

MINUTES

Twin Cities Area Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous
July 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 — Tony J.
- 12 Traditions — Pam S.
- 12 Steps — Jason

INTRODUCTIONS

Newcomers welcomed—0

GSRs present—21 Quorum (15) was met. [Avg. of last 3 months x .67]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May and June’s minutes 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.

Family,

I am having a hard time adding email addresses to the contact list in the HORDE system. I will hopefully figure out how to do this so that the list can be updated. Thank you for allowing me to of service.

-Sesany F.

CO-SECRETARY—Open

TREASURER—Buddy K.

July 2008 last month's ending balance		\$3,017.49
Ending Balance From Bank Statement	\$4,631.36	
Minus Total of Outstanding Checks + Fees + Early Deposits	\$1,613.87	
Equals the Reconciled Bank Balance	\$3,017.49	

CO-TREASURER—AMINA W.

Report given, but not submitted.

RCM—Tony J.

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

RCMA—Ryan

RCMA Report
07/18/08

On July 7th I received an email from Kit our MN Regional Delegate Alternate, regarding the upcoming Metropolitan Community and Technical College (MCTC) Recovery Day. This event will take place September 22nd through September 25th from 11am till 2pm in the Tech Building of the college in downtown Minneapolis. Bayla McDougle of MCTC's addictions program has asked if we would like to participate. Kit's email to me follows:

Dan, Ryan, Kenny, Tony, Doug,

Kit Egan here, Regional Delegate Alternate.

As you know, at the Region we're moving toward a more project based service structure that we may more effectively carry the message in Minnesota.

You've all seen the interactive online meeting list map we created as a quick way to help addicts find meetings.

Another thing we did in the past few days is create a generic NA flyer which I distributed it to several colleges and tech schools in the Cities. (Please see attached flyer)

This flyer has received remarkable response, including the one below from Metropolitan Community and Technical College (MCTC) there on Hennepin and 12th Street.

Essentially, we're being offered a chance to participate in MCTC's Recovery Week activities in September. As you'll read, Bayla is inviting us to have a table with addicts sitting at it, perhaps someone giving a presentation and, thirdly, addicts coming in to have open meetings during that time.

This is PI, not H&I because the students aren't confined, and yet maybe the H&I folks will want to share their expertise in presentations.

The Minnesota Region has purchased a table skirt with our logo on it, as well as one of those three panel things for displaying NA information. We'll be glad to make these available to you for this event.

We have about ten weeks to plan how we want to respond.

I'm hoping the TCASC can find some younger addicts (I'm 56 years old, hardly the right person to sit at that table) who'll volunteer to participate in this event.

Let's stay in touch so we can coordinate our response to Bayla as more information becomes available.

In addition, their Addictions program invites groups such as NA to come to classes to make presentations. If the TCASC is interested in that, we at the Region are more than willing to work with you to create a "presentation in a box" where we standardize what the presenter says and what literature s/he hands out at these presentations. Meeting lists, perhaps a few basic Information Pamphlets like What Is NA, To The Newcomer, and so on.

As you can tell, we're making this up as we go along until we get more skillful at how we reach out to student populations.

Dunwoody, the Minnesota School of Business, North Hennepin County Community College and Metro State University are all interested in NA having a presence at their student resource fairs.

If we can start with the MCTC Recovery Week, refine and grow our efforts from there, I think we can have a major impact on getting our message out to students in the Twin Cities.

The Region can't do these things alone; there are only six of us on the Executive Committee. We at the Region can offer support and coordination for Public Relations initiatives. We need YOU to recruit addicts who are willing to sit at the table for 2 or four-hour shifts and answer any questions they may get.

The last thing I want to mention is that in April MCTC has a Student Health Fair that we've also been invited to participate in. I imagine it's pretty much the same thing, tables with the chance to have open meetings and maybe presentations.

OK, that wasn't really the last thing.

Students aren't our only targeted population; they're just the first one. In the near future we'll be contacting the Probation Officers and Drug Courts for Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, sorting out how NA can reach out to their members. Keep that in mind, please. The TCASC and the Area of Hope will be asked to help find bodies for these efforts.

Thanks for your time,

Kit Egan
612.377.9023

Your name came to me from Tara and I thought I would let you know when we are planning our recovery week. It will be September 22-25 from 11-2 each day. We will have a table in the tech building if you would also want one, and then we are considering some speakers and perhaps some open meetings. I will try to keep you posted as the time comes nearer.

Bayla

Bayla (Linda) McDougal MA LADC
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As you will probably agree after reading the above message, this is a great opportunity for us in the Twin Cities Area to carry the message. If you have any questions, or need any further contact info, you may contact me via email at: dodge3017@hotmail.com.

The next Minnesota Regional meeting is August 9th, Tony and I are both looking forward to it.

Best,

Ryan D.
Regional Committee Member Alternate

POLICY CHAIR—Open

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES—Dick

Dear Committee,
The picnic is set in motion, see fliers. I need the balance of the money for the picnic today. I am turning in a receipt for \$163.51

I hope to see you all at the picnic.

BANQUET—Barb K.

BANQUET REPORT JULY, 2008

Our preparations for the 2008 Banquet continue to happen. We are having regular meetings and our com. members are being responsible for different projects.

