

Lewis & Clark Area Service Committee Meeting
Saturday November 17th, 2007
Hillcrest School
Jamestown, ND 2pm-5pm
THANKS JAMESTOWN FOR HOSTING!

Attendance: Steve J., Saul H., Kim K., Rob H., John F., Tony F., Mike C., Tom W., Scott M., Swan L., Tina S., Blaine O., Jim A., Teresa K., Karen G.

Steve J. called the meeting to order and the meeting was opened with the “WE” version of the Serenity Prayer. Tina S. read The 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous. Rob H. read the 12 Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.

Mike C. made motion to approve September meeting minutes and Swan L. second the motion. Motion passed. September meeting minutes were approved.

Group Reports

Minot: No GSR present. Meetings are going well. The 7th tradition is supported well. Donating \$50.00 to the Area. Alt GSR and GSR have had other commitments which have pulled them away from NA, but are still making sure that their groups are taken care of. Attendance is anywhere from 15-30. Meetings on Sun, Tue. and Fri. Drew does an H&I meeting for the adolescents who don't get brought to regular meetings.

Jamestown: Tony F. representing. Meetings average 20 per meeting on Monday and Friday. Rent is paid to the end of the year. Account holds \$93.65, prudent reserve balances at \$150.00. Planning a Holiday Potluck Feast, flyer was handed around. Donated \$50.00. New group on Wednesday Nights would like to start an NA meeting; it's at 5:15 pm at the 518 building in Jamestown. Attempting to help a fellow member from Beulah to start an NA meeting.

Bis/Man:

Mon: no representation

Tue: no representation

Wed: Have been splitting into 2 groups because of facility time restraints. Attendance is around 10 with 40% women and 60% men. First Wednesday of the month is a Step meeting, second Wednesday of the month Tradition meeting, third Wednesday of the month is Open Topic, and last Wednesday of the month is Birthday night. Nicole A. is the secretary/treasurer and Wednesday night is still looking for an alternate GSR and GSR positions to be filled. Average weekly contribution is around \$8.00, group total is \$180.00. Rent is paid 6 months at a time and it is due again January 1, 2008. Recently purchased 2 NA Basic Text and 2 Just For Today books. All other regular expenses are covered.

Thurs: Rob H. and Scott M. Welcome Scott M. to the Area as the Thursday Night Alternate GSR. Attendance is good with 35 regularly attending and at least 3 newcomers. Rent paid through December. Halloween event went well. Recently ordered literature.

Fri: Mike C. New chairman for group. Averaging 6-8 people at meeting and averaging 2 newcomers. Rent paid through the year.

Sat: no representation

Sun: no representation

Ft. Yates: no representation

BTC: Per Steve J., meeting going well. Facility passed that the meeting is not mandatory. Meeting Sunday night at 6pm. Since not mandatory about 5-8 people show up at meeting.

Steering Committee Reports

Chairman: Steve J. representing had nothing to report.

Vice Chair: Saul H. our new acting Vice Chair. Had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Saul H. still acting Treasurer. Balance as of last meeting = \$1536.63

Wrote 4 checks = \$10.00 #1030 Luis C. – t-shirt

\$15.00 #1031 Alano Society

\$30.00 #1032 to Kim K. for gas reimbursement

\$300.00 #1033 to the Region

=Total - \$355.00

Donations = \$50.00 - Eastenders

\$50.00 - Minot

\$17.06 – Lewis and Clark H&I

=Total - \$117.06

Ending balance = \$1289.69

Secretary: Kim K. representing asking that everyone report back to her when they get the minutes if they want anything changed.

