



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes March 6, 2014

Meeting opened at 7:05 PM by Area Chair, Brad S.

Introductions: 21 members in attendance, with no newcomers.

Readings: 12 Steps read by James M.; 12 Traditions read by Jules L.; 12 Concepts read by Chrissy E.

Call for quorum: 10 voting members present (minimum for quorum is 7). With 10 voting members present, motions at this meeting require 8 votes in support to pass.

Approval of Minutes: Mary M. moved to approve the minutes for February; seconded by Melissa M. Vote: Support – 10, 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 S. reported)

- Nobody present attended Creating Our Common Welfare; John will get info.
- Conference Agenda Survey needs to be filled out with our input into the motions that will be voted on at the World Service Conference. Groups and individuals can also put in their input – they are due by March 15.
- Minutes are out from the November 9 RSC meeting.
- NAR-Anon would like to have a mutual/non-endorsed web link on the NA Minnesota website, and a booth at MNNAC.
- The region would like us to provide a list of who should receive e-mail sent to the info.ssf@naminnesota.org e-mail address.
- Elections are in May for open RSC positions: currently Secretary and UMSO Representative.
- Service System Project – Back to Basics is running with a GSC/LSC/LSB structure; like any change, it takes time and some trial-by-error, but seems to be working well for them; they are intending to stay with it.
- Only 6/11 areas were in attendance at the November RSC meeting.
- Volunteers needed: Helpline (several different positions, including people to answer calls); Bridging the Gap.
- Stickers are available (have 3 per group available).
- UMSO needs some volunteers!
- Sponsorship Behind the Walls is growing – need male addicts willing to do a “pen-pal” sponsorship with an inmate; all mail is sent to a P.O. Box so the inmate doesn't have anyone's actual address.

- MNNAC Board of Directors has some openings.
- MNNAC is going to be awesome! There are also some rooms available (more have been added to the NA price-reduced block).
- Region is participating in Transition Fairs at prisons (April 15 at Shakopee, May 14 at St. Cloud); 2-3 volunteers are needed for each.

Activities: (Chair: Rick H. reported)

- Snow Tubing on Sunday, March 9 (this weekend!) – flyers are available.

Public Relations: (Open)

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

- Brian's term as H&I Chair is up; we need a new H&I Chair!
- The area thanked Brian for his service.

- **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
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: Steve P.)

- Meeting of the Month: Rock Solid NA on March 19 in Northfield.

PIG: (Chair: Nick P.)

- Current balance is: \$2035.16 (2 donations this month).
- Chili Feed is this weekend.
- Spaghetti dinner is May 17 3:30-6:30pm.
- Addicts in Recovery donated \$60; Peace of Mind donated \$192.
- Brad S. is going to be the Dinner Coordinator; the food coordinator is Melissa S.
- Always looking for addicts willing to take service positions!
- Looking for speaker ideas for Spaghetti Dinner & Sunday morning at PIG.

PIG MONTHLY TREASURY REPORT			
Date:	03/06/14	Group Donation	\$ 60.00
Treasurer	Mike S.	Group Donations:	\$ -
Old Balance	\$ 1,975.16	Pre Registration Income:	\$ -
Plus Total Income:	\$ 60.00	Other Income:	\$ -
Subtotal:	\$ 2,035.16	Equals Total Income:	\$ 60.00
Minus Total Expenses:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equals New Balance:	\$ 2,035.16	Expense:	\$ -
		Expense:	\$ -
		Expense:	\$ -
		Equals Total Expenses:	\$ -
Notes: Donation from Addicts in Recovery received from Angie M. February 11th 2014			
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Literature (Chair: Melissa W.)

- Had everything except a couple medallions. She will be stocking medallions up to 10 years; if you need more, please call Melissa in advance.

Ad-Hoc By-Laws: (Chair: Kris B.)

- Did not meet in February due to the weather; will meet the third Thursday of March at Kris' house.

Group Concerns & Announcements

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

1. Monday Night Round Robin needs support (7 in attendance regularly).
2. Addicts In Recovery needs people willing and able to sponsor.
3. Keep It Simple has had very little attendance and is in danger of closing.

