

Lewis & Clark Area Service Committee Meeting
Saturday September 22nd, 2007
700 Group Club House
Minot, ND 2pm-5pm
THANKS MINOT FOR HOSTING!

Attendance: Andy W., Steve J., Chris C., Saul H., Kim K., Rob H., Louis C., Mark G., John F., Tony F., Blaine, Chad H., Shawna V.

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

Saul H. made motion to approve July meeting minutes and Chad H. second the motion. Motion passed. July meeting minutes were approved.

Group Reports

Minot: Mark G. alternate GSR gave report. “Freedom Group”, at the Church of Christ in Minot, at 9pm. Attendance is 20-40, with new comer’s average of 12. Changed the Friday night meeting to an open meeting which Mark G. has been chairing, and asked another fellow addict to take over this position for him as he has employment obligations. Drew is the GSR for this group. Lewis C. is chairing the Tuesday night meeting and Saul H. is chairing the Sunday night meeting.

Jamestown: Tony F., alternate GSR. “Jamestown Overcomers”. In Jamestown, Monday and Friday at 8pm. Attendance on average is 20, with 22 newcomers. Both meetings have averaged around 20. Nothing new to report as far as activities go. Have had a prudent reserve of \$150.00 above and beyond that we have \$188.87 in our account and will be buying supplies with that money. The activities on hold are 1.) Potluck 2.) Halloween Party 3.) Far into spring, summer Frolf Potluck Tournament.

Bis/Man:

Mon: no representation

Tue: no representation

Wed: Chad H. GSR. “Old Timers”, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Bismarck, at 8pm. Average meeting attendance is 10+ with an average of 1-2 newcomers. Rent is paid and there is about \$125.00 in the account. Meeting attendance is up and down lately only 5-6 people sometimes then some weeks there is 10-15. As the winter sets in, attendance will rise, that seems to be the normal trend. Still looking for a GSR and alternate GSR.

Thurs: Rob H. GSR. “East Enders NA” at the Grace Lutheran Church, Thursdays at 8pm. Attendance average is 30-35 with 2-3 newcomers. Group attendance is good and people are getting more involved in service work. Seventh tradition being supported well and rent is to be paid. Also donated \$50 to the Area. Trying to put together a Halloween event for

Bis/Man. Rob H. states he hasn't had a whole lot of contact with other groups, but is intending to improve on this. Unsure of Alternate GSR position as he hasn't seen this individual at meetings in a few weeks.

Fri: no representation

Sat: Andy W. GSR. "Saturday Night Live" in Bismarck at 8pm. Six newcomers per meeting and average attendance is 17. Rent has been lowered to \$10.00.

Sun: no representation

Ft. Yates: no representation

BTC: Steve J. representing. Stated he was told that the meeting there is a required meeting for the residents living there. Steve feels he shouldn't have to force feed NA to anyone, but due to state rules, the residents do have to attend this meeting.

Steering Committee Reports

Chairman: John F. – This meeting was John's last meeting as Chairman. He has done an outstanding job with all his knowledge, perseverance, willingness and open mindedness. John has moved to the Regional level now, to further carry on his service work and message for NA. He is a great leader and will be a great asset to whatever level of service work he does. Thank you John F. for all your hard work and dedication. He thanks all of us for all our hard work and he said it was a pleasure to work with all of us. Chad H. also thanks John F. for all his hard work and dedication. Steve J. reflected on 2 years ago when he sat next to John F. when our area began, and how this wouldn't have worked without each and every one of us.

Vice Chair: Steve J. – shared that he visited a South Dakota event with other fellow addicts, and he feels our Area is doing fine, but there is always room for growth and he is thankful for the people involved in the Area.

Treasurer: Saul H. – Pre-campout balance was \$1073.08, and post-campout is \$1536.63. Bank statement has balance of \$1260.54 which doesn't reflect 2 deposits of \$240.00 from sale of soda and \$36.09 which is coinage from the campout. Also have 4 ½ miscellaneous receipts totaling \$67.12. All campout supplies were paid for w/cash from campout. (This is an estimate, so if anyone has any additional information please let Saul H. know).

