

Badgerland Area Service Committee
Narcotics Anonymous Meeting Minuets
February 13, 2011

Meeting started at 12 pm
Service prayer
Concept 2
Quorum – 10
Old Business – no old business
Open Forum
- Audit Results

Those in attendance Chuck, Sandie, John C, and Pat K. We followed policy which has a detail description of how to perform our audit. We chose three months at random. MARCH 2010/ Literature sales: \$614.59 came into our treasurer and only \$586.19 was accounted for in the lit. report which gave us an extra \$28.40? Everything else checked out good. Outreach: Exceeded budget by \$57.24. They were given two months worth of budget in one month both March and April. For some reason they received \$257.24 which is over the 100 per month budgeted. In addition to that we could only find \$150.42 in receipts for a total of \$106.82 unaccounted for. RCM: No receipts to verify the \$216.74 check that was written out. (Check # 2488) MAY 2010/ Literature sales: \$536.55 was given to the treasurer but only \$499.80 was reported. There is a discrepancy over \$35.75. Outreach: We received receipts for \$241.60 and there was \$151.19 given in advance and then later the discrepancy over of \$90.41 was paid and seen and an overspending of the budget. Activities: Reported that there was a deposit of \$213.65 per their monthly report but the treasurer only reported an actual deposit of \$199.30, with \$14.35 missing. JULY 2010/ Literature: There was no report received for literature sales for this month. Outreach: Check # 2501 was written out for \$97.96, but there were no receipts submitted to account for the purchases and/or monies spent. RCM: No receipts were submitted to show expenses for the Rockford regional meeting. A check was given to the chair in the amount of \$180.00, being the rooms were \$90.00 a night.

- Financial report form, will be added as a part of the minuets every month

GSR REPORTS

Breakfast Club – Lit order \$48.25, area donation \$39.25, 15-20 in attendance. No issues, meeting going strong, good regular attendance.

Peace of Mind – No lit order, no donation. We have a steady attendance of 7 to 8 people. Our monthly high was 10 and a low of 5. We had 5 addicts show up for the meeting that was held during the super bowl. The church had a chili cook-off for the super bowl and invited us in for free chow. We can see some more future growth. We worked with the downtown groups to start a new meeting. Our business meeting is held on the same Sunday as area. Bonnie G. is the moderator for this group and John H. is the backup.

Traditions – Lit order \$105, area donation \$40, prudent reserve \$88. Attendance has been good over the past 90 days. Attendance at Traditions has been strong. Largest group 34 members, smallest group 10 members, average group 15-20 members. Much literature out of stock, thus larger carryover for purchase of needed items at March area meeting.

By Young Addicts For Young Addicts – Lit order \$5, no area donation, 10-12 in attendance.

Stoughton (Mon) – no report

Westside Hope – no report

Why Not Monday/Why Not Wednesday – no report

Janesville Willingness – No lit order, no donation. (Monday night 7pm) We have good attendance. Our high attendance for the month was 20 our low was 12 averaging at about 16. This meeting is supposed to be a discussion every other week with a basic text read on the alternate weeks. First step and relapse always take precedent over discussion/basic text study. The attendance is steady at this time. (Wednesday night 7 30pm) For a new meeting we have a good showing at the meeting. It is an open meeting that goes from 7 30 to 8 30. It is based on the book It Works How and Why. The moderators for this meeting are Byron M. and Mike S. Its low attendance is 7 to a high of 20, averaging about 12. The meeting has a great group of core people. (Thursday night 7pm) We have good attendance at this meeting. Our high attendance for the month was 32. The average in this meeting is 27. Attendance changes depending on when the rehabs send their people. The local rehab is sending their people to this meeting at times. (Friday noon) Our top attendance this month was 11. The average is 6 to 7. Attendance is low at this time but the subject content of this meeting is very good. We printed local flyers on this meeting and attendance went up. The next business meeting subject is to discuss a local event once area puts out the calendar for the year so there are no conflicts.

Let It Out – I hoped to meet David out GSR here but he was not here. Hence some of our collection did not get put together with what I have on hand. We are donating \$42.76 today. Keeping \$50.00 in hand to pay the Multi Cultural Center Monday for the months rent. Remaining monies can be used for future literature purchases.

Women In Recovery – no report

Back To Life – no report

Life on Life's Terms – No lit order, no donation. This meeting has experienced smaller attendance this past month. Groups have been running 3-5 people. This month we have sufficient literature and our rent is paid.