Open Forum

- 1) Melissa W – will need to buy some items this month but mostly still selling down our current literature stock.
- 2) James – H&I committee has a \$50 a month budget; the amount of IPs being set aside are \$52.81. James will put forward a motion for the extra amount.
- 3) Steve – GSRs, please announce Meeting of the Month at meetings.
- 4) John – read the 6 motions and 4 regional proposals for CAR:
 - a) Motion 1: Approval of Introduction to NA Meetings (currently a service pamphlet) as IP #29.
 - b) Motion 2: One person per region will be seated at the World Service Conference.
 - c) Motion 3: WSC will only pay for delegates to attend the WSC if their region cannot afford to send them.

- d) Motion 4: To agree in principle to work towards a service structure incorporating Group Support Forums (GSFs).
- e) Motion 5: To agree in principle to work towards a service structure incorporating Local Service Conferences (LSCs).
- f) Motion 6: To agree in principle to work towards a service structure incorporating Local Service Boards (LSBs).
- g) Proposal A: To place a moratorium on the service system proposals for 2-4 years.
- h) Proposal B: To specify the specific decision-making mechanism for anything related to the Service System Proposals.
- i) Proposal C: Currently seated regions retain their seat at the WSC forever.
- j) Proposal D: Ideas to evaluate or reduce WSC costs either by creating a workgroup to look into conference costs or by eliminating World Board travel to the WSC

Elections

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

1. Kris B. nominated Jules L, as area Vice Chair – seconded by Tim. Jules has one year of clean time. Brad read the position description. Vote support – 8, opposed – 0, abstentions – 2, passed.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Motion by Kris B., seconded by Tim N., to remove Tuesday Morning Women's Recovery Group from the area meeting list, as they are not showing up or are late (which is risky for newcomers who may show up expecting a meeting).
Discussion: Steve P. said he had the same experience. John – suggests tabling for a month and ask their GSR to show up; Kris said they have no GSR (she has tried to contact them). Steve said he will try to contact them. Brad – it's dangerous to have a focused meeting on the list and not have people there.
Vote: Support – 9, opposed – 0, abstentions – 1, passed.
2. Motion by James M., seconded by Steve P: H&I Subcommittee literature; allows monthly purchase of 8 IPs with 20 copies each for a cost \$52.81 (\$2.81 more than the \$50/month budget for H&I).
Discussion: none
Vote: Support – 8, opposed – 0, abstentions – 1, passed.
3. Motion by Angie M., seconded by Chrissy E.: Remove Serenity Seekers from meeting list because they haven't attended area for more than 2 years.
Discussion: Nick stated that they are still a functional meeting, they are 2 hours away. Mary said she will contact them this month. Kris stated functional meetings should be left as long as the group wants to be on the list. John stated that region is just about to get out electronic GSR report submission, could offer that to them. Melissa asked does it affect quorum? Garrett answered that it doesn't since they haven't been attending (so no change to average GSR attendance). Steve said some of the meetings out in that part of the state are considering forming a new area, so they may have another option. Eric: are they closer to Back to Basics? Garrett said that's true, but they chose not to be part of it. Brad suggested tabling this motion until we know more.
Motion tabled until April ASC meeting.
4. Motion by John S., seconded by James M, to formulate an SSFA response for the CAR Survey; for each motion and proposal: if we can come to a "Yes" or "No" position, we will put that in; otherwise, the SSFA position on that item is "no comment". For this motion, all addicts have input, not just GSRs.

