

Lewis & Clark Area Service Committee Meeting
Saturday January 17, 2009
Ramada Limited Suites
Bismarck , ND 1pm-5pm
THANKS BISMARCK FOR HOSTING!

Attendance: Kim K., Tom W., John F., Saul H., Kory H., Mike C., Rob H., Steve J., Martin G., Jason S., Kane P., Karla B., Bart, Don, Tony F., Scott M.

Steve J. called the meeting to order and the meeting was opened with the “WE” version of the Serenity Prayer. Karla B. read The 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous. Martin G. read the 12 Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.

Tom W. made motion to approve amended November 2008 meeting minutes and John F. second the motion. Motion passed. November 2008 meeting minutes were approved. John F. made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from December of 2008, and Mike C. second motion. Motion passed.

Group Reports

Minot: Kory H., GSR. Attendance is good, 15- 20 people average, 2-3 newcomers. Next quarterly potluck on March 14, 2009 with a meet and greet at 5pm, 6pm food, and speakers after that. This will coincide with the next Area meeting. \$50 donation to the Area and \$200 to World.

Jamestown: Tony F. GSR. Average attendance is 6 people, with 34 newcomers since November of 2008. Ending balance in 2008 was \$60.09 with \$50 in prudent reserve. Did suffer a \$30 overdraft fee due to buying refreshments and then depositing funds, and funds hadn't been deposited in a month. Did pay rent for January and February of 2009, leaving a total of \$4.34 in the account. December 12th, potluck and FDC meeting was a success. Also hosted 1st quarterly meeting of UMRSC last weekend. Had a chili feed and sledding activity with a speaker and a short guitar jam that sent everybody packin! Also had a night of bowling on November 22nd. No other plans in the works at this point. Discussion was held to have the Area give Jamestown some funds so they can buy Keytags. John F. made a motion to give Jamestown \$50 for materials for their meeting as they see fit to fulfill their 5th tradition. Kim K. second the motion. Motion passed Also, the meeting of the 5:15 @ 5:18 around 5:30 is holding its own with an average attendance of 3, no other information on this meeting.

Bis/Man:

Mon: No representation.

Tue: Martin G. a lot of newcomers from Center Inc. Without Center Inc. there are about 6 constant members. There hasn't been much structure as far as business meetings, or group conscience, and there seems to be a real lack of commitment in this meeting. Discussed that the Area should go over and support this meeting and share some experience, strength, and hope.

Wed: John F GSR. Attendance is 12-15 with people with 2-4 newcomers. Do have a future donation to give to Area.

Thur: Tom W. GSR. Attendance is 24 people with about 3 newcomers. Have noticed that attendance is down and that ACS hasn't been showing up. Giving a \$150 donation to the Area.

Fri: Mike C. GSR. Attendance is 6-12 people with 2 newcomers a month. Financial is holding its own, don't have an exact amount. Newcomer expressed wanting to do some service, so meeting is going really well.

Sat: No representation

Sun: Kane P. GSR. Attendance 12-15 people with 1-2 newcomers. Recently the Bible Baptist Church where we meet burned down so now we are meeting at the New Freedom Center. We will be staying at this location. Ending account is \$125. Plan on donating to the Area not sure of the amount yet.

Steering Committee Reports

Chairman: Steve J. Saul I appreciate you taking on the last meeting and doing a good job. Those in service I have heard how you all step up and make things happen. Thank You! Thank you Tom, Kane, Scott and all those involved in making the New Year's Eve event happen, it was a great time.

Vice Chair: Saul H. Thanks for the response last meeting (people letting me know I did a good job at the last meeting)

Treasurer: Mike C. last reported total 914.61
business after report Kim gas 15.
extra pop bought by andy 10.
7th trad from tue mdn 50.
total 959.61

opening balance 959.61
7th trad eastenders 150.
7th trad minot fri 50.
payouts meeting room 60
Rob gas to jamestown 15.25
gas to tony 20.
donation to jamestown 50
postmaster 94
ending balance 920.36

Secretary: Kim K. I am going to assume when I send the meeting minutes out to be reviewed that if I get no response within a few days that everyone is ok with the minutes and I can send them to be posted on the website.

