NLASC Minutes
08/04/2012

Meeting called to order 12:30p.m. Marvella Chair

Meeting Location: Peace Church 1111 East 11th St. Duluth

Members Present:
Tim
Keith
Bryan
Robin E.
Jane S.
Trac R.
Crystal
Shelby J.
Tracy P.
Eliza B.
Donnie B.
Justin
Tim A.
Amanda
Marcia L.
Nicole J.
Allie T.
Sue J.
Kristin
Rachel D.
Marvella D.
Lindsey H.
Kenny
Charles C.

Reading of 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts:

- 12 Traditions – Donnie
- 12 Concepts – Rachel

Agenda Review:
New GSR Adoption:

- Tim A. - Rachel

Marvella informed Area that MNNAC has given each area a MNNAC registration. Where do we put this in today's agenda?

- Put under new business

Motion: Motion made by Bryan to accept 06-2012 minutes. Tracy seconded.
Motion passed.

Quorum:
Quorum met

Discussion:
Concept 7
For next Area, read Concept 8

Non-voting issues:
Concerns about issues within meeting about service positions and behavior by those in positions.

Group Reports:

- Rompin' Stompin'
  - Jane: $5 donation
- NA Basics
  - Jane: $66 donation
    - needs attendance
- Just for Today
  - Charles:
    - needs attendance
- Step Toward Recovery
  - Tim:
    - New meeting
    - 7 – 10 people a time
    - Flyers have been given out
    - Registered with World
    - Needs: Could use key tags and literature
      - Robin suggested new meeting packets.
- New Horizons
  - Nicole: $75 donation
- How It Works
  - Marcia: $88.92
    - Concerns: NA Flyers be sent to halfway houses, meeting locations, treatment facilities
- Hope Not Dope
  - Lindsey
    - Needs: New meeting packets
      - Jim – do not buy coffee, buy tags and literature

Motion: Robin made a motion to give new meeting packets to Hope Not Dope and Step Toward Recovery. Trac seconded.

Motion reads: "ASC Treasurer place an order with NA World Service for the Mon Step Toward Recovery, Thu Hope Not Dope. (1 Basic Text {hard cover}, It Works {hard cover}, Just for Today {soft cover}, 10 key tags each {newcomer;30;60;90;6ms;9ms;1yr;18ms;multiple years}) X 2. Financial Impact on Area: NTE $150"

Motion passed.

- NA Candlelight Group
  - Kenny:
- Safe Harbor NA
  - Keith:
    - Group report form has been sent via email
    - Robin suggested we send extra meeting lists with Keith
- Friday Night NA
  - Rachel: $30 donation
- T.G.I.F
  - Donnie: $30 donation
    - Needs: extra meeting lists
- Dr. Hug Meeting
  - Charles:
    - Needs attendance

Elections:
Vermilion Chair:

- Jane nominated Trac. Jim seconded. Trac accepts nomination. Trac elected.

Carry the Message Coordinator:

- Bryan has stepped down. She has created a job description. There is a list of locations and members already made. There needs to be a project manager that can coordinate.
- Robin nominated Shelby. Bryan seconded. Shelby accepts nomination. Shelby elected.

Web Master:

- Robin has stepped down. Job description is in guidelines.
- Trac nominated Jane. Bryan seconded. Jane declines nomination.
- No one elected. GSR's are to bring job description back to groups and encourage members to look into filling position.

Executive Committee Reports:
Treasurer Report:
We are having issues with our bank account. Our account needs to be US Bank or Wells Fargo because we take in so much money at Vermilion and need to have access to deposit that money. We did have the account under someone's personal social security number and now have it under a EIN. Robin suggested that we need to stay at US Bank and that we empty our current account and open a new one. Julie and the other check signers will do that.

RCM Report:
We have a new vice chair. Others have been stepping up as well. MNNAC 21 will be hosted by twin cities area in 2014. Bridging the Gap has been asked by DOC for help but Bridging the Gap had to decline due to many ongoing projects. It will be looked at later when it would be possible. Bryan will be taking over the Help Line. MN Region has a new guidelines for Facebook/Twitter/etc. which is posted on region website. Regional Delegate Report is available online if anyone would want to read. World Conv. will be in Philadelphia in 2013. Contact Bryan if you are interested in going with to next Region.

Do we, as an Area, want to have a booth at the St. Louis County Health and Human Services Convention at the DECC? We would give out information that would be supplied by Region. We would need to provide people to man the booths October 8th (8am - 4) and 9th (8am - 12). Charles would like to participate. Shelby is available both days from 8 – 10. Tracy would like to participate and would be able to change work schedule to fit. Jim, Eliza, Donnie, Nicole, and Rachel as well. It will require a $500 fee for booth rental that we would get from Region.

Motion: Bryan made a motion to have a booth at the convention. Robin seconded.

Motion reads: "NLANA Participate in the Health and Human Services Convention 10/8 and 10/9/12 if financially supported by Region."

Motion passed

Bryan will email full RCM report to Lindsey.

