

Lake Agassiz Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous
Minutes from May 16th, 2009

May LAASC Meeting

- **First Presbyterian Church, 650 2nd Ave. N. Fargo, ND**
- **Noon on May 16th, 2009**

June LAASC Meeting

- **Glenwood Lutheran, 206 E Minnesota Ave. Glenwood, MN**
- **Noon on June 20th, 2009**

- Addicts present: Tyler K, Jay B, Bree A, Nicole K, Roger S, Matt N, Frank H, Chris M, Eric K, Michael F, Kris T, Chuck B, Jeff G, Jason T, Kris O, David S, Molly M, Jeremy T, Tricia L, Scott S, Jeff K, Cathy S

- 22 Addicts present 12 GSR's present.

Quorum Report and Motion to Accept Quorum

Motion: To approve quorum. **Intent:** To do business. There was 11 GSR's present at the time of quorum and 12 at voting. -

Maker: Kris O **Second:** Bree A – **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES**

Approval of Minutes Motions

Motion: To approve minutes with changes "Corrections – Motions for *January* to be changed to *April* ASC minutes" **Intent:** Moving on for business

Maker: Jeff G **Second:** Molly M - **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES**

Executive Committee Reports

LAASC Election Schedule/Terms of Office

<u>Office Held</u>	<u>Scheduled Month of Election</u>	<u>Actual Month of Election</u>	<u>Addict Currently In this position</u>	<u>Where is Subcommittee at?</u>
Treasurer	January	January '09	Tyler K	None
PI Chair	February	July '08	Kris O	1st Tues of Month, Atomic Coffee in Downtown Fargo, 8:00pm
Secretary	March	September '08	Vacant	None
RCM	April (even years)	April '08	Molly M	None
Alt-RCM	April (odd years)	Vacant	Vacant	None
Literature	May	Vacant	Tricia L	None
Vice Chair	June	July '08	Jay B	None
H&I Chair	July	June '08	Wade H	Every 2 nd and 4 th Sunday at 1pm at Cash Wise Deli @ 1401 33 rd St. SW
Scribe	August	August '08	Robin V	None
Activities Chair	October	January '09	Kris T	Thursday's @ 6:00 pm @ Cash Wise Deli @ 1401 33 rd St SW
Parliamentarian	November	April '09	Jason T	None
LAASC Chair	December	May '09	Nicole K	Noon 3rd Sat of Month, normally at 1 st Pres. Church, Fargo

Chair: vacant

Vice-Chair: present w/verbal report

Secretary: Present w/ verbal report

Treasurer: present w/written report

Greeting LAASC (05-15-2009)

After the April 2009 ASC we did an audit on the LAASC checking account. In attendance were Nicole K, Jason T, and Jay B. Everything checked out. One question that was brought up was "How does the 'Area' know that the donations from the groups make it to the 'Area' checking account?" We have measurers in place to ensure that this happens. Groups that make a donation to the area receive a receipt that the donation was recorded and the carbon copy is audited at the quarterly audits. So GSR's or whoever drops the donation off with the area treasurer be sure to get your receipt...don't leave the 'Area' without it. This will ensure proper tracking of all donations to the 'Area'.

Date	Category	Check# or Deposit	7th Tradition	Executive	PI	H & I	RCM	Total Of Amount
4/18/2009	Balance as of 4/18/2009	Beginning Balance						\$ 1,361.39
4/18/2009	Postage	1275			(\$31.53)			\$ (31.53)
4/18/2009	15 - Guides to Local Service	1276		(\$7.08)				\$ (7.08)
4/18/2009	Rent	1277		(\$10.00)				\$ (10.00)
4/18/2009	GSR Reimbursement	1278		(\$36.00)				\$ (36.00)
4/18/2009	GSR Reimbursement	1279		(\$21.00)				\$ (21.00)
4/21/2009	Donation	Deposit	\$583.83					\$ 583.83
4/28/2009	Phone Line	Auto WD			(\$60.58)			\$ (60.58)
5/15/2009	Balance as of 5/15/2009	Ending Balance						\$ 1,779.03
				Balances	\$ 499.11	\$ 1,307.80	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 740.00

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Tyler K

Hospitals and Institutions: Present w/ written report (Vice Chair)

Hello everyone,

We meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month @ 1pm @ Cashwise Deli @ 1401 33rd St SW Fargo. We currently hold meetings in the Clay County Jail, Clay County Juvenile Center, Fergus Falls Halfway house, and Prairie St. Johns. We are working on getting back into Cass County Jail. We are also working on getting into Grand Forks County Jail, Walsh County Jail, and Stepping Stones in New York Mills. We can always use more help. We also have a Learning Day coming up July 10th & 11th so we are working on that too.

