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## **MINUTES**

Twin Cities Area Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous  
December 18, 2006  
Sabathani Community Center—3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Room J

### **OPENING**

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 11:00 a.m. Readings were as follows:

12 Concepts — Gary  
12 Traditions — Peter  
12 Steps — LaRon

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Newcomers welcomed—11

GSRs present—26, Quorum (11) was met. [Avg. of last 3 months x .67]

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The November minutes were approved with the 1 change in Open Forum.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was distributed

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

CHAIR—RICK B.

Excused absence. Asked Lynn to sit in.

CO-CHAIR—DIANE

1<sup>st</sup> month of service. Nothing to report

SECRETARY—KAREN N.

Excused absence

CO-SECRETARY—MICHAEL D.

Passing around a sheet to update and/or change contact info in order to receive minutes.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Jane H. mentions that minutes can be posted on [www.mn.na.org](http://www.mn.na.org) so everyone can see them

TREASURER—SETH L.

The ending balance for last month was \$2123.71. The Banquet “audit” showed \$5614.98 spent, profit of \$1,411.90. Discrepancy of \$0.01 between audit and reported finances.

CO-TREASURER—ERIC

Please bring group donations and/or register your group if haven’t already done so.

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RCM—LYNN

**Good Morning Everyone,**

The Region met last week. Eleven of twelve areas were in attendance.

Most Areas are doing well, here are some highlights.

**Central MN** has the Artic Blast coming up.

**Lakes Area** has their 5th annual New Years Dance

**Northern Lights** sent a large donation following Vermillion. But noted due to the Kitchen at the facility being remodeled next year they may not make any money, as they will need to provide food and a facility for meals. They will keep the Region updated as things progress.

**South Suburban** reports that Pig will be held on July 27th, 28th and 29th 2007 in Gaylord, MN. Same campground from this year.

**Area of Hope** was requesting feedback on how to handle people reading from unapproved literature at meetings, this topic was moved to Open Forum for later discussion.

**Executive Committee and RD reports:**

**Treasurer** reports funds at \$12,193.00.

The Treasurer is now prepaying our regular monthly accounts, because the Region only meets every other month and we were receiving late fees. Felt this wasn't prudent. It is saving the Region anywhere from \$12.00 to \$50.00 per month.

**Regional Delegate:**

Report will be in the minutes

Don't forget WCNA 32 will be in San Antonio in 2007 you can register online.

**Open Forum:**

Discussion regarding reprinting updated Meeting Booklets.

Most discussion was pro and it was noted at the MAARCH Conference most professionals wanted meeting lists and the booklets are partially designed for use in facilities. A motion was put together for new business.

**SSFS Area** responded to a letter that was read at the August Region. They stated that it should have been brought to the Area instead of read publicly at the Region.

**Outside Literature being used at meetings.** Area of Hope was asking for input on how to handle. The discussion centered on having clear guidelines, possibly adding text to the meeting formats regarding having a clear NA message and only using NA literature at meetings. It was also pointed out that in small group a person can share what they wish.

**Old Business**

Elections:

*Outreach*- no volunteers or nominations

*H&I*- Ryan volunteered and was elected

*UMSO Reps.* - need 4 No nominations or volunteers

*Literature*- no nominations or volunteers

*MNNAC Regional Rep.* - need 1- no nominations or volunteers

*Policy*- Tom volunteered and was elected

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**Motion 187-** To rotate the regional meeting throughout the other areas at least 3 times a year. Was removed from table, and discussed. The Motion Failed.

**Motion 188-** Print 5000 copies of the Meeting List Booklets twice a year. Once in Feb. for distribution at MNNAC and in Aug for distribution at the MAARCH conference. (Not all copies will be distributed at these events)

The cost will be approx. \$1721.00 each time.

