



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes November 5, 2015

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by Area Chair Angie F.

Introductions: 23 members in attendance, with no newcomers.

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

Readings: 12 Steps read by Todd V.; 12 Traditions read by John S.; 12 Concepts read by Andrew S.

Call for quorum: 15 voting members present (minimum for quorum is 8). With 15 voting members present, motions require 10 votes to pass.

Approval of Minutes: James M. moved to approve the minutes of the September ASC meeting; seconded by Tim. Vote: Support – 13, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 2, 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: (open)
No report.

Region: (RCM: Nick P. – not present)
No report.

Activities: (Chair Alya - reported)

- Haunted Hayride – Alya was there and enjoyed the hayride but nobody else showed up.
- Planning for “Not A Christmas Party” on December 12
 - Will be a potluck dinner, signup sheets passed out for GSRs to take back to groups, please bring back next month.
 - Will have arts & crafts, Bingo
 - Todd V. is the speaker
 - White elephant gift exchange (bring something you already have and wrap it).
 - Alya will bring a stereo; Jason is providing a PA/sound system for \$100.
 - \$5 suggested donation but no addict turned away.
 - Donations for decorations or volunteers for setup are appreciated.
- Snow tubing day being planned for January or February.
- Financial report:

October funding (\$60 motion + \$50 allowance)	\$110.00
Deposit on church for December 12 event	-60.00
Fedex (flyers)	<u>-31.76</u>
Balance	28.24

Public Relations: (Chair Brandon H. not present; Co-chair Michael – reported)

- Sent out e-mails to hospitals without any response; looking for suggestions.
- John suggested visiting another area with an active PR chair and ask them for ideas.
- Steve said that drug court was next to them at the treatment fair, he can give contact info and specifics.
- Melissa suggested checking with region to see what they can offer.

Web: (Webmaster John S. – reported)

- John will post the “Not a Christmas Party” flyer.
- John’s term is over in December/January, need a new webmaster!

Hospitals & Institutions: (open)

- Jules stepped down, so the position is open.
- **Current H&I commitments:**

Every Saturday: Dakota Co. Jail 1:00pm
(Need pre-approval to participate, call contact for info.)
Contact: Jason C. 612-353-7985

1st Monday of every month: Haven Treatment (Shakopee) 10:00am
Contact:

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 – open)

- MOM for November: Midweek NA on Wednesday, November 18 at 7pm in Cottage Grove.
- MOM for December: NA 101 on Saturday, December 19 at 7pm in Hastings.

PIG: (Chair: Brian F. reported)

- Distributed proposed changes to the PIG Bylaws for voting next month; GSRs, please bring back to your group for discussion and a vote next month.
- Only have one submission so far for logo and slogan; please submit any to a committee member BEFORE the December PIG meeting. (Call the PIG Chair or co-chair if you need help getting one submitted.)

PIG MONTHLY TREASURY REPORT			
Date:	11/04/15	Group Donation	\$ -
Treasurer	Steve P.	Group Donations:	\$ -
Starting Balance	\$ 3,604.10	Merchandise Income	\$ -
Plus Total Income:	\$ -	Other Income:	\$ -
Subtotal:	\$ 3,604.10	Equals Total Income:	\$ -
Minus Total Expenses:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equals New Balance:	\$ 3,604.10	Expense:	\$ -
		Expense:	\$ -
		Expense:	\$ -
		Equals Total Expenses:	\$ -
Notes: No deposits or expenses in the month of October			

Literature (Chair – Mary M. reported).

- Have a full stock again.
- **We need a literature Co-Chair.**
- Please text or e-mail orders ahead of time if possible. Mary's cell is 612-849-5241 and her e-mail address is mgmuno64@yahoo.com.

Group Concerns & Announcements

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

- 1) Woodbury Freebirds – Could use some support.
- 2) Ties That Bind Us – Could use support from addicts with more clean time and who carry a clear NA message.
- 3) Midweek NA – Could use more support, has been hit and miss.
- 4) Rock Solid NA – Could use support from addicts with clean time.
- 5) No Name NA – Need women with clean time willing to sponsor.
- 6) From Darkness Into Light – Could use support.
- 7) NA 101 – Group financial status is unstable, could use support.
- 8) Apple Valley Basic Text – Could use more support.

