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Twin Cities Area Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous
October 21, 2006
Sabathani Community Center – 3rd floor, Room J

OPENING

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

- 12 Concepts – Peter
- 12 Traditions – Tony
- 12 Steps – Stacy

INTRODUCTIONS

Newcomers welcomed – 2

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September minutes were approved with the understanding that revised financial reports would be attached and the minutes would be redistributed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Copies of *NA Way* were distributed.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR – LYNN L.

Hello All,

I have three excused absences to report, Helpline Co-Secretary, and Co-Treasurer.

This is my last month as chair for the TCASC. I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to serve the fellowship. It has been a tremendous learning experience, and has helped me develop skills that I can use everyday and in every aspect of my life. Most of all it has helped me stay clean just for today, and given me the opportunity to give back a little of what has been so freely given to me. For this I am ever thankful.

As always in grateful service,

Lynn L.

CO-CHAIR – RICK B.

This is my last month as co-chair for the TCASC. I too have learned a lot.

Thanks!

In loving service - Rick B.

SECRETARY – KAREN N.

To all Subcommittee Chairs, please send your reports to me by the end of the month. If you are NOT receiving the minutes, please see me at the break. For those of you who are requesting that the minutes be mailed via the postal service, I will be sending them out; however, I encourage you to get an email address. Thanks for letting me be of service.

CO-SECRETARY – MICHAEL D.

Excused absence

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TREASURER – SETH L.

The ending balance for last month is \$3554.74. The donation to the bank was off by \$100. I am filling in for Eric; please bring your donations to me, and register your group. See attached.

CO-TREASURER – ERIC

Excused absence

RCM – UNFILLED

RCMA – UNFILLED

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES - SETH

Greetings TCASC,

We are planning a New Year's Eve dance for December 31st, 2006. We are in the process of making some final decisions regarding what food to serve, who to hire for DJ/Entertainment. We've rented the 42nd Avenue Ballroom, (42nd and Lyndale Avenue North). The ballroom has a capacity of 200, with adequate kitchen and serving area, an adjacent room for cards or games. The owner has told me the dance floor will be sanded and newly varnished by December 31st.

As soon as we can find a DJ, we'll get a flyer and post it on the Web, with a link from www.naminnnesota.org.

In part to defray the cost of the New Year's Eve dance, we'll be holding a pancake breakfast fundraiser, along with the Literature committee to review the Basic Text 6th Edition. To be of service at the fundraiser, or at the dance, please call Seth M. (612)-703-0851, for committee meeting times.

BANQUET – BARB K.

The 2006 TCA Banquet has finally happened and it left us with good memories and thoughts. Our committee got off to a late start, but we began with a full committee. After about 2 months we had a much smaller committee, but we went forward with our plans.

We kept our commitment in mind and working in trust and with faith followed through on our commitment to put on a great banquet. The energy and willingness of the few remaining members was good and we decided to do things a little differently. We tried having our fundraisers in different locations. We tried doing a couple of different things. We didn't make a lot of money on our fundraisers but we had fun. We decided to seek help from different sources instead of trying to do this on our own.

Ryan D. offered his experience as a graphic designer and did the flyers for the banquet and the design for the coffee mugs and t-shirts. We asked Lynn L. for her advice and suggestions on correct policy, procedure and other information so we would stay on track with the fellowship. Seth L. came on board with his financial advice. He was available to answer many questions, and suggest ways of keeping track of things. We had lots of phone conferences and visits. Eric, our area co-treasurer, stepped up to be of service at all of the functions but, most notably as our karaoke DJ. Kerry gave us his time and experience as the photographer at the banquet. The past banquet chairs were very helpful with suggestions of what worked for them and what didn't. They were available for advice and to answer questions. Dick N. was especially helpful and always an encouragement to Barb. John W. built our banquet "jail". Our addict friends from North Dakota who came for fun, pitched right in with service work. All the many addicts who offered their opinions or advice, we heard you. All the assorted addicts who helped with the labor, the selling of tickets, the set-ups, the tear-downs, passing flyers, making phone calls, scooping ice cream, taking tickets, being the karaoke DJ, bringing a newcomer to the dance, selling pop, attending one of the functions or the banquet. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!

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We hired a caterer who was inexpensive but very good. She provided a wonderful meal, good service, and plenty of food. She invited everyone back for seconds and we also fed the 50 or so people who came for the speaker/dance only. Pretty amazing, but true. Dave R. carried a powerful and thought provoking message of recovery. The DJ we selected played music that was just right for a night of celebration.

Now the money part: We spent \$5581.00
 We earned \$7146.00
 We are donating \$1565.00 to the T.C. Area

We are aware that the banquet was not designed to be a fundraiser. However, we were able to achieve that by careful planning of the events. If you still have our original banquet budget, you will see the following:

1. We were off by about \$800.00 in expenses
2. We were off by about \$1200.00 in incoming funds
3. We were off by only \$220.00 in profit

So, it seems like the budget wasn't too far off and there really can be a profit with the banquet.

