Back 2 Basics Area Service Committee

February 21, 2008
Mankato, MN
Moment of Silence followed with Serenity Prayer @ 2:00p.m.
Reading of the 12 Concepts: Joe
Reading of the Service Workers' Prayer: Cole C

Introductions (36 addicts)

Announcements

1. MNNAC XVI April 17-19, 2009 in St. Cloud
2. Wild Game Feed on January 31st, 2009 in Burt, IA starting at noon and going til ? ? ?
3. Hopefest 5 July 31-August 2nd, 2009 @ McGowan's Farm in Mankato, MN.
4. NA worldwide Workshop February 27-March 1, 2009 in Oakland, CA.
5. Greater Milwaukee Unity Convention of NA XIV February 20-22, 2009.
6. The North Central Indiana Convention "we grow with love xvii" May 22nd-May 25th, 2009.
7. MNNAC 17 sub-committee meets at 2PM the last Sunday of the month at the Hilton in Mankato, MN.

MINUTES WERE APPROVED

GSR Reports (18 Groups in attendance)

Battling the Beast
GSR: Tod
Average Attendance: 6
Newcomers: 1
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Doing ok
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Trinity Lutheran Church 217 Brankenridge SW Sleepy Eye Tuesday Night at 7PM
Any needs from the B2B? Key Tags
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Within reason
Any service positions open within your group? Treasurer and Secretary

Acceptance Leads to Trust
GSR: Don
Average Attendance: 5
Newcomers: 1
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Attendance is low
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Christ the King Lutheran Church Garden Street New Ulm 10:30AM-11:30AM Saturday morning
Any needs from the B2B? Key Tags
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Open
Any service positions open within your group? Secretary

Steps to discovery and Friday night hope fiends
GSR: open
Average Attendance: 10
Newcomers: occasionally
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Groups are doing well and stable.

Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Augustana Lutheran Church. Mon 7pm and Fri 8pm every week in St.James
Any needs from the B2B? No
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason
Any service positions open within your group? GSR and GSRA

Crossroads NA

GSRA: Joe C
Average Attendance: 12-15
Newcomers: 1-2
Donation: $30
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Steady
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? 150 Stadium Ct. Mankato on Thursday @ 7:30p.m.
Any needs from the B2B? No
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything
Any service positions open within your group? No

Basement Dwellers

GSR: Ryan S
Average Attendance: 5
Newcomers: 1
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Good and doing well
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Before the meeting every 3rd Thursday of the month
Any needs from the B2B? None
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? None
Any service positions open within your group?

Midweek Serenity

GSR: Dan Z
Average Attendance: 6-12
Newcomers: Some
Donation: $25
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc?
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Wednesday @ 6p.m. Rotating structured format. Need a speaker for the first Wednesday of the month. First Methodist Church St. James
Any needs from the B2B? More addicts to attend
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Host more addicts at our meeting
Any service positions open within your group? Secretary and treasurer

Gotta do something

GSR: Dana N
Average Attendance: 10
Newcomers: No
Donation: $26
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc?
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? Not at this time
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason
Any service positions open within your group? GSRA

7thday junkies

GSR: Mike GSRA: Marion G
Average Attendance: 20-30
Newcomers: Occasionally
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? Sunday night @ 8pm Salvation Army 700 S. Riverfront Dr. Mankato
Any needs from the B2B? We have no needs at this time
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? We are available for any help the b2b area needs
Any service positions open within your group? No Positions open at this time

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 group
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? Within reason
Any service positions open within your group? Yes, Secretary and Treasurer

Hope Works

GSR: Tanya
Average Attendance: 20
Newcomers: yes
Donation: $20
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Doing well
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? 8PM Wednesday House of Hope
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? None

West Hills NA

GSR: Jeff M
Average Attendance: 25-40
Newcomers: 1-2 per week
Donation: $50
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? We are doing very well 2 weeks ago we had over 60 addicts attend
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 when reason
Any service positions open within your group? N/A

Fairbault NA Groups: Gift of Life NA

GSR: Arthur R III
Average Attendance: 15-50
Newcomers: A few come and go
Donation: $5
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? WE are doing 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? None
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason
Any service positions open within your group? GSRA is open

Dopeless Hope Fiends

GSR: Jeni
Average Attendance: 20-30
Newcomers: Return
Donation: $40
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

Salvation at the Salvation

GSR: Corey
Average Attendance: 12-20
Newcomers: 2-4
Donation: $50
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Fine
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Salvation Army on Tuesdays at 7PM.
Any needs from the B2B? None
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Willing to do anything within reason
Any service positions open within your group? None

