

MINUTES

Twin Cities Area Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous
November 21st, 2009
Sabathani Community Center – 3rd floor, Room J

Opened meeting with Serenity Prayer

12 concepts - Dan
12 traditions - Tony
12 steps - Dan

INTRODUCTIONS

GSRs present – 13 Quorum (20) was met. [Avg. of last 3 months x .67]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October minutes approved.

DISTRIBUTE CORESPONDENCE

NAWS

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR – Sally V.
Nothing to Report. Thank you for letting me be of service.

CO-CHAIR – Jason E.
November TCA Co-Chair Report

Working on / Discussing:

- A: I would like guidance in producing and budgeting TCA Newcomer Packets.
- B: Looking for help on reviewing and possibly updating TCA Newcomer Packets.
- C: Working with Activities Chair & Committee on New Year's Eve Event.
All Committee Chairs that need support/help please feel free to contact me.
- D: Vacant Committee Chairs

Policy: Nothing to report at this time. (Great thanks to Tony M.)

Literature: Checked with NA World Services and The NA Way magazine.
At this time, no new projects in the works.

Outreach: December Meeting of the Month
North Suburban NA
Thursdays @ 7:30
Mercy Hospital
4050 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, Mn. 55433
This meeting is in need of experienced & general support

Please help me by actively announcing these vacant committee positions at your meetings.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,
Jason E. tcasc.info@naminnesota.org

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.

Report given, none submitted.

TREASURER – Donna P.
Report given, none submitted.

CO-TREASURER – Dave
(absent)

RCM – Ryan D.
(absent)

RCMA - Csonya
(Arrived late)

POLICY – OPEN

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES – Edward
Report given, none submitted.

BANQUET – OPEN

HELPLINE- Kimtynia
There was a total of 244 that came through the help-line, hopefully everthing else was taking care of....
Totally grateful for the oppportunity to be of service..

H&I – Mike B.
November 2009 H & I Report Report
Hello all!

1. We are currently working on updating the H&I meeting lists. We need help! The area guidelines direct the H&I subcommittee to keep a current meeting list of all Hospitals and Institutions meetings going into facilities in the area. The list that currently exists is woefully incomplete and outdated. Anyone that has any information about H&I meetings taking place in the area, please contact the subcommittee.
2. The H&I subcommittee is working on literature distribution.
 - a. A great way to be of help to the H&I meetings that are already taking place is by making literature available to them to bring into the facilities.
 - b. In the past a reasonably efficient process was in place to distribute literature was in place. Unfortunately, literature has not been available to H&I panel leaders in the recent past.
 - c. We are trying / waiting to confirm what the H&I budget is. There is definitely allotted, but unaccessed money for H&I in this year's budget. With all of the hubbub / hoopla that has been going on concerning the 2009 budget, last month's area did not seem like an appropriate time to inquire about the funds. We expect that the 2010 budget will reflect the importance of carrying the message to addicts who are unable to get out to meetings on their own.
3. New monthly meeting time – 1st Thursday 7pm – in this building (Sabathani) – meeting room not decided and room reservation *not confirmed*. We are waiting for confirmation from the UMSO
4. Short term goal – set up one new panel meeting.
 - a. We are in the process of identifying treatment centers / correctional facilities in the Twin Cities that currently do not have H&I panels coming to them, who would be willing to have a meeting brought into their facility.
 - b. We are working to increase awareness, enthusiasm and participation by NA members in the area and looking for addicts that are willing to sit on a new panel.
5. Open to any suggestions.
 - a. Would like to build our subcommittee.

Thanks everybody!

In Humble Service,

Mike B.

Twin Cities H&I subcommittee chair
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LITERATURE – Open.

OUTREACH – OPEN

Public Relations – Kit Egan

Public Relations Committee Report
2009

November 21,

- ✓ Thursday, November 19 held a TCASC Public Relations committee meeting at my place.
- ✓ Date for the next PR committee meeting at my home is **Thursday, December 17 at 6 PM.** Please join us. Please RSVP to let me know how many will be with us for dinner. 612.377.9023

Completed

- ✓ Attended the M.A.R.R.C.H. conference, in conjunction with the Region. We had 141 Chem/Dep counselors sign up to have our meeting lists distributed to them electronically each month bringing our total to well over 200.
- ✓ We had a call from a Chem/Dep counselor who now gets the meeting lists electronically asking if we have any GLBT meetings to offer his clients. Happily we have several.
- ✓ Per instructions from the Area Conference no meeting lists were distributed on paper this month.
- ✓ The meeting list has been uploaded to the Region's website, www.naminnnesota.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
- ✓ On Wednesday, November 18, I collaborated with Jesse, a Spanish speaker from the Area of Hope to do a tabling at the Waite House pre-Thanksgiving dinner. 400 free meals were served. Many people stopped by the NA table for information and meeting lists
- ✓ With Rick's help the GSR Newcomer's packet can now be found at the TCASC webpage. Please spread the word to any new GSRs for your group. The address is: <http://www.twincitiesna.org/>
- ✓ In response to a request for an interview, Csonya and I met with the reporter for the Hmong Times. There is concern of gang activity among the community. The article can be viewed online here: <http://www.hmongtimes.com/main.asp?SectionID=31&SubSectionID=190&ArticleID=2151&TM=64655.12> Check it out.
- ✓ Helpline Caller ID is no longer **Answer America**. It's now some Investment firm. Good to know if someone is on the Helpline committee but unwilling to accept calls from unknown callers.

Pending

- ✓ Nothing at this time.

Future

- ✓ The next Project Homeless Connect will be held in Minneapolis at the Convention Center on Tuesday, December 7. Eric B has volunteered for the day.
- ✓ 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 – Open.

Policy – Open.

Outreach-Open.

Banquet- Faleshia is elected! Congratulations to Faleshia!

Motion 181-To perform an Area Inventory. Tabled

Motion 182-Reduce the budget for the Unity Picnic. Failed

Motion 183-Give \$500 to Activities Committee for New Years Eve Dance. Passed.

OPEN FORUM

-GSR reports for the TCASC meetings.

-Questions about Budget for Activities and Banquet

-Printing Meeting lists.

-What is quorum?

-Caller ID with the Helpline.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 183- By Sunday Morning NA-Cyrstal A. to give \$500 to the Activities Committee for the New Years Eve Party. Moved to old business. Passed

Closed Meeting with the gratitude statement.