



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes September 3, 2015

Chair Angie M. not present; all present agreed to have Todd V. serve as Acting Chair for the meeting. Meeting opened at 7:05 PM by Acting Chair Todd V.

Introductions: 16 members in attendance, with no newcomers.

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

Readings: 12 Steps read by James M.; 12 Traditions read by Jules L.; 12 Concepts read by John S.

Call for quorum: 10 voting members present (minimum for quorum is 7). With 10 voting members present, motions require 7 votes to pass.

Approval of Minutes: Tim N. moved to approve the minutes of the August ASC meeting; seconded by John S. Vote: Support – 9, 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: (open)
No report.

Region: (RCM: Nick P. – reported)

- Chippewa Falls area in Wisconsin may be joining our region.
- Discussed group conscience for combining our representative with another region for world.
- 2016 Creating Our Common Welfare will be in Central Minnesota region.
- Considering social media (Grindr) for ads.
- Midwest Zonal Forum coming up, info on website; Andy will be the MN Region representative.
- New PR display available
- Newcomer orientations 11-noon every Monday in Hennepin County, need volunteers
- Approx. 300 contact requests need to be processed; upcoming transition fairs at Moose Lake, Stillwater, and Red Wing
- September 19, 8am-11am – Walk for Recovery, can get a group or team together, volunteers needed for NA booth
- Motion for \$1500 travel budget for Western State Learning Days, Oct. 1-3 in Las Vegas, go to website if interested
- RUGNA gave \$642.44 back to region, which will be distributed back to areas in the proportion of their donation, 150 pre-registrations and 100 treatment center clients
- Bridging the Gap, Behind the Walls, Unity Games, helpline all need volunteers
- Newsletter is being sent to subscribers
- Region received \$1713.31 back from MNNAC 22; MNNAC 23 (2016) will be in St. Cloud, MNNAC 24 (2017) will be in Mankato.

Activities: (Chair Alya - reported)

- Balance: \$28.93
- Haunted Hayride flyers are out.
- Lots of drinks left from Serenity Splash, about 20 people attended; will keep for another event
- Experience is showing that distributing flyers 3 months in advance is too long, people forget about it; will aim for 1-1.5 months in advance
- Alya needs a place to store drinks; Jules volunteered to do so if there isn't space available at the church.
- Holiday Party: Church where Addicts in Recovery meets has space available, requests a donation (negotiable). Plan to have a "white elephant" exchange, turkey dinner, ask \$10 donation; Dec. 12 (1st choice) or Dec. 5th.

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

- No report.

Web: (Webmaster John S. – reported)

- John's term is up in December, please contact him if you'd be interested and like to see what it entails.
- Need Haunted Hayride flyer for website; Alya will e-mail.

Hospitals & Institutions: (Chair – Open)

- Steve: brought the folder and key for the church.
- Jules expressed willingness to be H&I Chair (see Elections below).

- **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
1 st Monday of every month: Haven Treatment (Shakopee) 10:00am Contact: H&I Chair Jules 651-404-3689
3 rd Thursday of every month: Cochran Recovery Program (Hastings) 7:00pm Contact: Nate 507-276-3788
4 th Thursday of every month: Dakota County Detox. 7:00pm Contact: Steve P. 651-493-3537

Outreach: (Chair – open)

Discussed Meetings of the Month topic from the subcommittee meeting:

- Apple Valley Basic Text Study on Saturday, September 12 at 9pm in Apple Valley
- Tuesday Night Serenity on October 13 at 7pm in Northfield.

PIG: (Chair: Nick P. reported)

- Nick has stepped down from chair; multiple nominations from PIG committee for positions (see Elections below).
- New committee needs support, please step up!

Literature (Chair – Mary M. reported).

- Mary is on the way, Melissa is filling orders.
- **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) Addicts in Recovery – Have service positions needing to be filled.
- 3) Monday Night Round Robin – Could use more attendance.
- 4) Midweek NA – Could use more support, has been hit and miss.
- 5) From Darkness Into Light – Have moved to a new location, could use support.
- 6) NA 101 – Group needs donations (see New Business below); good attendance but lots of treatment center clients who do not have money for 7th Tradition.
- 7) Apple Valley Basic Text – Could use more support.

