



Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes June 4, 2015

Meeting opened at 7:05 PM by Melissa C. Chrissy is sick and Angie is working so she was not in attendance. Melissa asked for group conscience on her running the meeting tonight. Since this qualifies as an Emergency Motion by the SSFA bylaws, all in attendance are eligible to vote on the motion. Everyone agreed unanimously to have Melissa run the meeting.

Introductions: 16 members in attendance, with 2 newcomers.

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

Readings: 12 Steps read by Kevin B.; 12 Traditions read by Brandon H.; 12 Concepts read by Kristi.

Call for quorum: 8 voting members present (minimum for quorum is 7). With 8 voting members present, motions require 6 votes to pass.

Approval of Minutes: Steve noticed that the GSR report for TNT shows a donation that does not match the Treasurer's Report. Melissa stated that this was the amount they donated in April; Garrett stated that the previous month's minutes are used as the template for the next month, so the donation was inadvertently left from the previous month.

Todd V. moved to approve the minutes of the May ASC meeting as amended; seconded by Paul. Vote: Support – 8, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0, 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 – not present)
No report.

Region: (RCM: Nick P. – present)

Things from the May 9 MNRSC meeting:

- Elections:
 - Kit – new MNRSC Chair
 - Jay – new MNRSC Co-chair
 - Fellowship Service Team members: Dan, Josh, Andy, Jessie, Marvella
- Other items covered: Metropolitan Service Board, Transition Fairs, Midwest Zonal Forum, Creating Our Common Welfare 2016 bids, Med-friendly classification for meetings on meeting lists (see Open Forum below)
- Upcoming PR events: Pride, Hazel Fest, Walk for Recovery, MARRCH, Square Card Readers, Human Services Conference (in Duluth), NA Olympics

Activities: (Chair Alya. reported)

- “Serenity Splash” – SSFA beach day, Aug. 8 noon-4pm at Crystal Lake Beach in Burnsville (flyers available).
 - Alya to call treatment centers about having addicts in treatment attend the event: Paul’s Place, Women’s Way, Margret’s House, River’s Ridge
- Research apple picking and haunted hayride for fall activities

Public Relations: (Chair Brandon H – reported)

- Regional Unity Games on July 25 – will have flyers at next ASC meeting
- Need a PR Co-Chair!

Web: (Webmaster John S. – not present)

No report.

Hospitals & Institutions: (Chair - Open)

No report.

- **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 - open)

No report. Meeting of the Month for August – Woodbury Freebirds on 8/16

PIG: (Chair: Nick P. reported)

- \$45.88 donation from Addicts in Recovery
- Chrissy is the Sunday speaker

PIG MONTHLY TREASURY REPORT				
Date:	05/24/15	Group Donation	\$	45.88
Treasurer	Mike S.	Group Donations:	\$	25.00
Starting Balance	\$ 1,925.11	Merchandise Income	\$	195.00
Plus Total Income:	\$ 265.88	Other Income:	\$	-
Subtotal:	\$ 2,190.99	Equals Total Income:	\$	265.88
Minus Total Expenses:	\$ 18.74	Reimbursement	\$	10.74
Equals New Balance:	\$ 2,172.25	Flyers	\$	8.00
		Expense:	\$	-
		Expense:	\$	-
		Equals Total Expenses:	\$	18.74
Notes: Addicts in Recovery donation \$45.88, T-Shirt sales \$195.00, Pre Reg. \$25.00 less \$10.74 to Melissa C. for square, \$8.00 to Garrett L. for 200 flyers				
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Literature (Mary M. reported).

- Chair and co-chair are both open.
- Mary filling in tonight, and expressed interest in being the Literature Chair (see Elections below)

Group Concerns & Announcements

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

- 1) Woodbury Freebirds – Group is doing a little better, have had 8-10 people coming regularly.
- 2) Never Alone - Need women sponsors.
- 3) Rock Solid NA – need female sponsors, have a female halfway house in town. Their previous chair passed away and some people came in and made some changes without group conscience; see Open Forum below.
- 4) From Darkness Into Light – needs support.

