

Sunday, December 11, 2011

Area Minutes

Old Business

Secretary not here, no minutes. Karen N. volunteered to take area minutes.

Motion: I would like to make a motion to take a BASC inventory. The intent is to determine whether we are carrying the primary purpose to the addict who still suffers. Motion: Chad g seconded by Wes

Open Forum

-Printer, Ren is willing to donate a printer to area so we do not have to rely on someone's personal printer.

-RCM responsible for providing leadership for any service committee without a chairperson. Activities is vacant.

-literature Lenora- put a cap on the amount of literature we have on hand. John C.- switch to a preorder system. John (vice treasurer) if we do a study of how much lit. we have purchased in the past, we can do a projection of what we will need in the future. Motion to put a cap of \$2100 on the maximum stock pile we can have in literature.

-What is a GSR? (Mark N.) responsible to vote the conscience of the group they are representing. Information packet to give to new GSR. Last year Policy and Procedures subcommittee put together a welcome packet for the GSR of every group. Lenora- it is the group's responsibility to teach the GSR how to represent a group. Mark N. Every group should have A Guide to NA Service. Chad- Each service position holder needs to be responsible for the responsibilities of the position.

GSR Reports

Breakfast Club-

Chad G. GSR (608)906-8055 Luke House on Ingersoll Sunday 10:00 am
-\$78.75 lit. order. \$90.00 area donation attendance of between 30 and 50 meeting is thriving and we have a steady flow of newcomers. This meeting had decided to have a breakfast bi-annually. This is very

successful event. We had about 60-65 people that morning. We raised \$230.00 to buy literature for newcomers. This was decided by the group. Also an issue arose at the business meeting. That we contribute a great deal of money and buy a lot of lit. They are not convinced that BASC is not completely financially responsible. This is an issue that the group would like addressed before another solution is developed by our group.

-Discussion- Chuck- eliminate area and make each group responsible and independent. Chad- this was not the intent. Wes- We can do an Area Inventory (from A Guide to Service p.58-59). Chad- **Motion-** I would like to make a motion to take a BASC inventory. The intent is to determine whether we are carrying the primary purpose to the addict who still suffers. Seconded by Wes.

Peace of Mind- Moderators: Daniel B. and Bonnie G. Sundays 6:00 Emmanuel Free Methodist Church 4224 Whilden Ct. Janesville, WI- We have steady attendance of 4 to 6 people. Our monthly high was 6 and a low of 4. Our business meeting is held on the same Sunday as area. Bonnie G. AND Daniel B. are the moderators for this group and Jhohn H. is the backup. At this time Daniel B. has taken the lead for our group. (moderator is responsible to open the church and set up the meeting.) Lit. order 0

Traditions - GSRA Pat O'L (608) 228-5362 Goodman Community Center 7:11 pm Sunday - Lit. order 0, Donation 0, (last month \$120.00) Attendance 15 average.

Stoughton- GSR John R. Monday 6pm at Stoughton Alano Club - Attendance 5-6, Donation \$0, Literature order \$25.50, issues: Discussing changing meeting time from 6 to 7

Why Not Monday/Wednesday Night

Date: 12/11/11

GSR: Karen N. (608) 622-0377

Why Not Monday Night & Why Not Wednesday Night

Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church 322 East Washington Ave.

We collected \$96.31 in seventh tradition and literature sales this month. We paid \$15.00 to St. John's and \$5.00 to the Wil-Mar Center for rent. We still owe St. John's \$20 for Oct & \$20 for Nov. We are making a \$67.75 lit. order today and

donating \$3.25 to area leaving us with a \$0 balance. Average attendance on Monday night has been 26 with equal proportions of men and women, usually more men. The Monday after Christmas and New Years we will meet at the Wil-Mar center in the Youth Rec Room downstairs. I have made a flyer and I will post it on the doors of St. John's.

Average for Wednesday night has been 5, sometimes more men and sometimes more women. We are doing a critical mass function on December 14th, this Wednesday, to help improve attendance. I have made flyers. It will be a pot luck and I will be bringing hot spiced apple cider and cookies, so we are not costing area money. It is a 1 hour meeting so we will do the gathering after the meeting at 8:30 and people who went to the other meetings that night can come to the function. If attendance doesn't improve on Wednesdays after this, we may consider ending the Wed night meeting.

We have moved from room 2R to the lounge on first floor of St. John's.

I will be stepping down at the end of the year. I have made a flyer with the service positions our group needs.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Karen N.