Open Forum

- 1) John – discussed the possibility meetings ask treatment centers for a donation if they attend each week. Tim expressed concerns about conflict with traditions if an outside organization is asked to donate; Steve expressed concerns about asking treatment centers to attend less often because we need to attract. John submitted a request for area to provide “welcome packet” literature to NA101 (about \$25) to help the group provide welcome packages to newcomers but yet stay stable; the newcomers have been contributed by speaking and other things, so it’s only a monetary issue. Steve noted that area has helped groups in the past; Jules asked if we could also give the group an additional donation to bring the total to \$50 (the usual amount we have given to groups asking for support) – see New Business.
- 2) Garrett expressed his gratitude to members of the area who have been helping him through a period “back out”.

Elections

Jules L. expressed willingness to be Hospitals & Institutions. Her clean date is January, 2014, she does a lot of phone experience. She doesn’t have a car, but knows at least a couple addicts willing to help her with transportation. James moved to elect Jules as H&I Chair, seconded by Luke.

Vote: Support - 7, Opposed - 1, Abstention – 1, nomination accepted.

PIG Committee makes the following nominations for the upcoming year:

- PIG Chair – Brian F.; Brian expressed his willingness, he has done 4 years as H&I chair, 1 year as PIG Co-Chair, involved with every PIG since 2010. “PIG is a working vacation for me.”
Vote: Support – 7, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 3, nomination accepted.
- PIG Treasurer – Steve P. – has willingness, served as PIG Co-Treasurer last year.
Vote Support 7, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 2, nomination passed.
- PIG Co-Chair – Melissa C; Melissa expressed willing to take on the 2 years commitment, has almost 8 years clean time, has a sponsor, have worked on several PIG committees
Vote: Support – 9, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 1, nominations passed.

GSRs, please announce open positions at your meetings.

Officers/Committees	Chair	Elected	Co-Chair	Elected
Area Chair	Angie M.	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	Jules L.	9/2015	--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	Leo J.	4/2015	Angie M.	12/2014

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

Old Business

None.

New Business

- 1) Motion by John M., seconded by Steve P., to support NA101 in Hastings with a literature donation. Per discussion in Group Concerns, the group is having good attendance but has had 2 treatment centers regularly attending. As a result, they give out a lot of newcomer tags, etc., but most of the treatment center clients do not have funds to donate for 7th tradition. This has left the group in an unstable financial position. Requesting an advance from area for 20 white keytags, 2 wallet readings, and 20 IP#11 (Sponsorship), with a financial impact of \$26.93. Jules proposed a friendly amendment to raise the total donation to \$50 (the amount usually given to groups in need), with the remaining amount as cash that the group can use towards coffee supplies and rent; John and Steve accepted the amendment.
Vote: Support – 8, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 2, passed. Group will receive 20 white keytags, 2 wallet readings, 20 IP#11, and an additional \$23.07 in cash.
- 2) Motion by John S., seconded by James M., to donate \$450 to the MNRSC to carry the message to the addict who suffers. Motion amendment offered by Steve to make the amount to be the balance over prudent reserve (\$1000) in the treasury after meeting; amendment seconded by Luke. John and James accepted the amendment.
Vote: Support – 9, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 1, passed.

Motion to close made by Alya seconded by Luke; meeting closed with the Gratitude Statement at 8:30pm.

Treasurer's Report

Will be included in the October minutes

GSR Reports

Woodbury Freebirds	6:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Garrett L.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 8	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1-2	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Step by Step	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Kierstin K.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 20	
Avg. Newcomers	: 5	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	: \$56.00	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

Never Alone	7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	: Jason	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 12-15	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1-2	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

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

Monday Night Round Robin	7:00pm Monday	?Stable
GSR	: Luke C.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 5-8	
Avg. Newcomers	: 0-1	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	: Need support!	

