

MINUTES

Twin Cities Area Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous
November 15, 2008
Sabathani Community Center—3rd floor, Room J

OPENING

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 11:02 a.m. Readings were as follows:

- 12 Concepts — Tony M.
- 12 Traditions — Jason E.
- 12 Steps — Sesany J.

INTRODUCTIONS

Newcomers welcomed— 3 newcomers

GSRs present—25 Quorum (15) was met. [Avg. of last 3 months x .67]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for July, September, and October are not accepted due to not having a treasurer's report.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR— AMANDA H.

Read at November's TCASC:

Hi Amanda,

After speaking with an officer, what happened would be considered a gross misdemeanor; sex crime. If someone wished to file a report they could do so. I have contact information if someone wants it.

It is elevated because there were children present.

If churches had to have a Business License (they don't) they would send out a letter advising them of a first infraction.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to give me a call, 612-789-7541.

I hope this helps.

Hugs,

Lynn

CO-CHAIR—PAM S.

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

SECRETARY— Sesany F.

Family,

I am having problems with HORDE. Please send all officer and subcommittee reports to my personal email address s2fennie@yahoo.com.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,
Sesany J.

CO-SECRETARY— Amber Lynn

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

TREASURER— Amina W.

November 2008		Last Months	
Ending Balance			\$6,666.28
Ending Balance From Bank Statement		\$7,461.26	
Minus Total of Outstanding Checks + Fees + Early Deposits		\$794.98	
		\$6,666.28	
Equals the Reconciled Bank Balance		8	
Discrepancy Should equal Zero		\$0	
Beginning Balance (Always the Reconciled Bank Balance)		\$	6666.28
Proceeds			
Group Donation (from attendance Sheet)		\$638.65	
Other Proceeds Total (list name and amount individually)		\$0	
south suburban			
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Total Proceeds		\$ 638.65	
Subtotal (Beginning Balance Plus Total Proceeds)		\$	7304.93
Expenses (always checks written)	Check #	\$ Amount	
UMSO	3120	\$808.41	

Inner City Unity Convention 25% of MNNAC host proceeds.	3121	\$265.00
Total Expenses \$		1,073.41
Ending Balance (subtotal minus expenses) \$		6,231.52
Deposits	Date	\$ Amount
Checking Deposit Date and Amount	11/15/08	\$638.65
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Checking Deposit Date and Amount		
Total deposits (should equal total proceeds)		\$638.65

CO-TREASURER—Kevin W.

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

RCM—Ryan D.

His report is attached.

RCMA—Open

POLICY CHAIR—Tony M.

Twin Cities Area of Narcotics Anonymous

Policy Report

Saturday November 15, 2008

There was a Policy meeting held Thursday November 6. Two addicts were present, and a lively discussion was had, much caffeine consumed, and many details covered, including:

- Area Policy history
- Guidelines from World (A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous)
- Twelve Concepts for NA Service
- Immediate Needs
- Long Term Needs

As a result of the meeting, the following actions have been taken:

1. Review of past online-posted minutes has begun and is ongoing. Pending request to Secretary has been made to locate and post all past minutes (since 2003).
2. Requested information from the Secretary – wording of Motion 142 (Passed July 2007).
3. Motion presented today to address confusion regarding original Motion 155 (how the Public Information Chair should administer the Area's Meeting List).
4. Motion presented to correct 60 spelling, grammar and formatting errors in current Welcome Packet. No substantive changes are included.
5. Motion presented to correct 180 spelling, grammar and formatting errors in current By-Laws. No substantive changes are included.
6. Motion presented to add Regional Committee Member Alternate information to the Welcome Packet and By-Laws.
7. Raise issue at Executive Committee meeting regarding status of the Policy position. Is it a Committee, or is it an Officer?
8. Submission of updated Motion List Form to more closely reflect current practices and Assembly processes.

In 2006, Motion 128 was passed by the TCASC (creating duties and responsibilities for the Policy Chair). That language will be added to the Welcome Packet and By-Laws, separately from the aforementioned seven points, and submitted to the Executive Committee next month in time for Area.

