



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes February 5, 2015

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by Area Chair Chrissy E.

Introductions: 23 members in attendance, with 1 newcomer.

7th Tradition: Collected (see Treasurer's Report).

Readings: 12 Steps read by Todd V.; 12 Traditions read by Tim N.; 12 Concepts read by Brian F.

Call for quorum: 11 voting members present (minimum for quorum is 7). With 11 voting members present, motions require 6 votes to pass.

Approval of Minutes: Tim N. noted that he was at the January ASC meeting but his GSR report (which he submitted online) wasn't included. Chrissy said that we are having issue with items submitted on the website which we will address.

Todd V. moved to approve the minutes of the January ASC meeting as corrected; seconded by John M.

Vote: Support – 10, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 1, passed.

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: (Angie M – present)

No report (she is acting Treasurer tonight).

Region: (RCM: Nick P. – present)

No report; see the N.A. Minnesota website for info, <http://naminnesota.org>.

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

- Saturday March 14th is the NA Family Game Show and Game Night: This is a MNNAC Awareness event. Starts at 5pm, and dinner will be served.
- **Committee Concerns:**
 - Can use volunteers to set up and clean up for the game show.
 - Need volunteers to bring board games to play after the game show.

Public Relations: (Chair Brandon H – reported)

- Emailed NA information to Dakota County police department for probation officers who work with addicts on parole/probation.
- Emailed NA Day's Chili Feed flyer to Secretary

Web: (Webmaster John S. – reported)

- We need to verify that all trusted servant positions are correctly listed on namminnesota.org.
- Is the area open to starting the process to upload all archives to the regions website drop boxes for all to view and use?
- COCW is coming! 2/14/15 in St. Peter, 10am-4pm. All are welcome! Please announce at meetings.
- Direct all addicts to namminnesota.org for information, social and service calendars, volunteer opportunities, and NA world news.
- Do we want our “Meeting of the Month” to be listed on the Regional Website?
- In need of Pig 2015 pre-registration flyer.
- Who do we want to have access to info@ssfa@naminnesota.org?
 - chair,
 - co-chair,
 - secretary,
 - rcm,
 - webmaster?

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

- No new information 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)

- February Meeting of the Month: Ties That Bind Us, Monday, February 9 at 7pm in Hastings.
- March Meeting of the Month: Woodbury Freebirds, Sunday, March 15th at 6pm.
- GSRs – **please announce meeting of the month schedule at all meetings.**
 - Steve’s time as Outreach Chair is done. *Thanks Steve for your service!*

PIG: (Chair: Nick P. reported)

- Old Balance: \$3013.55
- 2015 ARFC Down Payment of \$500
- Storage Locker \$522.23
- New Balance: \$1991.32
- Pig is donating 2 registrations and 2 T-Shirts to the NA Day Chili Feed.

PIG MONTHLY TREASURY REPORT			
Date:	01/08/15	Group Donation	\$ -
Treasurer	Mike S.	Group Donations:	\$ -
Starting Balance	\$ 3,013.55	Pre Registration Income:	\$ -
Plus Total Income:	\$ -	Other Income:	\$ -
Subtotal:	\$ 3,013.55	Equals Total Income:	\$ -
Minus Total Expenses:	\$ 1,022.23	2015 ARFC DOWNPAYMENT	\$ 500.00
Equals New Balance:	\$ 1,991.32	Expense:	\$ 522.23
		Expense:	\$ -
		Expense:	\$ -
		Equals Total Expenses:	\$ 1,022.23
Notes:			
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Literature (Chair: Melissa W. reported)

- Melissa is stepping down as Literature Chair to take a different role. Liz can use help – please consider stepping up as Literature Co-Chair.
- Please make sure to check your math on literature orders.

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 2 or 3 people. Group is Meeting of the Month in March; please support us.
- 2) Addicts in Recovery - Need more M/F sponsors.
- 3) Apple Valley Basic Text – Could use more support/attendance.

Open Forum

- 1) David – Area of Hope is looking to do a summer event that is something like MNNAC but on a smaller scale. Plan is for a Unity Day to celebrate NA's birthday. We are Here area is on board, Recovery In the Heartland is excited, and Twin Cities Area is likely to participate. The event will be in Kaposia Park in South St. Paul. If we bring our resources together as areas, we can do something bigger (maybe have a band, etc.) The idea is to have the areas put up money to organize the event but recoup it and give some money back to the area. There will be some games (basketball, obstacle course, tug of war, ...), kids area, etc. If SSFA wants to sign up, a suggesting is to contact all of the treatment facilities and invite them to participate so newcomers can learn how to have fun in recovery.