Get Candle Lit

GSRA: Elisha K
Average Attendance: 2-10
Newcomers: Varies
Donation: $20
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Attendance decrease varies attendance
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? Need support
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason
Any service positions open within your group? Chairperson

Hopeless to Dopeless

GSR: Sarah O Acting GSR
Average Attendance: 15-20
Newcomers: 1-2 some return
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? no changes
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Friday at 7PM Owatonna
Any needs from the B2B? No
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything within reason
Any service positions open within your group? No

Steps Into Recovery

GSR: Adrian T
Average Attendance: 15-20
Newcomers: 1-2 Every so often
Donation: $0
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Good
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Saint Paul Episcopal Church every Wednesday Nights at 8PM-9Pm
Any needs from the B2B? None
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? If needed
Any service positions open within your group? None at this moment

Wonders of recovery and True to ourselves

GSR: Cindi
Average Attendance: 15-20
Newcomers: 1-2 some stay and some go
Donation: $100
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? Recovery is going well. Wednesday has started a step meeting 2 nights a month and this has been well received.
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Wednesday @ 8PM and Friday @ 6:30PM Both at Alano Club in Fairmont, MN.
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? None at this time

Groups not present

Saint Peter-Get it Here
Owatonna-Friday Night Freedom Seekers
Redwood Falls-Hope Haven
Pipestone-Clean Water Strong Coffee
Austin-Just For Today
Albert Lea-When at the end of the road
New Ulm-Dreams Come True
Cleveland-Cleveland Rocks
Owatonna-Steps into Recovery NA
Redwood Falls-Recovery in Redwood
Albert Lea-New Beginning NA
Gaylord-Serenity Seekers
Albert Lea-Flicker of Hope
Austin-It works How and Why
Albert Lea-Free & Clean
New Ulm-Easy Access NA
Windom-Addicts at the round table
Windom-Windom NA
Austin-Hugs Not Drugs

Officer Reports

Chairperson: Tammy G--- April 2008 **Co-Chair**: Jay S ---September 2008
Secretary: Kari A---November 2008 **Asst. Secretary**: OPEN
Treasurer: Frank D ---September 2008 **Co-Treasurer**: OPEN
RCM: Val V---June 2008 **RCM-A**: Sam---April 2008

Chairperson: Tammy G—present
Dear ASC, I would like to have you take it back to your groups that chair will need to be voted on in March 2009. We will need to decide if we need to move or cancel area in April due to MNNAC. Thanks In loving Service, Tammy G
Co-Chair: Jay S—Present
Dear b2b ASC:
Last month a motion was made to start the process of doing an area wide inventory. The motion was tabled and I volunteered to look into it. Here is what I came up with. World services have a tool to help us in this process. It is called the Area Planning Tool and is available at na.org. First of all some of you may be wondering why we would need to do this. Let me read you something straight from the planning tool that I think explains it better than I could.
Planning helps any service committee come together to determine where services are most needed and decide how to best to move toward agreed upon goals. "The aim of the ASC is to coordinate services on behalf of the groups served by that area. In essence, an area is the way in which all groups join together in an effort to further

NA"s primary purpose- to make our message of recovery available and accessible to everyone in their community.
When there is no planning, its easy for areas to function in a vacuum. Often a service body will move forward in a status quo fashion This is the way we have always done it may be the theme song. And with this theme song, areas may find that their committees do not work together with each other, with the GSR's and with the administrative body.
That is a little bit of the why the planning tool could be helpful to this area. If the ASC wishes to pursue this hear is the how of putting it into action. It is also laid out in a step by step format in the planning tool. I have brought with copies of the planning tool for all GSR's to take back to their groups. In it you will find an "area Inventory" sheet on pages 13-14. GSR's will need to take this back to their groups and go over it answering the questions of how well the groups think they are being served by the area, Where our strengths lie and were we could be doing better. Once the inventories are returned an ad-hoc committee would more than likely have to be formed to go over the inventory, list the issues facing the area, develop goals, prioritize the goals, create approaches, prioritize approaches and develop a plan of action.
This is a big project and we would need people willing to step up and help out along the way. The more input we can get the better we are going to be able to identify where we need to improve.
That's the long and the short of what I've come up with. The ASC can decide if it is something we want to pursue. Personally I'd vote in favor of it.
Thank you for letting me be of service.
Jay S
Secretary: Kari A—Present
First of all I want to thank you all for getting your reports in to me so that I can easily unload them into the minutes. I have been focused on following up with projects (i.e. mission statements from sub-committee's) and other things. Today, I have a few copies of mission statements that were submitted in June 2007 and they were never put into policy. So I will hand these copies to sub-committee chair's to look at change, add, delete or redo so that these can get submitted into policy. I decided not to put ballots on the end of the agendas. They will now be placed sporadically around the tables. When it is time to vote grab one and use that. ☺
Assistant Secretary: OPEN
Treasurer: Frank D—Present
Treasury Report 2-21-2009

