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Twin Cities Area Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous
November 17, 2007
Sabathani Community Center—3rd floor, Room J

OPENING

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 11:01 a.m. Readings were as follows:

- 12 Concepts — Gary W.
- 12 Traditions — Tony J.
- 12 Steps — Sesany

INTRODUCTIONS

Newcomers welcomed—6

GSRs present—20, Quorum (14) was met. [Avg. of last 3 months x .67]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October minutes were accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was distributed

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR— AMANDA H..

Nothing to report. I'm new to this job so be nice. Thank you for letting me be of service.

CO-CHAIR—PAM S.

I'm also new to this job. If any new comers came in, please come and pick up a welcome packet. Thank you for letting me be of service.

SECRETARY— MICHAEL D.

Hi my name is Michael and I am an addict. Please email me at tcasc.sec@naminnesota.org which is listed on the chalk board if you are a) not receiving minutes and/or b) submitting a report. I'll try to email a reminder about reports being due the day of the Area meeting a few days before we meet. Thank you for letting me be of service.

CO-SECRETARY—SESANY F.

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TREASURER—GREG D.

We have a balance of \$1946.46. Questions regarding bills that have been paid, especially the bus stop signs, were asked and answered.

The rest of the report was not submitted in time for distribution of the minutes.

CO-TREASURER—AMINA W.

Unexcused absence

RCM—LYNN L.

Nothing really to report. The next Regional meeting is next month. If you have anything you'd like brought to the Region please contact Lynn.

RCMA—STEVE K.

MNNAC XV—PETER C.

Unexcused absence. Report not submitted.

Gary and Lynn give update that we are on track and the committee needs bodies to help. Please support fundraising events such as the Twin Cities New Years Eve Dance which is a fundraiser for MNNAC

POLICY CHAIR—DANIEL T.

Unexcused absence

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES—LARON R.

Hello, my name is LaRon and I am an addict. I am happy to say that the SPEAKER AND DANCE ON NOVEMBER 3rd was successful, We profited \$418.00, we had a very nice mix of people to come out. At this time we are planning our next event which will hopefully be on December 1st, 2007, which is also a speaker and dance. We are asking this body if we could be allocated another \$300.00 for this event. We have found a facility to use for our NEW YEARS EVE DANCE, It will be at the park house on 22ND and park, flyer has been posted on the website, The facility will cost \$150.00. We also have tickets for sale at \$8.00 a piece, and it will be \$10.00 at the door and we will have food for sale, I am going to ask the other members what do they think about giving a full set of our literature to a newcomer with the least amount of clean time. Myself and Greg D. the treasure, went over final cost and expenses, and I turned all monies over to him.

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here is our final ex pence report:

water,Doritos,ground beef,pop,chips.....	\$83.56
ice.....	\$10.00
mandwich mix.....	\$34.72
plates,cups,coffee mate,sugar.....	\$24.85
spoons,forks,pop,.....	\$15.91
bread.....	\$24.06
copies(flyers),tickets.....	\$14.95
copies.....	\$8.16
copies.....	\$4.08
rent of facility.....	\$75.00

thanks for allowing me to serve

La Ron R.

BANQUET—SHEARISE H.

Shearise is absent. Debra gives the report.

We still have a number of t-shirts available for sale which are \$10. Below is the report which was not ready by the Area meeting but will be discussed next month,

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT 11/18/07

Summary

The banquet this year had a total loss of \$2,052.61. The financial statements are included for your review. The expenses are in line with the budget (5% over), however actual revenue came in far short of projections (-36%). 174 tickets were collected at the door. 194 tickets were sold. T-shirt sales was the largest variance in the income projections. The biggest problem was that cash transactions were not recorded. Tickets and T-shirts went out to individuals, and money came back in, but it was not clear how much money was from which individuals or how much revenue was for T-shirts or ticket sales.

Notes:

- The Income Statement shows that \$1,500 was made on banquet fundraisers, but a portion of that was probably made on T-shirt sales. It is impossible to know.
- We budgeted for 220 tickets, but only sold 194.
- Money came in a month late. Do not schedule the banquet on the same day as the ASC.
- Do not elect a banquet chair who cannot attend the TCASC regularly.
- T-shirt cost was \$11.25 each. It was impossible to make money on this cost of goods sold. The cost of the banquet logo was hidden in this cost. It was developed by the T-shirt manufacturer. It actually cost \$500.