Hope Haven – Lit order \$9.25, area donation \$20. This month we are happy to report that the meeting is doing well. We've had an average of 25-30 people in attendance. The seats still need people with quality clean time in them! Please take that back to your groups! Having the meeting go a full hour and a half has shown definite positive results. Special thanks to Tim S. (literature chair) for seeing us through on keytags last month.

Surrender at Recovery Ridge – Lit order \$75, no donation. We have had 25-30 people in attendance, with a lot of newcomers. No issues at this time, looking for trusted servants.

It Can Happen – Lit order \$57.75, area donation \$44.32, \$20 was paid to Immanuel Lutheran Church for rent. \$10 was paid to Wil Mar for use of a room as an alternate meeting space. Meeting attendance is strong but sporadic. Typical attendance can range from 10-40. No issues presently exist that need to be brought to the attention of area.

Show Up to Grow Up – Lit order \$25, area donation \$11.33, 10 in attendance. Needs support. We do have a treasurer, GSR, GSRA. Prudent reserve of \$10, we may have to move.

Experience, Strength, and Hope – Lit order \$31.50, area donation \$20, 25-30 people in attendance. Meeting going well, rent has been paid for Feb.

Grateful in Green County – Lit order \$12, no donation, 1-2 attend meeting.

When at the End of the Road – no report

Here's How – No lit order, no donation, 20-35 people in attendance. We will pay rent next Saturday. On March 12th there will be a clean time celebration after the Saturday night meeting. The celebration is called 'Mission Possible', it will be held at the Wil-Mar center from 9pm-12am. There will be a dance, potluck, and fun to be had by all. Flyers are being made.

Evansville Saturday Night – Lit order \$44.25, area donation \$30, average of 4 people per meeting. Evansville will have a presence here more often. Last speaker meeting 19 people in attendance, need more people for regular meetings.

BREAK 1:06 pm – 1:23pm

RCM Report – There were 14 of 15 areas present in Appleton. The Wisconsin Regional Service Conference (WRSC) Treasurer gave me receipts for \$23.52, \$23.52, and \$13.32. The Wisconsin Regional Service Office (WRSO) gave us a financial report and asked that we give it to our Treasurer and if there are any questions; let Gene at the office know.

A discussion took place about the "Service System Project Structural Proposal" introduced by the Narcotics Anonymous World Service (NAWS). Since additional information will come out sometime in the next month, I would like to propose that we have the Regional Delegate (RD) come to our area to facilitate a workshop explaining the changes and intent. When the Conference Agenda Report (the CAR) comes out next January

There are several positions open: Secretary (July), Vice Treasurer, Activities, Outreach, Public Relations, H&I, and Literature as of the start of the meeting. Elections took place for the following:

WRSO Pool- Becky from Inland Lakes

WSNAC Pool – Cat from Woods and Waters

Outreach-Open

Co-Secretary for January – Linda for the 10th year, and July - Open

PR- Open

Lit - Open

Activities

WSNAC Rep (Odd)

H&I - Marla

Vice Treasurer-Open

Traditionally, the WRSC hosted a WSNAC awareness function in January and WSNAC hosted one in May at the place where WSNAC would be held. There has been an issue for 5+ years in January getting support and/or responsibility out of the WRSC to put on this function. WSNAC proposed that they and the host committee take responsibility to put both the January and the May function on. They will be sure to secure a meeting place at no cost to the WRSC since the meeting room is usually comp as a part of the whole convention package they negotiate with the hotel where the convention will be held.

WSNAC wants to express to areas that if they want to put in a bid for the convention for 2013, they need to be notified by August to be presented in October at the convention. Appleton in 2011 and Wausau is 2012.

When we host the WRSC in July, we get to choose the topic of the round table discussion which takes place in the afternoon of the conference. Please bring back to your groups and find out what they would like discussed and they will put it on the agenda. H&I chairs from around the state will be asked to come to this region to share their experience, strength, and hope. H&I Regional direction – what should the focus be of our subcommittee. A motion was made to have a focus group for each subcommittee starting with H&I in July. The only additional thing Badgerland will need to do is make sure we have a room from noon to 3pm

Policy was directed to add that regional bodies not use social networking sites. The Social Network Ad Hoc was set up to write the two clarity statements that were sent back with the RCMs, of which option two voted on as the preferred one. The Ad Hoc was disbanded.

