



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes September 5, 2013

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by Area Chair, Erica

Introductions: 18 members in attendance, with one newcomer.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Brian F.; 12 Traditions read by Eric S.; 12 Concepts read by Todd V.

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: Secretary was not present last month, Erica was not able to get last month's minutes typed up. Will discuss during open forum.

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)

- Next RSC meeting is 11/9/13 from noon-4pm.
- Behind the Walls has contacted John! Requests are becoming available.
- Sept. 4th – MN Recovery Month kickoff
- Moose Lake MCT Transition Fair is 10/4/13.
- Western States Learning Day in LA, CA 10/25-10/27, 2013.
- Multi-Zone Service Symposium is moving forward.
- PR stickers are forthcoming – can be placed anywhere in public where addict might see them (such as liquor store cash registers).
- MARRCH conference is 10/29-10/31, 2013.
- Concerns/Needs:
 - We need an RCM-A!
 - Do we want to explore posting service committee reports online via www.naminnnesota.org? That might make it easier for committee chairs and GSRs to be ready for ASC meetings, and maybe make the secretary's job a little easier.
 - TCA ended up finding their own Basic Text donation to Hennepin County Department of Corrections.
 - A project manager is needed for next year's Pride Festival.

- 2 other areas recently changed their bylaws so that “quorum” is defined as those in attendance – RITH and Voyagers areas.
- Region is looking for anyone who has personal contacts inside TV stations – trying to get PSAs (public service announcements) aired.
- RSC meetings happen in: August, November, February, and May. (The date for the February meeting will “float” because it coincides with Creating Our Common Welfare.)

Activities: (Chair: Rick)

- Have some flyers for the NA Game Show – Sept. 21, 5pm-9:30pm, First Presbyterian Church (where ASC meets).
- Kickball rocked! 60 people, including 30 newcomers from a treatment center. Even had cheerleaders☺!!!

Public Relations: (Chair: Open)

Hospitals & Institutions: (Chair: Brian F)

- Re-started the commitment at Haven-Woodbury adult program, will be help 2nd Monday of even-numbered months. Need a panel leader; if interested, please come to the subcommittee meeting next week.
- **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: Todd V.)

- Meeting of the Month: Monday Night Round Robin, September 16, 7pm at First Presbyterian Church in South St. Paul. GSRs, please announce at your meetings.
- Concerns: Need more participation for Meeting of the Month!

PIG: (Chair: Nick P.)

- PIG Bylaws revisions being addressed at the November meeting.

- Current balance is: \$2602.56
- Please send ideas for PIG logos and slogans to: pignsurvey@gmail.com
- Concerns/Needs: There are several open positions on the PIG subcommittee.

Literature (Chair: Mike S.)

- Any donation added as an “overage” on literature orders goes to area, but it not credited to the specific group in the monthly Treasurer’s report.

Ad-Hoc – Area Inventory (Chair: Josh)

- Josh compiled Area Inventory sheet and read the summary (copied below).

SSFA Inventory		
How well has Area done with serving the Groups?	How can Area better serve the Groups?	Other
* Well	* More events	Day Meetings
Good	Free events	Put Facebook to Rest
Great communication	Communication	Train our GSRs
Well w/meetings, communication	Addicts w/talents – Musicians, DJs	Activities
Promoting the meeting of the month	Dance or Game nights	Communication is key

Ad-Hoc – MNNAC (Chair: Brad)

- Committee forming; see Open Forum item 2 (below), first meeting on Sept. 19, 7pm, at West St. Paul Perkins (on Robert St).

Group Concerns & Announcements

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

1. Monday Night Round Robin – needs support.

Open Forum

1. Brian F. – Tuesday Morning Women’s Recovery Group needs support. They contacted Brian asking him if area would be willing to help them with literature; Brian submitted a motion request for this. They need everything – books, IPs, keytags, etc.
2. Brad – Ad-hoc committee for MNNAC will meet Thurs. Sept 19 at Perkins in West St. Paul. GSRs, please ask groups if we are willing to sponsor MNNAC (at least 3 meetings must support it). It will take about 30 people to pull this off.
3. Mary M. – Friday Night Peace of Mind is having a highway cleanup on Sept 14, meeting at 9am at Rambling River Park, bring own gloves.
4. Mike – Want to bring to the attention of area to discuss removal of a trusted servant (Area Secretary) due to missing 2 consecutive ASC meetings. We are missing minutes and other necessary paperwork which is important to the area’s functions. Change happens in people’s lives and we need to recognize Kori’s contributions, but we also need to do something to make sure the area continues functioning. Erica stated that Kori contacted her tonight, she was very ill last month, and is now taking a class which meets on ASC meeting date in alternate months. Eric S. – If she is going to school, that’s putting a lot on her plate, and it isn’t fair to her or the area to continue to expect her to do it, so Eric seconded Mike’s motion.

