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MINUTES

Twin Cities Area Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous

March 17, 2007

Sabathani Community Center—3rd floor, Room J

OPENING

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 11:02 a.m. Readings were as follows:

12 Concepts — Peter C.

12 Traditions — Tony J.

12 Steps — Gary W.

INTRODUCTIONS

Newcomers welcomed—6

GSRs present—24, Quorum (13) was met. [Avg. of last 3 months x .67]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the January & February minutes were tabled until the April meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was distributed

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR— RICK B.

Rick B. has an excused absence. Diane, the Co-Chair, will act as Chair.

CO-CHAIR— Diane.

Nothing to report at this time.

SECRETARY— Michael D.

My name is Michael and I am an addict. I am also your Area's secretary. I am sorry about being absent last month, although it was excused. But it has put us behind a little bit in creating, collecting and distributing the Area's minutes.

- 1) Due to the transferring of this position from Karen to myself a lot in terms of electronic technology has been lost in the shuffle. First and foremost is that I need to re-create the email distribution list from scratch as it disappeared when we changed the account. I am passing around a sign in sheet. Please, everybody put your email info on it. I am unable to honor snail mail requests.
- 2) I will be contacting Karen about the January minutes. The switching of the area secretary account from Karen to myself has prevented distribution of the minutes. I have in my possession the January Financials(thanks Seth), the Jan. Activities report(thanks Seth)

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and the Jan. Outreach report(thanks Ray). Hopefully between Karen and myself we can get January done.

- 3) February minutes, I received the Feb. minutes today. Thank you Lynn. The only report that I have from February's meeting is Outreach(thanks Ray). Please resubmit your reports so I can get February minutes done and distributed.
- 4) Please remember I do need all committee and subcommittee reports sent to me electronically. Our email address is on the board. I also put my personal email address on the board. If you don't have the technological capabilities to do so, a handwritten report is fine and I will type them. Beware however, that I am a hunt-and-peck typer so I prefer it through an email. I will always confirm that I received your report so if you don't hear back from me in a week please resubmit your report because the first time may have been unknowingly lumped into the vast amount of spam & junk email that the tcasc email account receives. I'm hoping having an accurate contact list will help with this problem.
- 5) I want to stress the importance of having a Co-Secretary. It's a fairly easy job and not too time consuming. It will help with minutes being up to date if I ever have to miss a meeting in the future.
- 6) My hope is to have January, February, and today's minutes all done and distributed so we can approve them at April's meeting. Again I apologize for the tardiness in all of this. Hopefully, next months secretary report will not be nearly as long.

Thank you for letting me be of service. With gratitude.

Michael D.

CO-SECRETARY—Un-filled position at this time.

TREASURER—SETH L.

The ending balance for last month was \$1080.92. Donations were way down last month, only receiving \$550 which is about ½ of what we typically bring in. The TCA financial situation is very bad shape. Donations have dropped in half since X- Mas and it is usually the other way around. Until the balance again rises above \$1,000, I will be paying the most important bills only, and there will be a partial freeze on funds. We will be keeping expenses very low for the next couple of months. We are on pace to bring in 20% less in donations than previous years.

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People, this is your area and the only way to keep the helpline running and keeping literature in hospitals and to keep the bus shelter signs up is to bring in donations.

CO-TREASURER—ERIC

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

RCM—LYNN

Regional Meeting 2/10/2007

Hello all,
Here is my report from the February regional meeting.

11 of 12 Areas reporting

Here are some highlights from the reporting groups.

Northern Lights Area

Valentines dance Central Hillside Community Center Duluth 2/17/2007

Mardi gras Union Hall International Falls 3/31/07

Back to Basics

Area ski trip Mankato Sam D 507-340-5586 2-17-2007

Spring Fling Geneva 4-14-2007 same contact

Held an Area Learning Day was a success

RITH

RITH gig 2/24/2007 Waverly Village Hall

Central Minnesota Area

PI committee met with Stearns County Corrections Coordinator 2 probation sups and drug court and family services coordinators attended and were very interested

Spring Thing 5/5/2007 St. Cloud Amory Lonnie O. 320-257-5526

South Suburban

Chili feed 2/24/2007 1st Presbyterian Church 535 20th Av S. St. Paul Bruce 651-552-1804

Speaker Jam 3/17/07 same location Jodi H. 651-306-9746

AOH Valentines dance at 1st Presbyterian 2/17/2007

Executive Committee Reports

Chair of Region has stepped down would have been up for election in March anyway

Treasurer

Balance 12,253.25

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MNNAC regional rep

Bid for MNNAC 15 is unanimously supported by the MNNAC BOD

TCA and AOH have combined forces to hold MNNAC 15

Theme/ Surrender to Win

Received bids from 4 hotels

Minneapolis Downtown Hyatt had the best bid

Region voted to accept this bid.

