

Area Business Meeting – November 2011

Agenda

Called to order
Service Prayer
Concept 11
Establish Quorum
Old Business
Open Forum
GSR Reports
Break
Sub Committee Reports
Admin Reports
Last Months Minutes
Treasures Reports
Elections
New Business
Serenity Prayer
Meeting Closure

Old Business

Open Forum

- *Reminders about positions responsibilities*

Treasurer's report and minutes need to be emailed to Area members no later than 14 days after Area meeting takes place

Secretary is responsible for area mail key and distributing mail, Area PO key given to Alyssa.

- *Policy Issues – John C.*

John C. would like to hold a policy and procedure orientation meeting in January. This meeting will be held before area meeting in January from 11am-12pm. All area members are encouraged to attend.

- *BASC Account*

Admin position members need to become signers on the account. See Chuck or Mark N. for information.

- *Literature*

Suggestions on how to improve literature operations: GSRs/groups receive literature orders from previous month at each meeting, rather than same day. Literature would be prepped for each group ahead of time to avoid money sitting in literature, disorganization, carrying around and storing extra books, and chatter in the back. Other options include: Not going through Gene and ordering directly through NAWS; skip NAWS and go directly through world. Decision: Table until New Business.

GSR Reports

BACK TO LIFE - Tuesday 7-8PM - 1st Congregational Church

BREAKFAST CLUB - Sunday 10-11:30AM - Luke House

Chad G. - GSR - 608-906-8055 - Laura K. Representing (692-3131)

\$12.75 Literature order, no area donation, 25-30 in attendance. The meeting is strong, good support, good sharing and steady attendance. We have the "Spiritual Breakfast" coming up on December 4th. Donations will go to purchasing literature to give away to group members that cannot afford books. Also, our group will be electing a new treasurer and GSR for the upcoming year.

BY YOUNG ADDICTS, FOR YOUNG ADDICTS-Monday 5:30-6:30PM - St. Johns

Kyle B. - GSR - 608-886-2259

Donation of \$19.92, attendance 10-12 people, literature order \$35.50, no issues.

END OF THE ROAD - Friday and Wednesday 7-8:30PM - Asbury United

Cal F. - GSR - 608-213-2521

Literature order \$41.10, area donation \$113.00.

EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH...-Friday 7-8:30PM-1st United Methodist

Lenora - GSR - 608-285-5415

I was elected as g.s.r for this group on November 11, 2011 and I attended my area as their representative on November 13, 2011. Thanks for letting me be of service.

GET YOUR FIX OF NA - Saturday 6:30pm - Watertown, WI

Greg Ward - Representing - 920-253-0308

GRATEFUL IN GREEN COUNTY - Friday 7PM - Monroe, WI

Jim Hunt - GSR - 608-214-0240

HERE'S HOW - Saturday 7PM - Immanuel Lutheran Church

Lisa S. - GSR - 608-509-1568

Literature order of \$15.05, \$20.00 for rent, area donation of \$24.00, 15-35 in attendance, no issues at this time.

HOPE HAVEN - Wednesday 6-7:30PM - Hope Haven (Laura Representing)

Pat K. - GSR - 608-513-2069

Meeting is going well, so big that we had to do split the group, with half going into the dining room and half staying in the main group room. However, the staff at Hope Haven didn't approve, saying that it infringes on the priviledges of the Colvin Manner residents. All group donation money, with the exception of rent, goes directly back to the group. We use donations to give literature, IPs, white books and large books to Hope Haven residents free of charge.

IT CAN HAPPEN - Thursday 7PM- Immanuel Lutheran Church

Jeff J. – GSR – 608-515-6911

\$106.50 literature order, \$15.85 donation to BASC. \$20.00 was paid to Immanuel Lutheran Church for rent. Average attendance of 30 people. No issues at this time.

JUST FOR TODAY – Tuesday 6:30PM – Monona Serenity

Mark N. – GSR – 608-835-4707

Attendance is picking up, but could still use some more support. Average attendance is 8-12. 1 hour meeting 6:30-7:30pm. Some literature, some area donation, won't know exact numbers until forms are here. Annika has been chairing, has been helping meeting grow.

LET IT OUT – Monday-Friday 12-1PM – Catholic Multicultural Center

LIFE ON LIFE'S TERMS – Tuesday 8-9:30PM – Whitewater, WI

Ren R. – GSR – 920-728-1206

NAMELESS MONDAY – Monday 8:30PM – Neighborhood House

Marc G. – GSR –

Attendance has averaged 2-3 people. We collected \$23 in donations over the last month, and have a balance of \$6.17 after paying rent (\$30 for past 10 weeks) and buying literature from NAWS.