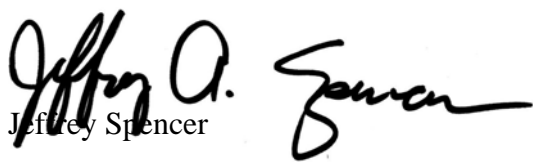
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- The contract for the hall was not reviewed by the TCASC Executive Committee. Also, it was never signed.
- Minimize the risk of T-shirt sales, or do not sell them.
- 100 T-shirts were purchased. 10 T-shirts were sold, 10 T-shirts were given away, 46 are left. 34 T-shirts are missing.
- Ticket consignment agreements were not controlled properly. People gave their tickets to other people to sell, and then when money came in it wasn't recorded properly.
- T-shirt sales should be controlled with consignment agreements.
- Someone has to be the jerk, forcing people to abide by the consignment agreements.
- 250 plates were purchased because the committee wanted to sell banquet tickets at the door. This is a high risk practice which added \$950 in expenses.
- Food costs were \$19.00/plate.
- The ticket price should cover food costs + hall rental + entertainment + decorations. Tickets should have been sold for \$30 each this year.
- Fundraisers should not be held for the banquet. All fundraisers benefit the TCASC. We're kidding ourselves by calling them "banquet fundraisers". Taking fundraisers out, the banquet actually lost \$3,500. That's 350 Basic Texts that could have been given away.
- Two revenue items were budgeted that did not occur, the auction and the photographer.

Recommendation

The banquet can be successful. Food costs need to be contained by having volunteers cook it. The Sponsor/Sponsee dinner is a wonderful example of this. Catering a dinner of this size is extremely expensive. If you want to have a fancy dinner like this, the ticket price must reflect it. The primary purpose of Narcotics Anonymous is to carry the message to addicts who still suffer, not to subsidize fancy dinners. The banquet has become a distraction from our primary purpose. I recommend that it be discontinued in its current form.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jeffrey Spencer

TCASC Banquet Treasurer

HELPLINE—GARY W.

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Good morning family I'm a grateful addict named Gary. Last month we received 289 calls to the helpline. All positions are full; the 24hr list is full. All we need is someone to step up and fill my position. And my service is complete.

I'd like to thank everyone for allowing me to serve these past 2yrs. It has been a learning experience and a pleasure. God Bless, In service Gary W.

H&I—JESSE S.

Good morning! We had 6 addicts in attendance to our H+I commity meeting this morning. After getting the database sheets we handed out last week there are over 70+ addicts signed up to do H+I. I handed out more sheets also. Keep getting people. We are beginning to call through the lists now. I'm setting up to meet with other H+I chairs of the other areas to distribute the facilities so it fits distance. Moving forward!!

Thanks! -Jesse S.

LITERATURE—NIKKI H.

Greetings,

There are some changes going on with our literature. In July 08 some prices will increase. This is the 1st price change in 7 years. Also our newly revised Basic Text should be available Fall of 08 pending approval @ WSC 08.

Our WSO are asking for our opinion on new medallion designs. The survey is online @<http://naws.org/surveys/index.php?sid=3>. Let your voice be heard and counted.

There will be a discontinuation of a few items and once the supplies are depleted they will be gone forever.

Small and Large PI posters	# 9108 & 9109
Individual recovery tapes	# 8802 - 8806
Gold plated medallions	# 7300 – 7399

I will keep working on keeping TCA informed of changes and I thank you for allowing me to be of service.

With graditude your humble literature chair, Nikki H.

OUTREACH—Position is Open

PI—TONY J.

Family,

The PI committee new projects.

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Meeting Lists:

Meeting lists were sent to WebMaster on 11.06.07 for printing.

P.S.A.:

New PSA's will be pick up this week.

New Projects:

PI committee participated in fall conference in St. Paul.

Next meeting TBS

Thank you

For letting me be of service,

Tony J

PI chair

OLD BUSINESS

OUTREACH ELECTION

Qualifications and description of duties are read. Nicole nominates Gary. Gary declines. Steve K. nominates Ed Z. Ed Z. accepts. Pete V volunteers. Ed Z. withdraws his name and offers Pete his help. Pete speaks to his willingness and answers questions. Vote is taken. Congratulations Pete in becoming this Area's new Outreach Chair.

BANQUET ELECTION—moved to next month after lengthy discussion.

HELPLINE ELECTION

Qualifications and description of duties are read. Mike L. is nominated. Mike declines nomination. Brandon S. is nominated and he accepts. Brandon speaks to his willingness and answers questions. Vote is taken. Congratulations Brandon in becoming this Area's new Helpline Chair.

OPEN FORUM

Mike D. reads an incarceration correspondence and passes it along to the H&I Chair.

Banquet is discussed. The issue of what the final tally is and the lack of information is a big concern as is timeliness of reports. A long discussion ensues.

New Year's Dance discussion. Help support the Area and MNNAC by going to the 24th annual TCA New Year's dance. A long discussion ensues regarding the dance and ICUC's New Year's dance.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary and Co-secretary will hold elections next month

Meeting adjourns at 2:00 pm

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In loving service,

Michael D.
Secretary
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