Addicts in Recovery	7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	: John S.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	: 20	
Avg. Newcomers	: 1	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	: \$7.53	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	

TNT: Tues. Nights Together	7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	: NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
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	:		

Tuesday Night Serenity		7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:	Needs attendance deperately	

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

Rock Solid NA		7:00pm 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	:	15	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2-3	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	.	
Other	:		

NA Day		7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Rob C. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	30	
Avg. Newcomers	:	4	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$40	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

From Darkness Into Light NA		6:30pm Saturday	semiStable
GSR	:	Todd V. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	5-7	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:	Announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	Announced	
Other	:	Need support	

NA 101		7:00pm Saturday	Unstable
GSR	:	John M. PRESENT	
Avg. Attendance	:	15	
Avg. Newcomers	:	5	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
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	:	\$20.00	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:	Need support	

Literature Sale Report

Month: September 2015	Cost	NA Day	Step by Step	AV Basic Text Study	Never Alone	NA 101					Grand Totals
NA Basic Text Hardcover	12.50	2	2	1	1						6
How it Works Hardcover	10.00										0
Just for Today Revised	10.00				1						1
NA Step Guide	9.50		1		2						3
Living Clean Book	11.00	2									2
Sponsorship Book	8.00										0
Little White Book	0.85				10						10
White Welcome Key tag	0.60	10	10		2	20					42
Orange 30 Days Key tag	0.60		10								10
Green 60 Days Key tag	0.60		10		6						16
Red 90 Days Key tag	0.60		10								10
Blue 6 Months Key tag	0.60	5									5
Yellow 9 Months Key tag	0.60										0
Moon Glow 1 Year Key tag	0.60										0
Grey 18 Months Key tag	0.60	5									5
Black Multiple Years Key tag	0.60	5									5
Specialty Keytags: 25yr, 30yr, Decade (	2.00										0
#1 Who, What, How & Why	0.30										0
#2 The Group IP	0.35										0
#5 Another Look	0.30										0
#6 Recovery & Relapse	0.30										0
#7 Am I an Addict ?	0.30										0
#8 Just for Today	0.30	20									20
#9 Living the Program	0.30										0
#11 Sponsorship IP, Revised	0.30					20					20
#12 The Triangle of Self-Obsession	0.30										0
#13 By Young Addicts, for Young Addic	0.35										0
#14 One Addicts Experience with ...	0.30										0
#15 Pl & the NA Member	0.30										0
#16 For The Newcomer	0.30										0
#17 For Those In Treatment	0.35										0
#19 Self-Acceptance	0.30										0
#20 H & I Service and the NA Member	0.30										0
#21 The Loner Staying Clean in Isolatio	0.35										0
#22 Welcome To NA	0.30										0
#23 Staying Clean on the Outside	0.30										0
#24 Self support in NA	0.60										0
#26 Accessibility, Additional needs	0.30										0
#27 For the parents of young addicts	0.35										0
#28 Funding NA Services	0.50										0
#29 Intro to NA Meetings	0.30										0
Working Step Four in Narcotics Anonym	0.85										0
Information about NA	0.40										0
NA: A Resource in Your Community	0.45										0
The Group Booklet, revised	1.00										0
Group Treasurer's Workbook	3.00										0
Group Treasurer's Record Pad	2.50										0
Group Treasurer's Handbook	3.00										0
Behind the Walls	1.05										0
Group Readings Wallet Cards (set/15)	3.50					2					2
In Times of Illness	3.50										0
Introductory Guide to NA	2.25										0
Set of Seven Readings	5.00										0
Twelve Concepts for NA Service	2.25										0
**Number of Medallions Ordered	3.50										6
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Order Subtotal	\$ 68.00	\$ 58.50	\$ 12.50	\$ 54.80	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$213.80
add 7.775 sales tax	\$ 5.29	\$ 4.55	\$ 0.97	\$ 4.26	\$ 1.93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Sales +
Area Donation	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.03	\$ 3.94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$26.93
Order Total	\$ 73.30	\$ 64.00	\$ 13.50	\$ 63.00	\$ 26.93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Donation