Our vision was as follows: 1. Build unity
 2. Create service opportunities
 3. Be completely self-supporting
 4. Provide an atmosphere of fun in recovery
 5. Raise money for the area

We feel we accomplished our goals.

We also have a number of items to pass on to the next Banquet Committee. which will be found in the UMSO and includes the following: 1 gazebo with lights & vines, 1 cash box, raffle tickets, banquet tickets, file folder with some info that the chair has put together, 1 mug & t-shirt for ongoing archives.

For the record, we sold 227 tickets to the banquet @ \$20.00 each. \$4540.00

187 of those tickets were turned in the night of the banquet
We had about 50 people come for speaker/dance @ \$5.00 \$250.00
Merchandise sales were not too good. \$258.00
2 fundraisers \$300.00

We gave away 9 tickets to the banquet.

We gave away 12 mugs to thank folks for their service at the banquet.

We now have 7 t-shirts left, and 26 mugs. The merchandise was hard to sell. Buddy K, Heidi D, and Barb K. were the only banquet members who were selling merchandise. Buddy continues to sell mugs and t-shirts in his very determined way. If you haven't gotten yours yet, give us a call and we'll get them to you. You can also try the service office. Barb might have them.

All other money was raised right at the banquet.

If you have any questions or comments about the banquet or anything concerning the banquet, please feel free to give Barb K. a call at 612-250-1752.

We really appreciate the opportunity that you gave us to serve. It was really a lot of fun throwing this party for the fellowship. Thanks so much.

Your 2006 Banquet Committee,

Todd S, Heidi D, Steve V, Buddy K..

Barb K. (Chair)

Note from Barb, I really did have a lot of fun. Thanks guys!

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HELPLINE – GARY W.

Excused absence.

Report called in: There were 342 calls to the Helpline last month. There are 6 open spots for women to take Helpline calls.

H&I – PETER

The first Tuesday in October was the first meeting for me as H&I Chair. I will be meeting with the previous chair to determine a budget. I felt it was important to contact current panel leaders so I am doing that. We have co-chair, panel coordinator, panel leader and panel member positions open. The next H&I meeting will be with other areas on November 7th at New Foundations, 1145 Westminster, St. Paul. If you have any questions, you may reach me at 612-275-1722.

LITERATURE – DAN M.

The Area of Hope will be holding a Basic Text review on October 28th, 1-4 pm. We will be having a Basic Text review in November. We will be coordinating with the Activities committee and having a pancake breakfast fundraiser at the same time.

OUTREACH – BRYON B.

The Outreach committee meeting will be cancelled this month (normally held the 2nd Saturday each month at Sabathani). GSRs: Please let your groups know. The numbers to reach me at are 612-245-5659 or 651-637-1523.

PI – TONY

The meeting list information was transferred from Rick to Tony. Tony has contacted past PI chairs. The bus stop flyer bill will be paid; the posters will be updated with the NA web site. The master meeting list was distributed for updates, changes.

AD HOC – CONSOLIDATION OF MEETING LISTS

Hello,

On October 15th I met with representatives from the Area of Hope and South Suburban Fireside . We discussed the goal of this Ad-Hoc committee and determined it to be as follows:

Provide an affordable Metro Area meeting list that allows us to keep contact information on it.

We also determined the questions that need to be answered so that this project can be successful:

Who will be keeper of the list?

What: how much does each area pay?

How: meeting list redesign

We are now ready to move forward. The first meeting will be Wednesday, October 25th at 7:00 pm; it will be held at New Foundations (in the conference room) 1145 Westminster, St. Paul. Go around to the back to enter the building. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Contact me with any questions.

Thanks, Lynn L. (612-789-7541)

OLD BUSINESS

RCM ELECTION

Lynn L. volunteered, and spoke to her willingness. There were no other volunteers or nominations. Lynn was elected.

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RCM ALTERNATE ELECTION

Mike K. was nominated, but declined the nomination. There were no other volunteers or nominations.

CHAIR ELECTION

Rick B. volunteered, and spoke to his willingness. There were no other volunteers or nominations. Rick was elected.

CO-CHAIR ELECTION

Charice was nominated, and spoke to her willingness. Charice declined nomination after being told that her GSR position would have to be surrendered. Raymond was nominated, but declined the nomination. There were no other volunteers or nominations.

OUTREACH CHAIR ELECTION

Ray J. was nominated, and spoke to his willingness. Bryon volunteered for another term, and spoke to his willingness. There were no other volunteers or nominations. Ray was elected.

OPEN FORUM

Michael – Gratitude Prayer at Serenity Sunday – one member disagrees with how it's being spoken. The TCASC meeting attendees provided feedback.