We have been selling tickets and are continuing our goals of not having too many people selling them. We have sold about 50 tickets, we have about 170 left. The price remains at \$20.00 a ticket until 9-01-08 when they will be \$25.00 a ticket. Our hopes are that we will sell out before 9-01-08. A reminder, no banquet tickets will be available after Sept. 14, so get your tickets early.

We have turned in \$680.00 to the ASC treasurer. We will continue to turn in money as we do not want to hold onto funds that can be used. Our only big expense remaining will be the caterer and she will be paid at the Banquet. We have a \$200.00 balance for the facility and of course, the DJ will be paid \$275.00 at the Banquet.

We are looking for more NA related items for our raffle. If you have something you would like to donate, you can contact Barb K. Or Tony J.

If you would like to be on the decorating com. or the cleanup crew, please leave your name with Barb K., Amber Lynn, or Marcus. We will be calling the volunteers when we are closer to the event.

We hope that the Twin Cities addicts will support us and join us in a wonderful night on Sept. 20.

Our next meeting will be July 27th at Barb K.'s house at 12:30 pm . You are

welcome to join us. Please get the address from Barb.

Hugs, Banquet Com.

HELPLINE—Brandon S.

Greetings all, the total number of calls to the Helpline were 329. All the slots are full. The recording was not updated this month due to there not being a new meeting list in June. I will update it this week (if need be) when I receive the new meeting list at the TCASC. I have been calling the folks on the Helpline to inquire if they would like to be removed or continue to serve on the Helpline. I am about halfway through the list.

thanks for allowing me to serve,

Brandon S.

BRANDON S.
H&I—JESSE S.

Twin Cities Area Service Committee

Hospitals & Institutions Sub-Committee

AGENDA – July 19, 2008 – 9:30 AM

Meeting Opens with Serenity Prayer at 9:30 AM – SHARP!

Items

1. Introductions – Sign up sheet
2. Welcome Newcomers to the Sub-committee
3. Pass out updated Metro H & I Lists; Minutes; Agenda
4. How many at this meeting are existing panel leaders? Panel Speakers?
5. How many are here to obtain an H & I panel leader commitment for yourself or your group? (Who, from where, when?)
6. How many are here to obtain an H & I speaking commitment? (Who, where, when?)
7. Is anyone here bringing information of a new H & I commitment? (What, when, who?)
8. Follow-up on any new H & I Commitments
9. Learning Day update – Jesse
10. Update on calling through existing panel leaders – Jude

Open Forum

Leave 10 minutes to discuss any items not listed here.

Twin Cities Area Service Committee

Hospitals & Institutions Sub-Committee

Minutes – June 21, 2008

Opened with Serenity Prayer at 9:50 AM

We had 6 people in attendance, and 1 newcomer was welcomed on Saturday, June 21, 2008.

Items

- There will be a possible H & I Learning Day – co-sponsored with the Area of Hope and South Suburban Fireside at some point in August. Jesse will reach out to Joe and Brent (Area of Hope and South Suburban Fireside H & I Chairs). Jesse will look into using the church on 1800 Glenwood in Minneapolis as a possible location.
- Jude will call through existing panel leaders and check in with them and make sure they know they can get free literature for their H & I commitments at the UMSO.
- Charles N is leading a H & I panel at the Mission Lodge Detox in Plymouth. Charles started this commitment and it occurs every Sunday from 2 to 3 PM.
- Charles and Jesse are looking into starting another H & I panel at the same facility on every Wednesday. More on this later
- Monte will update the existing H & I Meeting List for the TCASC and send out with the minutes.
- In addition, Monte will send out an abbreviated handbook to everyone. Those wishing for the complete handbook, just email Monte and he will get you one.
- The next sub-committee meeting will be held on July 19, 2008 at 9:30 AM Sharp.

TCASC H & I Sub-committee meets every 3rd Saturday of the Month
9:30 AM at the Sabathani Community Center – 310 East 38th Street in South Minneapolis.

LITERATURE—Open

OUTREACH—Pete V.

I am sorry for my somewhat poor attendance and lack of reports in recent months. I have been recovering from an accident and the following surgery. I am looking forward to getting back to outreach work and having a more detailed report in August.

PI—Dan

Report given, but not submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

Literature Chair Election: No volunteers/no nominations.

Policy Chair Election: No volunteers/no nominations.

Treasurer: Amina nominated and elected TCASC treasurer. Congratulations Amina.

Co-Treasurer: George H. is nominated, however he was not elected. Buddy K. is nominated, but declines. Position remains open.

OPEN FORUM

Recovering Ladies of the Lakes meeting on Saturdays at 10am, 28th and Lake Street, in Minneapolis is in need of support.

Steps... Traditions...and Concepts meeting on Fridays at 6pm, Calvary Church, in Minneapolis is in need of support.

Project resource pool forms went to all GSR's to take back to the Groups. This will help to complete project based service work.

Pig Roast was going on July 19th.

Outreach Chair, Pete V., has been absent for several Area meetings. A 2/3 vote to remove Pete from his position was accomplished. The position of Outreach Chair is open.

Meeting Makers meeting in Bloomington is in need of support.

NEW BUSINESS

Next month there will be an election for Co-Secretary, Co-treasurer, and Outreach Chair.

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

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