Open Forum

- 1) Michael W. – Woodbury Freebirds needs support. Brandon also mentioned that the previous month there was a speaker who carried an AA message. The group could use support from addicts.
- 2) Kevin – Step by Step does not support SSFA having a Facebook page.
- 3) Steve – we have 3 H&I commitments besides the Dakota Co. Jail. Need some addicts to volunteer to help speak at H&I commitments. GSRs, please mention at your meetings.
- 4) Nick P. – Discussion at region about groups which do and do not want to have discussions about medical assisted therapy (such as methadone) at their meetings. Region is proposing a new designation on meeting lists for meetings which are open to having addicts using these treatments share at their meetings. It is only about sharing, not other things such as trusted servants. Brandon stated a concern that this designation would make it difficult for those addicts coming in to know whether or not they should share at a meeting where this designation is not shown. Kevin stated that he has never had a case where this is an issue at meetings he has attended. Melissa stated that she has heard from treatment professionals that they are only willing to take clients to meetings with this designation due to issues they have. Paul stated that this idea is in conflict with the 6th Tradition, in that it is allowing an outside influence to force us to

change our behavior. Brandon agreed that this is a medical issue, not an NA issue. Melissa (trying to be a devil's advocate): treatment centers bring a lot of new members into NA, so it might be in our interest to help there. Paul stated that the group with the statement that anyone who has used in the last 24 hours not speak is the one which needs to make a change, not our region. Michael suggested having this as part of our Public Relations effort when talking to treatment centers and professionals. Todd stated that there is a major difference between using and having a valid medical need; anyone following directives of a physician should be free to share at a meeting. Kevin stated he thinks that this is creating a problem which does not exist. Dakota stated that a member of one meeting he attends has not been attending due to discomfort about sharing while using pain medication after surgery. Tim stated that there is an IP called In Times of Illness which addresses these issues and should be guiding our efforts in this area. Steve asked how treatment centers have been handling this previously; in general, nobody knew that this has been an issue in our area.

- 5) Melissa – Please note that the sales tax on literature orders is now 7.775%; if you are using old forms, please correct the sales tax calculation.
- 6) Melissa stated that we neglected to pay the \$100 donation last month to the Unity Games; we will just add that to the donation this month.

Elections

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

- Mary M. expressed willingness to be Literature Chair. Kevin B. nominated Mary M. as Literature Chair, Paul W. seconded. Mary stated she has been in the area for 11 years, has been helping with literature for 6-8 months, and has been area Treasurer in the past.
Vote: Support - 8, Opposed - 0, Abstentions – 0, accepted unanimously.
- Brandon H. nominated Michael W. as Public Relations co-chair; seconded by Kevin B. Michael stated that he has been clean for four years and was released from prison last year. He has a sponsor but has not held a service position before. He can attend the ASC and subcommittee meetings.
Vote: Support - 8, Opposed - 0, Abstentions – 0, accepted unanimously.

Old Business

None

New Business

- 1) Motion made by Steve P., seconded by Todd V: Carry the Message: motion to donate 6 Basic Texts and 1 Just for Today to Dakota Co. Detox.
Intent: Carry the message to suffering addicts
Financial impact: \$85
Vote: Support – 8, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0, passed.

Motion to close made by Todd V, seconded by Kevin; meeting closed with the Gratitude Statement at 8:20pm.

Treasurer's Report

See attachment at the end of the minutes

GSR Reports

Woodbury Freebirds		6:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	:	Michael W.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	10	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$30	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Step by Step		7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	:	Kevin B.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	22	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2-4	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$40.00	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Never Alone		7:00pm Sunday	Stable
GSR	:	Jason	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	17-18	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Ties That Bind Us		7:00pm Monday	Stable
GSR	:	Ashley?	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	13	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
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	:		

Addicts in Recovery	7:00pm Tuesday	Stable
GSR	:	NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	
Avg. Newcomers	:	
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
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	:	

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	:	Andrew PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	12
Avg. Newcomers	:	2
H&I Activities	:	
ASC Donation	:	
Scheduled Activities	:	
Other	:	Need support & female sponsors.

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	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Peace of Mind		7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Tim N.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	18-20	
Avg. Newcomers	:	3-4	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$20	
Scheduled Activities	:	.	
Other	:	Facebook is a no.	

NA Day		7:30pm Friday	Stable
GSR	:	Rob C.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	30	
Avg. Newcomers	:	2-4	
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:	\$20	
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:	In favor of private closed Facebook group.	

