

Lewis & Clark Area Service Committee Meeting
Saturday May 16, 2009
Hillcrest School
Jamestown, ND 1pm-5pm
THANKS JAMESTOWN FOR HOSTING!

Attendance: Saul H., Kim K., Don W., Tony F., Karla B., Kory H., Jon F., Jason S., Zeller S., Scot D., Marisa A., Tom W., Max P., Marten G., Teresa K., Louis C., Swan L.

Saul H. called the meeting to order and the meeting was opened with the "WE" version of the Serenity Prayer. Tom W. read The 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous. Jason S. read the 12 Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.

Kory H. made motion to approve May 2009 meeting minutes and Tom W. second the motion. Motion passed. May 2009 meeting minutes were approved.

Group Reports

Minot:

Tues. Fri. and Sunday: Kory H. GSR, Average meeting attendance 20 with 2-3 newcomers. Our quarterly pot luck speaker meeting is scheduled for June 13, to begin at 3:00 P.M. The meeting will be in Oak Park by the playground with a speaker to follow. John F. from Rugby will be the speaker. Meeting attendance is strong with participation in our group consciences being steady. We are about half way through the Area planning tool and should complete going through it at the next couple group conscience meeting.

Jamestown:

Mon and Fri: Tony F. GSR, Average meeting attendance is 8 with 30 newcomers since our last ACS. Our attendance has increased and also the kitty has been on the increase. Due to the flooding in Jamestown we have had to do without a few out door activities. We plan on fishing on the 24th of May and planning frof for the fall. Rent is paid till end of June. And we have a balance of \$132.84 as of last evening.

Wed: Teresa K. GSR, No one has showed up since April 22. Door opens 4:45 Thoughts of starting a speaker meeting w/Tony
I tried making this meeting a step meeting. How and why basic txt and some in workbook for topics need a welcome to format or some better structure.

Bis/Man:

Mon: Scot D. GSR, Average meeting attendance was 30 with many newcomers. We had two groups conscience meeting, in two weeks. For the first time in a long time, as I can remember, we now have books tags, and I.P.'s. All positions are now filled. New home group members stepping up always a full house, with lots of newcomers. We are now closing meeting with 3rd step prayer. We seem to be growing or maintaining attendance. Treatments centers are showing up with regular attendance.

Tue: Loraine Z. GSR (Was representing the group in place of Loraine Z.) Average meeting attendance is 30 with 18 newcomers at the meeting. Group has had steady attendance of about 30 members weekly. Recent interest in meeting has resulted in some commitments by a few members. Group has changed format and now has an I.P., Na text, and a monthly anniversary meeting. We're donating \$40.00 to the Area.

Wed: John F. GSR, Average meeting attendance is 18 to 20 with 1 to 3 newcomers at the meeting. No problems, clarity statement is making a difference.

Thurs: Tom W. GSR, Average meeting attendance is 30 with 3 newcomers at the meeting. Good meeting attendance, with solid group regulars. Rent paid thru August, we're giving \$50.00 donation to area. We're discussing format change to the meeting, specific to pick discussion. Sunday volleyball has started, very good attendance, Volleyball is at Pioneer Park @3 P.M.

Fri: Max P. GSR, Average meeting attendance is 12 to 36 with 0-4 newcomers at the meeting. We're struggling to have people commit to service positions. Books will be purchased soon. Account balance is \$191.06.

Sat: No representation

Sun: Bart Z. GSR (Don W. Alt. GSR Rep.) Our average meeting attendance is 25 to 40 with about 5 newcomers. After the last ASC meeting we elected some new trusted servants for our group. A big THANK YOU goes out to Bart Z. for getting GSR, Tina S. for getting Treasurer and Don W. for getting Alt. GSR. As of our last group conscience we opened a checking account with a balance of \$471.96 with a \$100 prudent reserve. We are looking at paying back Bis. Thursday Night group (Book Fund) the \$61.10 that we owe for key tags that were not retrievable from our old meeting place. Bart Z. and I went down to Bible Baptist Church to see if there was any of our literature and key tags were there, we found out nothing was salvageable. We are now looking at using \$150 to ordering online literature (Basic Text, Step Working Guide, How And Why & Just for Today) and key tags to be available at our meeting, we're also looking at getting metal medallions for the people that consider our group there home group. We will be paying New Freedom Center \$25 a month for rent and will be paying what is due for rent if fund stay the same; for the months of March, April, May, and pay ahead for June.

