

MINUTES

Twin Cities Area Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous
April 19, 2008
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 — Lynn L.
12 Traditions — Peter C.
12 Steps — Ryan D.

INTRODUCTIONS

Newcomers welcomed—10

GSRs present—31*, Quorum (18) was met. [Avg. of last 3 months x .67]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March minutes were accepted.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR— AMANDA H..

Nothing to report. Thank you for letting me be of service.

CO-CHAIR—PAM S.

Nothing to report. Thank you for letting me be of service.

SECRETARY— Sesany F.

Family,

If you would like to receive the minutes please email me at tcasc.sec@naminnesota.org or you can give me your email information at the next area meeting.

--Sesany

CO-SECRETARY—Matt C.

Nothing to report. Thank you for letting me be of service.

TREASURER—Buddy K.

CO-TREASURER—AMINA W.

Nothing to report. Thank you for letting me be of service.

RCM—LYNN L

Regional Report 4/12/2008

Good Morning all,

Due to the weather we were unable to meet quorum at the regional meeting, we did however review several items.

Preliminary numbers from the Regional Assembly:

Areas can vote until April 19th so this is not necessarily the final tally. The vote so far reflects the World Service Conference recommendations.

	For	Against	Abstain
Motion 1	30	1	2
Motion 2	28	1	4
Motion 3	30	0	3
Motion 4	31	0	2
Motion 5	30	0	3
Motion 6	31	0	2
Motion 7	30	1	2
Motion 8	28	4	1
Motion 9	11	21	2
Motion 10	12	20	1
Motion 11	4	27	2
Motion 12	8	23	2

There were 72 registered participants but there appeared to be more than 80 present. JJ and Kit learned a lot from what people were sharing.

Insurance update from Jeff S.

He has been unable to get quotes from insurance companies; they do not return his calls, has a couple more options and will keep trying.

MNNAC XV:

The convention has produced a projected profit of 16,000 to 17,000 dollars (these are not final numbers) This Area needs to begin to consider how you want the Region to spend the money. The Region budget for last year holds 1000.00 for working with the Drug Courts, however none of that money has been spent because the Region does not have a PI chair, the Region also currently does not have much money budgeted for H&I. We may wish to place this topic in Open Forum for today.

Regional Delegate Report:

If anyone wants to discuss any issue with JJ or Kit prior to the World Service Conference please contact them before 4/24/08.

MNNAC BOD:

Reminder that in order to sell alternative merchandise at a convention you need to attend the BOD meeting that is held on Saturday afternoon for prior approval.

UMSO report:

Chris B. 507-421-0741

Turned in current financial report. Taxes have been filed for 2007

Printing services are changing for meeting lists, you can come in a print them yourself for .10 each or drop them off 10 days in advance and the service office will do them for .20 each.

The next UMSO meeting is May 16th at 4745 Bryant Av S.

MNNAC XVI:

Have finalized the final logo, registration, banner and the comedian. Need help as they are a small area the committee meets once a month in Winstad, MN.

First fundraiser is May 3rd in the RITH area (Silver Lake) held from 4:00-1:00 am, there will be 30 speakers cost is 5.00.

South Suburban Fireside Area will be placing a bid for the 2010 Circle of Sisters convention.

Open positions at the Region:

Chair and Co-chair

MNNAC regional rep

Literature

Phone line

Policy

UMSO reps. 3

Outreach

PI

June and August Regional meetings will be Strategic Planning meetings the time will be used to determine the direction and format of the Regional Meeting. Don't forget anyone is welcome to attend the Region.

I have a 100.00 donation from South Suburban Fireside Area and a region donation receipt from 2005 totaling 500.00.

This is my last report, thanks for allowing me to serve.

Lynn L.

RCMA—STEVE K.

Report given but not submitted.

MNNAC XV—PETER C.

Report given but not submitted.

POLICY CHAIR—DANIEL T.

Do to conflicts in my personal and professional life I am not able to commit the needed time to fulfill the duties of Policy Chair for the TCASC.

I am stepping down from the position effective immediately.

Daniel T.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES—LARON R.

Good morning, my name is La Ron and i am an addict. i am out of town for a family event this weekend. i apologize for not being there this week. i am happy to tell you that the Regional Assembly had a real nice turn out and so did the Big Thaw Dance. This was the last event

that the activities position was responsible for, it has been a real pleasure for me to serve at this level of service, i want to thank you all for having faith in me to be responsible at this position, i also want to thank the members that helped me pull off these events, because without them i could not have done it. Hopefully someone will step up accept this position, but if not i am willing to accept a nomination for another term.

This is the expence report for the Big Thaw Dance

	Expenses	Income	
start up monies		\$300.00	food
sales	\$269.00		

check cashed	\$5.00	door
	\$449.25	
food	\$206.26	
pictures	\$46.00	
D.J.	\$75.00	
total	\$286.26	
total	\$764.25	

Thank you all for allowing me to serve

La Ron R.

BANQUET—Barb K.

BANQUET COM. REPORT 5-10-08

The banquet com. has met several times and is making great progress in the planning of the 2008 banquet. Ticket sales have begun, so anyone wanting a banquet ticket should ask one of the com. members. Ticket prices will remain at \$20.00 until Sept. 1. The price of the ticket will increase to \$25.00 thru the 14th of Sept. No tickets will be sold at the door.

As of this date, we have paid the deposit on the facility \$200.00, leaving us a balance of \$200.00 to be paid in Sept. We also have made a \$250.00 deposit with the caterer. We haven't used much of the printing budget but will be doing so in the near future. At this point all of our ticket and entry forms have been donated by members.

We have selected a DJ, so the dance will go forward. If you haven't bought a Banquet ticket, you can still come for the speaker at no charge. You can attend the dance for \$5.00, which you can pay at the door. For all you addicts who like to do Karaoke, that will be offered free after the speaker.

We will be having a raffle and a silent auction. We are acquiring some great items for both. If you have some great things to donate, please contact one of our com. members.

We will be offering banquet photos, sodas & water, and of course a clean time countdown. Following the dinner, which is scheduled to begin at 6:30, we will be having our speaker meeting.

We will keep you informed as we move along with our plans. The next Banquet meeting will be Sat., June 28th at Barb K.'s house. If you are interested in being part of the com., please call Barb K. @ 612-735-7578. We will be looking for help with decorating and also with clean-up. Our DJ will need some assistance with loading and unloading his equipment.

We want this Banquet to be a celebration of our recovery, our unity and our desire to “Keep coming back”.

Thanks for letting us serve. Barb K. and the 2008 Banquet Com.

HELPLINE—Brandon S.

Hello All,

The helpline received 285 calls in March. All time slots are full, and I have finally figured out how to change and update the recording (which I did this month). This will no longer be a problem. Thanks for your patience and the opportunity to serve.

Brandon S.

H&I—JESSE S.

Twin Cities Area Service Committee

Hospitals & Institutions Sub-Committee

Minutes – April 19, 2008



Opening

The sub-committee opened around at 9:50 AM and eventually had 12 people in attendance, and 3 newcomers were welcomed on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

Items

- Out of the 12 people present, 6 were existing panel leaders, and 3 wanted to gain a commitment. Of the 3 people who wanted a commitment, Ryan from Coast to Coast is going to check in with Charles N regarding the start-up status of the H & I meeting at CTSI at 2308 Dowling.
- Still waiting to hear follow-up on CTSI (Ryan is contacting Charles), Ramsey Correctional (Richard was not present), Shakopee Women’s Correctional (Daniel emailed in and said an NA meeting already exists there), Dakota County Correctional (Eric B checked in with Brent of SSF), West Metro (Eric B left a message), or Spring Lake Park High School (Andy N left a message to find out more about the situation)
- Two new, possible, H & I commitments were identified: Anoka County Regional Treatment Center (Andra will follow-up) and Fairview Riverside (Jake and Steve L will follow up).

- Andra and Toni agreed to continue to develop the H & I Panel Leader Orientation Packet for the Twin Cities Area. They will report on their progress next month.
- Jesse briefed the sub-committee on the H & I Learning Day that will be co-sponsored with Area of Hope and South Suburban Fireside. The Learning Day will be held on May 3, 2008 at the Recovery Church at 639 Jackson Street in St. Paul. There will be a \$50 rental cost for the Twin Cities Area, as well as some costs that have not yet been identified (literature and orientation packets).
- More on the Learning Day: There were several good ideas discussed about how to get people already on our pool and new people to the Learning Day an H & I commitment right away. So, it was suggested that we bring to the learning day sheets of H & I opportunities that we can assign to the attendees of the Learning Day. The sheet of paper would include the institution or facility, contact number, some brief directions, and follow-up information. The sub-committee will track who takes what assignments. Jake and Monte will create the assignments, and Toni S agreed to make follow-up calls.
- Still more on the Learning Day: Tony M agreed to send out to the entire pool list information about the Learning Day, and that those that wish, can pick up a potential H & I commitment right at the Learning Day.
- Jude agreed to help “freshen up” H & I Literature packets each month. As a side note, here is what a typical packet looks like. Ten each of the following: Little White Booklet, Sponsorship, Am I an Addict, Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous, For the Newcomer, Just for Today, For those in Treatment, Staying Clean on the Outside, Youth and Recovery, and 5 of Behind the Walls.

LITERATURE—NIKKI H.

Good morning everyone. All is going well and I have nothing new to report. I do want to remind everyone about the literature prices increasing in July. Basic text will increase 1 dollar with the 6th edition being printed. Thank you for letting me be of service. Nikki

OUTREACH

Absent. No report submitted.

PI—Dan

dear all, TC areas members,
please pass this to all area members

hi, this is Dan the New PI chairs for TC area , i'm communicating to apologize for last saturday ,not being there as

i should.

i did have a medication problem ,but all is well now i just wanted to extend my amends to all NA members for not being there.

i do need any updates that i might have missed ,if you could thanks Dan TC PI

ps any concerns or questions please call 612-910-2686 Or e-mail thx

OLD BUSINESS

Activities Chair Election: No one volunteers for the position. Activities remains open.

Public Information Chair Election: Dan M. is the new TCASC PI Chair. Congratulations Dan.

Vote on Motion 152 to create a budget and finance committee to ensure budget timeliness was not carried.

OPEN FORUM

Activities Chair remains open. Please let the Groups know that this position needs to be filled as soon as possible.

The TCASC has two new Regional Committee Members: Tony J. - RCM and Ryan D. – RCMA. Congratulations!

The Region would like to know what to do with funds raised from the convention. Please take this back to the Groups and bring back to the next Area meeting. (questions and discussion ensued)

There are two chair positions available at the region Public Information and Hospitals and Institutions. Please take this information back to the Groups.

There was also some discussion regarding online correspondence for soldiers overseas.

NEW BUSINESS

Next month there will be an election for Literature chair.

Thank you for allowing me to of service,
Sesany F.
Secretary
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