Back 2 Basics Area Service Committee

May 16, 2009
North Mankato, MN
Moment of Silence followed with Serenity Prayer @ 2:00p.m.
Reading of the 12 Concepts: Kari E
Reading of the Service Workers' Prayer: Arthur

Introductions (43 addicts)

Announcements

1. SMARB June 5-7th 2009 at Camp Patterson on Lake Washington. Contact Jess E 383-6987
2. MN regional assembly June 27th 2009 Superior, WI.
3. Granite Falls campout June 12-15th 2009.
4. Noon meeting just started in Fairmont, MN at the Alano building on Tuesday's.
5. Online "Virtually Clean" NA meeting on Wednesday nights. Contact Peter.
6. Hopefest 5 July 31-August 2nd, 2009 @ McGowan's Farm in Mankato, MN.
7. 25th Annual PIG roast July 17-19, 2009 in Gaylord, MN at the Pow Wow campground.
8. The North Central Indiana Convention "we grow with love xvii" May 22nd-May 25th, 2009.
9. MNNAC 17 sub-committee meets at 2PM the last Sunday of the month at the Hilton in Mankato, MN.
10. Owatonna is hosting area on June 16th 2009 at the West Hills Alano Club followed by WEST FEST at Gainey Park 6-11PM. Bring food to pass and to eat.

MINUTES WERE APPROVED

GSR Reports (23Groups in attendance)

Faribault NA Groups: Gift of Life NA
GSR: Arthur R III
Average Attendance: 20-25
Newcomers: We have newcomers coming in the doors some stay and some go
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Our attendance is up and things are going well
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Sunday Night at 7PM Episcopal Guild House Faribault, MN Tuesday Night Just for Today NA @7PM and Thursday Read for Recovery at 8PM at the same place.
Any needs from the B2B? We do not have any needs at this time
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason
Any service positions open within your group? GSRA is open

Basement Dwellers
GSR: Ryan S
Average Attendance: 5
Newcomers: 1
Donation: $20
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? I left the 4th step thing with Doug sorry!
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Salvation Army every 3rd Thurs.
Any needs from the B2B? Al J and I would like to do key tags for the Winnebago adolescents.
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Within reason
Any service positions open within your group? None

Hope Works

GSR: Tanya
Average Attendance: 20+
Newcomers: 1-2
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Doing well. No changes.
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? 8PM Wednesday House of Hope Mankato, MN
Any needs from the B2B? None
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason
Any service positions open within your group? None

Friday Night Freedom Seekers

GSR: Anthony B
Average Attendance: 20-25
Newcomers: 1 or 2
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Doing well
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Our Saviors Lutheran Church 20th and St.Paul Rd @ 7PM on Friday.
Any needs from the B2B? None at this time
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason
Any service positions open within your group? GSR-A

West Hills NA

GSR: Jeff M
Average Attendance: 40-60
Newcomers: 2-4 per week and they do come back
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? We are doing very well and getting 40-60 addicts and had 70 addicts one time this week.
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? West Hills Alano Owatonna, MN Every Monday night at 7PM.
Any needs from the B2B? Not at this time.
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason.
Any service positions open within your group? All positions are filled.

Dopeless Hope Fiends

GSR: Jeni
Average Attendance: 20-30
Newcomers: Yes - return
Donation: $20
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Well
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Corner of Sunrise and Traverse on Mon Night @ 8PM
Any needs from the B2B? None
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason.
Any service positions open within your group? GSRA

Midweek Serenity

GSR: Dan Z
Average Attendance: 10-18
Newcomers: Yes
Donation: $0
how is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Doing well
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? 6PM at Methodist church in St. James
Any needs from the B2B? No
Anything you would like to do for the B2B?
Any service positions open within your group? No

New Beginning NA
GSR: Rick H
Average Attendance: 65
Newcomers: Yes
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? well
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Thursday 7:30 1005 Ulstad Albert Lea, MN
Any needs from the B2B? None at this moment
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Nothing at this time
Any service positions open within your group? None at this time

FIRESIDE RECOVERY OF NA
GSRA: Matt C
Average Attendance: 15-20
Newcomers:
Donation: $None at this time
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Doing well. Every 2nd Sun of month we have a speaker and a social night to follow at the church.
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Blooming Prairie, MN Sunday nights at 7PM.
Any needs from the B2B? Not at this time
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Not at this time
Any service positions open within your group? GSRA