Beginning balance of $6865.38

Income of $320.75

Expenses of $759.00

Prudent reserve of $800.00

Available funds of $5627.13

Can't purchase Microsoft Money. Has to be downloaded. Quickbooks costs 100.00, not sure how many users this program will allow. My recommendation is that if you want SMARB, HopeFest and the ASC Treasurer to have computer accounting software the area should cough up the 20.00 every time a new treasurer is brought in for these 3 committees. I'm done with this topic. Don't ask me again.

World Services never did get back to me on the tax id #. I will just take care of it.
Co-Treasurer: OPEN
RCM: Val V-Not present
I am trying to reorganize my work hours this weekend but I doubt that I will be able to either, I will put together a report or you can just get the info from Sam or JJ as they were both at Region as well.
The big news is: the project based initiative is finally in place!!

The Minnesota Region made a donation of $20,000 to NAWS in December!
There are positions open at the region!
Vice chair
8 Fellowship services team members! (sort of a pool of members to go with the project based initiative) 4 are 2 year terms, 4 are 1 year terms.
Treasurer
Positions filled:
Chair.....Dave
RD.....JJ
RDA.....Caleb
Notes are in the car....lol
Ummm
Anything I missed, JJ or Sam should be able to fill in the blanks.
I will probably have to step down as B2B RCM because of this change in my hours, I am still willing to serve but my work is such that it may preclude me from doing so.
I nominate Sam to the RCM position!
I do see many changes coming to the Region as a result of this project based initiative. I think that it will work well if given the chance. It looks like the first project will be a revamping of the website for the region along with links to all areas. If anyone would like to get involved, NOW is the time! A website for all of the Minnesota region along with links to all areas would be awesome!
Oh, so there is no confusion, I am stepping down. I nominate Sam to fill the RCM position.
In loving service,
Val
RCMA: Sam D---present
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? We are switching over to a project based region starting April 11, 2009! It passed about time after lots of discussion. New chair person went to Dave R RD-JJ RDA-Caleb B
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? Minneapolis, MN at the Sabathani Center on 38th Street.
Any needs from the B2B? Need to know from the area what would be a top priority for our area so our region could best serve us. Any ideas?
Any service positions open within your group? Treasurer Secretary Vice-Chair…Need as much support for our leadership committee as possible. FYI-March 13-15 MZF in Indiana somewhere *Called Frank to cancel check for our donation for region—my wallet was stolen.

Committee Reports

Public Relations: Cindi C--- May 2008
How is your group doing, changes in business, structure, etc? A few things are getting done. Literature is getting to treatment centers. Mission statement is done and will be submitted to Gordy this week. Sarah O is working on map of area. Dan Z has meet with Watonwan and Blue Earth drug courts with good reception. We will continue to work on getting literature and order sheets to all facilities.
Where does your group meet & what time of the day? 12:30PM at area.
Any needs from the B2B? More interest from addicts appreciated
Anything you would like to do for the B2B? Anything we can within reason. Please update the meeting list and return to me at the end of area meeting. Make changes and highlight please. Add new meetings and cross our those that have folded.
Any service positions open within your group?
Hospitals & Institutions: Mary H---Absent August 2008
H&I will do a do's and don'ts presentation at the next area, after dinner before the speaker & 7 panel coordinators reported today.
Outreach: Anonthy B---Absent November 2008
Newsletter: Dan Z---Present August 2008
How is your subcommittee or group doing? Doing well. Had approved the submissions I've gotten and should have an issue at next months ASC.

Where does your subcommittee or group meet & what time of the month and day? Before ASC 3rd Saturday of the month.
Any needs you have from the B2BA: SUBMISSIONS always need more.
Anything you would like to do for the B2BA: Continue to put our the best damn newsletter you people are willing to write.
Any service positions open within your subcommittee or group: Sure, but writers are more valuable. Everyone has something to say and this is your chance.

Activities: Dana N---Present December 2008

We didn't meet last time so at this point unproductive. We will be meeting at the ski lodge to so some planning before taking unnecessary/unprepared action. Come to the meetings at area.