Fred – has run several different events, David is activity chair of AOH. The request from TCA was to bring a proposal, so that is what has been distributed tonight. At the very least, the request would be to have a liason from the SSFA who would actively help plan and prepare for the event. TCA's summer picnic has been hurting, so we should all try to come together with each other to make things successful.

Tim raised concerns because the event is the weekend after PIG; our area is pretty much completely consumed with getting PIG together. Brian said that all they are asking for at a minimum is a financial contribution and one person to work on the committee; we should be able to find one person out of 400.

David: One major part of the effort is to get newcomers there and to know that they can have fun, something we all needed to learn.

John S.: When would we be expected to put up the \$500? A: Have the support confirmed, and enough of the money gathered so that the committee has the \$350 to reserve the park, in March. The rest would be needed by the month before the event. T-shirts: the committee changed their mind on that part, maybe have the areas make and wear shirts as they want. Unity T-shirts could be sold to raise money towards the cost of the event.

Brandon: It is a very public area; how are we going to make sure we are able to present ourselves to the general public? A: There will be greeters/huggers that will be trained and ready for this.

Elections

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

Brian F. nominated Melissa C. as Treasurer; seconded by Todd V. Melissa is willing, and has held numerous money-handling positions at the group, area, and region levels.

Vote: Support – 10, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 1, nomination accepted.

John S. – is interested in the Secretary position, but would have some suggestions on a few changes that he would have to do to be successful. To do another night of the week, suggestion is to hold the subcommittee meetings as a conference call. Also, subcommittee and GSR reports should be submitted online, and the ASC meeting should have an agenda. It would be an adjustment that would be needed to be made immediately if he were to take the position.

Brian F. expressed willingness in being co-Treasurer. He has more than 2 years clean time, he handles money and deals with bank accounts daily at work, he has personal checking and savings accounts, is a group treasurer currently. Melissa nominated Brian F. as co-Treasurer; nomination seconded by Tim N.

Vote Support – 9, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 2, nomination accepted.

Donna expressed willingness to be Literature Co-Chair. She will need to learn things but she knows how to deal with money and handle arithmetic. She has more than 2 years clean. Brian F. nominated Donna as Literature Co-Chair; seconded by David.

Vote: Support -10, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 1, nomination accepted.

Tim nominated Liz as Literature Chair; nomination seconded by David.

Vote: Support -10, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 1, nomination accepted.

Old Business

None.

New Business

1) 5 area olympics Motion made by Brandon H, Seconded by Melissa E

Intent: To better serve the addicts attending the meeting.

Discussion: Brian F; we have been without a treasurer for a couple months, so we're not sure of our balance. Tim: will we have people to participate? Dan and Todd and Brandon expressed willingness to be the liason and work with the committee. Steve: suggested taking this back to the groups. John S: we could consider having a secondary collection from our groups for this year, and then be able to plan ahead for future years as a budget idea.

Financial impact: \$500

Motion tabled until March – GSRs please take back and discuss with your group and decision on whether or not SSFA should participate.

- 2) Motion by John S, Seconded by David H. To change subcommittee meeting to conference call

Intent: To bring the area together.

Discussion: Garrett: Area Bylaws already include an agenda listed for the ASC meetings. Brandon: asked for clarification. John: Region meetings are held online on a website which allows each area to have a page that captures the information. There is also a conference call number which allows those without computer access to participate. This allows everything to be captured. Also, electronic GSR and subcommittee reports would be submitted at least a week ahead so that the reports can be included in the agenda distributed at the meeting. The region's template works well, we can use for ourselves. Steve: Doesn't have internet access himself, and making it mandatory may discourage newcomers from participating in service. John: "Mandatory" is too strong, but the preference would be for online submissions. However, the subcommittee meeting would need to be online instead of Garrett - what would be the cost? John – if we want to table this idea, he can find out the costs and get back. Trello.com is used at Region for subcommittee meetings.

Financial impact: \$ minimal if any

Motion tabled until March – GSRs, please take this motion back to your group for discussion and decision on whether or not to support.

Motion to close made by Steve, seconded by Melissa; meeting closed with the Gratitude Statement at 8:25pm.

