



## Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes October 2, 2014

Meeting opened at 7:05 PM by John S. acting as chair for this meeting.

**Introductions:** 18 members in attendance, with 1 newcomer.

**Readings:** 12 Steps read by Steve P.; 12 Traditions read by Michael F.; 12 Concepts read by Derek G.

**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:**

2 corrections to distributed September minutes: Month for approval of minutes should be August; H&I commitments - remove evening Haven – Shakopee commitment. Mary M. moved to approve the minutes of the September ASC meeting as corrected; motion was seconded by Tim N.

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

**7<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at Faith Methodist Church, 1530 Oakdale Ave., West St. Paul, MN.

### **Vice-Chair:** (open)

- Garrett reported that Jules L. is stepping down as Area Vice-Chair.

### **Region:** (RCM: John S. reported)

- John brought samples of what GSR & committee reports submitted online through [naminnesota.org](http://naminnesota.org) look like. John suggested that GSRs and Subcommittee chairs consider using this feature.
- Most items are the same as those reported in August.
- Next RSC meeting is November 8 at Sabathni in Meeting Room J. Anyone is welcome to attend at region, and everyone who attends can vote and participate.
- NA Way magazine is now available online; go to <http://www.na.org/subscribe>
- Next World Convention (WCNA 36) is in Rio de Janero, 6/11/15-6/14/15. Can pay in installments at [na.org](http://na.org) online.
- Region purchased a projector for meetings; cost \$650. (It is also available for other purposes.)
- Voted to fund \$1500 for people to attend the Multi-Zonal Service Symposium.
- Voted to create a durable table skirt with NA logo and [naminnesota.org](http://naminnesota.org) website address for events.
- Digital Project Team – there is a shopping cart available on the [naminnesota.org](http://naminnesota.org) website which can be used for any N.A. event for which tickets, etc. can be sold online. There is a small fee.
- Open Region positions: Secretary, UMSO representative.
- UMSO (last Sat and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday need volunteers), Bridging the Gap, Helpline, and Beyond the Walls all need volunteers.

- Speakers are needed for the newcomer orientation that is happening every Thursday from 12:30-1:30 at the Hennepin Co. Judicial Center (1800 Chicago).
- New IP#29 is coming in about 2 months – an Introduction to N.A. Meetings.
- UMSO Annual Report was submitted to Region, John has a copy. UMSO had a small profit for the year (about \$300).
- Need NA Sticker photos (but please ask for permission before putting them up).
- New project idea – Basic Texts to Inmates – there will be a button on the Region website to make a donation for providing N.A. Basic Texts to prisons & jails. Back to Basics area is starting it. The introduction will include shipping/handling and possibly adding some IPs to each package.
- Another project idea – N.A. Speaker Directory with a list of people willing to speak.
- Region is considering working on a “responsibility statement” – idea is being discussed but not adopted yet.
- Region needs a publisher for a bimonthly newsletter.
- Andy S. is new Regional Delegate (Minnesota Region’s liaison to world).
- Traditions Working Guide review & input coming up – can sign up on Region website.
- Zonal Forum Map draft – available online.
- 2014 Treasurer’s Report:
  - Cash on hand as of 7/31/14: \$5,479.37. Expenses: \$9367.30, income \$4196.13 (still waiting for MNNAC contribution).
  - Area Contributions are about \$818 behind budget so far this year.
  - 2015 Revenue projection: \$14150; Draft expenses: \$13,800.
  - Average expenses are approx. \$1200-\$2000 per month.
- Back to Basics Halloween Bash coming up in Hope, MN (south of Owatonna).
- Region is asking areas to plan events further in advance so they can be publicized better by region (website, announcements at RSC, etc.)
- John is working on updating the SSFA trusted servant list on the region website; John & Garrett will work on migrating last few years of SSFA file there.