Grateful to be of Service, Scott S. H&I Vice-Chair

Public Information Chairperson: Present w/written report

Public Information Subcommittee Report May 2009

Lake Agassiz Area Service Committee

The Public Information meeting was held on the 5th of May at Atomic Coffee at 8pm. There were 5 people in attendance.

Meeting Lists

- We are running low on meeting lists. There are only a small number of black and white copies left. We will be printing new lists next month.
- We dropped off meeting lists at Share house at request. Jeff K. has also been bringing meeting lists to the Clay County Department of Felony Probation and Parole.
- A new men's step study meeting has opened in Fargo and is held on Monday nights at 6:30 at St. Marks. We are sorry to announce that the Valley City meeting has closed its doors, and we wish our best to the addicts in the area.

Projects

- Paul S. is back and we will begin working on the audio next month. We will begin the flyer project next month. If any area outside the Fargo/Moorhead area would like to participate, please contact me and we will get you flyers.
- On May 19th we will be presenting a PI panel at Share house for a new group, which incorporates clients and their families. Kris O., George P., and Trisha L. will be the presenters.
- We are preparing to send packets to the directors of Clay County Department of Felony Probation and Parole and Clay County Social Services respectively.

The next PI meeting will be June 2nd at Atomic Coffee, 222 Broadway, 8pm. Help is always appreciated.

In grateful service,

Kris O.

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happybluedoggy@yahoo.com

Activities Chairperson: Present w/ written report

Greetings Fellow Addicts,

It is with gratitude that I can say that Service Begins With Me 2009 was a success. It truly was a great day. Below I broke down our credits and debits for the event and as you can see we made a net profit of \$675.00. Special thanks to Roger T. at Garden Pavilion/One to One Catering for the use of his kitchen and supplies for preparing our spaghetti for Service Begins With Me.

Our next event is Unity Day Picnic is May 25th, 2009 in Lindenwood from 12-5pm. All are welcome it is a free event with 7th Tradition welcome. This is a potluck, but we will be serving hotdogs, burgers and selling soda! Bring your water guns!!!!!!!!!!!!

SERVICE BEGINS WITH ME 2009		
Date	Category	Credit/ Debit
2/24/2009	Deposit for Mapleton from ASC	\$375.00
2/22/2009	Mapleton- Deposit/Room Rental	-\$375.00
3/13/2009	Sir Speedy-Tickets/Flyers	-\$57.36
4/23/2009	Ticket Sales	\$284.00
4/24/2009	Meritcare- Food	-\$156.08

4/23/2009	Cathy Schlenk- Food	-\$133.82
4/24/2009	Hornbacher's- Soda Inventory	-\$71.34
4/24/2009	Ticket Sales	\$166.00
4/25/2009	Vanessa Deutz- frame	-\$31.00
4/25/2009	Chris Corbet- DJ	-\$300.00
4/28/2009	Ticket Sales	\$437.00
4/28/2009	Raffle Tickets	\$224.00
4/28/2009	Soda Sales	\$107.00
4/28/2009	Silent Auction	\$331.00
4/28/2009	7th Tradition	\$79.39
4/28/2009	Kristine Thykeson-Ice, Doughnuts, Frame & supplies	-\$71.44
5/1/2009	Mapleton Deposit Return	\$300.00
	Net Profit	\$675.00

In Grateful Service,
Kristine T.

Regional Conference Member: Present w/written report

May 16, 2009 RCM Report

Hello Addicts,

The RSC (regional service committee) met May 9, 2009 in Grand Forks at the Holiday Inn Express. George P. was elected Web Resource Person. The treasurer position is still open but Wes K. has been filling in until someone is elected. Positions that will be up for election at the July RSC are Secretary, Regional Activities Chairperson, Fellowship Development Chair, Regional Chairperson, and Regional Co-Chairperson. There was no representation from the Manitoba Area and their chair reported that they would send no representation until an RCM is elected. Rob H., RCM for Lewis & Clark was there and brought several people from Bismarck. I will have more to report on the happenings from the Region next month after the minutes have come out.

Review and input drafts of the self-support pamphlets, "Keeping It and Giving it Away", and proposed revisions to "In Times of Illness," are out for fellowship review until May 30, 2009. You can access these drafts online at www.na.org/?ID=conference-index with the username and password to access these which is WSC2010. You can also provide feedback online. A survey is online to gather fellowship input for the book project, "Living Clean." Participate by going to www.na.org/?ID=Living_Clean_Project.

