



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes November 7, 2013

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

Introductions: 16 members in attendance, with no newcomers.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Josh M.; 12 Traditions read by Steve P.; 12 Concepts read by Todd V.

Call for quorum: 8 voting members present (minimum for quorum is 7). With 8 voting members present, motions at this meeting require 6 votes in support to pass.

Approval of Minutes: Mary M. moved to approve the minutes for August and September; seconded by Tim B. Vote: Support – 8, Opposed – 0, 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)

- Region is meeting quarterly, but there are lots of things going on every day.
- Next RSC meeting is 11/9/13 from noon-4pm at Sabathni Community Center in Minneapolis.
- Newcomer workshops – will be presenting a 10-week series about what the 12 steps are (done at the request of Hennepin Co. Drug Court). Will be open to the public, judges will be sending individuals as part of their activities. All of the info will be on the region website, naminnesota.org.
- Nar-Anon would like to do some mutual activities.
- All areas have a “contact us” button on the website, which sends an e-mail to the area’s mailing list.
- Region elections may be moving to May so that they do not conflict with Creating Our Common Welfare in February.
- Service system project – region will check in with Back to Basics Area to see how the proposed service system structure is working for them.
- Several motions coming up at the RSC this weekend.
- Lots of PR opportunities – see Help Wanted on naminnesota.org.
- New NA stickers are available, has helpline phone number and website address.
- Helpline Orientation call Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7:30-9:30pm.
- World Service Conference is coming up; CAR report is being published in September.
- 2013 World Membership Survey is running, responses due by end of December – can be done online or hardcopy.
- See additional information in attached MNRSC Agenda.
- Concerns/Needs: We need an RCMA, please!

Activities: (Chair: Rick H. – not present)

Public Relations: (Chair: Open [for this meeting, see Elections below for news])

Hospitals & Institutions: (Chair: Brian F. – not present, reported to Chair)

- 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!
- **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: Peace of Mind, Friday 11/15 7:30pm in Apple Valley.
- Todd is stepping down as Outreach Chair as his commitment is up.

PIG: (Chair: Nick P.)

- Please send submissions for PIG slogans and logos to pigsurvey@gmail.com; due by end of December (but the earlier the better!)
- Current balance is: \$2,523.16; income for this month was a \$30 donation from Addicts in Recovery.
- Concerns/Needs: There are several open positions on the PIG subcommittee.

Notes: Group donation from "Addicts in Recovery"

- Mike is stepping down as Literature Chair. He will hold on to the literature stock for 60 days until a new literature chair is elected.

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

1. Monday Night Round Robin – Needs support.
2. Addicts in Recovery – Need people willing to sponsor.
3. Friday Night Freedom – is closing.
4. Peace of Mind – attendance has dropped, can use support.

1. Erica D. – Friday Night Freedom has closed. They will donate their supplies to the Tuesday Morning Women's Recovery Group.
2. Mike S. – Nobody was here to open the church, so the PIG committee had to call to get let in. The person who has been doing this for us thinks the church would allow us to have a key to let ourselves in. Someone needs to call the church with willingness to do so if we are going to do so. Nick P. expressed willingness to do so (he's here for both meetings anyways).
3. Erica D. – Due to family issues she will not be serving as chair for another year; next month will be the end of her term. GSRs, please get out the word that we have many positions open which are crucial to the area's existence; suggest that people give back to the program.
4. John S. – Experience with service has been: the same people doing the same things over and over. Should we consider moving to the new service structure at this time? Should we consider merging with another area? These are just options we might want to consider; it would be prudent to think and talk about these things. It's not the responsibility of one addict to hold many positions and wear many hats; it needs to be a shared experience.
5. Mary M. – As of the start of this meeting, area is \$140 below prudent reserve, please pass this on to the groups.

Elections

Open Positions: Chair, Vice Chair, RCMA, 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, Co-Treasurer.