Vermilion Report:
We will have a meeting Sunday, August 12 at 1:30p.m at Billings Park (prior to picnic) to wrap up any final details for Vermilion 2012. The Vermilion committee supports Co-chair Trac, to be the Vermilion 2013 Chair. Registration, Programming, Kids Crafts, Facilities and Hospitality, Adult and Kids Games are all ready to go. Merchandise is finalizing raffle/auction items and will check inventory at storage shed. We assume our Banner and Kitchen Chairs are getting things ready for the event. We look forward to seeing everyone at the event. Please grab registration flyers.

Misc. Report:
MNNAC has donated a registration to each Area and so we need to determine how to award that to a member. Trac will be suggesting during Activities Report that we give it at the Halloween event. GSR's are asked to bring it to their groups for feedback as to how to give it away. Kenny made sure that we are aware it is only a registration and not the full package. Charles suggested that we do a name drawing at each group and then bring the picked names to Area and pick again. Area discussed buying an additional full package.

Motion: Tim A. made a motion to, as an Area, purchase a MNNAC full package and include it with the registration from MNNAC to give away. Robin seconded.

Motion reads: "Northern Lights Area to buy a MNNAC full package to donate. Intent of Motion: Donate package to a NA member as a prize. Amount $115."

Motion passed.
GSR's should bring to groups and ask for feedback for how to give away both MNNAC reg.

Jim would like to have a MNNAC Awareness Event and he would be willing to DJ for solely his expenses. He would need someone to do the footwork to get it done. Robin would like to help. Marvella as well. From the proceeds, Area should receive 50%.

Motion: Jim made a motion to have a MNNAC Awareness Event. Seconded by Robin.

Motion reads: "To have the Area host a New Year's event with 50% of the net proceeds going to MNNAC to support the event. Robin E. to be Project Leader. Marvella Project Team Member. Jim Project Team Member. Amount $50; Make Check Payable to Jim Sterzinger; To Be Spent For Gas. Amount $250; Make Check Payable To Misc Expenses; To Be Spent For Hall/Dec/Etc."

Motion passed.

Newspaper/Meeting List Coordinator Report:
If you need anything added or changed, let Sue know. Voyager's Area has decided to put our meeting list on the back of their meeting list, which ours is out of date. Sue has made attempts at contacting them about this. Marvella, as Area Chair, will go to their Area meeting and address issue. Meeting is August 19th , and anyone interested in coming with contact Marvella.

Carry the Message:
Shelby just elected and will have a report in October.

Activities:
Sun Your Buns:

- About 50 attended (newcomers, oldcomers, board members)

Motion: Trac made a motion to have a Halloween Event. Seconded by Jane.

Motion reads: "Request NLANA to sponsor a Halloween Event and Chili cook-off on Friday, October 26, 2012, from 6:30p.m. - 11:30p.m. There will be two speakers, adult and kids costume contests, chili cook off contest, games, and fun. Suggested donation of $3. No addict turned away. Location Mount Olive Church, Duluth, TGIF location. Vermilion registration as prize. Intent of Motion: Provide a family friendly and fun NA event for all ages. Financial Impact on Area: $200 Amount $200; Make Check Payable To Trac Rasmus; To Be Spent For Expenses."

Motion passed

MNNAC Report:
Kenny submitted report. Next meeting is Monday August 6th at 6:30. Looking for volunteers to work the event – will GSR's take sign up sheet to meetings and bring the names to MNNAC or Area. Looking for submissions of artwork to go with theme of Journey of Discovery.

Area Inventory:
We need to do a Treasury Inventory:

- Trac, Bryan, Tim, Nicole, with Tim A. facilitating

"How well has the Area Service Committee done this past year at serving the groups, and how can it better serve them in the coming year?"
Responses from meetings:

- Jane:
- Rachel: make sure meeting lists are current and that all meetings are stocked with lists; organizing more fellowship

- Marcia: great job; loved GSR handout; make sure flyers are out

“How well has the Area Service Committee served the larger community, and how can the committee better serve the community-at-large?”
Responses from meetings:

- Jane: members have seen ad on buses; could do better on Carrying the Message; Area easily available to those who need help
- Rachel: more meeting lists in hospitals; meeting lists for law enforcement officials to give out; target area around Last Place for Carry the Message
- Marcia: mtg lists and flyers; could we do flyers with tear-offs with regional phone lines

“How well has the Area Service Committee done at supporting NA's regional and world services? How can the ASC provide better support for these services?”
Responses from meetings:

- Jane: ok, better, nice if we could get info from other regions; donate more money to Area (figure out what last year's contribution was and try to beat it), try and get events that make more money
- Rachel: we do make donations to Region, individual members/mtgs do not have much awareness of this issue
- Marcia: doing a workshop for the Area; continue our contributions to Region and World

New Business:
On the Agenda for the next Area

- Audit
- Budgets
    - Vermilion
    - Area: Each separate position and project needs to have a budget to submit to Treasurer

Meeting Adjorned 4:33 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By Lindsey Secretary