#### Activities: (open)

#### Public Relations: (Chair Brandon H - reported)

- Brandon is working on contacting St. Paul area hospitals/emergency rooms and St. Paul area counselors for awareness and availability of meeting lists.
- Request from Anthony Louis Center for H&I commitment – adolescent treatment center in Woodbury (7700 Hudson Rd, Suite 600, Woodbury, MN 55125 – just off I-94 Radio Drive exit)
  - Need 6 months clean
  - Co-ed, best to have both male & female participation
  - Looking for M, W, or F – 12:30-1:30pm meeting
  - **GSRs - please spread the word**, have interested addicts contact Brandon.
- Concerns/needs:
  - Need a P.R. Co-Chair!
  - Generating ideas of places or facilities to contact to spread the word about N.A.

#### Hospitals & Institutions: (Open)

##### • Current H&I commitments:

|                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Every Saturday: Dakota Co. Jail 1:00pm<br>(Need pre-approval to participate, call contact for info.)<br>Contact: Mike S. 612-860-0274 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of every month: Haven Treatment (Shakopee) 10:00am<br>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)

- Meeting of the Month - From Darkness Into Light on Saturday, October 18 at 6:30pm in Prior Lake. GSRs, please announce at every meeting.

**PIG:** (Chair: Nick P. reported)

- Will be holding an ad-hoc meeting later this month to discuss any changes needed to the PIG Bylaws; contact Nick if interested.
- Balance: \$3,037.97 – see PIG Treasury Report; includes donation of \$48.15 from Addicts in Recovery.

| PIG MONTHLY TREASURY REPORT                                                                                                                                                      |                    |                                 |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Date:</b>                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>10/02/14</b>    | <b>Group Donation</b>           | <b>\$ 48.15</b> |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Mike S.</b>     | <b>Group Donations:</b>         | <b>\$ -</b>     |
| <b>Starting Balance</b>                                                                                                                                                          | <b>\$ 2,989.82</b> | <b>Pre Registration Income:</b> | <b>\$ -</b>     |
| <b>Plus Total Income:</b>                                                                                                                                                        | <b>\$ 48.15</b>    | <b>Other Income:</b>            | <b>\$ -</b>     |
| <b>Subtotal:</b>                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>\$ 3,037.97</b> | <b>Equals Total Income:</b>     | <b>\$ 48.15</b> |
| <b>Minus Total Expenses:</b>                                                                                                                                                     | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ -</b>                     | <b>\$ -</b>     |
| <b>Equals New Balance:</b>                                                                                                                                                       | <b>\$ 3,037.97</b> | <b>Expense:</b>                 | <b>\$ -</b>     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                  |                    | <b>Expense:</b>                 | <b>\$ -</b>     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                  |                    | <b>Expense:</b>                 | <b>\$ -</b>     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                  |                    | <b>Equals Total Expenses:</b>   | <b>\$ -</b>     |
| <b>Notes: Donation from Addicts in Recovery, [All 2014 event items have cleared except for the check of \$522.23 to the campground for the storage locker through 7-31-2015]</b> |                    |                                 |                 |
| AREA COPY                                                                                                                                                                        |                    |                                 |                 |

**Literature** (Chair: Melissa W. reported)

- All going well.

## Group Concerns & Announcements

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

1. Never Alone needs addicts willing to sponsor (male and female).; they don't currently have any, and have many newcomers attending. The group is also struggling financially, but attendance is up.
2. Addicts in Recovery also needs more sponsors (male and female).
3. Peace of Mind could also use more sponsors (male and female).
4. Apple Valley Basic Text Study could use some support.

## Open Forum

- 1) Alya asked about the Back to the Basics Halloween Dance; it's going to be in Hope, MN on Saturday, Oct 25 from 7pm-midnight, \$8 admission (or free with donation of an NA item for raffle).
- 2) Brian F. - October 25 the Wisconsin Region is having a learning day in Eau Claire – covers a lot of topics.
- 3) Brian F. – There is a new meeting forming in Prior Lake, tonight is the first meeting – No Name NA, 7pm on Thursday. It's at a church on Fish Point Road, they are not sure yet what area they are going to join. They are looking for people to attend.
- 4) Garrett L. will not be at the ASC meeting in November – need someone to take minutes. John will send out an e-mail to GSRs and subcommittee chairs a week ahead asking them to submit reports online.
- 5) Alya – Does our area do any events over the holidays? It's a time when many addicts can use support. If anyone is interested in organizing something she is willing to help.
- 6) Brian F. – Someone asked about a game show for MNNAC; if we are going to help MNNAC with this, should we go ahead and work on a date so we can pick our own? If we wait too long, there are not many choices and it tends to conflict with events we already have.
- 7) Brandon – Chrissy mentioned that she has someone interested in being Treasurer, she will bring that forward next month.