Motion 190

Due to the upcoming Convention in April there was a Motion brought to move April's Region to the 1st Sat. in April it passed with a 2/3rd majority

Regional Delegate brought a motion to initiate a regional strategic planning process developing and prioritizing goals for the region the motion passed.

Open Forum

Bulletin 33/ Discusses liability insurance for events /Available at www.na.org

There was a lengthy discussion on this topic. Spence volunteered to chair an Ad-Hoc committee to research the feasibility of the region providing a blanket policy for all areas and their events.

Regional PI chair requested that all areas send a current meeting list ASAP so the information in the meeting booklets is as updated as possible.

Elections

Outreach is still open

Literature is still open

Need 4 UMSO reps.

Need 1 MNNAC regional rep.

Motion 191

Any motion that needs to be carried back to the Areas for a group conscience can be voted on by RCM's only

Intent: to not override group conscience at the regional level

There was a motion to commit and this motion was tabled and referred to the Policy Committee for clarification.

Motion 192

To initiate a regional strategic planning process developing and prioritizing goals for the region

Intent: To be more effective in responding to the needs of our member areas and grow the fellowship in the MN Region.

18 Yes

1 No

4 Abstentions

Service Office

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*Had a profit of \$4000.00 in 2006 using all volunteer staff. Are currently working on a five year strategic plan. Planning on placing two \$35,000 dollar orders per year from World Services which allows for the full discount. The annual reports will be available on the web. Region requests that the Service Office fulfill their obligation to deliver a paper financial report at each region.
Needs volunteers.*

MNNAC 14

Ready to roll, you will see them out and about at different events between now and the Convention.

Policy

Need committee members

Phone line

Absent

H&I

Ryan is asking for all Areas H&I contacts.

Lynn asks for a straw poll concerning Regional Motion 191(see above). Questions are asked and a discussion is had. The straw poll shows that the Twin Cities Area is strongly in favor of Motion 191.

Lynn thanks us for letting her be of service.

RCMA—UNFILLED

MNNAC 15—PETER C.

Those interested in being involved in planning will be contacted. MNNAC 15 will be April 4-6, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency, Downtown Minneapolis. There will be an early registration discount at MNNAC 14. The 1st meeting will be April 7, at 10:00 AM Sabathani rm. E. The theme for MNNAC 15 is “Surrender to Win”

ICUC COMMITTEE—RUFUS B.

Rufus is filling in for Ed Z. Straw Poll taken to determine TC Area’s support of ICUC...
9 yes; 2 no; 7 abstentions.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE—LYNN L.

Straw poll was taken to see if the TC Area support the idea of a metro region meeting list. The straw poll suggests that we are in support of this idea.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES—SETH M.

Absent from meeting

BANQUET—SHEARISE H.

Deposit was given to Profile Event Center. The last fundraiser made a profit of \$441.00. This is \$100 more than projected. Jeff S., banquet treasurer, makes a detailed financial report.

HELPLINE—GARY W.

Only 292 calls in February which is down from the norm of 200-300. Still is looking for help on the subcommittee.

H&I—PETER C.

We now have a metro H&I Committee. There will be a learning Day on April 21, 2007. Afler is being distributed for this event. Next meeting will be April 3 at 7:00 Sabathani rm. E.

LITERATURE—DAN M.

All input for the Basic Text Review are hopefully in at this time. Review of the input is now underway at the World Service Office(WSO). Updates will be provided when they become available.

Thanks, Dan M.

OUTREACH—RAY J.

Outreach Committee Meeting
March 3, 2007 @ 10:00 AM

MISSION STATEMENT: The main purpose of outreach is to help overcome the isolation that hinders the growth and survival of our groups.

ATTENDANCE: 4

Open with Serenity Prayer.

Discussed what we are going to do as far as an Outreach workshop. How do we set up a format and exactly what are we going to focus on. Read the Outreach portion of Outreach Resources Information Booklet. Sit in on a H&I workshop to understand how to conduct a workshop in an effective manner.

