

## MINUTES

Twin Cities Area Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous  
October 25, 2008  
Sabathani Community Center—3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Room D1 and 2

### OPENING

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

- 12 Concepts — Erik M.
- 12 Traditions — Dan
- 12 Steps — Jason

### INTRODUCTIONS

Newcomers welcomed— 12 newcomers

GSRs present—26 Quorum (13) was met. [Avg. of last 3 months x .67]

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Financial report for July is empty. Report needs revision. Secretary has not yet received report electronically. August minutes accepted. September minutes are not accepted to not receiving committee reports.

### OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR— AMANDA H.

*Report given, but not submitted.*

CO-CHAIR—PAM S.

Hello Family,

I am sorry that I am not able to attend area today. I had a prior engagement this weekend made months ago out of town.

As well as you may all know the Chair position is up this month. I would really like the opportunity to tell you my willingness to upgrade to the Chair position and I will next month if that is decided through God's will.

Again, I apologize for not being of service today.

Thanks for letting me be of service.

Pam S.

SECRETARY— Sesany F.

Family,

Because of complication with HORDE, I am requesting that all reports are sent to my personal email address: [s2fennie@yahoo.com](mailto:s2fennie@yahoo.com).

Thanks for allowing me to be of service.



<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$</b> 594.98
<b>Ending Balance (subtotal minus expenses)</b>		<b>\$</b> 6,666.28
<b>Deposits</b>		<b>Date</b> <b>\$ Amount</b>
Checking Deposit	Date and Amount	10/24/08      \$190.00
Checking Deposit	Date and Amount	10/25/08      \$572.55
Checking Deposit	Date and Amount	10/25/08      \$460.00
<b>Total deposits (should equal total proceeds)</b>		<b>\$</b> 1,222.55

CO-TREASURER—Kevin W.

Report given, but not submitted.

RCM—Open

Tony J. steps down as the Regional Committee Member due to conflict with work schedule.

RCMA—Ryan D.

RCMA report sent last month (separate from minutes due to how large the documents are)

POLICY CHAIR—Tony M.

**Policy Committee Report to the Twin Cities Area Service Committee (TCASC) of N.A.**

October 25, 2008

Greetings and Salutations!

I'm glad to be here at the TCASC, grateful to be clean today, and I'm looking forward to the work ahead!

Since the last Area Service Committee (ASC) meeting, I was asked, and assisted with edits and suggestions to Motion 155, and also participated in a meeting of the Executive Committee, agreeing to work on an Ad-Hoc Committee for possible Speaker Guidelines.

At the last ASC, I discovered soft (electronic) copies of the Welcome Packet, including the most current ASC By-Laws were not available. I have since been working at creating a soft copy of the Packet, and will submit it

to the Secretary and Co-Chair when completed. It's my hope that a reference copy will be made available online (while continuing to offer hard copies at every ASC).

While creating the soft copy of the Welcome Packet, many issues were noted, including (but not limited to): incorrect spelling & grammar, incorrect literature quotations, missing and/or unclear language, duplicated duties and formatting issues. These have occurred for many reasons, including making copies of copies of copies of copies of copies of copies of copies, etc....

On a separate note, I've notified the Secretary that several previous monthly minutes haven't been posted to the TCASC Website (going back to 2003), asking that all approved minutes from prior ASC meetings be posted.

In order to update the Welcome Packet, and also to update the ASC By-Laws to include changes since they were last updated (October 2003?), I'm inviting any and all interested addicts to participate and provide input into the work of this Committee. The Committee's aim will be to review what came before, what we have in front of us now, and bring to this body those items needing attention so the Packet and By-Laws are accurate and up-to-date.

The initial meeting of the Policy Committee will occur the first Thursday of next month (November 6, 2008), from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (approximate ending time, depending on the agenda) at my home (3432 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis MN 55407). Feel free to call for directions.

Further meetings may be held at different locations or on a different days and/or times, depending on need.

Please contact me with any questions, concerns, comments, etc.

In Service,

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## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

ACTIVITIES—Dick

*Absent no report submitted.*

BANQUET—Barb K.

Report given, but not submitted.

HELPLINE—Brandon S.

Helpline Report:

I submitted my report last month, but was not received by TCASC secretary. I will resend last months report to her personal email. I will also submit the report today in writing.

After reviewing the area meeting list, Wednesday and Thursdays recordings are current and I will update the recordings for the other days ASAP.

Calls to the Helpline for the month of September were 283.

My term as your Area Helpline Chair person will end next month (November). It has been my pleasure to serve the Fellowship in this capacity. I will do my best to have all the responsibilities of my position in order to pass on to the next person taking over opportunity.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

Brandon S.

H&I—JESSE S.

Report given, but not submitted.

LITERATURE—Erik M.

Report given, but not submitted.

OUTREACH—Open

PI—Dan

DAN MC

TC AREA PI REPORT

Friday, October 24, 2008

The MAMHRF (mental health convention) that I went to

Was a successful endeavor for us and we should plan to do that again next year.

I learned much a will pass all that along to the next PI when that time comes.

The main issue we have now is the meeting list is way over due to be completely

Re-done. The font can no longer be made uniformly throughout the pages.

So our committee would like input for this redo of the area meeting list.

This needs to be done! The list is unmanageable and we are powerless to correct it.

Your servant

Dan m

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Hospitals & Institutions Election: Jake V. nominated. Jake accepted nomination and it voted in as the TCASC H & I chair. Congratulations Jake!

Outreach Election: One nomination. Member declined. Outreach remains open.

RCM: Ryan D. is nominated and elected. Congratulations Ryan!

RCMA position is open, please take to the groups.

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 156 to give 25% of the MNNAC profits to ICUC, passed.

## **OPEN FORUM**

Dan (PI chair) states that there are issues with updating the meeting list. Meetings are dropping off of the list and he is unable to put them back. Ryan D. will help him resolve this issue.

TCASC secretary (Sesany F.) is having problems with HORDE. She will contact Rick L about the problems.

Irwin T. expressed his concerns about requirements for positions being waved.

Buddy K. raffled off a *Miracles Happens* book.

A banquet discussion consisting of questions, answers, and concern followed. A letter from Ed. Z is read:

10/08/08

Dear N.A. Family,

In light of my recent contribution to the TCA Banquet.

Let me first offer, we are not “professionals” at the podium. We are not paid performers there to entertain, nor are we there to be

reviewed.

I absolutely accept and understand what my effort generated and the scrutiny which has followed. If you are available to discover a message of recovery, I am content one was offered. If you are in search of a distraction to pick apart or criticize you are sure to find one.

If this event inspires anything useful, I hope it might serve everyone to expand their margins around our third tradition.

I embrace our symbol in its offering of the assertion "The outer circle denotes a universal and total program that has room within it for all manifestations of the recovering person." Emphasis on "all".

May we all agree on expressing gratitude for a "Power greater than ourselves" inspiring a program where we don't need to line up in someone else's cookie cutter to fit.

Please believe my sharing was a sincere expression of desire, to carry a message of recovery the NA way.

I was just being me in all its imperfection.

I recognize my sharing challenged some people's standards and practices.

I sincerely and humbly acknowledge any distress or disappointment it has caused.

I am determined to be a part of...

I'm gonna "keep coming back".

"We are as individual as any fingerprint

while all a part of the same helping hand". 07/14/08' "z"

peace and love,

ed z.

The TCASC met for an extra 15 minutes, therefore adjourned at 2:15pm.

Thank you for allowing me to of service,

Sesany F.

Secretary

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