Breakdown of checks and deposits are:

#24 – to Bakery for \$28.00

#25 – to Coca Cola for \$337.80

#26 – to Stump Lake for \$150.00

#27 – to John for Cash for \$150.00

#28 – to Chad H. for \$19.02

#29 – to Sale Barn Café for \$135.64

Total=\$820.44

Deposits:

\$58.00 and \$200.00 – T-Shirts

\$176.00 – Concessions and 7th Tradition

\$574.00 – Registration

\$240.00 – Soda sale to AA

\$36.09 – Coin from campout

Total=\$1284.09

Secretary: Kim K. Had nothing to report, but thanked everyone for their written reports, and made sure that everyone is getting her documents that she sends via email, and they are.

RCM: No representations, due to personal family reasons, keep Swan in our prayers. Alternate RCM was present but stated there is no new info to report on as of now.

H&I/P&I: no representation

Activities Report: Chad H. shared how touched he was at the unity and the helping hands each person contributed to the Stump Lake campout. Chad H. also went around and thanked those who stepped up. Thank You once again Chad H. for all your hard work and acknowledging the “WE” concept of the Narcotics Anonymous program. NA will be sending Helga from the Stump Lake campout a “Thank You” card for being such a gracious hostess, and also sending the Nelson County Commission a “Thank You” card, for the use of their facilities. Still haven’t gotten money from Lake Agassiz for the food for the Stump Lake campout due to conflicting stories of freshness of the food. Steve J. will approach Activities chair from Lake Agassiz about this issue.

Steering Committee Reports

Elections/Nominations: Kim K. agreed to take Secretary position for another year. Jim A. will stay as H&I/P&I position. Chad H. will keep Activities Chair position.

Tony F. removed himself from Treasurer Nomination due to other personal commitments. Steve J. nominated for Chairperson. Chad H. made nomination that Steve J. would make an excellent Chairperson. Unanimous vote that Steve J. is now our new Chairperson.

CONGRATULATIONS STEVE J.!!! Saul H. was nominated for Vice Chair, and also agreed to stay acting Treasurer until this position is filled. Unanimous vote that Saul H. is now Vice-Chair. CONGRATULATIONS SAUL H.!!!!

Old Business:

No Old Business!

New Business:

1. Kim K. asked for reimbursement for gas for the travel to Minot. Chad H. made motion that Kim K. be reimbursed for gas at \$30.00 and Rob H. 2nd motion. Motion passed. Saul H. wrote check #1032 for \$30.00 to reimburse Kim K. for her travels.
2. Being responsible with NA funds. Topic was brought up to return the \$200.00 to the Region for helping us get started. Rob H. made a motion to return the money and Tony F. 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Chad H. made the motion to give an additional \$100.00 to the Region, Saul H. 2nd motion. Rob H. abstained. 7 yes, 0 no’s, and 1 abstention.
3. Prudent Reserve

Discussion:

Do we need to carry the message further? Use the funds to reach out to other Areas. John F. brought up question to think about; where do we draw the line between attraction and promotion? (good question). Some towns that are in our Area have been invited numerous times to join our Area, with no appearances or responses. Can’t force them to come, but

can't leave them hanging either. Let's try and do what we can with what we have. We as an Area, need to keep these other towns and meetings in mind when we are meeting and setting some goals. Steve J. made suggestion that we go online and review the Area Planning Tool.

Location for Next Meeting: Jamestown, ND November 17, 2007. Hillcrest School. 1pm Meet and Greet. 2pm-5pm Area Meeting.

Beefs and Bouquets

Bouquets: Excited about working with newly elected officers, unity of our group and help with the campouts was awesome and looking forward to the future with the area. This was an unreal experience for me today (visitor to the Area Meeting) and saw a lot of realness and honesty and saw a lot of hardworking people, and he is very grateful to be here today. Thanks for being willing to work with me on the Treasurer issue while I get other issues worked out. NA is my family and thank you for being my family. I feel refreshed when I come to these meetings, thank you.

There were no beefs, but there was a wish/concern and that is, that we wish that more chairs were filled and more people could experience what we experience.