The price for shipping literature increased on April 1st. NAWS (NA World Service) hasn't increased their shipping costs since the early 1990's. You can find these new prices at www.na.org. The second printing of the Basic Text Commemorative Edition has come out. They have printed another 10,000 copies due to an extraordinary demand for the book. The 33rd World Convention is just around the corner and pre-registration ends July 1st. NAWS has over 2500 people pre-registered and they say they are in good position given the current economy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 22-25, 2009: Spiritual Refreshment on Pelican Lake.

June 12-14, 2009: MACCNA XIX Convention, Winnipeg, MB

June 19-21, 2009: Bis-Man 5th Annual Campout. Eagles Park

July 17-19, 2009: 25th annual PIG ROAST, Gaylord, MN.

July 24-26, 2009: Island Gig, RITH Area

July 24-26, 2009 Midwest Zonal Forum, Columbus, Ohio.

July 31-August 2, 2009: Hopefest 5, McGowan Farm, Mankato, MN

August 7-9, 2009: N.O.W. Campout

August 20-23, 2009: WCNA 33 in Barcelona, Spain, Armor sin fronteras (Love without borders)

August 22, 2009: World Unity Day

April 25-May 1, 2010: World Service Conference 2010

In Grateful Service, Molly M.

Alternate Regional Conference Member: vacant position

Literature Committee: Present with written report

Greetings fellow addicts,

We meet every Thursday after the 8:00 meeting @ 3910 25th ST S Fargo. You will all be happy to know that the literature committee is ready for action. We now have guidelines, a bank account, and copies of the literature that is currently being developed. Here are my proposed starting budgets I got these numbers from surveying the groups this is from only the groups I spoke to and just what they use.

ITEM	#	PRICE	TOTAL
Basic text	24	\$11.00	\$264.00
Step guide	38	\$7.30	\$277.40
Just for Today	24	\$7.70	\$184.80
How and Why	16	\$7.70	\$123.20
Sponsorship	9	\$7.00	\$63.00
Wallet cards	30	\$0.15	\$4.50
Intro to NA	80	\$1.70	\$136.00
Little white	105	\$0.52	\$54.60
NC keytags	205	\$0.45	\$92.25
30 days	71	\$0.45	\$31.95
60 days	61	\$0.45	\$27.45
90 days	61	\$0.45	\$27.45
6 months	34	\$0.45	\$15.30
9 months	27	\$0.45	\$12.15
1 year	20	\$0.45	\$9.00
18 months	17	\$0.45	\$7.65
Multiple years	17	\$0.45	\$7.65
TOTALS			\$1338.35

or

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NC keytags	205	\$0.45	\$92.25
TOTALS			\$828.75

Thanks for your consideration

In Grateful Service, Tricia L.

Group Reports

There were 13 Groups:

1. Poop in a Group- Kris O. -Open positions: None
2. YPG-Jeremy T. -Open positions: Yes come to our next group conscience mtg. and find out.
3. It's A Good Thing- No name on report. -Open positions: None
4. H.O.W- Chris M. - Open positions: None.
5. Break in the Day NA-Michael F -Open positions: Alt GSR
6. Living In The Moment- Jay B. -Open Positions: No
7. Just for Today-Matt N. -Open positions: No
8. NA After Dark- Eric K. - Open Positions: No
9. Saturday Addicts Meeting- Tricia L.- Open Positions: No
10. K.I.S.S- Jeff K. - Open positions: No
11. Serenity Now- Jason T. - Open positions: NO
12. New Path N.A.- Jeff G. - Open Positions: All
13. We do Recover- Chuck B. - Open Positions: No

Sharing Session Topics from the May ASC

Housekeeping: See motions for information on discussion

1. Open positions:

- Chair, closed. Nicole K. elected
- Alt. RCM closed. Jeff G elected
- H&I Chair, open. Scott S. nominated
- Vice Chair, open. Frank H. nominated
- P.I. Chair, open. Jeff K nominated
- Secretary, open. No nominations

General Topics:

- Discussion on putting date on guidelines when they are revised- **see motions**
- Voting under secret ballot- **see motions**
- Discussion about \$1000.00 budget for Literature Committee to start stock pile of literature- **see motions**
- LAA website proposal: **-tabled**

LAAWeb Site Proposal

Purpose: To give access to members and addicts seeking recovery to online resources of the area.