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1. Attend a workshop before next Outreach meeting.
2. Set a date.
3. Get a location and room.
4. Put together a format.
5. Make flyers and distribute them.

Ask other committees how long it took them to set up their first workshop so we know what to expect.

Close with: Gratitude Statement

Next Outreach Committee Meeting will be;

April 7, 2007 @ 10:00 AM

3036 – 6th Ave
Anoka, MN 55303
Ray J. 612-501-9431

PI—TONY J.

Next meeting will be 4/7 at 11:00. Public Information needs people especially to be at health fairs, speaking to professionals, etc. Please contact Tony for more information.

OLD BUSINESS

Duties and requirements for the following open positions

CO-SECRETARY

Sesany is nominated. She accepts the nomination and speaks to her willingness. Voted in.

ACTIVITIES ELECTION

No nominations or volunteers. Please bring back to group so those interested can come to the next Area meeting.

POLICY CHAIR

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OPEN FORUM

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Shearise—the next fundraising dance has to be post-poned due to the date originally planned for falls on Good Friday.

Tony J.—Proposes for discussion that all meetings on the meeting list needs to be verified to keep them on the meeting list. A lively discussion ensues, suggestions are given. Tony invites everybody with input to the next PI meeting 4/7 at 11:00. The room will be posted.

Eric—Make donations now. Books are closing

Seth—States that our donations are way down and our budget is not going to be able to be covered. The Area has not been able to give to the Region for several months. Please spread the message that the Area is struggling finically. The assets may have to be frozen. Lynn states that the Banquet has kept us afloat for the past 4 years as they bring in a lot of money(about \$1700). This is not one group's, individual's, or committee's problem, it is all of our problem.

Justin—announces a new meeting.

Peter—announces a St. Patty's Day Speaker Jam in S. St. Paul.

Jeff S.—asks how does this body feel about sponsoring the Inner City Unity Convention(ICUC). He suggests that as a group we begin to generate a list of questions designed to assist the convention BOD in preparing for any future presentations to the TCASC. The following are those questions:

- 1) What is the goal of this convention?
- 2) What research has been done? i.e.(experiences of other areas in the country who have done a convention this way.)
- 3) Why have you chosen this unconventional route to producing an event of this scale?
- 4) Is there a problem you are trying to solve with ICUC?
- 5) What is the image you are hoping to illustrate with the name ICUC?
- 6) What is your expectation from the groups, other than just physical participation in the event?
- 7) What do you hope to receive from the TCASC overall?
- 8) Where is the start up money coming from?
- 9) Will the convention be incorporated?
- 10) Who is on the hook if ICUC loses money?
- 11) How much do you expect to make with the first ICUC?
- 12) What will happen to the proceeds?
- 13) What are the attendance projections for the first five years?
- 14) As a fall event, have you considered the impact this event may have on the TCASC banquet?

NEW BUSINESS

RCM and Alternate Elections next month.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:40 pm

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In loving service,

Michael D.
Co-Secretary
612-522-5947

TCASC 2006	TARGET	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
<i>EXCESS 2005</i>	-							
PROCEEDS								
GROUPS	\$8,800.00	\$670.49	\$963.48	\$1,051.97	\$568.01	\$718.21	\$432.08	\$644.95
OTHER	\$800.00	\$100.00		\$100.00		\$150.00		\$288.09
ACTIVITIES	\$2,000.00	\$857.00						
BANQUET	\$7,000.00					\$744.80	\$230.78	\$270.00
TOTAL	18,600.00	1,627.49	963.48	1,151.97	568.01	1,613.01	662.86	1,203.04
EXPENSES								
EXEC CMTE	\$100.00							
MNRSC	\$2,500.00	\$247.25	\$282.53	\$266.12	\$253.28	\$288.09		
UMSO								
MNNAC								
TREASURER	\$50.00							
SECRETARY	\$150.00							
MISC.	\$50.00	\$300.53	\$92.65	\$3.21		\$13.90		
OUTREACH	\$100.00	\$4.28						
LITERATURE	\$50.00							
P.I.	\$2,500.00	\$117.70		\$227.91	\$117.70	\$125.30	\$117.70	
H & I	\$2,500.00	\$268.48		\$269.64	\$237.54	\$200.00	\$343.47	
HELPLINE	\$5,000.00	\$262.60	\$272.60	\$302.00	\$624.00	\$153.00	\$331.00	\$265.00
BANQUET	\$3,600.00			\$230.00	\$461.83	\$454.13	\$449.96	
ACTIVITIES	\$2,100.00						\$60.72	\$35.00
TOTAL	\$18,600.00	\$1,200.84	\$647.78	\$1,298.88	\$1,694.35	\$946.33	\$1,302.85	\$300.00
TCASC 2007	TARGET	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
<i>EXCESS 2006</i>	-							
PROCEEDS								
GROUPS	\$8,750.00	\$830.95	\$555.69	\$544.53				
OTHER	\$800.00	\$100.00	\$138.00					
ACTIVITIES	\$1,200.00	\$1,836.00						
BANQUET	\$7,000.00		\$160.00	\$791.00				
TOTAL	17,750.00	2,766.95	853.69	1,335.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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EXPENSES