Once all past minutes have been reviewed, additional applicable changes to the Welcome Packet and By-Laws will be offered to the Committee for consideration.

The next Policy meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at Tony's house: 3432 17th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407. Home Phone is 612-724-4712.

All addicts are encouraged and welcome to participate!

In Service,

Tony Maas
E-mail: anthony.j.maas@gmail.com

(Motion 155, updates, and edits please see attachments)

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES—Dick

Absent no report submitted.

BANQUET—Open

Report given, but not submitted.

HELPLINE—Brandon S.

Hello All, The total calls for October were 244. All days on recording are up to date. The 24 hour folks on the helpline are current, and all folks covering shifts for all 7 days are up to date. I spoke with Answer America (our answering service) and received their updated contact info. There is nothing else that needs to be done. With this all being said... this is my last report as your Helpline chairperson. This position is all set for the next addict to be of service. It has been my pleasure. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

go easy, Brandon S.

H&I—Jake V.

Report given, but not submitted.

LITERATURE—Erik M.

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

OUTREACH—Open

PI—Dan

Read at November's TCASC

Hi Dan,> > Thank you for presenting at MAMHRF's Eighteenth Annual Fall Conference last> month.> > We received very positive comments from attendees about the conference and> about your presentation. Nearly 90% of attendees rated the conference as> good to excellent overall. On a scale of 1 to 5, attendees gave your part> one of the Narcotics Anonymous session an average score of 3.5, and the> second part received an average score of 4.5. Our members also appreciated> having the booth available so that they could get information about your> organization even if they weren't able to stay until the end of the> conference. > > Once again, thank you for your role in making our conference a success.> Please contact me if you have any questions or feedback about the> conference.> > Laurie Pumper, CAE> MAMHRF Executive Director>

OLD BUSINESS

Helpline Election: Arrow nominated and elected. Congratulations Arrow!

Outreach Election: Jason nominated. He accepts and clean time is waved. Spence is then nominated and accepted nomination. Jason withdraws. Spence is not elected. Jason again accepts nomination and is elected Outreach Chair. Congratulations Jason!

Chair Election: Pam S. nominated and elected. Congratulations Pam!

Co-Chair Election: Sally V. is nominated and accepts nomination. Steve K. volunteers. Both speak to their willingness. Sally V. is elected Co-Chair. Congratulations Sally!

RCMA Election: Steve K. nominated and declined. Amanda nominated and declined. Csonya nominated. Requirements for position are waved. Csonya elected RCMA. Congratulations Csonya.

Budgets were due and were suppose to be turned in to the Treasurer.

OPEN FORUM

Buddy K.- When the TCASC has a large number of abstaining votes for a motion, are we able to pass motions (referring to Motion 156 to give ICUC 25% of the MNNAC profits)? How do we give money to an entity that does not provide the TCASC with financial documentation? *A lively discussion ensues.*

Sesany F.- Will there be a TCASC New Year's Eve function and if so where? Ed Z. responds that he is helping the Activity Chair, Dick, with trying to get the location that was used for last year's dance. Arrow states that maybe the current chair should be responsible for choosing a location for next year's dance since places book so quickly.

Steve K.- How is giving money to ICUC a violation of the 5th concept?

Tony J.- Do we need to revisit Motion 156 to cancel that decision? Motion 160 to reconsider Motion 156 is proposed. *Lots of questions and discussion ensues.*

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 155 to add wording to the bi-laws that removal of meeting from the meeting list would need to be decided by the TCASC is tabled to next month.

Motion 157 to modify Welcome Packet to correct errors and bring the documentation up to date was moved to next month's new business.

Motion 158 to modify TCASC by-laws with the objective being to correct errors in the current document while making no substantive changes to process or procedure, was moved to next month's new business.

Motion 159 to add language to the by-laws and welcome packet incorporating RCMA requirements and duties, was moved to next month's new business.

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