



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes December 4, 2014

Meeting opened at 7:05 PM by Area Chair Chrissy E.

Introductions: 20 members in attendance, with no newcomers.

Readings: 12 Steps read by Todd V.; 12 Traditions read by Angie M.; 12 Concepts read by Matt M.

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

Approval of Minutes: The following corrections were noted to the November ASC minutes:

- Meeting opened and chaired by Chrissy E., ASC Chair;
- Region's weekly newcomer orientation meetings at Hennepin Co. Govt. Ctr. now on Mondays at noon.

Brian F moved to approve the minutes of the November ASC meeting as corrected; seconded by Brandon H.

Vote: Support – 7, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 2, 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 S. reported & submitted online)

- Creating Our Common Welfare, COCW will be held on Saturday February 14, 2015 10 am - 4:00 pm with dinner and games to follow at First Lutheran Church, 1114 West Traverse Road, St Peter, MN 56082. The theme is Progress - versus - Process.
- Region needs a Fellowship Services Team member for a short term to fill a vacancy.
- 375+ weekly meetings, 10 active ASC/LSC's 2 or 3 inactive.
- UMSO budget request of 1000.00 was placed into the 2015 budget to help purchase 50% a new Point of Sale system.
- Region did NOT end up buying the new \$800.00 projector after all.
- Approved the August 9, 2014 minutes.
- Approved the MNRSC 2015 budget.
- Selected the location for the 2015 COCW. SSFA was a nominee!
- Region supported the MZSS again with a 200.00 start up fund.
- Modify the current MNRSC Guidelines to remove requirements to complete a service resume prior to elections.
- Added a link on naminnesots.org to donate a Basic Text to the P3 initiative to get texts directly into the hands of incarcerated addicts.
- MN Speaker Directory is up on the naminnesota.org website. Please sign up if you have willingness.

- MARRCH Conference was extremely positive!
- MZSS was fantastic as well!
- Digital Project Team is alive and well. Lots of activity via the website and Facebook page. Please let info@naminnesota.org know of any missing and incorrect information on the sites.
- Newcomer orientations have a new time and place. Monday's, 11:00 am - 12:00 at Hennepin County Court Building, 300 South 6th Street, Room C851/852.
- Sponsorship Behind the Walls needs volunteers.
- Helpline needs volunteers!!!!
- MNRSC RD: Traditions Book needs input. Zones will become way more important in the future. World Board is streamlining to save funds. WSC Process Workgroup is helping to streamline the process. Service System tools are available to all who are interested. Treasury is in good shape. 2015 Budget is about 16,650.00/year.
- ACTION ITEM; Need to play with the State of Minnesota's county map and have something we like to present at COCW!!!

Activities: (Chair Alya not present; Co-Chair Melissa E. reported)

- Activities surveys have come in this month – will discuss results at the January ASC meeting
- Turkeys and Gratitude was held on November 30th - \$30.22 leftover balance plus \$36.00 7th Tradition
- Activities will be putting out a schedule of events for 2015 – hopefully in January
- Committee Concerns/Needs:
 - We could use more trusted servants/members to attend events and carry a clear NA message. At the last event an NA member vandalized church property (a toy) at the event.

Public Relations: (Chair Brandon H – reported)

E-mailed NA meeting list to following locations:

- Park-Nicollet Hospital
- Regions Hospital
- HealthEast

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

• **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: Raven A. 612-607-3416
3rd Thursday of every month: Cochran Recovery Program (Hastings) 7:00pm Contact: Nate 507-276-3788
4th Thursday of every month: Dakota County Detox. 7:00pm Contact: Steve P. 651-493-3537

Outreach: (Chair: Steve P. reported)

- December Meeting of the Month: Addicts in Recovery, Tuesday Dec. 30 at 7pm in Apple Valley.
- January Meeting of the Month: No Name NA, Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 7pm in Prior Lake.

PIG: (Chair: Nick P. reported)

- Current balance: \$3097.55 (includes donation of \$19.19 from Sunday Night Never Alone)
- Committee Concerns/Needs:
 - PIG needs slogans and logos.

- Angie voted in as Gate Co-Chair by PIG Subcommittee; needs ASC approval [see Elections below].

PIG MONTHLY TREASURY REPORT			
Date:	12/04/14	Group Donation	\$ 19.19
Treasurer	Mike S.	Group Donations:	\$ -
Starting Balance	\$ 3,078.36	Pre Registration Income:	\$ -
Plus Total Income:	\$ 19.19	Other Income:	\$ -
Subtotal:	\$ 3,097.55	Equals Total Income:	\$ 19.19
Minus Total Expenses:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equals New Balance:	\$ 3,097.55	Expense:	\$ -
		Expense:	\$ -
		Expense:	\$ -
		Equals Total Expenses:	\$ -
Notes: Donation from Sunday Night Never Alone			
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Literature (Chair: Melissa W. reported)

- No concerns.

Group Concerns & Announcements

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

- 1) Woodbury Freebirds – group is struggling, attendance has been down to 4 or 5 people.
- 2) Addicts in Recovery - need more M/F Sponsors.
- 3) Midweek NA – could use sponsors; now a closed meeting (meeting list needs updating).
- 4) Peace of Mind – group talked about ideas to help attendance; group is rotating readings (instead of doing all at each meeting), and working on including the newcomer in the meetings.
- 5) From Darkness Into Light – group needs more addicts with clean time to take service positions.
- 6) Apple Valley Basic Text – needs support/attendance.