Janesville's Willingness Group- 17 N. Jackson, Janesville Monday 7:00 pm meeting: Our high attendance for the month was 10 our low was 4 averaging at about 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 night 7:30 pm* 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 David H. and Mike S. Its low attendance is 13 to a high of 28, averaging about 14. The meeting has a great group of core people. There will be speaker on the last weds of the month. The speaker meeting is will received by the recovering community. *Thursday night 7:00 pm* -our high attendance for the month was 12 the average in this meeting is 8 to 9. *Friday noon meeting-* our top attendance this month was 11. The average is 8. Attendance is steady at this time but the subject content of this meeting is very good. Lit order is \$37.25

Women in Recovery- Representing: Karen P. Tuesday 5:30 pm 1st Congregational Church - Our group continues to grow. We have doubled attendance in the past 6 weeks. Given three basic texts to

newcomers. Purchasing \$83.75 in literature donating \$15.48 to BASC there will be no meeting on December 27th, due to first congregational church being closed. Please announce it in your groups, thanks. In loving service Karen P.

Just For Today- Representing Mark N. Tuesday 6:30 pm Monona Serenity Group - This meeting is hurting. It is interesting that a fellowship that we cooperate with but are not affiliated with is growing with leaps and bounds while our fellowship meeting falters. I wonder what the family members of addicts think. Could it be “we get hellp but they don’t” Hmmmmm... I wonder? We have an attendance that can range these days from 3 to 9. This is an abbreviated meeting format. We read “Who is an addict” and “How it Works”. We share on that day’s “Just for Today” Reading and the meeting is one hour long. It is on Tuesdays at Monona Serenity Group on Prairie Dock Dr. Today we have no literature order or area donation. Please help this meeting. In Service Mark N.

Life on Life’s Terms- GSR Ren R. Whitewater Tuesday 8:00 pm- Life on Life’s terms meeting continues to remain small at 5 -7 addicts with a high number of new addicts. We will be paying our rent for 2012 and we have sufficient literature for our needs we do not have literature order and will determine our area donation for January after payment of expenses.

Hope Haven- GSR Pat K. (608) 513-2069 425 W. Johnson Wed. at 6 pm - first off, a big thank you to all of our supporters. Your participation in showing the newcomers at hope haven that the program works is what keeps the people coming back. All collected donation money is put into putting books in the hands of those who ask... FOR FREE = :) Because, as you know, the seat has been paid for. So claim your seat at hope haven Wednesdays at 6 and show how the program works. Thanx for letting me serve!

Surrender at Recovery Ridge- Krista S. GSR (608)239-7462
Tellurian Wednesdays @ 7:00 - 8:30 pm

We have a literature order of \$89.90, we have an area donation of \$10.10, we have an average attendance of 30-35 people including 1-2 newcomers.

It Can Happen- Jeff J. GSR - Immanuel Lutheran Church Thursdays 7:00 pm - \$43.75 literature order. \$37.11 donation to BASC. \$10.00 was paid to Immanuel Lutheran Church for rent. Average attendance of 30 people. No issues at this time.

Get Your Fix- GSR Greg- Our group has 4-6 main members and up to 26 at open meetings. We changed of format open first week big book study group 2nd week 3rd week Just for Today 4th week topic meeting. We have made rent 2 months in a row. We bought \$32.00 in lit.

Experience, Strength & Hope

Lenora R. Friday the Experience, strength and hope group of narcotics anonymous had a business meeting and we have \$73.11 in our 7th Tradition. Latisha the chair for this month is holding \$35.61 and Parris is holding \$37.50 in which he has to be given \$2.50 to cover the rent. We have a new GSRA his name is Rocco and he will be at area next month Hip, Hip, Hooray. He has 30 days clean. I was planning to step down this month because of differences of opinion but I decided to stay and train Rocco so that he will be able to train another. Group attendance has dwindled down but we still average 25-30. Average 7th Tradition is \$13.00 - \$20.00. Thank you for letting me be of service. Hey Mama. Lenora R.

NANEVERALONE phone line meetings- The naneveralone phone-line meeting of the Badger-land Area of Narcotics Anonymous is getting off to a slow start but I believe that it will be okay with people continually getting the message out. The Tuesday morning which was the first meeting there were 4 in the attendance and Tuesday evening there were 10 in attendance Thursday and Saturday was low attendance averaging 3-5 people but we are not giving up. Thank you for letting me be of service. Lenora R.

Break

Subcommittee Reports

Public Relations- Mark C. (absent report read by Krista S. who will email me the report) (stepping down)

Discussion- Straw pole- on whether to discuss accusations brought up in

Mark's report 7 voted not to discuss 2 voted to discuss.