Crossroads NA
GSR: Scott S
Average Attendance: 15
Newcomers: some stay some go
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Very well
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? 150 Stadium Ct. Mankato on Thursday @ 7:30p.m.
Any needs from the B2B? Not at this time
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason
Any service positions open within your group? Not at this time/GSRA

Super Mantastic Recovery Fantastic
GSR: C.J
Average Attendance: 5-10
Newcomers: Yes
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Good men's format
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Thursday 8pm Waldo's conference Rm St.Peter 200 S. Minnesota Ave 56082
Any needs from the B2B? No
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Not really-within reason
Any service positions open within your group? Chair and Treasurer

Get Candle Lit
GSR: Nikki W
Average Attendance: 10-15
Newcomers: 1 or 2
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Group doing well and no changes
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Our Savior Lutheran Church Saint Paul Road In Owatonna on Saturday at 8PM
Any needs from the B2B? Nope at this time
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason

Any service positions open within your group? None at this time

Hopeless to Dopeless

GSR: Sarah O
Average Attendance: 18
Newcomers: 1 to 2 some return
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? All is well.
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Fairmont Alano Building every Sun @ 7pm.
Any needs from the B2B? None
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason
Any service positions open within your group? GSRA

Gotta do something

GSR: Dana N
Average Attendance:
Newcomers:
Donation: $35
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Doing well
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Meet @ the Lutheran Church in Saint Peter on Friday night @ 8pm
Any needs from the B2B? Looking forward to going over inventory
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason. I would like to thank Kari for making writing utensils available.
Any service positions open within your group? GSRA

7th day junkies

GSR: Mike
Average Attendance: 15-20
Newcomers: yes
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Good
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Sunday night @ 8pm Salvation Army 700 S. Riverfront Dr. Mankato
Any needs from the B2B? None
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Whatever within reason
Any service positions open within your group?

Wonders of recovery and True to ourselves and Ties that Bind

GSR: Kim R
Average Attendance: 5-20
Newcomers: 1-2 a month
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Started Tuesday noon step working group
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Wednesday @ 8PM and Friday @ 6:30PM Both at Alano Club in Fairmont, MN and Tuesday @ noon.
Any needs from the B2B? None at this time
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Open
Any service positions open within your group? Secretary

Windom NA

GSRA: Kari E
Average Attendance: 4-10
Newcomers: off and on
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Okay
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Thursday 7pm Windom Firehall

Any needs from the B2B? None at this time
Anything you would like to do for the B2B?
Any service positions open within your group?

It works How and Why and Hugs Not Drugs

Acting GSR: Joey P
Average Attendance: 20
Newcomers: 2 per month
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? There is no structure and we need help from Outreach.
Where does your group meet & what time of the day?
Any needs from the B2B? More help from Outreach so we can become self supporting. Now all our money goes to the Alano Club.
Anything you would like to do for the B2B?
Any service positions open within your group?

Salvation at the Salvation

GSR: Corey
Average Attendance: 12-15
Newcomers: 0
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Fine nothing new
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Salvation Army on Riverfront Tues 7PM
Any needs from the B2B? No
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Within reason
Any service positions open within your group? No

~**More out of Life~**

GSR: Greg G
Average Attendance: 20-25
Newcomers: 1 a week
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? We are doing well.
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? St. James Episipal Church 5th and Main Marshall, MN 56258 on Saturday night @ 7PM
Any needs from the B2B?
Anything you would like to do for the B2B?
Any service positions open within your group? Chair

~Clean & Serene~

GSR: Amanda
Average Attendance: 25
Newcomers: 2-5 a week
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Treatment center meeting (only 3-5 outside members avg) Candlelight meeting and draw topics.
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Tuesdays @ 8PM at the United Church of Christ
Any needs from the B2B? Literature for campout (June 12-14th, 2009)-Granite Falls) Step working guide, JFT, Sponsorship book, basic text,etc
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Open~we would like to do more.
Any service positions open within your group? GSR

~Clean and Casual ~

GSR: Jasper
Average Attendance: 20-30

Newcomers: 6-20 per month
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? We have 10-15 people who regularly attend with over 1year sober. Newcomers average 2-6 per 2 weeks. Halfway house keeps fresh faces and new excitement.
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Wesley United Methodist Church Basement on Sunday night at 7PM in Marshall MN
Any needs from the B2B? Would like to join area since we are not currently in an area.
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Support and become involved in area activities and events.
Any service positions open within your group?

