12/4/14

Northern Lights Area of Narcotics Anonymous Area Service Committee (NLANA ASC)

Meeting called to order at 12:30 PM, Sue J., Chair presiding.
Meeting location:
2012 E Superior St., Duluth, MN

Members present:
1. Sue J - Chair/Meeting List Manager
2. Jane S. - Co-Chair
3. Caitlin M - Secretary
4. Shelia F - Treasurer
5. Marvella D - RCM
6. Matthew W - RCMA
7. Tracy P - Vermilion Chair
8. Val D - Webmaster
9. Tiffany B- Rompin' Stompin' GSR
10. David C - Cloquet Group
11. Charles C - Step Towards Recovery GSR
12. April S - Strength in Numbers GSR
13. Austin M - New Horizons GSR
14. Daniel D - Hope Not Dope GSR
15. Yvonne R - Hope Not Dope Treasurer
16. Julie M - Living Clean GSR
17. Brianna H - T.G.I.F. GSR
18. Kodty B - Carry the Message Project Manager
19. John H - Member
20. Joe B - Member
21. Lindsey H - Member
22. Robin E - Member
23. Joe M - Member

Groups not present:
- NA Safe Harbor
- Candlelight Group
- NA Time of Day
- Saturday Night NA

Reading of the 12 Traditions, Austin M, and the 12 Concepts, Tracy P.

Agenda review.

10/05/14 minutes review. Motion made by Marvella D and seconded by Tracy P to approve the minutes. Motion accepted.

Open Forum
- Primary Purpose - How can we better carry the message to addicts that we aren't reaching, possible hold a discussion next area

RCM Presentation
- Color a geographic area that we do cover and where we want to cover.
- If Region wants to vote, we hold our vote and have regional give RCM suggestions to bring back to NLANA.

Group Reports:
- Rompin' Stompin'
  - GSR: Tiffany B - present
  - No donation
  - Has fund basket for newcomer registration to vermilion campout
- Cloquet Group (Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday)
  - GSR: David C. - present
  - No donation
  - Need attendance and service positions

- Step Toward Recovery
    - GSR: Charles C - present
    - $30 donation
    - Nothing to report
- Cloquet Tuesday
    - GSR: Bree Ann D - not present
    - No donation
    - No Report - Need to find out if meeting is happening
- New Horizon
    - GSR: Austin M - present
    - $15 donation
    - Meeting 12/30 - looking for speaker
- Strength in Numbers
    - GSRA: April S - present
    - $20 donation
    - Nothing to report
- Hope Not Dope
    - GSR: Daniel D - present
    - $10 donation
    - Nothing to report
- Candlelight NA
    - GSR: Kenny D. - not present
    - No donation
    - No Report
- NA Safe Harbor
    - GSR: Eric L. - not present
    - No donation
    - No Report
- NA Time of Day
    - GSR: None
    - $20 Donation
    - Requesting a starter pack. Meeting format is an IP Study, and is a closed meeting. Looking for support.
- Living Clean
    - GSR Fill In: Julie M - present
    - $25 donation
    - Collecting for newcomer vermilion pass
- T.G.I.F.
    - GSR: Brianna H - present
    - $100 donation
    - Monthly speaker reminder
- Saturday Night NA
    - GSR: None
    - No Donation
    - Meeting going well, but all positions need to be filled (reported by John W)

Motion made by Marvella D and seconded by Daniel D to approve the Group Report. Motion accepted.

Executive Committee Reports:

- Treasurer: Sheila F. - present
    - Current balance of $13,536.46
- RCM: Marvella D. - present
    - See Attached Report
- Vermilion: Tracy P. - present
    - Read report, see attached.
- Webmaster: Val D. - present
    - Read report, see attached

Motion made by Briana H and seconded by Daniel D to approve the Executive Reports. Motion accepted.

Project Reports:

- Meeting List Coordinator: OPEN Manager

    - Marvella, Julie M and Veronica 12/16 to go and finding out if Tawjii Noon meeting is happening
    - Kenny, Daniel, and Kodty to go to Two Harbor NA Safe Harbor Meeting
- Radio PSA: Open
    - Still trying to contact Radio Stations
    - Briana to get and submit CD/MP3 to Radios stations
- Capture the Banner: Daniel D. Manager - present
    - Has new ideas and getting the project pumped back up
- Carrying the Message: Kodty B - present
    - Has new ideas for organizations
- Halloween Dance - Sheila F Manager
    - 570.54 Costs - Deposit 566.00 - Loss 4.46
    - EXCELLENT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Motion made by Marvella D and seconded by Val D
    - Motion reads: Would like the NLANA to provide basic texts to all the halfway houses at least 5 of the 6th edition. Marty Mann, Howard Frieze, Ren/Thunder Bird House
    - Intent: Carry the message
    - $323.40 financial impact
        - Motion withdrawn.
- Motion made by Robin E and seconded by Jane S
    - Motion reads: Nominate Bree as Project Manager of Meeting List Coordinator
    - Intent: New Project Manager
    - No financial impact
        - Motion passed.
- Motion made by Tracy P and seconded by Caitlin M
    - Motion reads: Nominate Bree as Project Manager of PSA Radio Announcement
    - Intent: New Project Manager
    - No financial impact
        - Motion passed.
- Project Plan - NA Tubing Event
    - Date: 01/24/15 12-4
    - Location: Mont Du Lac Rec Area Superior WI
    - Family Friendly: Yes
    - Project Purpose: To bring fun and unity to the NA family
    - Project Objectives: Fun, Fun, Fun
    - Project Managers: John H
    - Approved: Yes
    - Budget: $300
- Project Plan - 2nd Annual Roller Skating Event
    - Date: 03/15/15 6-9pm
    - Location: World of Wheels Superior WI
    - Family Friendly: Yes
    - Project Purpose: Celebrate our recovery with family and friends. Bring in newcomers from Area treatment centers. Speaker or some type of message focused on meeting etiquette and conduct. Has to have some type of humor or fun to it.
    - Project Objectives: Fun, Fun, Fun, unity, clean time countdown, raffle, recognize the importance of the newcomer, and bring awareness of vermilion campout.
    - Project Managers: John F and Matthew W
    - Approved: Yes
    - Budget: $800