Phone Line- The phone line has been going well we received between 8-12 calls this month. We had more request for rides to meetings and sponsorship than we have had in the past. John S2 is stepping down because he realized it is not practical for him to do it. I would like to thank the badger land area of narcotics anonymous for letting me be of service. Lenora R.

H&I-Tonya (stepping down) - Greeting family the years is over and not much to report. (email?)

Policy & Procedure- John C. (stepping down) New policy chair Pat reformatted the p&p manual to word 2010. Orientation next January before area at 11 am next area. Robert's rules of orders. Motions related to rcm mileage and motion to separate public relations back to public information and outreach so that it isn't such a large burden for one subcommittee chair. 2 of the problems we encountered over the past 2 years are financial. Budget proposal forms. Spend more time on budgets so gsr are really understanding how money is being spent. The existing form is for functions, and have a separate "standard" form for other subcommittees. A lot of GSRs are not aware of what is going on. I believe we are going to have the same problems. I have no regrets of anything I have done. I follow the policies and if they are violated I contacted the admin. Committee members to find out what needed to be done. If you are following responsibly in the area there should be no reason to question you. After the orientation next month I will continue working with Pat. The GSR packets were being done by outreach chair. We have not spent money but we are asking for \$30 this month to be used for folders to put updated policy and procedures in.

Discussion: The new P&P is not yet on the website. Webmaster should be a separate committee responsibility. Pamphlets for people moving from position to position, or mentor packets, guidelines. Outreach subcommittee is responsible for that.

Literature- Tim (absent)

Activities- Chad G. (stepping down) Hello addicts of the Badgerland area. First and foremost I would like to apologize for missing last

months area. The Halloween function at Asbury United Methodist Church was a success. There were approximately 35 to 50 addicts in attendance. Thanks to Pat O. for sharing his experience, strength and hope. Also thanks to all who attended, set-up and stayed to help clean up. This is a greatly appreciated service that means a lot to me. I had a budgeted amount of \$270.00 of which my receipts show I spend \$268.94. I deposited \$390.00 at anchor bank on 11/04/2011. This shows a profit made of \$120.00. Thanks for your support and help. This concludes my report for November. Thanks for allowing me to serve. (made a mistake in calculations the 270 should have been \$250 so I will repay 18.94 to area) In the month of November on the 19th we had our 4th serenity café open mic speaker meeting. Thanks goes out to Lynn M. from the inland lakes area for sharing her experience, strength, and hope also thanks to Elisha V. for providing the space once again. This is a very well attended function and enjoyed by the feedback I have received. Because I was not at the basic in November, I did not receive a check from basic for the budgeted amount of \$150.00. Thanks to Charles K. for borrowing me \$100.00 to purchase needed items such as soda, and water, as well as ice. There were about 40 to 60 addicts in total in attendance. I paid \$80.00 to the coffee shop for coffee and the baristas. This is a standard charge at each of the serenity café's, after repaying Charles as well as the coffee shop we ended up with a total of \$137.25, which I deposited in the Anchor Bank on 11/21/2011. This is the amount of profit generated from this function. I am very grateful to serve the addicts of the badger land area. This has been a very good experience in my recovery and motivates me to do more service. As I stated earlier at nominations I will not be serving this coming year of 2012 due to the fact that I will be focusing my energy on my personal recovery. I am also looking forward to sharing my experience, strength and hope with the new activities and plan to be more involved at the subcommittee level as well as group level. With love and respect. CHAD G.

Discussion- Wes- borrowing money from Chuck should have been paid through area instead of reimbursed at the time, but it wasn't possible to do that because we are going through the transition of new signers taking over for next year.

Additional Needs - Edwina R. Chair, Karen N. Secretary

December 10, 2011

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Subcommittee chair

Additional Needs Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Our first subcommittee meeting went well. We had 5 people attending. Karen N. agreed to be secretary of the subcommittee and Lenora agreed to print out some flyers about Spanish meetings, homebound meetings and our next subcommittee meeting.

Our second meeting was just Edwina and Karen N. We are supposed to get \$20 each month for our budget, we didn't get it last month, so we need that for last month and this months.

1. Spanish meetings - Jamie M. may be available to chair beginning January, but we need to get in touch with her.

-We will post the Spanish flyer at Monona Serenity Club and maybe someone who goes to the Spanish AA meetings might be willing to chair an Spanish NA meeting.

2. Hearing impaired - We a list of willing sign language interpreters

-Tell Ren to put something on the web sight about these services being available.

-Nicole B. is also willing to help out with closed captioning.