Policy: Gordy B—Present September 2008

I have sent via e-mail (with the help of our secretary Kari) a copy of our current policy. If you did not receive one, please let me know. In regard to the sub-committee mission statements, please review the ones that Kari has recently found and update as necessary for insertion into our policy. Lastly, I would ask a favor of all members of this committee, sub-committee's, GSR's, and anyone else that would like policy information and updates, to send me an e-mail so I can add you to my contact list. This would be most helpful as opposed to typing them all in. Not that I am lazy, I'm just a really slow, and there are a lot of you. Thank you. Policy meets at 11:00 before ACM. Please join us.
In Loving Service
Gordie B.

Literature: Arthur—Present May 2008

We met today and wrote out mission statement to be submitted to policy. We meet at 12:30 the day of area. We appreciate new people attending the sub-committee meetings. We will continue to serve to the best of our ability.

SMARB: Jess F---Present August 2008

We are doing ok. The date of SMARB 21 is June 5, 6, and 7th 2009. Campground is reserved and we are good for 300 campers. Waiting for word from UMSO—SMARB is insured but for how much? (campground wants $500,000) WE usually meet after the ASC but we won't meet today since too chaotic at Mount Kato, earlier would conflict with other sub-committees. Could meet here immediately after if someone wants to *will meet after ASC in March in Geneva…and we will have flyers in March @ Geneva. We will have the best campout in June west of the Mississippi. Coffee and donuts coordinator open.

Hopefest: Tammy S—Absent August 2008

New Secretary, New security chair and door prizes for registration

MNNAC 17:

A verbal report was given by JJ on the progress. A PO Box has been established and so has a checking account. We meet at 2PM on the last Sunday of the month at the Hilton on 9th Floor.

Regional Delegate:

JJ got a package in the mail—NAWS annual report. In the annual report it talks about donations that have been made to WSO. Everything I talk about is also available at www.na.org. The living clean book project is available through a link, revised "In times of Illness" and other self-support pamphlets were updated and are available online.

Old Business

- Both **Assistant Secretary** and **co-treasurer** were tabled until next area no one was nominated and no one volunteered.
- **RCM** position has now become open. ASC will accept nominations or volunteers next ASC meeting.
- **Chair** position should be filled at next ASC meeting also, because ASC was cancelled for April 2009.

Here is what Darcy reported:
Dear B2B ASC, after researching prices from Charter and Hickory Tech these are the best prices (hickory tech). I priced both a regular phone number and a toll-free number. The obvious difference is that we cannot pick our own number with a regular phone line. For the regular line it will be approximately $50 per month, $150 to set up. For the toll-free line it will be $55 per month + .12 cents per minute $150 set up. If 10 people cal at average 3 minutes =$3.60/per day +$108/per month + $55 =$163.00 per month. If 30 people call a day = $380.00 per

month. Of course we can never predict the amounts of calls, or call duration. I just wanted to throw out some numbers. The line will have an auto attendant which will rotate 7 different extensions and outgoing messages. It will automatically switch everyday so the meeting schedules will be announced for the correct days. I would like to withdraw the motion. I have talked with Cindi as this is a PR project and we will present a detailed motion next month. Loving Service, Darcy

Motion #2-----this motion was made on 1/17/2009 voted on 2/21/2009

Maker of the motion is Anthony B and seconded by Mike
Motion: For b2b area to conduct an inventory
Intent: In order to review our area's needs and how to best serve our area at large
Insertion: New Business
In Favor 17 Opposed 0 Abstentions 1
Motion Passed

Jay spoke out about the Area Planning Tool in his co-chair report. The motion from last month was voted on. Mircosoft Money will be downloaded from area, Hopefest and SMARB's treasurers and the area will give each treasurer $20.00 reimbursement.

BREAK

New Business

- ✓ **This motion was withdrawn…….Motion #1……from last month area.**

Maker of the motion is Darcy W and seconded by Jeni
Motion: Research prices to create a toll free back 2 basics information phone line (NOT A HOTLINE!) Volunteers will sign up for days to check the voicemail. Coordinator could arrange volunteers.
Intent: Addicts or anyone seeking information about NA could leave a message. The voicemail would be checked daily (5PM?), and return the messages meeting info, contact numbers, etc.
Insertion: New Business
In Favor 26 Opposed 0 Abstentions 0
Motion Passed

Motion #1

Maker of the motion is Kari A and seconded by Jeff M
Motion: Area in April is the same weekend at MNNAC 16. Due to not have a secured centralized location is the area okay with canceling April area?
Intent: More people could attend MNNAC 16 and support MNNAC 17 and MNNAC 16 on Saturday night.
Insertion: New Business
In Favor 14 Opposed 7 Abstentions 0
Motion Passed

Open Forum

Nothing for open forum.

Closed the meeting at 4:05PM