We are now a candlelight meeting every week. We practice 5 minutes of writing or meditation as part of our meeting format, which is wonderful.

We are considering changing the time and/or location of the meeting (Edgewood College? 8pm?), but for now nothing has changed.

PEACE OF MIND – Sunday 6-7:30PM- Emmanuel Free Church, Janesville, WI

John H. – GSR – 920-858-5902

We have steady attendance of 4-6 people. Our business meeting is held on the same Sunday as area. Bonnie G. AND Daniel B. are the moderators for this group, John H. is backup.

SHOW UP TO GROW UP – MEETING ENDED

SHOW UP TO GROW UP 2 – MEETING ENDED

STOUGHTON NA GROUP – Monday 6PM – 900 Giles St Stoughton (upstairs)

John R. – GSR – 608-692-1519

SURRENDER RECOVERY RIDGE – Wednesday 7-8:30PM – Teresa McGovern

Kisha S. – GSR – 608-628-9450

TRADITIONS – Sunday 7:11-8:30PM - Goodman Community Center

Jerry L. – GSR - 608-345-5341

I missed the Sept and October Badgerland area meetings and the cash on hand started to become substantial. Here is a rundown of the financial information for

the Traditions meeting: On 10/16/11 a \$100 rent payment was made to the Goodman Center. The last \$100 payment was made in May 2011. Our practice has been to donate \$20 per month to Goodman, on average, and the October 2011 payment continues that practice. I project the next \$100 rent donation to Goodman Center in March 2012, funds permitting. As of 10/30/2011 the Traditions treasury totaled \$210. On 11/13/2011 a donation of \$120 was made to Area. On 11/13/2011 literature & key tags totaling \$80.05 were purchased. This leaves a prudent reserve of \$10.00 for Traditions. Meeting attendance has averaged 14 per week and ranged from 10-25 attendees through Sept & October

UNITY GROUP – Fort Atkinson

WESTSIDE HOPE – Monday 7-8PM – Good Shephard Church

Laura S. – GSR – 608-577-8424

Literature order \$7.50, Area donation of \$20.50, 4-5 average attendance, 2 newcomers, rent paid up, need support – please spread the word of this meeting.

WHY NOT M/W - Monday & Wednesday 7:30-9PM – St John’s Church

Karen N. – GSR – 608-622-0371

We collected \$101.81 in seventh tradition this month. We paid \$60.00 to St. John’s for July, Aug & Sept. We still owe them \$20 for Oct. We are making a \$29.50 lit. order today and donating \$10 to area leaving us with \$2.31. Average attendance on Monday night has been 32 with equal proportions of men and women, usually more men. I will contact the church tomorrow to verify that they will be locked on the Mondays after Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years and I will contact the Wil-Mar center about using them as an alternate location. I apologize for not solidifying this sooner for November 28th, and if we can’t have it at Wil-Mar, I will find another location and post a note on the doors of St. John’s with the info. Average for Wednesday night has been 5, usually more men. I spoke with Public Relation subcommittee about doing a critical mass in December to help improve attendance. They were supportive of the idea. I was thinking a pot luck so we are not costing area money. It is a 1 hour meeting so we could do the gathering after the meeting. I will be making a flyer to distribute within the week. If attendance doesn’t improve on Wed. after this, we may consider ending the Wed night meeting.

WILLINGNESS GROUP–Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday– Janesville, WI
Byron – GSR – 608-359-5025

Monday 7pm – Our high attendance this month was 10. Low of 4, average of 6. 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.

Wednesday 7:30pm – Open meeting, 1hr. Based on the book, “It Works, How and Why”. The moderators for this meeting are Byron M. and Mike S. The

meeting has a great group of core people. There will be a speaker on the last Wednesday of the month. The speaker meeting is well received by the recovering community.

Thursday 7pm meeting – High attendance 11, average 8-9.

Friday Noon meeting – top attendance 11, average is 8. Attendance is steady at this time, subject content is very good. Literature order of \$141.60.

WOMEN IN RECOVERY – Tuesday 5:30-7PM- 1st Congregational Church
Lana H. – GSR – 608-446-1826

- *Sub-Committee Reports*

ACTIVITIES – Chad G. – Chair

No call, no show. Vote to remove – 3-8-1. Need to contact him regarding holiday party.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS – Edwina - Chair

Meeting 11-12-2011, 3pm, 5 in attendance. Flyers made for Spanish speaking meeting. Next sub-committee meeting. Also, flyers for Home bound committee. We also sent out flyers for people to give rides to people in need. Phone line established. We also have a secretary, chair and treasurer. I would like to know about our budget of \$20.00. We also have potential people for sign language. Also I did go to the Halloween party. I noticed the bathrooms were not wheelchair accessible. There is a bathroom in the basement, but we need the elevator key.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS – Tanya L. – Chair - (608)228-3295

Greetings family.