Noon Mon/Wed/Fri: Jason S. (Rep.) Average meeting attendance is 10 people with 3 newcomers. Our meetings name is "Outta the Box". The meeting is 3 weeks old; it's on Mon., Wed., and Fri. From 12:00 to 12:50 at the Ridge Motel in Mandan; and brings a Good message of Recovery. The Bis/Man area needed a noon meeting for a long while. We've had a couple home group concerns and trusted servants, but working thing out. Once we're established, looking at possibly a noon NA meeting in Bismarck on Tuesday and Thursday. Our meeting now is a smoking meeting. Our 7th tradition balance is \$68.70 as of Fri. 5/15/09. Rent is \$5 a meeting to the waitress for the coffee. A big THANK YOU goes to Thursday night (Book Fund) for donating a Basic Text and a Step Working

Guide. **AWESOME JOB THURSDAY NIGHT!!!!** We are also looking at adding two noon meetings in Bismarck, and they will also be the same group.

Steering Committee Reports

Chairman: Saul H., I actually don't have anything to report on, but an apology to make, about not getting the meeting started on time with the reading of the Guide Lines to Local Service. Maybe we could fit it in if we have time left over or do better next time. I would like to say that I appreciate the work that everyone is doing.

Vice Chair: Kim K., I would also like to say that everyone is doing an awesome job. The first thing for me is that I got the Google map done for the meetings in our area, however with having Scot M.'s map on there, his will pop up first, it makes it harder to find. So Scott M. and I will be getting together to figure away get his off the internet so there's away to find ours. We also now have a Google E mail account (lewisandclarkasc@gmail.com) I sent it out to everyone that I have an E mail for. The Secretary and will be checking it every week. I also amended the guidelines and sent them out. Last of all if any group is having any problems, I have been reading about what my responsibility's are as Vise Chair, is that to help out the Sub Committee and the groups in our area. I'm more than willing to sit in a group conscience and help out with anything.

Treasurer: Karla B.

N.A. Area Checkbook Information:

Beginning Balance for April:	\$891.06
Donation Deposits:	236.00
	\$1,127.06

(\$500 is approved from the area for the campout.)

Check for area campout to Tony F.	200.00
	\$927.06

(\$300 is still yet to be dispersed.)

May 16, Area Meeting Balance:	\$927.06
Donation Deposits:	90.00
	\$1,017.06

Expenses:	
Copies made at Staples to Don W.	\$11.87
Area refreshments & room rent	60.00
Current Balance:	\$945.19

Secretary: Don W., Thank you to everyone for all your service work, awesome job guys. Don't have anything to report as well. **THANK YOU EVERYONE !!!!**

Activities: Bart Z. (Don W. L&C ASC Secretary Rep.)

Due to the flooding Jamestown Reservoir, We will be keeping our L&C area campout at Stump Lake, for the date of July 31, August 1 &2. We are able to get the same spot we had last year is open.

Pavilion for the weekend:	\$150 - \$175
Tents for each night:	\$6
Camper fees:	\$20
Preregistration:	\$25
Reg. at the door:	\$35

The registration does include the meal. We're having steak fry and veggie kabobs!

RCM: Rob H., (Kory H. Alt. RCM Rep.)

I participated in the RSC meeting on May 9th in Grand Forks, Kory H. and many other Lewis and Clark Area members and fellow addicts.

The motions brought to the Region were amended and passed as follows:

(To the best of my memory as minutes are not out yet)

1.

That the Regional Delegate open a dialog with NAWS for a motion to lower the costs of literature.

2.

That the Regional Delegate open a dialog with NAWS for a motion for a NAWS inventory.

The Midwest Zonal Forum participation was discussed but did not come to a vote. We will need to have another conscience on this subject as the motion has for full participation and *carries the possibility* of causing disunity with the Manitoba area. The Regional delegate was asked to research guidelines of Zonal Forum membership and Canadian Assembly guidelines on this motion.

A regional service position template was approved. Currently the treasurer position is open and other positions will be coming up in July.

At Spiritual Refreshment the activities committee has a newcomer special for Saturday only. Some info cards were passed out for GSR to take to groups and Treatment facilities who may want to make a day trip. I have asked a GSR who is attending to bring these cards and copies of my Regional report etc.