Catie O.: Expressed willingness to be Public Relations Chair. She has been in the fellowship for 9 years and has 6.5 years clean time. She has experience with many different service positions at group, area, and region levels. Steve asked if Catie knows anyone who is a PR chair; Catie responded that she worked with Kevin while he was PR Chair during her term as Area Chair, and knows what he had done. She would also be willing to ask for help from other areas. John asked if she would be willing to “piggy back” with region and other area’s PR events; Catie answered that she definitely would be interested in doing so. John stated that it’s important to do this position as a group effort and not just one person. Catie stated that she will also attend region meetings.

Vote: Support – 7, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0, nomination affirmed.

Jules L.: Expressed interest in being Public Relations Co-Chair. She has been involved with the fellowship for 15 years; she currently has 6 months clean. She has been GSR, group chair, group secretary, and group treasurer in the past. A couple people expressed concern about not yet having the continuous clean time recommended in the area bylaws.

Vote: Favor – 4, Opposed – 2, Abstentions – 1, nomination did not pass.

Old Business

PIG Bylaws Changes:

1. Remove item #24 in Section B (Membership & Operations), which currently states: “The PIG function should be held within 25 miles of a current SSFA meeting. Every effort should be made to hold the PIG function in a centrally located site within the SSFA to maximize the accessibility to all addicts.”

Discussion: John – is this striking just the 25-mile limit or the entire section? One addict expressed a concern that the remaining part of the section should stay the same. Nick answered that it is striking the whole section. Since no changes can be made to the motion at this time (as it already went to the groups), John suggested that addition of the remainder of the section back in be considered for next year’s PIG bylaws changes.

Vote: Support – 7, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0, passed unanimously.

2. Revise item #5 in Section B (Membership & Operations). This item currently reads: “Any interested member of the SSFA may attend the PIG meetings. They gain voting rights when they have attended 2 consecutive regular meetings.” The proposed wording is: “Any interested member of the SSFA may attend the PIG meetings. They gain voting rights when they have attended at least one prior meeting within the fiscal year.”

Discussion: none.

Vote: Support - 7, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0, passed unanimously.

New Business

1. John S.: Motion for SSFA to support MNRSC Agenda 11/9/13 Motions 370, 371, 372, & 373 to support MNRSC efforts. Motion seconded by Mary M.

Discussion: A concern was raised asking if the motions should be voted on separately; John stated that he intentionally put all of the region motions into a single one for consideration at this meeting. The chair noted that someone could offer an amendment to the motion if they want to. (No amendment was proposed.)

Vote: Support – 6, Opposed -0, Abstentions – 1, passed.

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

Treasurer's Report

11/07/13

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$860.34	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7th Tradition	\$16.00	\$ 0
Literature Sales (UMSO)	\$338.90	\$ 0
Tuesday Nights Together	\$52.05	\$ 0
Round Robin	\$9.00	\$ 0
Lakeville Basic Text	\$17.27	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$433.22	\$ 0

Cash out (-)	
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00
UMSO - literature	-\$323.26
Copies:	-\$43.46
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$396.72

ENDING BALANCE:	\$896.84
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GSR Reports

Woodbury Freebirds	6:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Jules L.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 25-30	
Avg. Newcomers	: 2	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Step by Step	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
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	:	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Monday Night Round Robin	7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Tim B. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	6
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	\$9.00
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	:	Learning Day being discussed – always need addicts to carry the message
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

TNT: Tues. Nights Together		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Steve P.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$52.05	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

NA Door To Freedom		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Josh M.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	8	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$0.77 (lit.)	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Midweek NA		7:00pm Wednesday	Stable
GSR	:	Neil H.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	9-12	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
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	:		

Friday Night Freedom		7:00pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	MEETING CLOSED	
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

<i>Peace of Mind</i>	<i>7:30pm Friday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Mary M. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	10
Avg. Newcomers	:	2
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	.
Other	:	Pig passed for PIG

<i>NA Day</i>	<i>7:30pm Friday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	Steve L.(fill-in) PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	35+
Avg. Newcomers	:	2-3
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	Saving \$ for Chili Feed (in March).
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

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

<i>NA 101</i>	<i>7:00pm Saturday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

<i>Lakeville Basic Text Study</i>	<i>9:00pm Saturday</i>	<i>Stable</i>
GSR	:	John M. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	18
Avg. Newcomers	:	1
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	\$17.27
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	