

MINUTES

Twin Cities Area Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous
February 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 — Steve K.
12 Traditions — Lynn L.
12 Steps — Gary

INTRODUCTIONS

Newcomers welcomed—4

GSRs present—27*, Quorum (17) was met. [Avg. of last 3 months x .67]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January minutes were accepted.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR— AMANDA H..

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

CO-CHAIR—PAM S.

Report given but not submitted.

SECRETARY— Sesany F.

Hello. My name is Sesany and I'm an addict. Please have all officer and subcommittee reports in by the day Area is scheduled. If you are not receiving the minutes or would like to receive the minutes, please send me an email at tcasc.sec@naminnesota.org. Once I have received your email I will send a correspondence stating I have received your request or report. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

--Sesany

CO-SECRETARY—Matt C.

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

TREASURER—Buddy K.

Treasurer Report for Twin Cities Area

I hope we all received a copy of the budget since our last meeting and your group has had time to review it so we can vote to approve it today. It does resemble our budget for 2007 with a few changes that we made. I received input from our committee chairs that provided the numbers for their respective committee. The area we totally neglected last year was our contribution to the MN. Region. I allocated 100.00 a month to be given to the Man. Region or a total 1200.00 in 2008. We are sitting well financially due to the strong group donations and because of the success of the New Years Eve function.

All the bills are paid and we have no outstanding debts to anyone. We paid our rent for the year (360.00). We bought 2 Public service announcement tapes for our Public Information efforts (90.00). I will work on keeping the expense entries in the budget up to date as well as keeping an accounting of group donations to the area. We all need to contribute our fair share to supporting the service efforts of the area, region, and world.

In the spirit of unity and with gratitude for my recovery through N.A. Buddy K TCASC
treasurer

February 2008		Last Months Ending Balance	\$3,761.60
Ending Balance From Bank Statement		\$4,782.12	
Minus Total of Outstanding Checks + Fees + Early Deposits		\$1,020.52	
Equals the Reconciled Bank Balance		\$3,761.60	
Discrepancy Should equal Zero		\$0.00	
Beginning Balance (Always the Reconciled Bank Balance)		\$	3761.6
Proceeds			
Group Donation (from attendance Sheet)		\$657.00	
Other Proceeds Total (list name and amount individually)			
south suburban		\$100.00	
Activities-Old Timers Speaker Jam		\$227.00	
		-	
		-	
		-	
\$327.00		\$984.00	
Subtotal (Beginning Balance Plus Total Proceeds)		\$	4745.6
Expenses (always checks written)	Check #	\$ Amount	
Pro Video for 2PSA beta tapes	3080	\$90.00	
Void	3081		
Treasurers receipt book and VHHS PSA(PI)	3082	\$21.02	
Answer Am.	3083	\$280.91	
Quest	3084	\$45.69	

MNNAC for NY EVE fundraiser 50%	3085	\$694.00
Total Expenses		
\$		1,131.62
Ending Balance (subtotal minus expenses)		\$ 3,613.98
Deposits	Date	\$ Amount
Checking Deposit Date and Amount	02/19/08	\$757.00
Checking Deposit Date and Amount	02/19/08	\$227.00
Checking Deposit Date and Amount		
Total deposits (should equal total proceeds)	\$	984.00

CO-TREASURER—AMINA W.

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

RCM—LYNN L

Good Morning All,

The Regional Assembly has been changed to March 29th, this will give your group more time to go over the CAR (Conference Agenda report) and gather your group's conscience on the motions.

The motions will not be discussed at the assembly, those discussions should happen within your group. There will be conversation regarding the discussion questions:

Building strong home groups

Our service system

Who is missing from our meetings and why

Targeted Literature

Sponsorship

Anyone can attend this assembly and participate in discussion however only the GSR's can vote on the motions from the world board.

Barcelona, Spain, has been chosen as the location for the next WSC (World Service Conference). It will be held August 20-23 2009

There was a concern brought up regarding using the MNNAC credit card to "pay" for this Area's banquet. The bottom line is this Area found itself in a bad situation due to the funds for the banquet being collected on the day of the banquet, and without help from another source the banquet would not have happened. However in hindsight using NA funds from another organization should not have happened. So going forward, this area needs to review it's guidelines and assure that language be put in place to assure this never happens again. For example:

All banquet ticket, t-shirt and fundraiser funds be turned into the TCA Treasurer no later than 2 weeks prior to the banquet. (doing so also means your ticket sales will have to end at least 3 weeks prior to the event) That the Banquet facility and catering contract(s) be brought to and signed off on by the Executive committee

We also need to continue the process of looking at changing the bank that this area uses, as the bank we currently use isn't even open on Saturday's.