Goals: To bring our outlying groups a feeling of involvement in the day-to-day workings of our area. By giving access to Literature (down-loadable IP's),

Real time events postings (down-loadable fliers)

Ability to add events of their own i.e.; group sponsored events

To help addicts looking to add a group to their city the information to get them started.

Structure:

Web coordinator (new Committee)

1. Monitor and point of contact for site
2. Appoint moderators for forum
3. Article submissions
4. Author authorizations
5. Content screenings

Costs: The cost of this is dependent on the plan chosen.

One year in advance is \$120, 2yrs \$216, 3yrs \$287.

501c3 can receive free hosting for life. (Separate costs involved) cost saving in the number of printed fliers, and distribution of the area minutes

Advantages:

Email accounts for each committee; with use of email forwarding can bring to each private email account

Content Management system allows any one to use system.

With little training can operate all areas of the site.

Each committee has access to their section.

Some features are but not limited too

Forum - place to discuss steps, traditions, etc

Meeting lists - search-able with mapping capabilities

Activities - listings search able events

Document access - down-loadable pdf's i.e. lit, fliers, minutes

Newsletter - emailed newsletter of the articles from the site

User submitted articles subjects are limitless

Sharing Session Topics for the June ASC

Additional topics may be added and/or the order of topics changed.

Housekeeping:

1. Open positions:

- H&I Chair, open. Scott S. nominated
- Vice Chair, open. Frank H. nominated
- P.I. Chair, open. Jeff K. nominated

General Topics: See motions for information on discussion

1. **Joining a Zonal Forum- Jason T.**
2. **Voting at the regional level- Jason T.**
3. **Potlucks continue? Kris T.**
4. **Discussion about Literature Guidelines- Trish L.**

Motions from May ASC

Motion: Remove sentence “ The motion is not debatable, not amendable, and cannot be reconsidered.” On the line 100 under Temporary Suspension of Specific Guidelines of the LAASC Area Service Guidelines. –**Intent:** To facilitate ability to do business. –**Made by:** Jason T.

–**Seconded by:** Jeremy T. - **MOTION PASSES**

Motion: Allow immediate discussion of Temporary Guidelines if Chair determines it is expedient to conduct business, will state “The solution will be in the form of a motion, and can be discussed in the sharing session or discussed immediately (determined by Chair), and voted on the same day without previous publication in the minutes. – **Intent:** To facilitate ability to do business. - **Made by:** Jason T. **Seconded by:** Kris O.

– **MOTION PASSES**

Motion: To add a date to Line 51 of the Guidelines to indicate the date it was last revised. Example: Revised 4/5/09. The date should indicate the date the most recent change was approved. - **Intent:** Avoid confusion over most current Guidelines. –**Made by:** Jason T. –**Seconded by:**

Brianna A. – **MOTION PASSES**

Motion: Add exemption for parliamentary motions to section on voting requiring secret ballot under Reading and Review of Format. Will read “Elections and motions (with the exception of parliamentary motions) are decided by process of secret ballot to ensure each GSR the right to follow her/his group conscience without fear of reprisal. - **Intent:** To facilitate ability to do business. - **Made by:** Jason T. **Seconded by:** Molly M.

- **MOTION PASSES**

Motion: I would like to start a stockpile of Literature and would need \$1000.00 to start that stockpile. - **Intent:** Start stockpile of literature. -

Made by: Tricia L. –**Seconded by:** Scott S. - **TO BE VOTED ON.**

Motion: Revote on Chair. – **Intent:** Fill position. – **Made by:** Kris. **Seconded by:** Jason. - **MOTION PASSES**

Motion: To nominate Scott S for H&I chair. - **Made by:** Kris O. -**Seconded by:** Jeremy T. - **TO BE VOTED ON.**

Motion: To nominate Jeff K. for P.I. chair –**Made by:** Tricia -**Seconded by:** Jay. – **TO BE VOTED ON.**

Motion: To nominate Frank H for Vice Chair. -**Made by:** Kris -**Seconded by:** Trisha. - **TO BE VOTED ON.**

Motion: To approve Literature Committee to have a bank account. – **Intent:** To be in cooperation with area guidelines. - **Made by:** Tricia
Seconded by: Frank. – **TO BE VOTED ON.**