EXEC CMTE	\$100.00							
MNRSC	\$1,500.00							
TREASURER	\$50.00							
SECRETARY	\$100.00		\$1.50					
MISC.	\$350.00		\$300.00					
OUTREACH	\$100.00							
LITERATURE	\$50.00							
P.I.	\$2,500.00	\$440.00	\$688.58	\$120.00				
H & I	\$1,600.00		\$69.64	\$120.00				
HELPLINE	\$4,200.00	\$641.00	\$250.00					
BANQUET	\$5,500.00		\$1,851.60	\$1,580.00				
ACTIVITIES	\$1,800.00	\$222.44	\$8.55					
TOTAL	\$17,750.00	\$1,303.44	\$3,169.87	\$1,820.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**TCASC -
Group
Attendance
and
Donation**

Group	Donation	Group Represented	Day	Time
A New Way To Live		yes	Thurs.	7:30 PM
Addicts for Life	\$65.19	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	\$146.55	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	\$10.00	yes	Friday	7:30 PM
Down with the sickness			Tuesday	7:30 PM
East Lake NA			Wednesday	8:00 PM
Elk River				
Fresh Start	\$56.00	yes	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

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It's About Time NA	\$16.00	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			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			Thursday	7:00 PM
Men Of Hope			Saturday	9:00 AM
Minneapolis By Candlelight			Monday	8:00 PM
Miracles in Motion			Tuesday	11:00 AM
Monday Nite Wave	\$20.00	yes	Monday	8:00 PM
North Side NA	\$25.27	yes	Monday	7:00 PM
North Suburban NA			Thursday	7:30 PM
N.E.N.A. NA	\$3.97	yes	Friday	7:30 PM
Northwest NA	\$57.55	yes	Saturday	7:00 PM
Nuts About the Newcomer			Saturday	7:00 PM
Pleasant NA		yes	Sunday	7:30 PM
Recovering Addicts of NA	\$20.00	yes	Monday	7:00 PM
Recovering Ladies of the Lakes		yes	Saturday	10:00 AM
Recovering Soldiers			Thursday	8:00 PM
Recovery in the Garden	\$43.00	yes	Thurs.	7:30 PM
River Falls NA			Mon. Wed. Fri	8:00 PM
Riverside NA			Thursday	8:00 PM
Saving Our Lives			Thursday	7:00 PM
Seeking Serenity			Tuesday	7:00 PM
Self Preservation			Thursday	7:00 PM
Serenity Sunday	\$20.00	yes	Sunday	6:00 PM
Seven Eleven			Wednesday	8:00 PM
Stepping on Traditions			Saturday	10:00 AM
Sunday Morning NA	\$50.00	yes	Sunday	10:30 AM
Sure Happy Its Thursday			Thursday	7:00 PM
Two Rivers to Recovery			Tuesday	8:00PM
We Are Here Not There		yes	Wednesday	8:00 PM
Work It Out			Saturday	7:00 PM
Women Tranferring in Women				

Total Donations	\$544.43
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Total GSR's Present at Meeting	18
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REPORT DATE : 03-17-07	LAST MONTHS' ENDING BALANCE	
ENDING BALANCE FROM BANK STATEMENT		\$2,140.92
MINUS TOTAL OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS, FEES & EARLY DEPOSITS		\$1,040.00
EQUALS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE		\$1,100.92
DISCREPANCY SHOULD EQUAL ZERO		\$- 0
BEGINNING BALANCE (ALWAYS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE)		

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DEPOSITS		DATE	AMOUNT
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT		3/17/07	\$1,335.53
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CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT			
TOTAL DEPOSITS (SHOULD EQUAL TOTAL PROCEEDS)			\$1,335.53