Motion passed

### **Subcommittee Reports**

**PI Chair** reports that the region had a booth at the MAARCH conference in October. Gave out approximately 500 copies of Introduction to NA. Most attendees (professionals in the treatment field) wanted copies of meeting lists and were requesting lists of Temp. Sponsors for both men and women. They want these for both prisons and treatment facilities. They also asked about women only meetings. The PI committee is going to work with H&I to create a Temp. Sponsor list. I would imagine we'll hear more about this.

**MNNAC BOD** reports they are lowering their prudent reserve from \$10,000 to \$5,000. They feel that the current reserve amount is excessive.

There is concern because they have received no bids for the 2008 convention. This process should be well under way by now. They asked this body for direction.

Spence drafted **Motion 189**

Instructing the MNNAC BOD to do whatever it takes to ensure there is a 2008 Convention.

Motion Passed

**UMSO** reports that Barb K. Is their new chair, Todd is the Treasurer and Rick, John and Dan have all fulfilled their terms.

Midwest Service Office will now be open on Thursdays from 12:00-2:00 pm (note this is a time change)

In Grateful Service, Lynn L.

RCMA—DANIEL

Has a scheduling conflict and regrettably needs to step down from position.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

ACTIVITIES—SETH M.

Will submit report electronically. (nothing submitted as of 1/13)

BANQUET— unfilled.

HELPLINE—Gary W.

Last month we received 335 calls to the Helpline. I received a e-mail from Lisa F. and she sends her blessing for the holiday. It took me a few tries but I figured out how to open the minutes from last month. I'm learning so much on my computer. Thanks for letting me serve.

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H&I—PETER.

Hello Family,

This month we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> joint meeting of the new “Metro H & I” committee at Sabathani Center. In attendance were representatives from both Area of Hope and TCA. Absent was anyone from South Suburban Fireside. We determined that we are going to move forward with the compiling of a list of all H & I commitments in the metro area with the primary goal of being able to increase the resources we have to draw upon to help ensure we can successfully fulfill all our present H & I commitments. It is our hope that once the comprehensive list is put together that we can bring these lists to the area meetings to be passed out. With lists in hand, people who have a desire to get involved with H & I will have a contact list of potential commitments and the panel leaders to call if they have an interest in doing H & I work. Additionally, we will work together to hold more H & I learning days with the next one to be sponsored by South Suburban Fireside (the date is yet to be determined).

We also discussed the desire to bring all of the present H & I commitments under the guidance of the area H & I committees. If anyone knows of a commitment not presently supported by their area H & I committee, we encourage you to contact your H & I chair to help us ensure a continuity of our NA message.

Next month, the new joint committee will meet over in St. Paul on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January at 7:00 at New Foundations, located at 1145 Westminster Street.

Sadly, Rick D, who has served as our literature person for the last 2 ½ years, had to step down. Thank you to Rick for your selfless service in helping to supply all of our H & I commitments with the literature that is so vital to what we do. Temporarily, I will be taking his place. If you have any literature requests, please call me at 612-275-1722. Our current positions available to anyone who wants to get involved are: Literature person, Secretary, Panel Coordinator, Co-chair

We certainly could use your help in carrying the message of NA.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

LITERATURE—DAN

Passed around a flier to be distributed which announces the Basic Text Review and Pancake Breakfast to be held Saturday January 13, 2007 at 11:00 am at 2704 Georgia Ave S., St. Louis Park, MN. RSVP required so correct number of copies can be had for review. RSVP Dan at 612-910-2686. Respectfully submitted, Dan Mc.

OUTREACH—Ray

Outreach Committee Meeting Report - 12/2/06  
Chair-Ray J.

We had seven people attend the first meeting. The following are the items discussed:

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GET MORE GROUPS INVOLVED

- Discussed ways to verify accurate count of attendance at area.
- Reach out to more newcomers and **stress service work**.
- Make suggestions of how other groups would like our help.