## Elections

**Open Positions:** Vice-Chair, Treasurer [is up], Co-Treasurer, Secretary, Co-Secretary, Activities Chair, H&I Subcommittee Chair, H&I Subcommittee Co-Chair, Public Relations Subcommittee Co-Chair, Literature Co-Chair, Outreach Co-Chair.

Donna C. expressed willingness to be Area Co-Treasurer; she has 2.5 years of clean time. She has worked at the Dollar Store as a cashier handling money. She can get to the post office in Apple Valley to get mail. Mary is willing to stay on as Treasurer until Donna has 3 years; so Donna can be Co-Treasurer until then. She doesn't have a sponsor; she does attend 2 meetings a week (she is Secretary at one and Co-Treasurer at another). She regularly talks to her mother about issues; she started working the steps but hasn't completed them.

Vote: Support - 8, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 1; nomination accepted.

Liz C. expressed willingness to be Literature Co-Chair. Liz has 3.5 years of clean time; she will have 4 years in November. She has an NA sponsor, and just finished term as Chair for 2 meetings, and is looking for a new service opportunity. She does not have a driver's license but has friends willing to help her with transportation.

Vote: Support - 8, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 1, nomination accepted.

Alya J. expressed interest in being Activities Chair. She is currently a meeting treasurer and has held several service positions. She has held a similar position in a different organization. Her only worry is having enough time to meet the commitment, so she will need help. She has 7.5 years clean; she doesn't have a sponsor currently but is looking for one.

Vote: Support - 8, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 1, nomination accepted.

Melissa E. expressed interest in being Activities Co-Chair; she currently has 10 months clean. She has a sponsor and regularly attends meetings. She is on an activities committee at her school and has planned activities for another organization.

Vote: Support - 7, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 2, nomination passed.

Brian F. expressed willingness to be H&I Chair. He has been involved in H&I work for 5 years and been H&I Chair in the past for 4 years. He wants to work on a learning day and get the areas working together again. He also thinks he left some things undone, and is willing to get back into it. Brian has an NA sponsor and regularly attends meetings.

Vote: Support - 8, Opposed - 0, Abstentions - 1; nomination passed.

## Old Business

None.

## New Business

1. Motion by John S., seconded by Tim N.: Donate \$500.00 to MNRSC.  
Intent: Carry the message to the addict who still suffers and keep a healthy financial attitude at SSFA.  
Financial impact: \$500.00  
Discussion: none  
Vote: Support – 9, opposed – 0, abstentions – 0, motion carried
2. Motion by John S., seconded by Tim N.: Donate \$500.00 to NAWS.  
Intent: Carry the message to the addict who still suffers and keep a healthy financial attitude at SSFA.  
Financial impact: \$500.00  
Discussion: Garrett L. asked what our balance would be if we made this donation; Mary said that we would have just over \$800 (almost \$200 below prudent reserve). Garrett asked if John would accept a friendly amendment to change the donation amount to \$300; John accepted this amendment.  
Vote: Support – 9, opposed – 0, abstentions – 0, motion carried

Motion to adjourn made by Brian F., seconded by Brandon H.; all approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

## Treasurer's Report

10/02/14

|                          |                  |             |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| <b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b> | <b>\$2292.97</b> |             |
| <b>Cash in (+)</b>       | ASC              | OTHER       |
| 7th Tradition            | \$8.00           | \$ 0        |
| Literature Sales         | \$236.86         | \$ 0        |
| Addicts in Recovery      | \$10.00          | \$ 0        |
| Apple Valley Basic Text  | \$26.00          | \$ 0        |
| TNT                      | \$100.00         | \$ 0        |
| NA Day                   | \$72.36          | \$ 0        |
| <b>TOTAL DONATIONS:</b>  | <b>\$453.22</b>  | <b>\$ 0</b> |

|                                         |                   |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Cash out (-)</b>                     |                   |
| Rent – 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Ch. | -\$30.00          |
| Literature Payment (UMSO)               | -\$846.30         |
| MNRSC (Region)                          | -\$500.00         |
| Activities                              | -\$50.00          |
| Copies: ASC meeting (Garrett)           | -\$10.68          |
| NAWS (World)                            | -\$300.00         |
| <b>CASH OUT TOTAL:</b>                  | <b>-\$1736.98</b> |