From Darkness Into Light NA		6:30pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Todd V.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	10-12	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1-2	
H&I Activities	:	Announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:	Announced	
Other	:		

NA 101		7:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:		NOT PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:		
Avg. Newcomers	:		
H&I Activities	:		
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Apple Valley Basic Text Study		9:00pm Saturday	Stable
GSR	:	Steve P.	PRESENT
Avg. Attendance	:	8-10	
Avg. Newcomers	:	1	
H&I Activities	:	Announced	
ASC Donation	:		
Scheduled Activities	:		
Other	:		

Date 6/4/15**Treasurer's Report**

Beginning Balance

\$ 1228.69**Cash In**7th Tradition \$ 18.03Literature Sales (UMSO) \$ 274.98**Group Donations to ASC**Woodbury Freebirds \$ 30.00Peace of Mind \$ 20.00NA Day \$ 20.00Apple Valley Basic Text \$ 23.60Addicts in Recovery \$ 9.07TNT \$ 16.42Step by Step \$ 40.00

\$ _____

Other Donations

\$ _____

\$ _____

Total Donations\$ 452.10**Cash Out**Rent - 1st Presbyterian Church \$ 30.00Literature Sales Payment (UMSO) \$ 205.41

MNRSC (Region) \$ _____

Activities: \$ _____

SSFA Pig Committee: \$ _____

Copies: \$8.24 (Garrett) \$ 8.24Other: Stamps \$40.04 (Garrett) \$ 40.04Other: NA Olympics \$ 200.00

Other: \$ _____

Total Cash Out\$ 483.69

Ending Balance

\$ 1197.10

Month: JUNE	Cost	Darkness into Light	Woodbury Freebirds	AV Basic Text	Ties That Bind Us	No Name NA	Peace of Mind	NA Day	Addicts in Recovery	Never Alone	Grand Totals
NA Basic Text Hardcover	12.50	1			1			1	1		4
How it Works Hardcover	10.00									1	1
Just for Today Revised	10.00	1									1
NA Step Guide	9.50						1	1	1		3
Living Clean Book	11.00										0
Sponsorship Book	8.00										0
Little White Book	0.85	5				5					10
White Welcome Key tag	0.60	10	5	20		7		15	10	10	77
Orange 30 Days Key tag	0.60	3	5	3		4					15
Green 60 Days Key tag	0.60	1		2							3
Red 90 Days Key tag	0.60	1		3	5						9
Blue 6 Months Key tag	0.60			2							2
Yellow 9 Months Key tag	0.60	1			7						8
Moon Glow 1 Year Key tag	0.60					1					1
Grey 18 Months Key tag	0.60			1	2						3
Black Multiple Years Key tag	0.60					1					1
Specialty Keytags: 25yr, 30yr, Decade (	2.00										0
#1 Who, What, How & Why	0.30										0
#2 The Group IP	0.35					1			1		2
#5 Another Look	0.30								1		1
#6 Recovery & Relapse	0.30					2					2
#7 Am I an Addict ?	0.30	4				3			2	5	14
#8 Just for Today	0.30								2		2
#9 Living the Program	0.30	2							1		3
#11 Sponsorship IP, Revised	0.30	10		20		2		0	1		33
#12 The Triangle of Self-Obsession	0.30	3							1		4
#13 By Young Addicts, for Young Addic	0.35	5							1		6
#14 One Addicts Experience with ...	0.30								2		2
#15 PI & the NA Member	0.30										0
#16 For The Newcomer	0.30	2				3					5
#17 For Those In Treatment	0.35						2		1		3
#19 Self-Acceptance	0.30								1		1
#20 H & I Service and the NA Member	0.30										0
#21 The Loner Staying Clean in Isolatio	0.35	3							2		5
#22 Welcome To NA	0.30					3	2				5
#23 Staying Clean on the Outside	0.30						3		1		4
#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						2		2		4
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	1									1
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			1					1		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		2			1	1	2			6
**Number of Medallions Ordered	3.50		1				1				6
**Number of Medallions Ordered	3.50										4
**Number of Medallions Ordered	3.50										1
Order Subtotal	\$ 48.45	\$ 48.45	\$ 16.50	\$ 28.10	\$ 20.90	\$ 19.80	\$ 19.30	\$ 38.00	\$ 37.45	\$ 17.50	274.98
add 7.775 sales tax	\$ 3.77	\$ 3.77	\$ 1.28	\$ 2.18	\$ 1.62	\$ 1.54	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.95	\$ 2.91	\$ 1.36	
Area Donation	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.25	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.02	\$ 4.48	\$ -	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.05	\$ 2.49	\$ 0.14	
Order Total	\$ 54.47	\$ 54.47	\$ 18.00	\$ 30.30	\$ 27.00	\$ 21.34	\$ 21.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 42.85	\$ 19.00	