I finally got the schedule for the next 6 months completed. After many phone calls, emails and expletives from my mouth, Lori, the jail contact and I figured it all out.

I have attached that new meeting list of dates to this report. It is imperative that we not be showing up on dates that are not ours. We will be turned away. Lori has also informed me that it is poor practice for us to not inform her and or the deputies if we will not be present so they are not spending time getting inmates ready and then not showing up. It is the responsibility of the person chairing the meeting to inform H and I chair and let him/her know so they may inform the jail. Which leads me to the next issue. The women's Wed night PSB meeting has no woman to chair anymore. Lana has resigned due to being very busy and we appreciate the time she has given to H and I. So we need women volunteers desperately.

We were finally able to have a sub committee meeting with 5 people present. It was decided that we will not be having the literature only going through the jail library. We will just be monitoring the amount of books being

given out each month per group. The chairs that were present expressed the impact of being able to give out literature and mostly it is given to people who have come to several meetings and show an extreme interest, as well as given to people who show up in jail who were active members of NA and are in need of literature. David T. has offered to be the vice chair for H and I right now. He has not been voted in and although I appreciate the offer, I will only be in position for another month and feel I can handle it for the remaining period. If people are aware of people who would like to volunteer, please have them email me and I will email them the paperwork to fill out and they need to get it back to me then Lori will contact THEM with whether or not they have been approved and if they have then she will set up an orientation with them.

I have contacted the person who is interested in chairing next year. I don't know if she can commit as she is very busy, but she is willing to help out with H and I in other ways.

Hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving. We have a ton to be grateful for-The most important is knowing there was a better way to live. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Tanya L.

LITERATURE - Tim - Chair

No verbal or written report received.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE - John C.

My next step is to print enough updated policy manuals to supply all groups and 5 extra plus starter transition packets of subcommittee chairs. They will be distributed at December area. Please pass around position description at your groups this month and announce area nominations and elections.

PHONE LINE - Lenora R.

Everything is going great with the phone-line. There are a variety of people calling in about our fellowship. Drug Counselors, Parents, and addicts.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Mark C - Chair

I attended the substance abuse and mental health conference on October 25th at the Concourse Hotel. Critical Mass at Tellurian on November 16th. Katie M. speaking. It is her one year anniversary and she is a graduate of Tellurian UCAN. Topics to be brought up at next meeting: meeting lists and updating them, winter function, printing issues with Tim B.

- *Admin Reports*

CHAIR - nothing to report

VICE CHAIR - John H.

Passed along mail key to Alyssa R., gave mail and treasury info

RCM - Wes

Please see attached RCM report.

SECRETARY - Alyssa R.

PLEASE USE EMAIL!!!

I need GSR, subcommittee and admin reports VIA EMAIL...EVEN IF YOU GIVE ME A HARD COPY!

Please get reports to me by the Sunday after area so I can get it to the website and to printing.

Please remember to date your reports

There were several chairs this month that did not give me a report at all. I had some information in my notes but I cannot guarantee accuracy without a written copy.

Alyssa Email: ALYSSAJEANNE14@GMAIL.COM

Last months minutes - approved, unanimous vote

I updated the phone/email/position list to the best of my knowledge. I emailed it out, asking for any edits, and received no response. Therefore, I assume it's correct. If your information is not correct in any way or if you were left out, please neatly correct it and/or add it to the list. Finalized list for 2011 positions are included with this months minutes. Please email or call me with corrections. Minutes sent to Mark C. late, not printed and handed out for approval.

TREASURER - Mark N.

Report given, passed around copies.

Motion to approve treasurer's report - 10-0-0

VICE TREASURER - John R.

Talked with treasurer and vice chair, set up a time to meet with treasurer

- *Elections*

Treasurer - Mark N. - pass

Additional Needs - Edwina - pass

Vice Treasurer - John R -pass

PR -

Phoneline - John S 2 - pass

H&I -

P&P - Patrick - pass

Literature - Brandon - pass

Activities - Mark C. - pass

Chair - John H. - pass

VChair -

Secretary - Alyssa - pass

RCM - Wes - pass

RCMa -

New Business

Motion: The incoming literature chair will draft changes to the literature distribution process for the January BASC.

Intent: Present the best operational process for literature distribution.

2nd by John C.

Vote: 3-3-1

Motion Fails

Motion to close the meeting, second.