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| <b>ENDING BALANCE:</b> | <b>\$1009.21</b> |
|------------------------|------------------|

# GSR Reports

| <b>Woodbury Freebirds</b> | <b>6:00pm Sunday</b> | <b>Stable</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| GSR                       | : Michael F.         | PRESENT       |
| Avg. Attendance           | : 15                 |               |
| Avg. Newcomers            | : 2                  |               |
| H&I Activities            | :                    |               |
| ASC Donation              | :                    |               |
| Scheduled Activities      | :                    |               |
| Other                     | :                    |               |

| <b>Step by Step</b>  | <b>7:00pm Sunday</b> | <b>Stable</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| GSR                  | : NOT PRESENT        |               |
| Avg. Attendance      | :                    |               |
| Avg. Newcomers       | :                    |               |
| H&I Activities       | :                    |               |
| ASC Donation         | :                    |               |
| Scheduled Activities | :                    |               |
| Other                | :                    |               |

| <b>Never Alone</b>   | <b>7:00pm Sunday</b>                                            | <b>Unstable</b> |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| GSR                  | : Alya                                                          | PRESENT         |
| Avg. Attendance      | : 12                                                            |                 |
| Avg. Newcomers       | : 1-2                                                           |                 |
| H&I Activities       | :                                                               |                 |
| ASC Donation         | :                                                               |                 |
| Scheduled Activities | :                                                               |                 |
| Other                | : Need sponsors, have lots of newcomers, struggling financially |                 |

| <b>Ties That Bind Us</b> | <b>7:00pm Monday</b> | <b>Stable</b> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| GSR                      | : NOT PRESENT        |               |
| Avg. Attendance          | :                    |               |
| Avg. Newcomers           | :                    |               |
| H&I Activities           | :                    |               |
| ASC Donation             | :                    |               |
| Scheduled Activities     | :                    |               |
| Other                    | :                    |               |

| <b>Monday Night Round Robin</b> | <b>7:00pm Monday</b> | <b>Stable</b> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| GSR                             | : NOT PRESENT        |               |
| Avg. Attendance                 | :                    |               |
| Avg. Newcomers                  | :                    |               |
| H&I Activities                  | :                    |               |
| ASC Donation                    | :                    |               |
| Scheduled Activities            | :                    |               |
| Other                           | : Need support!      |               |

| <b>Tues. Morning Women's Rec.</b> | <b>10:00am Tuesday</b> | <b>Stable</b> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| GSR                               | :                      | NOT PRESENT   |
| Avg. Attendance                   | :                      |               |
| Avg. Newcomers                    | :                      |               |
| H&I Activities                    | :                      |               |
| ASC Donation                      | :                      |               |
| Scheduled Activities              | :                      |               |
| Other                             | :                      |               |

| <b>Addicts in Recovery</b> | <b>7:00pm Tuesday</b> | <b>Stable</b>                               |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| GSR                        | :                     | Liz C. PRESENT                              |
| Avg. Attendance            | :                     | 15-18                                       |
| Avg. Newcomers             | :                     | 1-2                                         |
| H&I Activities             | :                     |                                             |
| ASC Donation               | :                     | \$10.00                                     |
| Scheduled Activities       | :                     |                                             |
| Other                      | :                     | Need more people willing & able to sponsor. |

| <b>TNT: Tues. Nights Together</b> | <b>7:00pm Tuesday</b> | <b>Stable</b>    |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| GSR                               | :                     | Brian F. PRESENT |
| Avg. Attendance                   | :                     | 30               |
| Avg. Newcomers                    | :                     | 2-3              |
| H&I Activities                    | :                     |                  |
| ASC Donation                      | :                     | \$100.00         |
| Scheduled Activities              | :                     |                  |
| Other                             | :                     |                  |