Treasurer's Report

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BEGINNING BALANCE	\$997.13	
Cash in (+)	ASC	OTHER
7th Tradition	\$6.00	\$ 0
Literature Sales	\$92.63	\$ 0
TNT	\$70.00	\$ 0
Addicts in Recovery	\$28.62	\$ 0
Activities – Nov. dinner 7 th trad.	\$36.00	\$ 0
Apple Valley Basic Text Study	\$30.03	\$ 0
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$263.28	\$ 0

Cash out (-)		
Rent – 1 st Presbyterian Ch.		(checkbook not available)
Literature Payment (UMSO)	-\$324.62	
Copies & stamps (Garrett)	-\$33.26	
CASH OUT TOTAL:	-\$357.88	
ENDING BALANCE:		\$902.53

GSR Reports

<i>Woodbury Freebirds</i>	<i>6:00pm Sunday</i>	<i>Unstable</i>
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 :	25	
Avg. Newcomers :	3	
H&I Activities :		
ASC Donation :		
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 :	Lizzy PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance :	35-50	
Avg. Newcomers :	5	
H&I Activities :		
ASC Donation :		
Scheduled Activities :		
Other :		

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 :	15-20	
Avg. Newcomers :	2-3	
H&I Activities :		
ASC Donation :		
Scheduled Activities :		
Other :	Could use experienced members to sponsor (male/female)	

TNT: Tues. Nights Together		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Beth N. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	20-30	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-5	
H&I Activities	:	Announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$49.56	
Scheduled Activities	:	Announced	
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	:	Melissa E. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	12-15	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2-4	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:	Could use experienced members to be of service and or sponsor	

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	:	Albert H. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	5-17	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$6	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:	3months running. Need more attendees	

Peace of Mind		7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Tim N. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	10	
Avg. Newcomers	:	6	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	.	
Other	:		

NA Day		7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Derek G PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	35	
Avg. Newcomers	:	5	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	3/7/15 Chili Feed	
Other	:		

From Darkness Into Light NA		6:30pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Todd V. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	8-10	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
H&I Activities	:	Announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	Announced	
Other	:	More support with attendance	

NA 101		7:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	John M. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	16	
Avg. Newcomers	:	3	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$20	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Apple Valley Basic Text Study		9:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Steve P. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	8	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:	Announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$30.00	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Month:	Darking into light	TNT	Warrior NA	NA 101	Advent	NA 101	Day	Peace of mind					Cost
A Guide to Local Services in NA				2									8.00
H&I handbook with audio cd													10.00
Group Treasurer's Workbook													3.00
Group Treasurer's Record Pad													2.50
Group Treasurer's Handbook													3.00
Bookcover: L. Clean, B. Text, It Works													15.00
Bookcover: Mini Basic, Mini JFT													14.00
Bookcover: Step Working Guide													30.00
Double Bookcover													25.00
Bracelet: Surrender to Win													2.00
Gift Edition: Basic Text													30.00
Gift Edition: It Works, & JFT													20.00
Gift Edition: Sponsorship													25.00
Limited Edition: L. Clean, JFT, It Works													25.00
Journal: Brown & Black, B. Text Blue													20.00
Metal Keytags													7.00
Mini Books: Basic Text 6th Edition													12.00
Mini Books: JFT & It Works													10.00
Mugs													20.00
Recovery Button													2.00
Recovery Cards													2.00
Recovery Scarve													7.00
Recovery Stone	✓						✓	✓					5.00
Specialty Keytags: 25/30yr, Dec/Dec's	✓				✓		✓	✓					2.00
1 Yr Bronze Medallion	2						3	✓					3.50
18 Mo Bronze Medallion	2	✓					3	2					3.50
2 Yr Bronze Medallion	2	2					3						3.50
3 Yr Bronze Medallion							2						3.50
4 Yr Bronze Medallion							1						3.50
5 Yr Bronze Medallion							2						3.50
6 Yr Bronze Medallion							2						3.50
7 Yr Bronze Medallion							1						3.50
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30 Yr / 31 Yr / 32 Yr / 33 Yr / 34 Yr	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					3.50
35 Yr / 36 Yr / 37 Yr / 38 Yr / 39 Yr	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					3.50
Subtotal	65.40	23.8	35.50	27.40	21.10	125.50	24.00						
Tax Added 7.7%	5.04	1.79	2.72	2.11	1.62	9.66	2.23						354.6
Donation Area	2	1.01	0	.44	.28		.77						
Total Sales	72.44	26.00	38.22	30.00	23.00	135.16	32.50						