Open Forum

- 1) Matt K. – Ties That Bind Us is a meeting that has been going on for a long time. Over the past 12-18 months there has been more than one occasion where an underage female has reported being “preyed upon” and other inappropriate behavior from males over 18, who have been from treatment centers. The group is also having issues with changes by the church (rooms available, etc.). Where does the group draw the line on behavior at meetings? Can we get more people with more clean time to come to the meeting to help out?
 Brian F. – Went through this recently at another meeting; announced that it is not going to be tolerated, and some people did not come back.
 Chrissy E. – There is a new service pamphlet out regarding violent and disruptive behavior; that would be a place to start. One group made up their own statement that is read at every meeting.

Brandon – had a similar issue in St. Cloud with behavior issues; had trusted servants talk to people 1:1 about what is appropriate behavior at meetings.

Tim – Has been in a couple groups that drafted a statement about behavior read at each meeting.

Mary M. – A suggestion as a woman who has been in that position (not necessarily in NA), have women immediately “buddy up” with the girls so they feel they have some support and protection.

Angie M. – These are the kind of things we would hope would be learned from a sponsor; consider taking anyone disruptive aside with a couple people talk to them, and suggest getting a sponsor.

Brandon – Another thought would be to have a business meeting and bring this up so that it’s out in the open and becomes a responsibility of the group.

Steve – It Works How and Why has some paragraphs about setting up a supportive and loving environment for recovery.

Melissa – Anyone who could help is invited to come to the meeting; it has been discussed by the group.

Some suggestions were voted down, but given the fact that the situation has changed that might change.

Chrissy – It would be appropriate to approach the treatment center to make them aware that there have been issues.

John M. – Some of the men doing these things probably don’t feel like they are doing anything wrong; if it is someone from a treatment center, their behavior is also taking recovery away from others at the treatment center.

John – The area can help out; it would be appropriate for the P.R. Chair to approach the treatment centers in question; Brandon agreed to do so.

Elections

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

Angie M. expressed interest in being Area Vice-Chair; nomination seconded by Tim N. Angie stated that it’s been a while since she held an area level position; she has held all group level positions and was area Treasurer. She spoke with her sponsor, who supports her. She has been clean for 14 years. Vote: Support – 9, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0, passed unanimously.

Nick expressed interest in stepping up as RCM. Nominated by Melissa, seconded by Todd. Vote: Support – 9, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0, passed unanimously.

John expressed willingness to be area Webmaster; seconded by Brian F. He does have access to the site already and also wants to help out more with Region’s website. Vote- Support – 9, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0, passed unanimously.

Angie M. nominated as PIG Gate Co-Chair by PIG subcommittee. Vote: Support - 8, Oppose - 0, Abstentions - 1, nomination accepted.

Old Business

None.

New Business

1. Motion by Mike S, seconded by Steve P., to have SSFA donate 10 recovery books to give away for the holidays to inmates at the Dakota Co. Jail.

Intent: Get NA Literature to inmates. Financial impact: approx. \$120.00

Discussion: Outreach chair volunteered to contribute \$50 monthly allowance to this effort; likewise, H&I chair volunteered \$50 and PR Chair \$20 (fulfilling the intent of the motion through subcommittee contributions).

Motion was withdrawn since it was no longer necessary.

Meeting closed with the Gratitude Statement at 8:45pm.

Treasurer's Report

12/4/14

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$858.59	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7th Tradition	\$14.00	\$ 0
Literature Sales	\$197.20	\$ 0
Step By Step	\$52.00	\$ 0
Addicts in Recovery	\$9.70	\$ 0
Apple Valley Basic Text Study	\$10.00	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$282.90	\$ 0

Cash out (-)		
Rent – 1st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00	
Literature Payment (UMSO)	-\$104.54	
Copies: ASC meeting (Garrett)	-\$9.82	
Outreach – jail books		-\$50.00
H&I – jail books		-\$50.00
PR – jail books		-\$20.00
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$144.36	

ENDING BALANCE:	\$997.13
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Note: Outreach, H&I and PR spending not included in this month's balance – will be part of next month's UMSO literature payment.

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 :	Brian F	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance :	15	
Avg. Newcomers :	1	
H&I Activities :		
ASC Donation :	\$52.00	
Scheduled Activities :		
Other :		

Never Alone	7:00pm Sunday	Unstable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Ties That Bind Us	7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Matt ^(acting) PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	30
Avg. Newcomers	:	6
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	See Open Forum discussion.

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	:	David H. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	10-20
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	\$9.70
Scheduled Activities	:	Report area activities
Other	:	Need M/F sponsors

TNT: Tues. Nights Together	7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Beth PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	25-50
Avg. Newcomers	:	2-5
H&I Activities	:	Announced
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	Announced

Other	:	
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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	:	Melissa E. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	8-10
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	Meeting list changes 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	:	

No Name NA	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	:	Tim N. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	12	
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	.	
Other	:		

NA Day		7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Derek G. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	45	
Avg. Newcomers	:	6	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

From Darkness Into Light NA		6:30pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Todd V. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	12	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:	Announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	Announced	
Other	:	Need members with more clean time to take service positions.	

NA 101		7:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	John M. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	12	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Apple Valley Basic Text Study		9:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Steve P. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	6-10	
Avg. Newcomers	:	0-1	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		