WRSC Ad Hoc to create a starter packet for new areas. A list was of handbooks was approved at the cost of \$30 something and sent to policy. The Ad Hoc was disbanded.

Sunday, 10 of 15 areas present.

Direction for the vice chair because of so many open positions. – Decided Outreach was important to fill positions, work with PR, plan at least 3 functions of which one is a regional H&I workshop.

United States Fellowship Assembly – Takes place March 4-6. Motion passed to sending RD and RDA to Wichita, KS. The reason of the conference was stated on the flyer as follows: “As the world service model developed to reach out across the oceans and touch the lives of addicts suffering abroad less energy was felt being utilized for the needs of members in the United States, where this life giving fellowship began. Reformation movements rightly follow great expansion and keep alive the vital elements that made our Fellowship attractive and effective. We propose to offer the Fellowship the opportunity to establish a United States Service Conference that can meet the needs of the US Fellowship based on the spiritual principles of the 12 Traditions, primarily group conscience.”

Regional workshop for Service System Structure – Ad Hoc created to put this workshop on sometime in the Spring.

Region decided to add <earthgroupna.org> to the regional meeting list. This is a website that hosts online meetings. Maybe we should consider putting this link on our meeting list as well. Is this something we could ask the groups?

Another topic I would like this body to consider bringing to the groups is changing policy so that not all positions are expiring at the same time.

I received a financial report from the WRSC, WRSO, and WSNAC. What should I do with these documents?

The cost for two nights at the Radisson was \$197.58 (receipt turned in to Treasurer). The miles were 244 round trip, at .20 cents is \$48.80 for a total of \$246.38. Badgerland gave me a check for \$242 so that is close so I am not asking for the difference. However, since the check bounced, I am asking for the \$242 plus \$7.50 for the bank fee for a total of \$249.50. An image of the check and the bank statement showing the fee will be given to the Treasurer.

The budget for expenses I expect to incur to carry out my position is attached. I am expecting my expenses to be \$1,489, which includes the extra month due to our budget year changing to the new fiscal year of January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Hugs, Dianne

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Relations – We had a great sub-committee meeting, we talked about the budget, we talked about our primary purpose, we talked about the concerns of area last month. We talked about printing and how to make it even more efficient. We talked about events coming up that public relations will be involved with including a peer support forum at the upcoming WAAODA conference (youth track). We also talked about the substance abuse and mental health conference. We also talked about our primary purpose and the good things happening from it, also ways we could improve it. The rest of my report is to talk about our budget. NOTE: This budget is projected, and additions will be made, on an as needed basis and will be brought to this service committee for approval by motion as it has always been in the past. Last year we can very close to our budget, we also accomplished a whole lot more than we set out to do, there were some printing problems, that I feel hurt this service committee's budget. But I also believe that the growth of the committee itself was awesome, and it furthered our primary purpose in Badgerland. This year's objectives are:

1. Really working on financial accountability by properly planning PR events down to the budgeted amount or less. We really want to get a handle on the budget for next year so the incoming chair has great files and a road map for years to come.
2. Last year's theme was to try and build and promote more unity in the Badgerland area of NA. This we believe as a committee we accomplished. This year we want to focus on spreading the work of "The Importance of Service Work", service work is a very important part of recovery as we grow in this program.
3. We are going to continue this quest by trying to even reach out further to addicts in our area by expanding "Our Primary Purpose" into more avenues. Carrying the NA message of recovery into more treatment centers, public entities, grocery stores, etc... and basically the community at large to be able to reach out to addicts still suffering. We're going to be participating in helping to carry the message at several meetings including a peer support forum for youth at the WAAODA conference, also helping to build a community recovery center, and the substance abuse and mental health conference.
4. Continue supporting struggling meetings, outreaching to the outlining area's of Madison's meetings, and helping new meetings. This year we're going to do just 4 road trips, and 4 critical masses. The dates are still yet to come, but will have a full schedule next month. On Tuesday March 29th in Whitewater. Life on Life's terms 8pm will be our first road trip of the year. Flyers to come out as soon as we have the ink.
5. We are going to start doing the quarterly mailing again, and try and update the mailing list and make sure that the contacts have been updated. Then do follow up calls to make sure they received the mailing and make sure that the right person received the information. We are going to launch the public service announcements, and put up signs at various locations (grocery stores, libraries, possible bus services, etc)
6. Continue to work with public officials to have some panel discussions on NA to be able to answer questions to the public.
7. We also want to make a motion today that sub-committees, including this one, also have a financial accountability form to fill out to include with their report. Intent, to make it

easier on our treasurer to see how the money is spent, to be more accountable to those we serve, the addicts of badgerland.