PLAN

- Attend meetings outside of our home groups regularly for two months and attend at least two business meetings.
- (a) track attendance at these meetings
- (b) meet people at other meeting and have them attend other meetings with us “domino effect”

AIM FOR ATTENDING OTHER MEETINGS

- How do they conduct their business meetings?
- How to increase attendance at NA Meetings.

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY  
MONTH @ 10:00 AM**

**Ray J.  
3036 6<sup>th</sup> Ave #3  
Anoka, MN 55303  
612-501-9431**

PI—Tony

Report will be submitted electronically. (Nothing received as of 1/13)

MEETING LIST AD-HOC COMMITTEE—LYNN

Hello All,

The committee met on December 6<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that the PI Chairs for each area would be responsible to send the changes to the list holder ( TCASC). It was also suggested that the name be Metro Meeting List.

There was some discussion on what the events section would look like and criteria for submission. It was suggested that only NA events would be included, and the information would include the event name, date and location with some kind of contact information so we can include as many as possible. I have created the two different mock-ups and have sent them to the Secretary. GSR's please print these and take them to your groups for discussion. I have included a list of the changes for you to discuss. We should be drafting a Motion at our January meeting.

Next meeting is January 3rd at 7:00 New Foundations Located at 1145 Westminster in St. Paul; Go around the back to enter the building. Please contact me with any questions at 612-789-7541 or [llisclean@comcast.net](mailto:llisclean@comcast.net). Thanks for allowing me to serve.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**BANQUET SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR ELECTION**

Shearise nominated by Sesany. Nomination accepted. Seconded. No other nominations or volunteers. Shearise speaks to her willingness and answers questions. Voted in.

**MOTION 128**

Motion is distributed. Discussion occurred. Motion passes. 25 For, 0 Against, 3 Abstentions

**TCA BUDGET 2007**

Motion made to accept. Seconded. Motion passes. 24 For, 2 Against, 2 Abstentions

**OPEN FORUM**

Jane H.—the Secretary for MNNAC Board of Directors, informed the group that MNNAC 15, the MN NA Conference for 2008, does not have any bids yet and discusses benefits for an Area to host it. MNNAC is a fundraiser for the Region and the host Area receives 10% of the profit. If interested in spearheading the process of putting together a bid contact either Jane H. or Lynn.

Mark—states that cross talking during our Area meeting is distracting

Tony—Wednesday Afternoon Serenity at the VOA, which has been in existence for 17 years, is struggling and needs support. Discussion and a flier is distributed asking for support in terms of attendance.

Shearise—asks for guidance for when business meetings of a particular meeting goes long and needs to be held at a different location to finish up the business at hand. Does this break any traditions? Discussion. Group conscience of Area is that as long as alternative business meeting place made public and all are welcome, all is good.

Tony—asks whether there is a required number of readings at a meeting. Not according to our 4<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

Seth—NA fliers and the NA logo. Discussion that leads to conclusion that all fliers for NA-related events or activities which are to be circulated need to have the NA logo and trademark. Any non-NA announcements should be made before meeting officially starts or after it officially ends.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Secretary, Co-Secretary, and RCM-Alternate Election will be next month