Gary – Anonymity statement from another state brought to the group. The TCASC meeting attendees provided feedback.

Peter – Has extra copies of *Reaching Out*, an NA publication written by NA members who are housed in a correctional or treatment facility.

Seth – Bylaws need to be updated. Lynn has the electronic copy of the welcome packet. She will update with the suggestions that came from last year's Area inventory.

Dan – Lots of events, please take flyers to your groups.

Seth – Let's try to list events on the meeting list more frequently.

Rick – Hard to fit everything on meeting list, plus many of the events are not in this area.

Seth – Budget approval process begins next month; you'll receive draft of budget with the minutes; Budget voted on at December meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

In loving service,

Karen N.
Secretary
612-807-4541

TCASC - Group Attendance and Donation

Group	Donation	Group Represented	Day	Time
A New Way To Live			Thurs.	7:30 PM
Addicts for Life	\$202.79	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		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	\$30.00	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	\$100.00	yes	Wednesday	8:00 PM
Elk River		yes		
Fresh Start	\$60.00	yes	Tuesday	8:00 PM
Get Honest and Grow		yes	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	\$47.32	yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
It Works on Fridays	\$20.00	yes	Friday	11:00 AM
Journey of Recovery	\$20.00	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			Sunday	11:00 AM
Meeting Makers	\$0.60		Thursday	7:00 PM
Men Of Hope			Saturday	9:00 AM
Minneapolis By Candlelight	\$10.00	yes	Monday	8:00 PM
Miracles in Motion	\$50.00	yes	Tuesday	11:00 AM
Monday Nite Wave	\$20.00	yes	Monday	8:00 PM
North Side NA	\$89.06	yes	Monday	7:00 PM
North Suburban NA			Thursday	7:30 PM
N.E.N.A. NA			Friday	7:30 PM
Northwest NA		yes	Saturday	7:00 PM
Nuts About the Newcomer		yes	Saturday	7:00 PM
Pleasant NA			Sunday	7:30 PM
Recovering Addicts of NA			Monday	7:00 PM
Recovering Ladies of the Lakes			Saturday	10:00 AM
Recovering Soldiers	\$150.00	yes	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	\$45.00	yes	Thursday	7:00 PM
Seeking Serenity			Tuesday	7:00 PM
Self Preservation	\$40.00	yes	Thursday	7:00 PM
Serenity Sunday	\$40.00	yes	Sunday	6:00 PM
Seven Eleven		yes	Wednesday	8:00 PM
Stepping on Traditions			Saturday	10:00 AM
Sunday Morning NA	\$32.00	yes	Sunday	10:30 AM
Sure Happy Its Thursday			Thursday	7:00 PM
Two Rivers to Recovery	\$20.00	yes	Tuesday	8:00PM
We Are Here Not There			Wednesday	8:00 PM
Work It Out			Saturday	7:00 PM

Total Donations	\$976.77
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Total GSR's Present at Meeting	23
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REPORT DATE : 10-21-06	LAST MONTHS' ENDING BALANCE	—————>	\$3,554.74
ENDING BALANCE FROM BANK STATEMENT		—————>	\$ 3,530.58
MINUS TOTAL OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS, FEES & EARLY DEPOSITS		—————>	\$ 65.00
EQUALS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE		—————>	\$ 3,595.58
DISCREPANCY SHOULD EQUAL ZERO		—————>	\$ 40.84
BEGINNING BALANCE (ALWAYS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE)		—————>	\$ 3,636.42
PROCEEDS			
GROUP DONATION (FROM ATTENDANCE SHEET)		—————>	\$ 976.77
OTHER PROCEEDS TOTAL (LIST NAME & AMOUNT INDIVIDUALLY)		—————>	\$ 66.00
Banquet Proceeds	\$ 66.00		
TOTAL PROCEEDS		—————>	\$ 1,042.77
SUBTOTAL (BEGINNING BALANCE PLUS PROCEEDS)		—————>	\$ 4,679.19
EXPENSES (ALWAYS CHECKS WRITTEN)	Check #	\$ AMOUNT	
UMSO (Banquet)	2999	\$ 30.00	
Qwest (Helpline)	3000	\$ 60.00	
Jan Bloom (Banquet)	3001	\$ 68.04	
Answer America (Helpline)	3002	\$ 600.00	
Seth Manning (Activities)	3003	\$ 300.00	
Transtop (PI)	3004	\$ 1,000.00	
Seth Manning (Activities)	3005	\$ 200.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		—————>	\$ 2,258.04
ENDING BALANCE (SUBTOTAL MINUS EXPENSES)		—————>	\$ 2,421.15
DEPOSITS	DATE	AMOUNT	
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT	10/21/06	\$ 1,042.77	
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TOTAL DEPOSITS (SHOULD EQUAL TOTAL PROCEEDS)		—————>	\$ 1,042.77