~Complacency is the Enemy~

GSR: Open
Average Attendance: 6-13
Newcomers: Yes each week
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? We took topics our of the index in the JFT meditation book and wrote them on sticks and we pick 1 stick and make it the topic for the meeting.
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? We meet on Sunday nights @ 7PM at the Madelia Branch Library 23 1st Street NW Madelia, MN 56062
Any needs from the B2B? We got a starter kit today.
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Provide a good meeting.
Any service positions open within your group? GSR and GSRA

Groups not present

Redwood Falls: Hope haven
St.James: Steps into recovery and Friday night hope fiends
Pipestone: Clean Water Strong Coffee
Albert Lea: When at the end of the road
Sleepy Eye: Battling the Beast
New Ulm: Dreams Come True
Cleveland: Cleveland Rocks
Owatonna: Steps Into Recovery
Redwood Falls: Recovery in Redwood
Gaylord: Serenity Seekers
Faribault Read for Recovery
New Ulm: Easy Access NA
Albert Lea: Flicker of Hope
New Ulm: Acceptance Leads to Trust
Albert Lea: Free & Clean
Owatonna: Recovery the NA way
St. Peter: Get it here
Owatonna: Steps into Recovery

Officer Reports

Chairperson: Jay S--- April 2008 **Co-Chair**: OPEN
Secretary: Kari A---November 2008 **Asst. Secretary**: OPEN
Treasurer: Frank D ---September 2008 **Co-Treasurer**: OPEN
RCM: Sam D—March 2009 **RCM-A**: OPEN

Chairperson: Jay S—Present
Dear B2B ASC,
First of all thank you all for coming today. I hope those that can, will stick around after words for the balling for hope v-ball tourney that follows today's ASC. I am going to ask that you please bear with me today as this is

my first area as your chair. Please remember to treat everyone with respect and don't interrupt others while they are talking. Agendas are out on the table, thank you to Kari for printing them out on the pretty fishy paper again. Now for the bad news or maybe it's good news depending on your perspective! Those of you that know me know I enrolled in college last fall, another case of lost dreams reawaken. Starting this coming fall semester I will be taking a Saturday class. That means I will be stepping down as your chair. Believe me this is not a decision I've made lightly. Depending on what this body decides I will be happy to serve as the chair through August area or until a new chair can be elected whichever comes first. If anyone thinks they may be interested in the position and wants to know more about what it entails please talk to me at the break. I will be happy to help the new chair get acclimated to the position over the next few months. So just to be clear, in order to allow someone to fill the position I am officially stepping down after area today, but I will still be available through August area. This needs to go back to your groups before it can be voted on.
Thank you for letting me be of service! Jay S.
Co-Chair: OPEN
Secretary: Kari A—Present
Assistant Secretary: OPEN
Treasurer: Frank D—Present
Treasury Report 5-16-2009
Beginning balance of $6799.98
Income of $848.00
Expenses of $1232.06
Prudent reserve of $800.00
Available funds of $5615.92
Thank you for letting me be of service
Co-Treasurer: OPEN
RCM: Sam D---present
We are doing well and we have a new co-chair Jeff S. and have filled almost all fellowship service team positions. I think there are 3 open. We meet at 38th St Minneapolis, MN every other month. If there are any meetings in the area who would like to donate books to libraries or hospitals. Anything you would like me to take to the region please let me know. We need an RCM-A and Luke is interested.
RCMA: OPEN

Committee Reports

Public Relations: Cindi C--- May 2008
All is well and we are working on the new meeting list for June. Working on adding webpage to MN na.org. Also, phone mtg list but the committee agrees that a web one would be better communication outlet. Have a map of our groups done…see Steph. We meet at 12:30PM before the b2b asc. An updated mgt list going around the table that needs to get back to Cindi. We are willing to do whatever within reason. All positions are currently filled. This is the last month of my service commitment. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.
Hospitals & Institutions: Mary H---Present August 2008
Dear ASC, There was an H&I sub-committee mtg today at 1PM. All seemed to be will. There was an issue with Garden City but it has been resolved. I will not be at area next month. Kari was so nice to fill in my place. Thanks for letting me be of service, Mary H. Need male volunteers for Steele County contact Jeff if interested this mtg is every Tue at 7PM.
Outreach: Anonthy B---Present November 2008
Newsletter: Dan Z---Present August 2008
Activities: Dana N---Present December 2008
Dear b2bASc, Activities committee is active. Today the walking tacos are provided by the activities allowance of $200.00. The total came to $129.63 leaving a balance of $70.37. I bought a roaster with my own funds, but after speaking with some addicts after sitting here, it sounds like b2b needs a roaster for other activities-specifically hopefest. I would be delighted to get some thoughts on this during open forum. I am rescheduling the women's walk-n-talk. The date I had originally set was the same weekend as SMARB. I will have flyers out by the end of the day today. I am still looking into paintball. All for now. Blue Skies, Dana N
Policy: Gordy B—Absent September 2008

