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## MINUTES

Twin Cities Area Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous  
May 20, 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 – Brian  
12 Traditions – Gary  
12 Steps – Ray

### INTRODUCTIONS

Newcomers welcomed – 1  
GSRs present – 16, Quorum (13) was met. [Avg. of last 3 months x .67]

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March and April minutes were approved.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Copies of *NA Way* were distributed.

### OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR – LYNN L.  
Good Morning All,

I had an epiphany; I thought, after last month's Area, Motion 136 was voted on in violation of our bylaws. But guess what? After looking through our bylaws, it seems the language that I recall, "any motion requesting monies over 500.00 dollars HAS to go back to the groups before being voted on," has been removed. So never mind.

Have a great Area - keep your higher power in the forefront of your minds and I'll do the same.

Yours in service,

Lynn

CO-CHAIR – RICK B.  
Excused Absence

SECRETARY – THERESA P.  
Stepping down from position.

CO-SECRETARY – KAREN N.  
April minutes were distributed successfully. I am distributing email list. Please add your email address if it is not on the list. Thank you for letting me be of service.

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TREASURER – SETH L.

The ending balance for last month is \$1294.40. Donations were lower than normal last month and I project that they will be lower than normal this month also. See attached.

CO-TREASURER – TRISHA

Unexcused absence.

Eric filled in for Trisha. He asked GSRs to register their attendance and bring donations to him.

RCM – UNFILLED

RCMA – UNFILLED

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

ACTIVITIES - SETH

I have not had a subcommittee meeting yet. I have one scheduled for Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm in the Boardroom (basement) at 735 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street. If you have any questions, please call Seth at 612-703-0851. We need to plan a budget for the Unity Picnic and choose a location. I did get a list of people from last month's Area who are interested in helping. I will be calling them. Remember, there is no clean time requirement to participate as a member of the Activities committee.

BANQUET – BARB K.

We've met twice since the last ASC and had our first fundraiser on May 13th. It was well attended, could have been better but oh well. We distributed well over 500 flyers, contacted many treatment programs, made phone calls to contact people on the meeting list (we found out the meeting list is not up to date) and asked GSRs to announce the dance at their meetings. The speaker was good, the DJ was good, the dance contest was a hit. Sabathani was a great place to have a dance and addicts came out and did service willingly and had a good time too. We started selling our banquet merchandise and banquet tickets on the 13th of May so if you're interested in purchasing tickets, t-shirts or coffee mugs, see Barb K., Buddy K., Steve V. or many others who will have tickets available. Our new flyers for the Banquet are available and we will be making them available at the Area meeting today. Please make sure they get back to the meetings. We have turned in \$744.80. \$220 is profit from the dance. We had projected a profit of \$250 from the dance. Support the events. We are on track with the expenditures. Our next fundraiser is in the planning stages. We would like to do a karaoke and ice cream night. We are also considering a volleyball tournament. We'll be able to start turning in money as we sell tickets and merchandise. We have decided that we will not be selling any tickets at the door. The tickets will be sold thru Sept. 9th. Thanks. This banquet is so much fun to plan.

In loving service, Barb K

HELPLINE – LISA F.

There were 353 calls to the helpline in April.

Lisa announced that she must resign from her position as Helpline chair. She read the requirements and duties for the position. There is a clean time requirement of 18 months. The position will be voted on at the June TCASC. Lisa encouraged the next Helpline chair to hold a Learning Day.

H&I – JUSTIN P.

Unexcused Absence

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LITERATURE – TODD S.

### **Outgoing Lit Subcommittee Report to TCASC**

Hey All,

Well, it certainly has been an interesting and productive year as your Lit Chair. The Basic Text new stories input and review process ended Dec 1<sup>st</sup> of 2005. I was hoping for more support from the Area but I think we did the best we could. The input and review process for the Public Relations Handbook Chapters 4-10 and 11-13 ended March 1<sup>st</sup> of 2006. Both of these projects are now with NA World Services for final editing then on to be published and printed.

My observations over the past year have led me to believe the Lit Subcommittee is not a well-attended subcommittee. I'm not exactly sure why. There is much work to be done with regard to literature. Our by-laws will need to be rewritten at some point and there is always a need to create some new piece of literature.

It is my hope that someone can step up and take on this task, establishing a working subcommittee. Our literature is one of our most effective means of "carrying the message" of recovery to the still suffering addict. Every subcommittee from H & I to PI relies on literature.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Literature Subcommittee Chair.

In Service,

Todd S.

OUTREACH – BRYON B.