Looking for word to our inventory in September, I was wondering if I would have the committees support to line up a facilitator. I would like to at this time ask Wendy and Daryl from Manitoba Area and Chris C. Lake Agassiz Area.

The next Regional Service Committee Meeting has been scheduled for August 1st to coincide with our area campout. It was explained that a location had not yet been determined. Sorry I can't be with your conscience today.

Outreach: Tony F.,

Since our last meeting in March, I have called 25 different treatment centers in our area. I was able to speak with approximately half and left messages with the other half. Some of the messages have been returned and I am in the process of following up. As I spoke to some of these individuals it became apparent Outreach needed to acquire some other materials such as pamphlets, etc. I put an order into WSO for \$133.40 and got 400 pamphlets and 6 (7-card sets) of group readings. The pamphlets are NA: A Resource in Your Community, IP#1 Who, What How & Why, IP#17 For Those in Treatment, IP#23 Staying Clean on the Outside. This info will be sent along with other materials already in our possession to the centers that have requested it.

The treatment centers contacted are as follows:

Bismarck- Dakota Foundation, Steps, West Central HSC

Fort Yates- Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Comprehensive Chemical Prev Prog

Dickinson- Heart River Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services and the Badlands HSC Chemical Dependency Program.

Minot- Growing Together Inc. and Trinity Addiction Services

Parshall- Parshall Resource Center

Williston- Mercy Recovery Center, Native American Resource Center and Home on the Range Sentinel Butte Ranch.

Cando- Towner County Medical Center or Center for Solutions

Some materials have been sent out and more will be sent later.

I'm looking at putting together a speaker circuit going, getting people to do presentations for H&I. These people will need to be well informed before we send out to any treatment centers. They will need to know what the Guide lines and what the rules for the treatment centers are, so we don't have any conflicts, before we send anyone into these centers.

I had to re-organize our meeting list after putting the new noon meeting in Mandan on the list. And I also re-did our letterhead to work with word instead of WordPerfect and produced a P.D.F.

I wasn't able to find time to contact the Shirt Shack about shirts.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Old Business:

Guidelines: A revision was in motion to the guidelines in our Guide to Local Service at our last meeting. Tom W. mad a motion on reinstating the guidelines without the Quorum, Scot D. seconded the motion, motion was passed. After the motion was passed, Jon had asked all the GSR, if they had brought the revision of the Guidelines

backed to their groups. Only two of the GSR's had brought the revision back to their home groups. Jon F. made a motion on the vote of reinstating the Guidelines was made to dismiss the vote, and Kory H. seconded the motion. Jon F. then made a motion to have all the GSR's to bring the revision of the Guidelines back to their groups and have a discussion on the revision, and to have the revision tabled and revisited at our next are service meeting. Scot D. seconds the motion and the motion passed.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Discussion:

- 1) Mentoring for group conscience- Call up anyone of the trusted servants that are on the L&C ASC. If any group is having any questions on the tradition & how their group can follow them. We would like to encourage the GSR to contact a member of L&C ASC to sit in on a group conscience to solve the question, rather than someone who doesn't consider that group as their home group.
- 2) At our next meeting we will start at 12:30 pm to read out of The Guide to Local Service, followed by starting the meeting at 1 pm.

Location for Next Meeting:

Bismarck July 18, 2009 at Salvation Army
12:30pm guidelines reading, meeting starts at 1:00pm and ends at 5 pm.
This meeting will be a potluck meeting so come hungry.

Beefs and Bouquets:

Beefs: There weren't too many beefs. That's **AWESOME!!!!!!!** Only a few small beefs, there way too much food left over and some issues took longer than needed. But were all worked out.

Bouquets: **BOUQUETS TO ALL!!!!!!!** L&C ASC and all the GSR's are doing an awesome job; it was an awesome meeting as well. Everyone **THANK YOU** for being willing to give a helping hand. **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to Tony F. for all the tasty food and getting the room for the ASC meeting. We're grateful for our higher power, if it wasn't for his grace, we wouldn't be able to accomplish all our dissections on time. This area still has been showing that it has grown a lot since the first meeting at Dakota Farms in Mandan N.D.

KEEP UP THE AWESOME SERVICE WORK

AND AGAIN A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL!!!!