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Caitlin M, Secretary

RCM REPORT
November 8th 2014
Dear Northern Lights Area,
Hello my name is Matthew and I am an addict. This is my first report as the new RCMA for the area. Enclosed are the notes taken from the Regional meeting which met in Minneapolis on Nov. 8, 2014.
-Addicts should know that they may create a user login on the www.NAMinnesota.org website. Creating a user account will allow them access to many links, file cabinets, etc...that cannot be accessed without being logged in. I created a login and it took mere minutes to complete.
OPEN FORUM
-There was a discussion regarding a need to define the boundaries of each area in MN Region. Why define area boundaries? In order to help Hospitals and Institutions or general public find help from NA (bring meetings in, find speakers, etc...). It would clear up which area would service which local communities.
-It is suggested we try to make our own boundaries at area by coloring on a map. These maps will then be brought to Creating Our Common Welfare and compared and contrasted. Email info@naminnesota.org for your own blank county map if you would like to create your own.
-There is an event called the Multizonal Symposium which sounds awesome. Various zones get together and share ideas on ways to carry the message. Apparently MN is constantly being looked to as a successful model of service structure, and Minneventions are being put into practice in other regions and zones.
-The UMSO: Upper Midwest Service Office was approved for 2 iPads to speed up service in the office, and to attend more events around MN like Vermilion etc...with literature, NA swag etc...to sell.
-Creating our Common Welfare will be taking place in Feb. In the Back To Basics area from 8 AM-6PM. Marvella and I plan on attending!
-There is a new item on our www.naminnesota.org webpage in beta testing called the Speaker Directory. Speakers in any area may put their info online which includes a brief bio and some points of interest about their story. No personal info included on the page. This is for H&I's who would like to bring in speakers to their facilities. Get the word out to all speakers in the Northern Lights Area. Please check it out and give Jeff our webmaster your feedback or ideas about its functioning.
-Minnesota is participating in Project Primary Purpose. This project stems from Nebraska and sells t-shirts to buy Basic Texts. When two t-shirts are sold, a basic text is sent to an inmate who needs one. Money goes to Nebraska and there are no guarantees as to where the basic text will be sent.
EIGHT TRADITION WORKSHOP
-We had the opportunity to answer some questions in the new Traditions Workbook on Tradition 8. Very few regions have given feedback on this particular tradition so it was really cool to discuss and be sending our responses as input. You may answer some of the questions yourself online at our website. Maybe this would be a fun thing to do at area?
REQUESTED BY REGION TO BRING BACK TO AREA
-Apparently Hennepin County Drug Court does newcomer orientations for new addicts to drug court. If interested in helping with this, please contact Kris K. In the form online.
-As of our meeting there are still 6 male sponsors needed for Sponsorship Behind the Walls. Login online and fill in the form if you have the following requirements.
-at least one year clean
-currently working the 12 Steps with a Sponsor.
-Help Line Volunteers are needed!!! Sign up online under Help Wanted. Our area has the second largest population of volunteers yet takes very few shifts. The goal is getting addicts to a meeting.
-All of us in service positions should register online with our Website. Val has been on top of that like a rock star web mistress!
-The Regional budget was reviewed thoroughly and approved for $16,650.
On a personal note I want to say that this was an awesome experience. Marvella and I had such a great time bonding, and sharing about our area with the other members at Region. I loved seeing how much broader this program is and I cannot wait for the next one! I would love to invite more members of our area to attend! Thank you for this opportunity to be of service!
I wanted to add that it was great to have a fellow addict ride and share the message of recovery.
In Loving Service,
Matthew W.
Marvella D.

Vermilion Minutes January 8th 2015
Present: Trac, Rochelle, Lindsey, Marvella, Freya, Yvonne, Jane, Shelia, Laura, Tiffany, Veronica, Sue, Caitlin, Val, Tracy, Brianna
Open Position
Co-Chair
Kitchen – Rochelle was voted in and she would like ideas for meals
Adult Games

Kids Craft – Lindsey was voted in
We still have 2 position open

Old Business

The committee made a decision not to upgrade any of the free registration that we are given out for 2015.
Marvella will take 11 free registration to the Common Welfare Workshop on February 13, 2015 and stress that each AREA gets 1 registration and there are no upgrades it will either be camping or cabin. No Priest or Bakk House for the free registration.
Committee members who come to half of the meeting can have $25 of their registration. There was a discussion on special needs committee- do we need another committee or can it go under hospitality? The committee decides to have under the hospitality.
Next Meeting on Feb 7th 2015 at Peace Church at 11:00
In Loving Service
Marvella
Secretary

Web Publisher Report 12-2014

Greetings Northern Lights ASC!! I'd like to say thank u for allowing me to serve the committee as Web Publisher for another term. I have been uploading documents and events as I receive them. I would like to inform the groups again that if they want their meeting formats, or other meeting documents uploaded they can send them to me and will create a folder for their group under the NA Groups folder in our Dropbox. Also Robin E. will be emailing me some more ASC forms to add to our file cabinet so if by next area a document is missing please email me and I will see if I can track them down. Thanks for the opportunity to serve the ASC please let me know if there is anything more the committee needs me to do.
In loving service,
Val D.