3. Rides list -not many people signing up for this, we're still working on it..

4. Phone meeting- started December 6. How is it going? Went fine, 10-11 am was great, 5 to 6 pm was great on Thursday. Tuesday 15 people called in.

5. Accessibility of functions

-Serenity Café went well and was wheelchair accessible.

-Spiritual Breakfast- went well and wheelchair accessible.

6. Should Phone Line and Additional needs be working together, or should we combine it into one subcommittee?

7. Our Next meeting will be January 7th Saturday at 3:00 pm.

Administrative Reports

Chair -Chuck- Public Relations budgeted amount for this month so that I can get it to the literature to the H&I facilities. Mental health center,

Probation and Parole, etc.

Vice Chair- (vacant)

Treasurer-Mark N.

I have spent way too much time on this project already. I just hope that things get easier in the future. I will explain how I did it and then what I think is the best way to go from here.

All I had to work with last month was the previous months reports. So I went from there. This was actually October's data. I did the best I could. I noticed that people had stopped making check register entries at the end of march 2011. We got together after last months BASC meeting and went over receipts. John R took the portfolio and I kept the checkbook and carbon copies of checks . Chuck helped me to get onto the online account at anchor bank.

I printed out 2 years worth of history of the account. I checked every check copy against the history noting voided checks etc. all seemed to be well. The first thing I noticed was that checks 2551 -2575 were used in 2008. Checks 2525 - 2550 were no where to be found. This happened in November of 2010

On April 1st of 2011 when the register entries were stopped I could balance the checkbook against the history to within \$18.16 I made an adjusting entry. I then balanced from then until 7/29./2011. From that point on, I did every month individually. Using the check copies and the history report, I also filled in the check register.

From July's BASC meeting through August's BASC meeting our checking account was in the red a couple of times. We were writing checks that we couldn't cover had they come in fast.

At the end of August we had checks totaling \$957.61 still out with a checkbook balance of \$1795.12 and a history report balance of \$2752.73 which is correct.

At the end of September we had checks out totaling \$2155.81 with a checkbook balance of \$1497.97 and a history report balance of \$3653.78. Again correct.

At the end of October we had checks out totaling \$949.42 and a checkbook balance of \$1308.57 with a history report balance of \$2257.99. Correct

We haven't written checks since October 9th. So, at the end of November we had \$754.18 in checks out and a checkbook balance of \$3077.26 with a checking report balance of \$3831.44.

Since no checks have been written since October 9th and an approved November treasurer's report, I had some thinking to do about how we write our reports and keep track of our money. Clearly we need to keep the check register up to date and balanced with the bank's history report. Also where and when we write checks is important. We can't write checks for money the checkbook says we don't have.

The treasurers report is about historical data. This months revenue comes from Novembers group donations and activities back to Halloween. We are always paying the last literature order and the last RCM meeting. My beginning balance last month went off the previous months ending balance. Which after reconciliation is way off. But we can't change an approved report. That is why I am explaining everything. To be correct, in this month's report I start with the November beginning history report balance and list checks out to match the checkbook balance and then correctly list revenues which matches the Dec 1 checkbook balance (without the \$5.00 auto-pay signature verification fee) of \$3082.26

Now we can pay bills. Oldest first. October's literature order and September's RCM reimbursement.

But what about other stuff? We have been paying TDS \$19 something online for a long time. I still am not sure what that is for. I do know that last time we paid it was in June and it was for 3 months. So if it is a valid bill, we owe somewhere around \$119. Our PO box rent is due based on past years payments. Meriter rent for 2012 is usually paid in December. Region was last month. I would believe Wes will want to get paid for that. I didn't know who to call for literature but I do have us cleared with Gene at WRSO. I tried calling Brandon but he did not call me back. I am using an average amount of \$750.

Activities has Badgerland Family Holiday and New Years eve functions coming up. With budget amounts of \$250 and \$325 respectively.

This brings our total expenses to \$2857.34 and an anticipated checkbook balance of \$224.92.

As a reminder, we usually pay for campsite rentals in January and February. That is coming up next month.

In the future I would recommend that this is the point in the monthly process of where we look at Regional and NAWS donations.

In Service

Mark N.

Discussion- Secretary should be signer, We only need 1 signer to withdraw money. We changed it so that 2 people are needed. Do an adjustment to the corrected balance bringing forward. \$1,656.19 was wrong. The correct beginning balance minus outstanding checks is \$2,257.99

Vice Treasurer-John- suggestion, we do not pay the literature order with old signers. The only person we are paying today is Chad, to reimburse him for activities.

