

MINUTES

Twin Cities Area Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous
December 19th, 2009
Sabathani Community Center – 3rd floor, Room J

Opened meeting with Serenity Prayer

12 concepts - Tom
12 traditions - Donnie
12 steps - Dan

INTRODUCTIONS

GSRs present – 22 Quorum (17) was met. [Avg. of last 3 months x .67]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November minutes approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR – Sally V.
(Absent)

CO-CHAIR – Jason E.

December Co-Chair Report

Discussing / working on:

A. Activities: Been assisting with ticket sales for New Year's Eve event

B. Literature: Nothing new to report.

C. Outreach: January Meeting of the Month
Riverside NA
Thursdays @ 6:30
4101 37th Ave. S.
Mpls., Mn. 55406

This meeting is in need of general support.

D. Policy: Nothing new to report.

I would like to offer my assistance and support to all committees.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,
Jason E. jae.devildog@gmail.com

SECRETARY – Charlie M.

Add your name and email to the list if you want to receive copies of the minutes. Thanks for letting me be of service.

CO-SECRETARY – Margret B.
(Absent)

TREASURER – Donna P.
(Absent)

Dave Hoyt Co-Treasurer, filling in for Treasurer (Donna) who was not able to attend the meeting.

* Donations

I received \$372.56 in donations from area GSRs, and \$200 from South Suburban Fireside with a request that it go to the helpline. As I understand it, we aren't allowed to earmark donations, so this will likely require some future action if we are to follow through with this intent.

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet "TCASC_donations.xls" sheet 2 for a breakdown by group.

* Budget Report

I presented the budget report as it was given to me, to wit: on paper. An electronic copy of this document should already be attached to the general TCASC minutes.

Of note, our budgeted expenses are larger than our actual income. The question was raised of why, if this is so, do we still have money in the bank. The answer was given that actual expenses were significantly less than budgeted (details in the attached budget report).

End of report

RCM – Ryan D.
(Absent)

RCMA - Csonya
RCM Report

Old Business:

World Service Conference 65,000 addicts attended Barcelona in April

Public Library Basic Text donations project (to supply libraries w/ literature) TBD

Jenny (Regional Secretary) w/ project plan at the next meeting:

Discussion on how to proceed: Special permission needed from facilities to place books on shelves, also brainstorm on who would be responsible, etc...

GSR's must bring back to groups for ideas, suggestions and feedback

Who does this benefit?

Families, low income individuals, men/women exiting prison

ER Project: Assigned through Fellowship Services Team

In need of members (GSR's to report)

Website redesign:

New URL:

www.naminnnesota.net

Implement new design, more efficient mtg. searches, text message sign up for NA events, check stock for libraries/ER facilities (Fellowship Services Team)

CD Rom business cards:

Accessibility to NA information for professionals to better serve clients w/ Q&A

More efficient than business cards that may be lost, or having to run risk of being unable to reach someone with questions

Met Quorum

Motions

Motion 266: Approval of minutes - approved

Motion 267

: Approval in principle of NAWS donation - Donate \$2,500 to NAWS in an effort to contribute to carrying the message (supporting 7th Tradition) - passed

Last year \$20,000 was donated, which is considerably higher as there has been more funds needed and used this year than last year

Motion 268

: Limit elected officers to serving two consecutive terms in any one position (this does not include Fellowship Services Team) - passed

Motion 269

: Approval of Service Mentorship Project Plan - passed

Pool of available mentors whom are familiar with area/regional service to "sponsor" or mentor any addict interested and unfamiliar w/ service at an area/regional level, mentee would then be asked to fill out evaluation critiquing the helpfulness of mentor/mentee relationship

Presentation will be held at GSR Assembly 3/27 (addicts to sign up on that date)

Motion 270

: To approve the 2010 GSR Assembly Project Plan (\$1,360) - passed

Last budget was around \$750, almost double due to the three C.A.R. reviews at \$160 per review (\$480)

Motion 271

: To approve the Living Clean Project Idea - Collective voice of recovering addicts (more info at www.na.org) - passed

Discussion board on website link

Nominations

1 B.O.D. Representative (MNNAC) - No nomination/volunteer

1 B.O.D. Representative (UMSO) - No nomination/volunteer

Fellowship Services Team - No nomination/volunteer

IN NEED OF SERVICE!!!!

Open Forum

South Suburban Fireside made donation to helpline (Rick)

Reciel (RCM) of "We Are Here" area is considering donation as this area has access to helpline and would like to contribute

Re-visiting insurance which covers all groups, committees (sub), dances, camping, functions, ice fishing snow tubing, etc...