- a. Motion 1: Approve draft of Introduction to NA Meetings as IP #29. Discussion of what this would be used for – good for H&I, PR, new addicts, parents/support, etc.
Vote support – 20, opposed – 1, abstentions – 0; SSFA will support.
- b. Motion 2: Seating at the WSC is limited to 1 delegate per region (alternates no longer seated).
Vote – support 18, opposed 0, abstentions 2; SSFA will support.
- c. Motion 3: World Service Conference does not automatically fund delegates; regions which cannot afford to send a delegate can petition the world board for funding.
Discussion: John S. – how is hardship determined if region can't afford to send a delegate? Kris B – it's primarily for 3rd world countries; they work with regions enough to know. Chrissy E. – Also helps to give a sense of responsibility and self-sufficiency to the regions. Mike – hard to get rid of the “conspiracy theory” when hearing something like this, but we also allow a higher power to work through us; that said, it could result in less representation of addicts at the conference. Mary – all good if it's treated like “No addict is turned away”. Kris – it supports “we are fully self-supporting”. Nick – World is hemorrhaging funds; anything we can do to help is a good thing.
Vote: Support – 19, opposed – 0 abstentions – 2; SSFA will support.
- d. Motion 4: To agree in principle to work towards a service structure incorporating GSFs.
Discussion: If it is up to each body, why vote on it at world? John – World is looking to see if there is support to move forward and develop service literature for the proposed format. Kris: what we are doing is a GSF? Or LSC? There would still be a representative for groups on GSFs and LSCs. John – GSFs are just for group concerns – chairs and committees are not at that level; it's a less formal structure. Kris – it may help out, and if we don't try it, we'll never know. Nick – it doesn't have to be “all or nothing”, we can incorporate what works for us but still have our area. Tim – this would involve developing literature? John – yes, that is the primary intent. Vote: Support – 10, opposed – 6, abstentions – 5; SSFA will support.
- e. Motion 5: To agree in principle to work towards a service structure incorporating LSCs.
Discussion :Chrissy – this isn't to set policy, it just allows world to develop service resources for areas in other parts of the world. Kris – we tend to think in our own situation; this is about the world and other places where this might work better; it's another option. Tim – change is scare, but doing the same thing I've always done is addict behavior. We'll never know unless we try. Steve – this is pretty much a “package deal”, it doesn't make sense to pass the separately. John – it could be taken that we just want to go slowly.
Vote: Support – 11, opposed – 6; SSFA will support.
- f. Motion 6: To agree in principle to work towards a service structure incorporating LSBs.
Discussion: Kris – it's basically what we're doing right here; it wouldn't be a huge change. John – it could be a fewer LSBs/LSCs than we have currently. Chrissy – this is a lot like how the UMSO and MNNAC already operate; the verbiage sounds messy but it really isn't that different than what we already do; it is effective. John – it also has experience and depth and to provide a “feeder system” for people with service experience.
Vote: support – 11, opposed – 6; SSFA will support.
- g. Proposal A: A place a moratorim on the service system proposals (2 – 5 years). Brad suggested we table these and people can provide their own feedback through other mechanisms. Mike – these are basically things someone would vote for who voted against the motions. Group conscience was for SSFA to take a “no opinion” position on all 4 proposals.

Motion to adjourn made by Jules L, seconded by James L. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Treasurer's Report

3/06/14

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1335.00	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7th Tradition	\$17.50	\$ 0
Literature Sales	\$342.25	
Step By Step	\$28.25	\$ 0
Round Robin	\$25.00	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$413.00	\$ 0

Cash out (-)	
Rent – 1st Presbyterian Ch.	-\$30.00
Literature Payment (UMSO)	-\$209.61
Activities	-\$50.00
Copies: ASC meeting (Garrett)	-\$8.25
Stamps (Garrett)	-\$56.00
Copies – Rick (activities)	-\$11.00
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$364.86

ENDING BALANCE:	\$1383.14
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GSR Reports

Woodbury Freebirds	6:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Julie L.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 15-35	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1-5	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Step by Step	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Kris B.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 15-20	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1-2	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	: \$28.25	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

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

Ties That Bind Us	7:00pm Monday	Stable
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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	:	7
Avg. Newcomers	:	2
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	\$25.00
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	:	Angie M. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15
Avg. Newcomers	:	1
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	announced
Other	:	Need more people to sponsor; piggy passed for PIG.

TNT: Tues. Nights Together	7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Steve P. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20
Avg. Newcomers	:	2
H&I Activities	:	announced
ASC Donation	:	
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	:	Tim N. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	16
Avg. Newcomers	:	3
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	.
Other	:	PIG donation: \$192.00

NA Day	7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Chrissy E. PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	40-50
Avg. Newcomers	:	4
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	Saving \$ for Chili Feed
Scheduled Activities	:	Chili Feed March 8 3:30pm!
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	:	John M.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	12	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Lakeville Basic Text Study		9:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	James M.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		