Open Forum

- 1) Brian F.: PIG Committee will vote on logo and slogan on Thursday December 7 at 6pm. Open PIG positions include: Co-Secretary, Co-Gate Chair, Merchandise Chair, Co-Merchandise Chair, Co-Treasurer, Food Service Chair, Activities Chair. GSRs, please announce at your meetings.
- 2) Steve: H&I commitments are struggling; we only have 3 commitments, so we just need 9 addicts each month to hold the commitments. GSRs, please announce every week at your meetings. We have opportunities for more commitments if we can get the help. Brian F.: The contact at the Dakota Co. Jail wants to start another meeting on Sundays at the jail; the desire is there and they cannot go to a meeting. Please come to the subcommittee meeting if you are interested and pass along the word.

Elections

- Brian F.: PIG committee nominated Todd V. as PIG Co-Treasurer; seconded by Kiersten. Todd stated he has willingness, has a valid bank account, has a job, and has handled money for groups. Vote: Support - 13, Opposed - 0, Abstentions – 2, nomination accepted.

GSRs, please announce open positions at your meetings.

Officers/Committees	Chair	Elected	Co-Chair	Elected
Area Chair	Angie F.	8/2015	--open--	
Secretary	--open--		--open--	
Treasurer	Melissa C.	2/2015	Brian F.	2/2015
RCM	Nick P.	12/2014	--open--	
Literature	Mary M.	6/2015	--open--	
Activities	Alya J.	10/2014	Melissa E.	10/2014
Hospitals & Institutions	--open--		--open--	
Outreach	--open--		--open--	
Public Relations	Brandon H.	7/2014	Michael W.	6/2015
Webmaster	John S.	12/2014		
PIG	Brian F.	9/2015	Melissa C.	9/2015
PIG Treasurer	Steve P.	9/2015	--open--	
PIG Merchandise Chair	--open--			
PIG Gate Chair	Angie F.	10/2015	--open--	

(2) Denotes election is to a second consecutive term in the same position.

Old Business

- 1) Motion by Steve, seconded by Alya: Discuss GRINDR ad with groups.
In September RCM Nick P. talked about the authors of GRINDR (a gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender dating app) contacting MNRSC about putting public service ads in their website/app as a way to provide outreach to that community. Last month the ASC voted to take this back to groups for discussion and recommendation.
Discussion: Alya: Sunday Night Never Alone supports the idea as long as we have enough support for the NA Helpline to handle the calls. Alya suggested GSRs communicate to groups that the helpline needs more assistance. As long as we are not making promises we are not promoting. Catie said that the helpline has a seminar every 3 months for training new people. PR makes public service announcements via radio today; it would be like a PSA. Steve: concern that this could be construed as supporting or endorsing an outside entity. Tim: It is a simple "Got a drug problem, we can help" with the phone number. Kiersten: Agrees with this assessment; if she saw an ad come up when she needed help she would do so, it's an attraction and helps addicts.
Vote: Support – 8, Opposed – 2, Abstentions – 4, motion failed.
- 2) Motion by John S., seconded by John M.: Donations to MNRSC and NAWS.
Motion to: Donate all SSFA funds over prudent reserve each month; in even-numbered months, make donation to MNRSC; in odd numbered months, make donation to NAWS.
Intent: To carry the message to the addict who still suffers, and eliminate a time-consuming discussion at most SSFA ASC meetings. With this change, the ending balance should be exactly \$1000 in any month where SSFA has funds above this amount after the treasurer finishes the books at the end of each ASC meeting.
Discussion: Catie: The IP Funding NA Services says that groups should donate to area, region, and world. Likewise, we should not hold on to money, but would like to make a friendly amendment that we donate 50-50 to both each month. John S: Region has a formula that donates extra money to world automatically. Region counts on donations from areas and MNNAC. John M.: Also had the concern that there would be differences in different months, so the idea of splitting each month makes sense. John S.: Region is wants the money to go forward, they are not as concerned about where it goes. Kiersten: Is it our responsibility to control what region does? Melissa: Region does publish their budget and plans. Catie: If every group in the US donated \$146/year to world, all NA literature would be fully funded across the world.
Catie made a friendly amendment to change the motion to donate all remaining funds in any month that SSFA is above prudent reserve, 50% to MNRSC and 50% NAWS; amendment seconded by Paul. John S. and John M. accepted the amendment.
Vote to donate remainder above prudent reserve each month, 50% to MNRSC and 50% to NAWS:
Support – 14, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0, motion passed.