FYI: some churches and facilities will not allow mtgs. And dances w/out insurance

Short by two groups last we visited topic therefore unable to obtain insurance

So long as event/function is on regional calendar it will be covered

Approximately \$3,000 per year/per area (50 cents per addict/per year)

Fellowship Services Team will have quote ready by next region in Feb.

GSR's - BRING BACK TO YOUR GROUP!!!

Thank you,

Csonya Jackmon

POLICY – OPEN

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES – Edward

(Arrived late)

Report given by Faleshia P.

Activities Report

December 2009

Tickets have been printed and are available for sale

\$10 in advance, \$12 at the door...see Jason (Area Co-Chair), Edward A, Sally (Area Chair) or Deb T. to purchase...last day to purchase advance tickets is Saturday December 26th

This event has been put on the calendar and is viewable at naminnesota.org

"Simplicity Is The Key, Diversity Is Our Strength" New Years Eve Dance will be held at Mt Olive Lutheran Church (Basement) 3045 Chicago Ave S Minneapolis, MN

Doors open @ 7pm, Speaker @ 8pm w/ dance to follow

Food and beverages will be sold...Taco Bar

DJ & Photographer have been selected...photos will be available for an additional \$5 whether group or person

Decorations will be selected within the final week of the dance

Thanks for allowing me to be of service!

BANQUET – Faleshia P.
(See Attached)

HELPLINE- Kimtynia
Report given, none submitted.

H&I – Mike B.

December 2009 Hospitals and Institutions Report

We are currently in the process of setting up several new panels, hopefully to be started in January. Two facilities that should have panels in there by the end of January are Fairview Riverside and Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center. The Fairview Riverside meeting will take place on the 4th (and possibly 5th) Wednesday of the month and the AMRTC meeting is still in the process of scheduling. Mission Lodge and the Anthony Louise Center (in Blaine) are ready for H & I meetings as soon as possible. We have had some good member interest and support, but as we continue to reach out to more facilities we will need more addict power to fill these positions. I have faith that members in the Twin Cities area will continue to step up to the plate and answer the call to H & I (and other) service. Please announce our subcommittee meeting at your home groups (Sabathani Community Center, 1st Thursday, 7pm).

It was mentioned at area that there is a regional project taking place to put literature into treatment centers and other facilities across Minnesota. In the past, apparently a large part of what H&I has done with its budget has been to make literature available to facilities and the NA members who are bringing their own meetings into those facilities. Hopefully we will be able to figure out ways to streamline the distribution of literature so as to be most efficient and responsible with NA funds. I am open to any suggestions about this topic.

As for compiling a complete list of all current H & I meetings in the Twin Cities area, there has been little response from existing meetings to confirm the times and locations of their meetings. Please forward any information that is available to metrohandi@gmail.com as the compilation of this list is required by the area's policy. Thanks.

Again, please Join us at our subcommittee meeting! This month we are really trying to fill up these new panel positions. Also, we are beginning planning for our learning day, considering our 2010 budget request and plotting ways to increase local member interest in Hospitals and Institutions.

Thanks for letting me serve,

Mike B.

LITERATURE – Open.

OUTREACH – OPEN

Public Relations – Kit Egan
(Absent)

Public Relations Committee Report
2009

December 19,

Regrettably, I won't be able to attend the December ASC.

Completed

- ✓ The January meeting list has been uploaded to the Region's website, www.naminnesota.org

- ✓ Anyone wishing to have the meeting list emailed to her or him each month need only send me the email address. Send it to kitegan@msn.com
- ✓ Eric M. and I tabled at the December Minneapolis Project Homeless Connect, talking to 50 addicts, some of those seeking meeting lists have less than a week clean, grateful for a chance to talk to us.
- ✓ Refilled information holders with packets at Abbott Northwestern's ER.
- ✓ Refilled information holders with packets at Fairview University's ER.

Pending

- ✓ Nothing at this time.

Future

- ✓ Please email me at kitegan@msn.com if you can help with PR activities. I'll add you to my list.

Thanks for letting me serve,

Kit Egan

OLD BUSINESS

Literature – Shaun P. is elected! Congratulations Shaun!!

Policy – Open.

Outreach-Open.

Helpline – Kimtynia is re-elected! Congratulations Kimtynia!!

OPEN FORUM

-To be fiscally responsible with our budget

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 184- Budget for TCASC 2010

Motion 185 – To remove from the table, Motion 181 to have an area inventory. Passed

Motion 181 – To have an Area Inventory on January 16th is passed.

Closed Meeting with the gratitude statement.