

MINUTES

Twin Cities Area Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous
January 17, 2009
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 — Terry S.
- 12 Traditions — Jason E.
- 12 Steps — Jake

INTRODUCTIONS

Newcomers welcomed— 4 newcomers

GSRs present—21 Quorum (16) was met. [Avg. of last 3 months x .67]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of the December minutes was tabled for next month because of the large RCM report. There is suppose to be a hard copy of the minutes at the next TCASC.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR— Pam S.

Pam S. allows Jeff S. to make an amends to the TCASC.

CO-CHAIR—Sally V.

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

SECRETARY— Sesany J.

Family,

My time is up as the TCASC secretary. I appreciate everything I have learned. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Sincerely,
Sesany J.

CO-SECRETARY— Charlie M.

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

TREASURER—Amina W.

Report given but not submitted.

CO-TREASURER— Donna P.

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

RCM—Ryan D.

Report given but not submitted.

RCMA—Csonya

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

POLICY CHAIR—Tony M.

Twin Cities Area of Narcotics Anonymous

Policy Report

Saturday January 17, 2009

There was a Policy meeting held Thursday January 8, 2009, with one addict in attendance. Keeping with the philosophy that an addict alone is not necessarily in the best company, no decisions were made. However, updates were completed to the Welcome Packet and By-Laws. New & improved copies of both have been sent to Sally, our esteemed Co-Chair, and should be available to you today.

The following points are being brought forward for consideration - some during the Executive Committee, some at Open Forum and some at upcoming Policy meetings:

- Under “Simplified Parliamentary Procedure, it states, “except by ballot” when discussing when the Presiding Officer can vote. Clarification is needed on this point.
- Under responsibilities of the Co-Chair, it states, “<during the> second half of the meeting where the Sub-Committee Chairs give their reports., when our usual process is to have Sub-Committee reports are given in the first half of the TSASC.
- When the By-Laws state that an Officer (Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Co-Secretary, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, Regional Committee Member, Regional Committee Member Alternate and Policy) may not hold any other position at the Area level, does that include GSR? (Article 7, Section 3). This needs to be viewed in conjunction with Article 6 Section 3.
- When the By-Laws state that any participant of the Area can forward a motion, does that mean any member can make a motion? (Article 6 Section 4)
- When the By-Laws state that a 2/3 vote of the Quorum is needed (Article 6 Section 6, Article 7 Section 7 and Article 9 Section 5), what does that mean? (Strict Quorum as defined in Article 4 Section 4), or voting members in attendance at the time of the vote?
- Within the By-Laws, one of the duties of the Secretary is to notify delegates of their appointment. (Article 10 Section 7). What is a delegate?
- Addition of materials generated as a result of a previous TCASC Audit (brought up at Executive Committee this morning).

The next Policy meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at Tony's house: 3432 17th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407. Home Phone is 612-724-4712. All addicts are welcome to attend.

In Service,

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

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES—Dick

Report given, but not submitted.

BANQUET—AmberLynn

Banquet Report 1/09

There is not much to report at this time. The first meeting was scheduled on January 10, however, no one showed.

I have been looking online at potential venues and trying to get some price quotes.

I will have a budget prepared next month.

The next committee meeting will be held on Saturday, February 7 at 1pm. The location is:

Centennial Lakes Office Park.

7650 Edinborough Way, Suite 700

Edina, MN 55435

Directions provided upon request.

I would like to get the ball rolling, so if you are interested in being a part of this committee, please come out.

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Amber Lynn

TCANA Banquet Chair

612-270-3289

HELPLINE—Open

H&I—Jake V.

From the desk of Jake V. TCA H&I Chair

Welcome to the bitter cold everyone, I am sure that times being as they are, you all are looking forward to carrying the message to addicts in 90 degree stuffy rooms!