Motion: Change line on part 2 quorum to open the business of the day to include the two week deadline mentioned in other areas of the guidelines, will state “If GSR’S fees assured that all groups/meetings who want minutes have been sent minutes at least two weeks prior to the ASC, a motion may be made in writing to accept quorum.” - **Intent:** Clarify guidelines -**Made by:** Jason T. -**Seconded by:** Kris O. – **TO BE VOTED ON.**

Motion: Change line under cancellation of monthly meeting stating meeting may be cancelled if minutes are not sent on time to *must* be cancelled. Will state “ If the minutes have not gone out to all members at least two weeks before the monthly meeting, the meeting must be cancelled by the Chairperson.”- **Intent:** To clarify Chairperson’s responsibility and to be fair to members who may be driving long distances to attend. - **Made by:** Jason T. **Seconded by:** Kris O. - **TO BE VOTED ON.**

Motion: Update guidelines on a quarterly basis with all changes that have been voted on by the ASC. - **Intent:** Keep guidelines current. -
Made by: Kris O. -**Seconded by:** Brianna. - **TO BE VOTED ON.**

Motion: Have Jason update guidelines electronically each time an update occurs and print updated guidelines quarterly - **Intent:** None given -
Made by: Jeff K. -**Seconded by:** Tricia L. – **TO BE VOTED ON.**

Motion: Remove current wording under part 6: voting and 2. To be replaced by “only elections will be by secret ballot.” 3. All other votes will be made by raising hands. - **Intent:** Undo current policy- **Made by:** Michael. **Seconded by:** Frank. - **TO BE VOTED ON.**

Motion: Close with beefs and bouquets - **Intent:** Go home. - **Made by:** Jeremy T. -**Seconded by:** Brianna. - **MOTION PASSES.**

Service Resumes

Name: Frank H. - **Position nominated for:** Vice Chair

I have been clean since August 28, 1980. My involvement in AA service began almost immediately because my sponsor dragged me into it. Willingly of course. And I had no idea what we were doing. There was no NA in the town where I cleaned up. I became involved in NA in Bismarck in 1981 and NA in this area in 1981 as well. Have served in most positions at the Group level, Area Level and served as Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Policy Chair at the Regional level when the Region included ND, SD, MN and part of Canada.

The service I enjoy the most is sponsorship and doing Hospitals and Institutions work.

I love NA and cannot possibly give back enough. Love you all.

Frank

SERVICE RESUME FOR JEFF K.

TO: NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS LAKE AGASSIZ AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE

CLEAN DATE: MARCH 3RD, 2008

SERVICE POSITIONS CURRENTLY HELD:

1. GSR FOR FRIDAY NIGHT KISS MEETING
2. CONTACT PERSON FOR NA HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
3. PANEL LEADER FOR H&I FERGUS FALLS HALFWAY HOUSE MEETING WHICH I RUN EVERY 2ND & 4TH

THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

4. RUN CLAY COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER MEETING EVERY 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
5. TREASURER FOR BREAK IN THE DAY MEETING AT THE U. U. CHURCH
6. ATTEND BUSINESS MEETINGS FOR BREAK IN THE DAY MEETING ON THE 3RD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
7. ATTEND BUSINESS MEETINGS FOR THE KISS MEETING ON THE 3RD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
8. ATTEND LAASC MEETINGS ON THE 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
9. RESPONSIBLE FOR OPENING FRIDAY BREAK IN THE DAY MEETINGS
10. ALONG WITH OTHER ADDICTS I HAVE HELPED RUN AN ADOLESCENT GROUP AT SHAREHOUSE

WELLNESS CENTER IN MOORHEAD

11. AS CONTACT PERSON FOR H&I, I HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS WITH CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COORDINATOR FOR PRAIRIE AND WITH THE SUPERVISOR OF THE CLAY COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER

12. ATTEND H&I SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS WHENEVER POSSIBLE

13. CURRENTLY SPONSOR SEVERAL ADDICTS IN NA

WILLINGNESS TO SERVE:

I AM WILLING TO SERVE AS PUBLIC INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR AND WORK CLOSELY WITH CHRIS O. (CURRENT PI CHAIR) AND DO WHATEVER I CAN TO GET OUR MESSAGE OF EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH AND HOPE OUT TO THE PUBLIC IN OUR AREA AND INFORM THEM OF WHAT THE NA PROGRAM HAS TO OFFER.

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING ME FOR THIS POSITION

IN GRATEFUL SERVICE

JEFF K.

Name: Scott S.

Nominated for: H & I Chair

Clean: 2 years

Prior Service: H & I vice-chair, GSR

Willingness: Service keeps me clean.... H &

I ROCKS!