I have the UMSO (Upper Midwest Service Office) report if you would like to review it.

They are doing well financially but are in dire need of volunteers.

Here are some highlights from the report:

Book prices are going up in July (at the World) so our prices will also need to increase.

Would like to find one person from each area that can bring items to the events in their area(as we have limited volunteers)

Have increased rent for use of Sabathani, as the groups are no using more hours.

Our bookkeeper is making more money, but we are still getting a good deal. Our printer lease is running out in January of 2009 so we will no longer be providing a copy making service. We will charge .10 a piece for copies you make yourself.

New Basis Text anticipated availability is Sept.- Oct 2008

Liability insurance for events is available through the service office at no cost, we do need at least a 2 week notice.

MNNAC XVI:

Will be in St. Cloud April 17-19th

There theme is Lost Dreams awaken, new possibilities arise.

In grateful service,
Lynn L.

RCMA—STEVE K.

Report given but not submitted.

MNNAC XV—PETER C.

Peter C. was absent and report was given by Lynn L. No report submitted.

POLICY CHAIR—DANIEL T.

Absent. No report submitted.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES—LARON R.

hello,my name is Laron and i am an addict.unfortunately i can not be there this month,because i am out of town.We had our old timers speaker jam,and had a nice turnout for the event.hopefully this can be the first of many,it was nice for me to see some of our members who have been around for awhile come out and share their experience,strength,and hope.like i said before,sometime i believe we have to give back to the fellowship,so there was not a profit for this event,and did not expect one.we are now focusing on the big thaw dance,which is to follow the regional assembly later on that evening.i was able to reserve Lutheran redeemer Church for this event also,and i shared this information with j.j and he was in favor of the facility.the date is March,29Th,2008,it was going to be march 1st,but they were unable to reserve facility for that date.

ex pence report for speaker jam

started with \$295.00

facility.....\$150.00
food and supplies.....\$130.25
fliers.....\$10.00
check cashed.....\$5.00

income

food.....\$227.00

thanks for allowing me to serve

Laron R.

BANQUET—Barb K.

BANQUET BUDGET 2008

\$4500.00 budget request

expenses:

Catering: \$2200.00 220 meals@ \$10 a plate
Room rental \$400.00
DJ \$300.00
Karaoke rental \$130.00
Banner \$100.00
Paper goods \$150.00
Pop & water \$125.00
Centerpieces \$100.00
Specialty items \$150.00

Tickets	\$50.00	
Printing	\$40.00	
Tip custodian	\$50.00	
Ticket giveaway (7x10.00)		\$70.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	

Total: \$3965.00

incoming:

tickets	\$4400.00	
Pop & water	\$200.00	
Ticket giveaway	\$75.00	
Raffle	\$100.00	
Dance only admission 25		\$125.00

Total \$4900.00

Incoming	\$4900.00
Expenses	\$3965.00

PROFIT \$935.00 proposal

TOTAL \$3965.00

HELPLINE—Brandon S.

Here is the helpline report. This month we had 289 calls. All slots are full. I have updated a good portion of the recording. I have left messages for the Answer America folks to forward the call numbers to me, however they are still sending them to Gary our former Helpline chair. I will remedy this problem by the next reporting period.

thanks Brandon S.

H&I—JESSE S.

Report given but not submitted.

LITERATURE—NIKKI H.

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

OUTREACH

Report given but not submitted.

PI—TONY J.

Report given but not submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

This year's budget was discussed and questions were asked and answered. The budget was amended and that amended budget was approved.

Motion 149: To divide the New Year's Eve dance profits equally between MNNAC and the Area. Questions/answers and discussion ensued. An amendment was added to split profit 75% to the Area and 25% to MNNAC. The amendment did not pass. The motion to equally split the profits passed.

Public Information Election: Tony M., Gary, Mike H., and Tony J. were nominated. All declined. Please take to the Groups. PI is an important position that needs to be filled.

OPEN FORUM

Jeff S. allows the Area to pre-register for MNNAC XV.