Okay maybe not so much but you definitely should know that you are valued as trusted servants to this cause. We are here to be of service to you. If you need something, ask. Simple as that. My process as H&I chair has been interesting to say the least. I understand that you all are very busy, but I did not get the response I was hoping for when I sent out the survey about Basic texts. I had heard from a number of people that it was a great idea to use the rest of the budget to buy up the texts, but in the end, they were bought and only 9 texts have left the service office where they were kept with the rest of your supplies. In the end the idea and motive was good, but the need must not have been there. Not to mention the fiasco of incorrect figures given to me at the start of my position. I was of the understanding that we had 1600 dollars left in the budget and 32 current meetings being carried. It was a little further from that. The massive text purchase actually put us 800 dollars over budget and we really only have about 18 meetings in the twin cities area. So, the end result is that the RITH area was in the process of purchasing 2 cases of basic texts from the service office and the need just isn't there. So in an effort to appease the penny pushers, and other areas, we are liquidating our stock of 5th edition hardbacks. Also, new to the table is Justin. He served as H&I chair before and is a wonderful asset to the sub-committee. We are discussing an H&I website with an interactive calendar for Panel Leaders and Speakers alike. Also an Update of the H&I pool is definitely in order. Possibly something that would be shared with area of hope. I river doesn't stop our traffic, nor our meeting attendance. I see no reason for dis-unity between the areas. And trusted servants is an asset that everyone needs access to. So for this month I thank you all for reading and being of service, our updates and minutes will be coming out every month.

Gratefully,

Jake V.

651-285-7797

Subcommittee Positions

- Justin P. made Co-Chairperson

Subcommittee Organization

- Justin and Jake decided on a weekly phone meeting on Tuesdays at 8:00 PM

Ongoing Projects

- Compile List of H&I "People"
 - Panel Leaders
 - Panel Members
 - People Willing to be on a Panel
 - People on the Subcommittee
- Distribute the Basic Texts

Goals for the Next Subcommittee Meeting

- Learning Day
 - Get a Location
 - Decide on a Date
- Write an Agenda for the next Subcommittee Meeting
 - Prepare tasks to assign that could be assigned to multiple people if some more people show up (scalable)
 - Allow for some change in what we discuss (adaptable)
- Distribute these Minutes to the H&I email list
- Write up report for the area

New Open Commitments

- Mission Lodge
 - Saturdays 2:00-3:00 PM

Closed Commitments

- Women's Correctional Facility VOA
 - Thursday 6:00-7:00 PM Women Only

Literature

- It was decided to sell two cases of basic texts to RITH Area
- It was decided to try and sell two cases of basic texts back to the UMSO. If they won't buy them back then we'll sell two cases to the Region.

LITERATURE—Erik M.

Hello Family,

I have been contacted by NA World and will be a part of the review and input for "In times of Illness" when it becomes available. They are thinking it will be ready on March 1,2009.

There will be a Literature meeting on January 24th, 2009 at noon, all are welcome to attend. We will be writing pieces of literature for NA's new book, "living clean-the journey continues" I f you would like to attend or would just like more information please call or email me at: 952-239-2507 or moore-erik@hotmail.com

In loving service,
Erik M. TCA Literature Chair

OUTREACH—Jason

Report given, but not submitted.

PI—Dan

Report given, but not submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

Helpline Election: Doug M. volunteered and is elected Helpline Chair. Congrats Doug!

Secretary Election: Charlie volunteered and is elected TCASC Secretary. Congrats Charlie!

Co-Secretary Election: Co-secretary position remains open.

OPEN FORUM

MNNAC XVI announcement.

NA volleyball announcement.

Some members want to receive the minutes via residential mail.

Speaker Jam announcement.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 160 to give \$139.05 to PI Chair was ruled out of order.

Motion 161 to budget \$2080 per year to SAVING OUR LIVES NA to get an interpreter for the hearing impaired was moved to old business for next month.

Motion 162 to remove GET HONEST AND GROW from the meeting list passed.

Motion 163 to put ICUC on the agenda and provide a conduit between both bodies passed.

Motion 164 the budget for 2009 was tabled to next month. Many questions and much discussion ensued.

Motion 165 to reimburse Erik for Literature Chair reimbursement was moved to next month.

Thank you for allowing me to of service,

Sesany J.

Secretary

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