RCM: Rob H. reporting. **Congratulations Swan! 6 years Clean and Serene on November 5th!** Rob H. attended Regional Meeting in Winnipeg MB. Brought back some pamphlets for groups to take a look at. Fellowship Committee, only budget not approved. There is an opening for a Secretary in the Region. CAR reports to be handed out and completed and got back to the Region. John F. reported that the guidelines need to be looked and we have 2 parts of the guidelines. John F. asked we reword parts of the guidelines to state that everybody can have a voice but to limit it. To keep a true group conscience can be manipulated so we need to keep a limit on who joins our Area, this needs to be handled by voting. Wes K. our regional alternate delegate would like to do a CAR report workshop at the end of January for our Area. Rob H. made a motion we do the CAR report with Wes K. in January in Bismarck during our Area meeting, and we schedule for all day. Jim A. second motion. Tom W. made amendment that we start at 9am for our Area meeting and make it a potluck. We would then give the afternoon to Wes K. for the workshop. Motion passed.

H&I/P&I: Jim A. present. Tony F. reported that he is still working with Visa to get the issue figured out regarding purchase of NA Recovery merchandise. Balance in account is \$340.00, \$40.00 out for Shirts, \$32.00 out for ribbons, \$264.00 out for cups. Profits came from sales of the Black long sleeve t shirts and ribbons. Mike C. made a motion for the Area to reimburse Tony F. for the money spent for the cups (it was personal money) and when/if Tony F. gets money back he will give it back to the Area. Also to include the

Region and the World to also be involved in this matter. Rob H. second motion. Rob H. made motion to table this issue until next Area Meeting.

Activities Report: No representation. You are in our prayers Chad H.! Happy and Safe Recovery!

Elections/Nominations:

Rob H. nominated Tom W. for Treasurer. Tom W. accepted the nomination.

Mike C. did agree to nomination that was tabled back at July's meeting.

Qualifications Mike C. = ran Friday night for last 2 years and had controlled money for that meeting. Clean for over 2 years now. Has checking account, has job, and has never stolen money from NA.

Qualifications for Tom W. = 11 months sober, treasurer for Thursday night and held it since March and treasurer for activity committee, made it through campout and didn't lose any money. Has checking account, has job, and has never stolen money from NA. Is willing to give up his NA accounts in Bis/Man to step up to Area level.

Closed vote = Mike C. was voted as the new Treasurer. **Welcome Mike C. to the position!**

Congratulations! And thank you Tom W. for all your service work!

Old Business: none

New Business: Teresa K. mentioned the new meeting for Jamestown that she is starting. Saul H. made a motion to pay rent ahead of time for the new meeting starting in Jamestown. With an amount of \$60.00 and John F. will get them a new starter kit. Mike C. second the motion. Motion passed.

Contacts for people leaving YCC. The kids get out and go to communities all over the place, and they have nobody to talk to. Jim A. was inquiring if anybody would be willing to be a contact for these kids to call for the first 24-72 hours of their release. This list to be tailored to the areas these kids come from.

John F. brought up issue of medallions that have changed. Bronze old and new style, Nickel plated old and new style. The medallions have changed from roman numerals to aerobic numerals. John F. will get the link for this to the secretary of the area and she will get it out to all committee members, so they can look at them.

Jim A. made a Motion for Rob H. to be reimbursed \$42.00 for gas. Swan L. second this motion. Motion passed. Kim K. was given \$27.00 for gas reimbursement.

Conference Agenda Report. If you want to know more about this then come to the workshop.

Guidelines and rewording our part. Seating procedure section IV of the guidelines to be changed to - "a group GSR may be seated as a voting member of the RSC provided the group lies within the geographical boundaries of the Region and is not a member of a represented Area Service Committee." Non - Participants Section V (b) to be changed to - GSR or their recognized alternate have a voice but not a vote in the RCM belonging to an Area. Motion made by Jim A. to trust our trusted servants to make a wise decision regarding the changes of the guidelines. Tony F. second the motion. Motion passed.

Area inventory sheets to be handed in for groups.

Location for Next Meeting: Bismarck, ND January, location TBA.

Beefs and Bouquets:

No Beefs.

Bouquets:

Welcome all new group members to their new positions. Good food and awesome place to meet. Glad to see new faces. New group starting up in Jamestown. Thanks for the nominations. Thanks for letting a non voting member have a say.