Kris B. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	: 12-15	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1-3	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	: \$52.80	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Never Alone	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Jen G. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	: 20	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2-3	
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	:	

Ties That Bind Us	7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Shawn B. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	25
Avg. Newcomers	:	3
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	Meeting needs support!

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

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	:	Angie M. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15
Avg. Newcomers	:	1
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	\$27.66
Scheduled Activities	:	announced
Other	:	Need more sponsors

TNT: Tues. Nights Together	7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Steve P. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20
Avg. Newcomers	:	2
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	\$53.40
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

NA Door To Freedom		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
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	:		

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	:		

Peace of Mind		7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Mary M.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$35.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	.	
Other	:	Pig passed for PIG	

NA Day		7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Chrissy E.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	30-35	
Avg. Newcomers	:	5	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	Saving \$ for Chili Feed (in March).	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:	Please donate NA items to auction at Chili Feed.	

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	:	NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Lakeville Basic Text Study		9:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	John M.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	18	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$26.20	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		