The Outreach subcommittee is coordinating with Area of Hope, reaching out to meetings that need support. We are in the process of contacting meetings to participate at the Area.

PI – UNFILLED

### **OLD BUSINESS**

PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI) CHAIR ELECTION

Tony M. nominated, but was not at meeting. No other nominations or volunteers.

RCM ELECTION

Steve K. nominated, but was not at meeting. No other nominations or volunteers.

RCM ALTERNATE ELECTION

No nominations or volunteers.

SECRETARY ELECTION

Theresa P. had to step down. Karen N. volunteered and was voted in.

CO-SECRETARY ELECTION

No nominations or volunteers.

LITERATURE CHAIR ELECTION

Lynn read requirements and duties. There is a clean time requirement of 18 months.

Dan M. volunteered. He spoke to his willingness. Dan was voted in.

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CO-TREASURER ELECTION

Trisha had two unexcused absences so she was removed from the position. Lynn read the requirements and duties. There is a clean time requirement of one year. Eric H. was nominated. He spoke to his willingness. Eric was voted in.

MOTION 135

Lynn read Motion 135 (see attached). Scott gave some additional information as a representative from Fresh Start NA (the meeting that created the motion).

Lynn opened the floor for discussion, asking for three pros, and three cons.

Dan M. (con) – motion would be creating separate entity, not cohesive to service newcomers.

Mike (con) – doesn't support as it's written, but likes the spirit of the motion, doesn't like naming a specific amount for the seed money; suggested allowing the Area decide seed money amount each year.

Scott made a point of clarification: MNNAC receives \$2,000 for seed money each year – so that's how they came up with \$1,000 seed money for the Banquet.

Michael – question for Seth (Treasurer) – what is better accounting-wise.

Lynn asked for straw poll to see who was in favor of creating an ad hoc committee to refine the wording of the motion.

Seth asked that we have a time limit, suggested that the committee come back with a report at the next month's Area meeting.

Lynn asked that the motion/report be written in the language that would change the bylaws.

The group voted **for** the ad hoc committee to be created. Lynn asked Scott and Nate (Fresh Start NA) to set a meeting date. Lynn will also be on the committee.

MOTION 136

Removed from agenda (see Chair's report).

**OPEN FORUM**

Ollie P. distributed flyers for an event – Prom on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Pat spoke to how they came up with the idea. The event is not a fundraiser. No children are allowed. Tickets will be available at the Service Office and at the meetings listed on the flyer. It will be posted on the internet and on the meeting list. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact someone on the flyer.

In loving service,

Karen N.  
Secretary  
612-807-4541

***Details for Funding and Operation of  
the Twin Cities Area Banquet***

- The TCA Banquet budget will be separate from the TCASC budget. Operating funds for the TCA Banquet shall be maintained in a separate checking account.
- The chair of the TCA Banquet Committee, being elected by the TCASC, shall submit a budget, and timeline, to the TCASC. The TCA Banquet shall be budgeted to produce a profit. Expenses shall be based on real quotes from food vendors, venues and other vendors. Revenues shall be based on a realistic projection of tickets to be sold for the event at a specific price.
- Upon approval of the TCA Banquet Budget by the TCASC Executive Committee the TCA Banquet Committee shall be allocated \$1000 in seed money.
- This seed money amount should be sufficient to fund a deposit on the location, fund costs to hold fundraising dances or to purchase T-Shirts, mugs or other merchandise for sale.
- Proceeds from fundraising, whether dances, other functions, or merchandise sales, will be retained by the banquet committee in its separate checking account during the Banquet cycle. The Banquet Committee shall also retain funds generated by ticket sales.
- Upon completion of the TCA Banquet, all bills shall be paid by the banquet committee, all receipts and a full accounting of the TCA Banquet transactions during the Banquet cycle, will be turned over to the TCASC Treasurer along with all remaining Banquet proceeds. Upon completion of the TCA Banquet Committee's final report, the TCA Banquet books shall be audited by the TCASC Treasurer.
- At this point the balance from the TCA Banquet becomes part of the operating cash flow for the TCASC with \$1000 being reserved for the upcoming TCA Banquet Committee