6 approved 2 no 2 abstained

Secretary- (Alyssa absent)

RCM-12/11/2011

RCM Report

Mileage reimbursement sought is \$41.60 for 208 miles and room for 2 nights of \$181.58 for a total \$223.18.

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Trusted Servant's Reports

- A. Facilitator Lynn forgot to file the paperwork for Registered Agent, however the check for this has been cashed by the government agency.
- B. Treasurer Rich is leaving the position and the audit should have been done by the Ad Hoc was just formed today.
- C. RD There is a lot bootlegging of NAWS materials that must end.

CAR should be released 11/20/2011.

WWW.NA.org/conference

User name CP2012 password WS2012

FIPT motion This will be in the CAR report to clean up grammatical errors, Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust, read it in your area groups. Bundling of NA lit., ie 4th step everything NA on the 4th step would be bundled together. NAWs has lots of stuff for sale at deep discounts online.

Tulsa: USFA will be here in Wisconsin June 2012. Each group of an area has to choose to join (register for the USSC), region has not endorsed this as of yet.

D. RDA WRSC has not sent any funds to zonal for 4 cycles. WRSC is hosting zonal in August 17-19 2012. Looking for a hosting area.

(Mark N. suggested it was a good idea, Lenora seconded. Tabled for later discussion, event not until August, Mark N. willing to chair Ad Hoc subcommittee)

Roll Call 12 of 15

E. WRSO Rep. The shipping/handling fee is fixed, H & I numbers are only collected to know just what areas were spending on H & I.

Provide Gene some email addresses so the literature bill be communicated to the persons responsible for paying the bill. Gene was directed to enforce the policy that states that if an area fails to pay their bill within 10 that the area will have to prepay before they will receive any literature.

F. WSNAC Rep. The 2012 convention will be held at the Olympia Hotel, Oconomowoc, October 26, 27, 28.

Area Reports:

Sub-committee / Ad Hoc Reports

Insurance is a large issue that needs to be addressed, we are currently not insured since October 1st, 2011. Ad Hoc committee formed to look into this.

Living Clean is out for review, not revision and will be part of the CAR review.

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A. Minutes approved with no revisions.

PR: Please return all meeting list corrections and additions by the third weekend of December.

B. Elections:

Facilitator	Marla (Rockford)
Vice-Facilitator	Nancy M.
Treasurer	Becky E.
Vice-Treasurer	Willy (Milwaukee)
Public Relations	Vacant
WSNAC Rep. Even	Larry
WSNAC Rep. Odd	Tim S.
WSNAC Pool	Wes H., Chris K.
WTSO Pool	Jeremy
Activities	Vacant
Secretary	Linda can not be nominated to another term. Badgerland and Rockford voted to block since Linda has held the position for 9 years.

Proposals: None brought forward.

Topic Board:

Hosting the Midwest Zonal Forum: Is there an area willing to host the MZF? They pay for the meeting room, for twenty people. Contact Chris K. (815) 541-5812 for further information.

Policy 9.01 1 & 2 -- 9.02 2, add consecutive, remove the section concerning the policy sub-committee (no longer exists).

Literature: Look into creating an IP of what the WRSC does.

Consensus Decision Making – Power Point Presentation will be done during the March cycle, due to the CAR review.

RCMA- vacant

Nominations

H&I-David T. -voted in

Activities- Nicole B. - voted in

Public Relations- Lenora nominated, tabled until after motion to separate PR into Outreach and PI is resolved.

Vice Chair-

RCMA

New Business

Motions:

1) Forgive the over budget amount of \$18.94 the activities chair incurred for the Halloween function Intent: Not to hold a trusted servant responsible for unbudgeted supplies that that ended up in NA inventory.

6 for 0 against 0 abstained

To be taken back to groups:

2) To separate public relations subcommittee from outreach subcommittee intent: to lesson number of duties required per subcommittee Motion by John C and seconded by Chad G.

3) to cap literature on hand at badger land area service committee at \$2100 in value. Intent: purpose to control the cost of literature motion by Ren R, seconded by Lenora

4) When the literature chair has to drive more than 50 miles to pick up literature they will be reimbursed at a rate of 20 cents per mile map. Intent : equalize and make fair mileage reimbursements motion by chuck 2nd by Lenora

5) BASC will pay for one room for one night up to \$100 per night for all meetings held over 70 miles from meriter hospital. The room is for WRSC participants from BASC. The RCM is required to find the most economical room in the area Intent: lower BASC yearly costs motion made by chuck 2nd by Lenora