Elections

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

John – Stated idea of putting all positions (including the open ones) on the back of the meeting list. Mary and others expressed support for this idea. Garrett said he would work on reformatting to do this.

Old Business

None.

New Business

1. Activities – Rick made motion asking for \$23.12 for expenses over what was allocated for the kickball event. He turned in receipts. Area now owns 2 kickballs. Motion seconded by Chrissy E. Vote: Support – 10, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0. Passed.
2. Tuesday Morning Women's Recovery Group would like assistance from ASC for literature and keytags; \$50 or whatever ASC is willing to contribute. Seconded by Kris B. Kris asked if we have a "startup package" for new meetings like we used to have. Brian agreed that this is a good idea, but we're not sure what they need. Brian thinks someone from the group needs to come decide what they need. Steve asked if there is precedent for this; several people affirmed that we have. Mary remembers cases where a meeting's treasury has "disappeared", and ASC helped with that. Erica asked why there aren't representatives from the meeting at ASC; Brad shared that 2 of the primary members have work commitments in the evening (hence why it is a daytime meeting). Brian said that Lisa F. contacted him with the request.
Summary: Voting to give the group \$50 worth of literature, the group can contact the literature chair or come to ASC to say what they want. Vote: Support – 9, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 1. Passed.
3. Motion to remove the current secretary and have the position open this month so that the current secretary can focus on her school. Moved by Mike, seconded by Eric S. Discussion – Eric stated that we should contact her and explain the decision is nothing personal. Kris asked if she already stepped down; Erica clarified that she had asked for an assistant secretary to help. Vote: Support – 9, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 1. Secretary position is now open.
4. Garrett stated willingness to take the responsibilities for secretary position until a new secretary is elected. (He currently does not meet the clean time requirements for an area position.)

Motion to adjourn made by Eric, seconded by Josh. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Treasurer's Report

9/05/13

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1027.66	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7th Tradition	\$15.31	\$ 0
Literature Sales (UMSO)	\$387.45	\$ 0
Peace of Mind	\$15.00	\$ 0
NA Day	\$47.72	\$ 0
Addicts in Recovery	\$2.12	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$467.60	\$ 0

Cash out (-)	
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00
UMSO - literature	-\$567.97
Activities:	-\$73.12
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$671.09

ENDING BALANCE:	\$824.17
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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	:	12-15
Avg. Newcomers	:	1 – 2
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Never Alone	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
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	:	

Ties That Bind Us	7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Shane K. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20-30
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-4
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	announced
Other	:	

Monday Night Round Robin		7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Tim B. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	2	
Avg. Newcomers	:	0	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:	Need support!	

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	:	Brad S. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	10-15	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$2.12	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

TNT: Tues. Nights Together		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Steve P. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	18	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

NA Door To Freedom		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Josh M. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	10	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Midweek NA	7:00pm Wednesday	Stable
GSR	: Eric S.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 10	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	: announced	
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	:	

Friday Night Freedom	7:00pm Friday	Stable
GSR	: Heather (acting)	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 5	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	: 0 (sorry)	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	Needs continued support, especially women & those that can attend regularly. Thanks.

Peace of Mind	7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	: Mary M.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 28	
Avg. Newcomers	: 3	
H&I Activities	: announced	
ASC Donation	: \$15.00	
Scheduled Activities	: Roadside clean-up Sept. 14 9am Rambling River Park; bring gloves.	
Other	: Pig passed for PIG	

NA Day		7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Chrissy E.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	30-46	
Avg. Newcomers	:	5-9	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$47.72	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Keep It Simple		9:00pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Garrett L.(acting)	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	8-10	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:	Group appreciates support of Meeting of Month in August and other addicts who have joined.	

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	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:	No concerns	