## TCASC - Group Attendance and Donation

Group	Donation	Group Represented	Day	Time
A New Way To Live	\$50.00	yes	Thurs.	7:30 PM
Addicts for Life	\$25.35	yes	Friday	8:00 PM
Afternoon Serenity			Wednesday	1:00 PM
Barking Buffaloes			Friday	8:00 PM
Camden Recovery			Sunday	7:00 PM
Candlelight Bakery	\$190.11	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			Monday	7:00 PM
Clear Atmosphere		yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Coast to Coast			Friday	7:30 PM
Down with the sickness			Tuesday	7:30 PM
East Lake NA			Wednesday	8:00 PM
Fresh Start			Tuesday	8:00 PM
Get Honest and Grow			Wednesday	7:00 PM
G.L.B.T and Friends NA			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		yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
It Works on Fridays			Friday	11:00 AM
Journey of Recovery			Monday	11:00 AM
Keep it Simple			Tuesday	7:00 PM
Lakers NA		yes	Saturday	6:30 PM
Late Night With NA			Saturday	10:00 PM
Latinos en NA			Friday	6:30 PM
Lesbian and Gay NA	\$30.00	yes	Sunday	11:00 AM
Meeting Makers		yes	Thursday	7:00 PM
Men Of Hope			Saturday	9:00 AM
Minneapolis By Candlelight			Monday	8:00 PM
Miracles in Motion	\$146.75	yes	Tuesday	11:00 AM
Monday Nite Wave			Monday	8:00 PM
North Side NA	\$21.00	yes	Monday	7:00 PM
North Suburban NA			Thursday	7:30 PM
N.E.N.A. NA			Friday	7:30 PM
Northwest NA	\$175.00	yes	Saturday	7:00 PM
Nuts About the Newcomer			Saturday	7:00 PM
Pleasant NA			Sunday	7:30 PM
Recovering Addicts of NA	\$20.00	yes	Monday	7:00 PM
Recovering Ladies of the Lakes	\$20.00	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			Thursday	8:00 PM
Saving Our Lives	\$30.00	yes	Thursday	7:00 PM
Seeking Serenity			Tuesday	7:00 PM
Self Preservation			Thursday	7:00 PM
Serenity Sunday			Sunday	6:00 PM
Seven Eleven			Wednesday	8:00 PM
Stepping on Traditions			Saturday	10:00 AM
Sunday Morning NA	\$10.00	yes	Sunday	10:30 AM
Sure Happy Its Thursday			Thursday	7:00 PM
Two Rivers to Recovery			Tuesday	8:00PM
Work It Out			Saturday	7:00 PM

<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$718.21</b>
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<b>total GSR's Present at Meeting</b>	<b>15</b>
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<b>REPORT DATE : 5-20-06</b>	<b>LAST MONTHS' ENDING BALANCE</b>	—————>	<b>\$1,294.40</b>
ENDING BALANCE FROM BANK STATEMENT		—————>	\$ 1,542.86
MINUS TOTAL OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS, FEES & EARLY DEPOSITS		—————>	\$ 671.34
EQUALS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE		—————>	\$ 2,214.20
<b>DISCREPANCY SHOULD EQUAL ZERO</b>		—————>	\$ -
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE (ALWAYS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE)</b>		—————>	<b>\$ 2,214.20</b>
<b>PROCEEDS</b>			
<b>GROUP DONATION (FROM ATTENDANCE SHEET)</b>		—————>	\$ 718.21
<b>OTHER PROCEEDS TOTAL (LIST NAME &amp; AMOUNT INDIVIDUALLY)</b>		—————>	\$ 894.80
Banquet Proceeds	\$ 744.80		
South Sub. Fireside Area	\$ 150.00		
<b>TOTAL PROCEEDS</b>		—————>	<b>\$ 1,613.01</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL (BEGINNING BALANCE PLUS PROCEEDS)</b>		—————>	<b>\$ 3,827.21</b>
<b>EXPENSES (ALWAYS CHECKS WRITTEN)</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>\$ AMOUNT</b>	
Void	2966	\$ -	
Barb Kaczmarek (Banquet)	2967	\$ 175.00	
UMSO	2968	\$ 149.90	
Answer America (Helpline)	2969	\$ 6.00	
Qwest (Helpline)	2970	\$ 147.00	
Barb Kaczmarek (Banquet)	2971	\$ 268.43	
Justin PARO (H&I)	2972	\$ 200.00	
MNRSC	2973	\$ 288.09	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		—————>	<b>\$ 1,234.42</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE (SUBTOTAL MINUS EXPENSES)</b>		—————>	<b>\$ 2,592.79</b>
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT	5/15/06	\$ 744.80	
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT	5/20/06	\$ 868.21	
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT			
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS (SHOULD EQUAL TOTAL PROCEEDS)</b>		—————>	<b>\$ 1,613.01</b>