Meeting Adjourned at 1:25 pm with the Gratitude Prayer

In loving service,

Michael D., Co-Secretary - 612-522-5947



## TCASC - Group Attendance and Donation

Group	Donation	Group Represented	Day	Time
A New Way To Live		yes	Thurs.	7:30 PM
Addicts for Life	\$86.00	yes	Friday	8:00 PM
Afternoon Serenity		yes	Wednesday	1:00 PM
Barking Buffaloes	\$55.50	yes	Friday	8:00 PM
Camden Recovery		yes	Sunday	7:00 PM
Candlelight Bakery		yes	Wednesday	7:30 PM
Change of Vision			Thursday	7:00 PM
Clean and Serene NA			Tuesday	7:00 PM
Clean in the Park NA	\$11.00	yes	Monday	7:00 PM
Clear Atmosphere			Tuesday	7:00 PM
Coast to Coast			Friday	7:30 PM
Down with the sickness			Tuesday	7:30 PM
East Lake NA	\$150.00		Wednesday	8:00 PM
Elk River				
Fresh Start	\$154.00	yes	Tuesday	8:00 PM
Get Honest and Grow			Wednesday	7:00 PM
G.L.B.T and Friends NA	\$300.00	yes	Saturday	8:00 PM
Hope At Night			Friday	10:00 PM
Hope in Eden Prayer-EE			Wednesday	7:00 PM
It's About Time NA			Tuesday	7:00 PM
It Works on Fridays		yes	Friday	11:00 AM
Journey of Recovery	\$10.00	yes	Monday	11:00 AM
Keep it Simple			Tuesday	7:00 PM
Lakers NA			Saturday	6:30 PM
Late Night With NA			Saturday	10:00 PM
Latinos en NA			Friday	6:30 PM
Lesbian and Gay NA	\$40.00	yes	Sunday	11:00 AM
Meeting Makers			Thursday	7:00 PM
Men Of Hope			Saturday	9:00 AM
Minneapolis By Candlelight			Monday	8:00 PM
Miracles in Motion	\$20.00	yes	Tuesday	11:00 AM
Monday Nite Wave	\$20.00	yes	Monday	8:00 PM
North Side NA	\$60.00	yes	Monday	7:00 PM
North Suburban NA	\$200.00	yes	Thursday	7:30 PM
N.E.N.A. NA	\$9.00	yes	Friday	7:30 PM
Northwest NA		yes	Saturday	7:00 PM
Nuts About the Newcomer		yes	Saturday	7:00 PM
Pleasant NA	\$50.00	yes	Sunday	7:30 PM
Recovering Addicts of NA			Monday	7:00 PM
Recovering Ladies of the Lakes		yes	Saturday	10:00 AM
Recovering Soldiers			Thursday	8:00 PM
Recovery in the Garden			Thurs.	7:30 PM
River Falls NA			Mon. Wed. Fri	8:00 PM
Riverside NA		yes	Thursday	8:00 PM
Saving Our Lives		yes	Thursday	7:00 PM
Seeking Serenity			Tuesday	7:00 PM
Self Preservation		yes	Thursday	7:00 PM
Serenity Sunday	\$20.00	yes	Sunday	6:00 PM
Seven Eleven		yes	Wednesday	8:00 PM
Stepping on Traditions			Saturday	10:00 AM
Sunday Morning NA			Sunday	10:30 AM
Sure Happy Its Thursday			Thursday	7:00 PM
Two Rivers to Recovery		yes	Tuesday	8:00PM
We Are Here Not There		yes	Wednesday	8:00 PM
Work It Out		yes	Saturday	7:00 PM
Women Tranferring in Women		yes		
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$1,185.50</b>			

**total GSR's Present at Meetin**      31

<b>REPORT DATE : 12-16-06</b>	<b>LAST MONTHS' ENDING BALANCE</b>	—————>	<b>\$2,123.71</b>
ENDING BALANCE FROM BANK STATEMENT	—————>	\$	2,618.71
MINUS TOTAL OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS, FEES & EARLY DEPOSITS	—————>	\$	495.00
EQUALS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE	—————>	\$	2,123.71
<b>DISCREPANCY SHOULD EQUAL ZERO</b>	—————>	\$	-
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE (ALWAYS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE)</b>	—————>	\$	<b>2,123.71</b>
<b>PROCEEDS</b>			
<b>GROUP DONATION (FROM ATTENDANCE SHEET)</b>	—————>	\$	1,295.50
<b>OTHER PROCEEDS TOTAL (LIST NAME &amp; AMOUNT INDIVIDUALLY)</b>	—————>	\$	35.00
Activities	\$	35.00	
<b>TOTAL PROCEEDS</b>	—————>	\$	<b>1,330.50</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL (BEGINNING BALANCE PLUS PROCEEDS)</b>	—————>	\$	<b>3,454.21</b>
<b>EXPENSES (ALWAYS CHECKS WRITTEN)</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>\$ AMOUNT</b>	
UMSO	3012	\$	136.00
Qwest (Helpline)	3013	\$	90.00
Daniel McHugh (Literature)	3014	\$	26.07
SourceOne Graphics (PI)	3015	\$	440.00
Avestco Comm. Prop. (Activities)	3016	\$	350.00
Seth Manning (Activities)	3017	\$	321.31
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	—————>	\$	<b>1,363.38</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE (SUBTOTAL MINUS EXPENSES)</b>	—————>	\$	<b>2,090.83</b>
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT	12/16/06	\$	1,180.50
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT	12/19/06	\$	150.00
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT			
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS (SHOULD EQUAL TOTAL PROCEEDS)</b>	—————>	\$	<b>1,330.50</b>