| <b>NA Door To Freedom</b> | <b>7:00pm Tuesday</b> | <b>Stable</b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| GSR                       | :                     | NOT PRESENT   |
| Avg. Attendance           | :                     |               |
| Avg. Newcomers            | :                     |               |
| H&I Activities            | :                     |               |
| ASC Donation              | :                     |               |
| Scheduled Activities      | :                     |               |
| Other                     | :                     |               |

| <b>Midweek NA</b>    | <b>7:00pm Wednesday</b> | <b>Stable</b>      |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| GSR                  | :                       | Melissa E. PRESENT |
| Avg. Attendance      | :                       | 12-15              |
| Avg. Newcomers       | :                       | 2-3                |
| H&I Activities       | :                       |                    |
| ASC Donation         | :                       |                    |
| Scheduled Activities | :                       |                    |
| Other                | :                       |                    |

| <b>Rock Solid NA</b> | <b>8:00pm Wednesday</b> | <b>Stable</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| GSR                  | :                       | NOT PRESENT   |
| Avg. Attendance      | :                       |               |
| Avg. Newcomers       | :                       |               |
| H&I Activities       | :                       |               |
| ASC Donation         | :                       |               |
| Scheduled Activities | :                       |               |
| Other                | :                       |               |

| <b>Gaylord Serenity Seekers</b> |   | <b>7:00pm Thursday</b> | <b>Stable</b> |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------|
| GSR                             | : | NOT PRESENT            |               |
| Avg. Attendance                 | : |                        |               |
| Avg. Newcomers                  | : |                        |               |
| H&I Activities                  | : |                        |               |
| ASC Donation                    | : |                        |               |
| Scheduled Activities            | : |                        |               |
| Other                           | : |                        |               |

| <b>Peace of Mind</b> |   | <b>7:30pm Friday</b> | <b>Stable</b> |
|----------------------|---|----------------------|---------------|
| GSR                  | : | Tim N.               | PRESENT       |
| Avg. Attendance      | : | 15-18                |               |
| Avg. Newcomers       | : | 2                    |               |
| H&I Activities       | : |                      |               |
| ASC Donation         | : |                      |               |
| Scheduled Activities | : | .                    |               |
| Other                | : |                      |               |

| <b>NA Day</b>        |   | <b>7:30pm Friday</b>         | <b>Stable</b> |
|----------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------|
| GSR                  | : | Derek G.                     | PRESENT       |
| Avg. Attendance      | : | 30-40                        |               |
| Avg. Newcomers       | : | 5+                           |               |
| H&I Activities       | : |                              |               |
| ASC Donation         | : | \$72.36                      |               |
| Scheduled Activities | : |                              |               |
| Other                | : | Fifth week is now a speaker. |               |

| <b>From Darkness Into Light NA</b> |   | <b>6:30pm Saturday</b> | <b>Unstable</b> |
|------------------------------------|---|------------------------|-----------------|
| GSR                                | : | NOT PRESENT            |                 |
| Avg. Attendance                    | : |                        |                 |
| Avg. Newcomers                     | : |                        |                 |
| H&I Activities                     | : |                        |                 |
| ASC Donation                       | : |                        |                 |
| Scheduled Activities               | : | .                      |                 |
| Other                              | : |                        |                 |

| <b>NA 101</b>        |   | <b>7:00pm Saturday</b> | <b>Stable</b> |
|----------------------|---|------------------------|---------------|
| GSR                  | : | John M.                | PRESENT       |
| Avg. Attendance      | : | 15                     |               |
| Avg. Newcomers       | : | 3                      |               |
| H&I Activities       | : |                        |               |
| ASC Donation         | : |                        |               |
| Scheduled Activities | : |                        |               |
| Other                | : |                        |               |

| <b>Apple Valley Basic Text Study</b> |   | <b>9:00pm Saturday</b> | <b>Stable</b> |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------|
| GSR                                  | : | Steve P.               | PRESENT       |
| Avg. Attendance                      | : | 8                      |               |
| Avg. Newcomers                       | : | 1                      |               |
| H&I Activities                       | : | announced              |               |
| ASC Donation                         | : | \$26.00                |               |
| Scheduled Activities                 | : |                        |               |
| Other                                | : |                        |               |