Terri S. announces new meeting in St. Louis Park on Thursday from 7-8:30pm. The contacts for this meeting are Dan 612-910-2686 and Terri S. 612-708-8813.

Bennett announces that Clear Atmosphere on Tuesday nights is in need of support.

NEW BUSINESS

Activities Chair election will be at the next Area meeting.

Rand R. introduces Motion 152. Discussion, questions, and answers followed. Motion 152 will be voted on at the next Area meeting. Please take to the Groups.

MOTION 152:

RECOMMENDED CHARTER FOR THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE TWIN CITIES AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE

Mandate

The Budget and Finance Committee is elected by the *General assembly* of the Twin Cities Area Service Committee (TCASC) to review and endorse the TCASC Annual Budget Plan, budget and self-evaluation of the TCASC performance (prepared by

TCASC Treasurer), prior to submission to the General Service Representatives and Executive Committee, and ensure timeliness of the annual budget process

Membership

All appointments shall begin on 1 January of the designated beginning year of a term and shall end on 31 December of the designated ending year of a term. In no case shall the term of a Budget Committee member exceed two years. (For all appointments made during 2008, the term shall be considered to start on 1 January 2008.)

The membership of the Budget and Finance Committee shall be:

- three (3) representatives from among the GSR's and shall not serve as a chair person of any other committee within the TCASC
- one (1) representatives from the TCASC Executive Committee excepting the Treasurer
- the TCASC Treasurer, without vote
- the current RSCM or the Alternate

Initial Terms of the GSR's and the executive committee member should be staggered replacing 2 members each year. Otherwise, each elected member may serve up to 2 consecutive 1 year term without the opportunity for re-election a consecutive 3rd term

The Chair of the committee shall be elected from among the GSR representatives my popular TSCAC vote and may not include the Treasurer, The RSCM or the Executive Committee Member

Meetings

The Budget Committee shall meet at least monthly.

Voting

Each representative member shall be allowed 1 vote except the Treasurer

Duties

The duties of the Budget and Finance Committee shall involve prudent oversight and recommendation of the TSCAC finances, including but not necessarily limited to the following activities:

Financial: Each year, with awareness of the TSCAC timetable for development of budgets, the Budget and Finance Committee, shall develop a budget for the TSCAC, including income and expenses. The budget shall include the budget for the current year and budget projections for the following year. To that end, the Budget and Finance Committee is empowered to request and expect sufficient performance information from respective chairs to ensure credible, timely and complete financial information to the general membership.

Financial history for the preceding two years shall also be provided.

Approval of the budget for forwarding to the general assembly shall require a two-thirds vote of the Budget and Finance Committee.

This budget shall be transmitted to each Executive Committee Members as well as the body at large at least sixty days (November) in advance of the deadline for budget approval (December 31)

Changes from prior year projections shall be fully explained.

Reporting: Monthly, the Budget and Finance Committee shall provide a recap of current revenues and expenses compared to the approved budget for the same period as well as year to date summaries for all funded line items.

From: JJ

MN Regional Report

I am preparing the Regional Report for the WSC. Please send me the name of your ANNUAL Area events and the number years they have been going on. Please feel free to email me anything you think should be included in the report. I will not promise I will put in everything I receive.

The 2008 Minnesota NA Regional Assembly will be on March 29 at 285 N. Dale Street (Lutheran Church of the Redeemer) in Saint Paul.

Participation from as many GSR's and NA Members in general from Minnesota is crucial to giving our Regional Delegate Team an accurate "vote of confidence" for the World Service Conference. Not to mention, the discussion and workshops on the 3 Issue Discussion Topics will be valuable to the world-wide fellowship. Attached is a preliminary flyer announcing the event and some of the topics covered at the assembly.

We need your help in spreading the word about the Regional Assembly.

You can help by doing any or all of the following:

- 1) Email the flyer to as many recovering addicts in Minnesota as you can.
- 2) Make sure every group in your area has a copy.
- 3) Announce it at the meetings you attend.
- 4) Organize car-pools.
- 5) Remind everyone that a NA Function will be held after the assembly at the same location.

Thank you for your help and your participation.

Yours,

The Regional Assembly Planning Team

***I have attached the flyer for the Regional Assembly.**

Thank you for allowing me to of service,
Sesany F.
Secretary
952-297-7746