8. To really encourage more addicts to get involved with this committee to help promote unity, the word of recovery, to help support new meetings, struggling meetings and to carry out our primary purpose why we are all in this room today to carry the message of recovery, to inform the public and still suffering addicts that NA IS HERE FOR PEOPLE THAT WANT IT!!!

Phone Line – As far as I know, an addict, new to our area, called looking for a meeting and was well received by the By Young Addicts group- the meeting was however relocated to a coffee shop nearby, he has been attending meetings regularly and has begun to form a recovery base. Also, there was a call from a Spanish speaking addict looking for an appropriate meeting, the call was redirected to Dennis, which he explains in his own report for Special Needs.

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) – I am requesting \$225.00 monthly with an additional \$150.00 in June to do an H&I awareness function as a fundraising event. Totaling \$2,850.00 for the year, plus \$225.00 extra for the 13th month, totaling \$3,075.00 altogether.

Policy and Procedure (P&P) – Transition packets are done and handed out including policy manuals.

Literature – Breakfast Club/\$16.25, Here's How/\$10, Janesville Wed/\$39.25 (donation new meeting), Let It Out/\$51.50, Life On Life's Terms/\$103, Show Up To Grow Up/\$25, Surrender at Recovery Ridge/\$78.80, Why Not Mon/Wed/\$23.50, Willingness Group/\$77.25, When At The End of The Road/\$7.25, Westside Hope/\$45.50, Women In Recovery/\$14, H&I/\$149.90, Assorted Members/\$8.75, New Meeting Donation/\$39.25. Subtotal(+) \$460.80, Subcommittee Total (-) \$189.15, Total All Groups \$649.95. Side note, actually received \$551.55 at 1/9/11 area meeting.

Activities – see Treasurer report for budgets

Additional Needs – Spanish meeting at Multi-Cultural building, things are progressing very well. I have spoken with Mr. Hernandez, he is seeking a person to chair meeting that can speak Spanish and English. The list of people is growing to come to this meeting. The meeting would be Friday nights, but there is concern about the safety of meetings at night there, but they still want the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair – Was involved with the audit. Spoke with P&P and activities chair.

Vice Chair – In this, my first full month as vice chair, I have been attending numerous meetings throughout the area. I have done my best to work with Ray H. to help him in the Phoneline Subcommittee. I also attended the Activities Subcommittee meeting on the 9th to discuss and

plan future functions, including the Luau/Region weekend event. I have been working closely with Laura K. in her completion of last months area minuetts.

Treasurer – see report

Vice Treasurer – vacant

RCMA – 14 (13 were present for role call) of 15 areas were present, one area is inactive. Discussion on the formation of the United States Fellowship Assembly H & I US to free World from dealing with US issues. Discussion of the Service System Project Proposals. Meeting with the WSNAC BOD, they will be responsible for hosting the January regional function announcing that year's state conference. Carry the message that if an area wants to put in a bid for WSNAC they must let the BOD know of their bid by August and be at the October function to finalize their bid. The bid is two years out (2013). They would like areas to be encouraged to step up to do WSNAC. Next year will be in Wausau. W.O.C.A. replaces Northern Lights. Earthgroupna.org World endorses for use as remote meeting attendance carrier. Both of clarity statements had weak support and there was no directive for either an IP or SP, the issue has been set aside. Vacant positions; Outreach, Co-Secretary July, Public Relations, Literature, Activities and Vice-Treasurer. WSNAC Regional Rep. odd is open, Mark N. has taken the position of WSNAC Secretary. Region will send delegates to the U.S. Service Conference formation meeting to see if region wants be a part of this, this would be a fact finding mission. The check given to me for milage came back rejected due to unauthorized signers.

Approval of Last Months Minuetts – as amended 10-0-0 Treasurer's Report and Approval 9-0-1

Vacancies/Nominations/Elections – Treasurer, Vice Treasurer

New Business – Budgets

Public Relations budget \$1700 approved 8-0-2

H&I budget \$3075 approved 8-0-0

P&P budget \$40 annual/\$3.45 monthly approved 7-0-1

Activities budget \$3250 approved 6-0-0

RCM/RCM budget \$1751 approved 8-0-0

Administration budget \$669 approved 8-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm