

MINUTES

Twin Cities Area Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous
August 16, 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 — Sesany F.
- 12 Traditions — Matt W.
- 12 Steps — Jason E.

INTRODUCTIONS

Newcomers welcomed—Unable to provide Newcomer info
GSRs present—20 Quorum (13) was met. [Avg. of last 3 months x .67]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Financial report for July is empty. Needs revision.

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.

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CO-SECRETARY—Open

TREASURER—Amina W.

August 2008	Last Months Ending Balance
Ending Balance From Bank Statement	
Minus Total of Outstanding Checks + Fees + Early Deposits	
Equals the Reconciled Bank Balance	
Discrepancy Should equal Zero	
Begininning Balance (Always the Reconciled Bank Balance)	\$
Proceeds	
Group Donation (from attendance Sheet)	
Other Proceeds Total (list name and amount individually)	

CO-TREASURER—Open

RCM—Tony J.

Absent no report submitted.

RCMA—Ryan

Information from the region included as an attachment.

POLICY CHAIR—Open

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES—Dick

Report given, but not submitted.

BANQUET—Barb K.

Banquet Report 8-08

The TCASC Banquet 2008 is about 6 weeks away and the planning is paying off. Our banquet committee is hard at work making sure we are doing all that we said we would do. Our next meeting is going to be at the facility where the banquet will be held. We are buying the supplies we need and continuing to check in with our area treasurer.

At this point, it seems that we are down to under 50 tickets left and they are in the hands of just a few people who have been selling. We are trying to get an exact count of the tickets remaining because people have been calling and trying to find tickets to our banquet. Our hopes were to have all of the tickets sold before Sept. 1, when the price would increase to \$25.00 a ticket. It's looking like a reality.

We are turning in money as we receive a certain amount. Our expenditures have been very minimal, so we are actually ahead.

Our 3rd ticket giveaway is today and the response to our drawings have been positive. We would like to thank every GSR who took the message back to their group and brought back entry forms for the addicts in their group.

Doors will open at 6:00 pm on 9-20 and dinner will start about 6:30. We have been working on some fun ideas for everyone. There will be a silent auction and a silent raffle. We have acquired some great things. Our DJ will be Dean, who has played at several of our dances. We will be having karaoke in the banquet room, and there will be room for games, if someone wants to bring something with. We are again offering photos, so come looking your best. We will be selling coffee, soda and water during the dance.

We will be doing clean time countdown, a great speaker and more.

If you didn't get a banquet ticket, you are still welcome to come to the speaker meeting and

the karaoke. Dance only will be \$5.00. We will be giving a breakdown of our expenses and incomes by the Oct. ASC.

Thanks again for your support for the TCA 25th Banquet. See you at the Banquet.

Banquet Com. 2008

Barb K. (Chair)

HELPLINE—Brandon S.

hello all, brandon here. the total number of calls to the helpline in july were 272. i am 3/4 the way through updating the phone list (calling all the folks to see which who wants to stay and who wants to be taken off). the recording was updated last month and i will update it again when i receive the new meeting list at the tcasc.

thanks for allowing me to be of service,

brandon s.

BRANDON S.

H&I—JESSE S.

Absent. No report submitted.

LITERATURE—Open

OUTREACH—Open

PI—Dan

PI REPORT JULY 2008 18TH

DAN M. CHAIR

ANALYSTDMC@HOTMAIL.COM

612-910-2686

SUBJECT: MEETING LIST UPDATES DONE

PLEASE CHECK JUNE MEETING LIST FOR ERRORS AND CORRECTIONS FOR JULY

MEETINGS THAT ARE NOT THERE ANYMORE DELETED

CONTACT NUMBERS FOR ALL MEETINGS AND CHAIRS # AND E-MAIL ADDRESS

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TC PI CHAIR/COMMITTEE TO TAKE OVER MEETING LIST PRINTING RESPONSIBILITY. AND
HAVE A MENTORSHIP FOR PI/

Call dan 612-910-2686
Or email analyst@hotmail.com

THX DAN

PI SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

NAWS (Narcotics Anonymous World Services) contacted me to request a collaborative effort in having an NA presence at the Guest House Summer Leadership Conference.
This was a success.thanks to all who were helping there
Dan,

MCTC Recovery week September 22 - 25

PI REPORT AUGUST 2008 16TH

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OLD BUSINESS

Literature Chair Election: Eric M. nominated and elected. Congratulations Eric M.

Policy Chair Election: No volunteers/no nominations.

Outreach: No volunteers/no nominations.

Co-Treasurer: Kevin W. volunteers and elected. Congratulations Kevin W.

Co-Secretary: Amber Lynn C. volunteers and elected. Congratulations Amber Lynn C.