New Business

- 1) Motion by Alya, seconded by Tim N.: Funds for the "Not a Christmas Party".
Motion to: Provide funds to Activities subcommittee so they can get set up for a great holiday event. Amount allows \$50 for purchasing supplies for arts/crafts and bingo, and \$70 for turkeys and roasting supplies. Alya will come back next month with another motion for any final expenses for the event.
Financial impact: \$120
Discussion: Question was raised if we are still above prudent reserve; Melissa stated that this will put us slightly below prudent reserve.
Vote: Support – 14, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0, motion passed.

Motion to close made by Brian F., seconded by Kiersten N.; meeting closed with the Gratitude Statement at 8:30pm.

Treasurer's Report

See attachment after GSR Reports.

GSR Reports

Woodbury Freebirds		6:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	:	Garrett L.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	8	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:	Could use support.	

Step by Step		7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	:	Kierstin K.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	15-20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2-4	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Never Alone		7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	:	Alya	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	11-15	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Ties That Bind Us		7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Matt K.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	35-40	
Avg. Newcomers	:	3	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$62.40	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Monday Night Round Robin		7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Luke	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	10-12	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-3	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Addicts in Recovery		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	John S. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	25	
Avg. Newcomers	:	3-5	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:	Pass piggybank for PIG.	

TNT: Tues. Nights Together		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	James M. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	25	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2	
H&I Activities	:	announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Tuesday Night Serenity		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	Andrew S. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	5	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:	Need attendance!	

Midweek NA		7:00pm Wednesday	Untable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Rock Solid NA		7:00pm Wednesday	Stable
GSR	:	Matt A. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	8-15	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$40	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:	Could use more "long-timers".	

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	:	Paul W. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	17	
Avg. Newcomers	:	0-1	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Peace of Mind		7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Tim N. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	10-12	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	.	
Other	:		

NA Day		7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Rob C. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	30	
Avg. Newcomers	:	3	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

From Darkness Into Light NA		6:30pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Todd V. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	5-10	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:	Announced	
ASC Donation	:	\$66.10	
Scheduled Activities	:	Announced	
Other	:	Need support	

NA 101		7:00pm Saturday	Unstable
GSR	:	John M. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	10	
Avg. Newcomers	:	3	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:	Need support	

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	:	\$32.63	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Date 11-5-15

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance

\$ 1,000.00

Cash In

7th Tradition	\$ <u>12.00</u>
Literature Sales (UMSO)	\$ <u>475.99</u>

Group Donations to ASC

Darkness into Light	\$ <u>66.10</u>
Apple Valley Basic Text	\$ <u>32.63</u>
Rock Solid NA	\$ <u>40.00</u>
Ties That Bind Us	\$ <u>62.25</u>
Never Alone	\$ <u>5.31</u>
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____

Other Donations

	\$ _____
	\$ _____

Total Donations

\$ 694.28

Cash Out

Rent - 1st Presbyterian Church	\$ <u>30.00</u>
Literature Sales Payment (UMSO)	\$ <u>539.41</u>
MNRSC (Region)	\$ _____
Activities:	\$ <u>120.00</u>
SSFA Pig Committee:	\$ _____
Copies: Garrett	\$ <u>20.95</u>
Other:	\$ _____
Other:	\$ _____
Other:	\$ _____

Total Cash Out

\$ 710.36

Ending Balance

\$ 983.92