December 9<sup>th</sup> 2006

Members of the Region

Snow and plane cancellations kept JJ and myself from the Midwest Zonal Forum last weekend. They will be sending us the minutes as soon as they are done so we can get this information to you.

Big news from the World is the WCNA-32 that is being held in San Antonio, Texas. It will start on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August and run till the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. The world has sent Delegates and Service Offices a limited number of printed registrations. They are suggesting that registration be done on line at: [www.na.org](http://www.na.org). When you register on line you can also reserve your Hotel Rooms and book your Airline Tickets. They are forecasting over 25,000 in attendance.

Two new items have been added to the web site. One is where service committees can post their locally developed area and regional service resource material. They hope this material will assist NA service bodies to benefit from others experience, strength and hope. You will find this at [http://www.na.org/local\\_resource\\_area.htm](http://www.na.org/local_resource_area.htm).

The other they are calling the Fellowship Issue Discussion Boards. These will contain items of importance to the fellowship and they want our input on these topics. They will be continually adding topics as this board is developed. Please go to the website and check it out and give your feedback on issues that now face the fellowship.

The Basic Text Project is presently in the middle of the review period, and feedback is starting to come in. Many questions are being asked "Why isn't there a story from Australia?" or is 'utopia' really the right word? Or "Thank you so much for including something that talks about grief in recovery" Others have wanted to know just where the idea sprang from to start a revision in the first place. Your input is still needed. So if you have put on a workshop on these revisions, Please send it in. This can also be done on line or mailed to the World Service Office.

The Public Relations Handbook is printed and ready for distribution. It is available in print for \$5.00. and is available at [www.na.org](http://www.na.org). They hope that this will help with our area, regional or zonal services.

Our World Board has been busy traveling doing workshops. Ron M from the Board and two NAWS staff traveled to India the 2-12 of September. Visiting and working with the fellowship in the development and translation issues. They report the fellowship is strong in India and growing. They visited cities in Nepal, Bangladesh and New Delhi. The Middle East was visited by Craig R from the Board, and two translation managers from NAWS. They made stops in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Israel. Here they are presently working on translation of the IP's. China and Singapore were visited by Anthony E NAWS executive director. He reports that there has been some fellowship growth and improved services coordination in Singapore since the first visit. Mukam D. from the Board joined up for the next part of the journey that took them to Shanghai, Beijing, Kunming and Hong Kong. They report that getting more literature translated into Chinese will most likely become a priority in early 2007.

There is once again a question on the need to update how seating is done at the WSC. The policy that is in place does not meet the needs of today's fellowship and problems that are arising. The Board is putting together a set of recommendations for the revision of this policy.

The Human Recourse Panel in meeting with the Board and NAWS staff has discussed leadership development with in the fellowship. Also the updating of World Pool information that is older than three years. If you are presently part of this World Pool, you will be sent a request to update the information.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service to the fellowship and this region.

Jane H. RDA