Literature: Arthur—Present May 2008

We have the first draft of a possible IP (the benefits of fellowship in Recovery) finished. There were 2-3 people at the meeting today and we meet at 12:30PM on the day of ASC. My term as chair ends this month although I would be willing to serve another term and I am willing to do whatever the b2b ASC decision maybe. We would like submissions for our IP project the benefits of fellowship in recovery. We could always use more people to give input so please join us.

SMARB: Jess F---Present August 2008

Our sub-committee is doing well. We have $1,000,000 liability insurance through the UMSO. DJ and Karaoke will be Friday and Saturday night. There will be a skit Friday/ Benny Lee Saturday also volleyball, tug of war, other activities Saturday, dinner, Sunday and donuts. We meet after ASC. At Byron's on Sunday and May 31st at the Hub at 1PM. We want to have the best SMARB ever. Dinner Saturday night.

Hopefest: Tammy S—Present August 2008

Dear B2B ASC, Hopefest held there meeting today at 11:30Am and we discussed speakers, dj and additional activities provided by the facility. Our meetings will now go to bi-monthly. Our next meeting is on June 7th at 4PM at the Hub. We are looking forward to a weekend filled with fellowship, food and fun. I hope that you will all support our campout by staying for Volleyball. Thank you, Tammy S Hopefest Chair

MNNAC 17: Ransom—Absent

JJ gave a report for the MNNAC 17 committee. Take back to your groups that Fundraising and Entertainment position is open.

Ad-Hoc: Dan Z.

Could use support. WE meet before area service time is fluid. Dear ASC, I complied the surveys that were turned in and go the results. In short we are doing ok. The main area we as a committee need to address is education of GSR's. The lowest scores were for communication to the groups, training for GSR's, making service attractive, continuity and rotation, keeping positions filled, and improving relationships within the community's. Also, management of funds. What we feel we could address these issues is creating information packets for each group to be shared with the GSR upon their taking the position. I think I cold accomplish this with information from the WSO and other service bodies within NA. I will need to be reimbursed by the ASC. This could run into a small amount of money…one to two hundred dollars.

Old Business

Assistant Secretary position: James was nominated and Tanya 2nd it. James said he has been secretary for meeting at HOH, sponsor people and has three years clean. Scott asked if he had word on his computer but he said he didn't know. 6-No and 13-Yes

- JAMES is the new assistant secretary…

Co-Treasurer: OPEN take this back to your groups.

Co-chair: Cole was nominated and 2nd by James. Cole accepted the nomination, will learn and be of service. Cole said he has been serving the Hopefest committee for three years, on SMARB sub-committee, treasurer for a few groups over the years, has a sponsor, sponsors others and has chaired meetings. He has been to ASC meetings but has recently been coming steady. 20-yes 0-No

- Cole is the new Co-Chair……

RCM-A position- Luke nominated and 2nd by Cole. Luke spoke to his willingness. Serves on H&I, promotions for Hopefest, two years clean, chair position, has a sponsor and is willing to hold onto the position as RCMA for two years. 19-yes 0-no

- Luke J is the new RCMA…

BREAK

New Business

- Public Relations Chair position open—take back to groups
- Literature Chair position open—take back to groups

No motions.

Open Forum

Where is area going to be for July, August, September, October and November?
Talked to Joe who got the Holy Rosary School and then go from there.

Winnebago treatment center and key tags?
Albert Lea NA attends this meeting on the 1st Saturday of every month and 10-15 people do take key tags.
Fairmont attends this meeting 4th Saturday of every month and have been doing it since January 2009.

Regional Delegate: JJ talked about the Unity Day event and flyers are available. The Regional Assembly is coming up and 2011 hope to host every other year.

Meeting adjourned.