Motion 155: An ADHOC committee has been appointed to take the motion and present language for Bi-laws for removal of meetings from the meeting list. Here is some updated information:

Dear Rand, Thanks for following up with your question. Each local area has the autonomy to develop guidelines (or bylaws) which serve to enhance our ability to provide service to the member groups. In your original email you stated: "We had a couple situations where groups were removed from our meeting list by that committee chair for reasons that were unacceptable to the meeting and to our area leadership." In some instances large amounts of attention and effort are focused on preventing a past action from occurring again. Some communities dealing with this issue a statement to the effect of "No meeting shall be removed from the meeting list without permission of the ASC", has proven to be effective. It informs the trusted servant responsible for the meeting list that they do not have unlimited authority to remove any meeting from the meeting list without first obtaining permission from the ASC. If your local community believes that the description below will assist trusted servants in carrying out their duties then you will have enhanced service delivery in your community, which is the goal for all of our service efforts. Take care, Bob Jordan From: retterr@juno.com [mailto:retterr@juno.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 10:39 AM

To: Bob Jordan

Subject: RE: Help Based on your feedback is it fair to say that for purposes of bylaws we can say the following 3.10 When two or more addicts come together to help each other stay clean, they may form a Narcotics Anonymous group. To be included in the TCASC list of meetings such groups must meet these 6 criteria.

Removal for cause from the TCASC meeting shall be limited to these points and require the majority vote of the GRS's in attendance 3.10(a) All members of a group are drug addicts, and all drug addicts are eligible for membership. 3.10(b) As a group, they are self supporting 3.10(c) As a group their single goal is to help drug addicts recover through application of the Twelve Steps of Narcotics Anonymous. 3.10(d) As a group they have no affiliation outside of Narcotics Anonymous 3.10 (e) As a group their public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion. From: Bob Jordan

Sent: Monday, August 25, 2008 11:42 AM

To: Steve Rusch

Subject: RE: Help Draft Dear Rand, Thank you for writing to NA World Services. In response to your inquiry, below are some applicable segments of A Guide to Local Service, pp 56-58. From the section regarding Meeting Lists, pg 56: At one time or another, most area committees have asked themselves whether a particular meeting should be included on the list. The six points describing an NA group appearing at the beginning of the "NA Group" chapter in this guide have given most area committees the criteria they've needed in making such decisions. Meeting lists are often used in conjunction with an area's public relations program. For this reason, we encourage individuals and subcommittees responsible for preparing their area directories to do an especially thorough job. Some of the points to be given extra attention are the accuracy of all listings, the attractiveness and usability of the directory's format, and profanity in the names of meetings being listed. and then the next major heading is on pages 57-58: AREA COMMITTEE POLICY AND GUIDELINES One particular word comes to mind regarding area committee policy and guidelines: caution. Some area committees have found themselves so tangled in discussions of service policy and area guidelines sometimes for months or even years at a time that they have been sorely hampered in providing the services they were created to deliver in the first place. Here are a few points to consider when entering into policy discussions, points that may keep the confusion to a minimum and the committee squarely on track. NA's Twelve Concepts for Service can be of great value in untangling knotty policy questions; some consider the concepts tailor-made resources for such discussions. Time invested in studying the Twelve Concepts will repay itself many times over with the clarity they provide. In particular, the concepts speak to the subject of delegated authority. For instance, according to the concepts, when groups want the area committee to perform services on their behalf, they delegate to the committee sufficient authority for the work to get done. And when the area committee elects officers and subcommittee chairs, expecting them to perform particular tasks, the committee also delegates to them the authority to apply their best judgment to the fulfillment of those tasks. Our trusted servants do not govern, but they must be given the trust necessary to effectively serve. These kinds of simple, direct principles can be effectively applied to any number of service-related policy questions. Another tool that can help an area committee find its way out of "the policy maze" is, simply, a moment's reflection on NA's primary purpose. Unsophisticated as this may seem, it can be quite effective in solving some pretty complex problems. Area committees exist primarily to help make NA groups more effective in carrying the recovery message to the still-suffering addict. Area committee services either: attract addicts to meetings, provide materials for use in meetings, conduct activities designed to strengthen meetings, or perform the administrative functions necessary to do these things. When caught in a conflict for which there seems to be no resolution, an area committee can stop, call for a moment of silence, and ask itself, "What does this discussion have to do with carrying the message?" And here is a link to the guide in its entirety: http://www.na.org/pdf/GLS_2005.pdf It is worth remembering that even the most comprehensive and detailed of bylaws will not prevent an individual from making a poor decision. In many communities meeting lists are produced on a monthly basis so a correction could be made

relatively quickly. Thanks again for writing. Feel free to follow-up with any additional thoughts or questions.
Bob Jordan From: NA Info

OPEN FORUM

Peter C. shares concern that the TCASC is electing people who do not have all the requirements that are stated in the bi-laws.

Ryan talks about the leadership and communication workshops presented by NA world services is on Sat. Oct. 18th 2008, the same day that the TCASC meets. Would we want to move the meeting to another date or have the meeting at the MOA (they may let us use a meeting room). Our options are: 1. Move to Oct 25th at normal time. 2. Move meeting to MOA. 3. Leave meeting as is. More discussion will be at the next TCASC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Next month there will be an election for H & I.

Motion 155 will be discussed and voted on at the next Area meeting. It pertains to the removal of meetings from the meeting list.

There will be discussion about what to do about October's meeting.

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