Activities: Vacant

RCM: Rob H. I attended and participated in the Regional Service committee meeting January 10th 2009 in Jamestown, Lewis and Clark Area hosting. Thanks Tony F. for coordinating the meeting place and activities. A lot was accomplished allowing the RSC

to move forward in carrying the message. Clarification and understanding of a prudent reserve was established and agreed upon. One year minimum operating expenses was agreed upon as the amount for a prudent reserve. The budgets for sub-committees were also approved.

The RD (Wes K.) asked that I remind all GSR's to update their group registration with the WSO including a current mailing address. Some groups are having their NAWS information mailed to the region mailing address and Wes was hoping someone was familiar with these groups.

Wade D. our FDC chair is currently working toward planning an HI/PI learning day workshop.

The UMRNA 25.5 was a successful event thanks to all who supported and helped facilitate the event. The \$300 startup funds were returned to the region and in turn donated to the WSO. A Peace Garden meeting is still being considered if it can be arranged.

Guidelines for Website submittal are being explored to alleviate confusion for event posting on the Regional Website.

A motion was made to fund participation in a Zonal Forum of our RD. The motion was tabled until a conscience could be decided by each area, currently the MASC sends their RCM to the Canadian Zonal Forum.

The next RSC meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 4th in Grand Forks at the Holiday Inn Express.

H&I/P&I: Tony F. Purchased literature to make kits. Out of the books from WSO 12 step working guides and 10 It works how and why, Just for Today to give to key counselors within treatment facilities. Books were \$311.64 leaving a balance of \$382.40. Bought 5 extra Basic Texts for the State Hospital Chaplain as she requested five to be able to help certain patients she says indicate a desire to stay clean and need a copy. Checked with Wade from Lake Aggasiz on cost of phone line. They pay \$80 a month. Have had requests for speakers at TRC and I do have a contact number for anyone interested. When discussing this issue it was strongly recommended that we NEED to follow the H&I Guidelines. Center Inc. has asked for 2 meetings to come in and there is a meeting taking place at YCC but there has been no reports or info shared with the Area, and that is NOT following the Guidelines.

Elections/Nominations:

1. *Activities.* Chad H. holds this position. Nominations are Bart Z. Scott M. made a motion to close nominations. Bart Z. accepted nomination. Questions were asked for his qualifications for this position. Elected by motion of acclimation. Bart Z. accepted position, WELCOME BART AND THANK YOU!!!
2. *Treasurer.* Mike C. currently holds this position. Nominations are Don W., Karla B. Mike C. made motion to close nominations. Questions were asked for his qualifications for this position. John F. read out of the Guide to Local Services of what this position entails. Voting took place and Karla B. is our new Treasurer. WELCOME KARLA AND THANK YOU!!!

3. Secretary. Kim K. currently holds this position. Nominations are Don W. and accepted nomination. Nominations were closed. Elected by motion of acclimation. WELCOME DON AND THANK YOU!!!
4. Vice Chair. Saul H. currently holds this position. Nominations are Kim K., accepted nomination, Jason S. accepts nomination. Questions were asked for his qualifications for this position. John F. read out of the Guide to Local Services of what this position entails. Nominations were then closed. Voting took place and Kim K. is the new Vice Chair.
5. Chair Person. John F. read out of the Guide to Local Services of what this position entails. Steve J. currently holds this position. Nomination is Saul H., and he accepted nomination. Motion made to close nominations. Saul H. was asked for qualifications. Elected by motion of acclimation. WELCOME SAUL H. AND THANK YOU!!!
6. Outreach. Tony F. retains his position as Outreach. Elected by motion of acclimation THANK YOU TONY F. AND WELCOME BACK!!
7. Alternate RCM. This position currently vacant. Nominations are Kory H. and he accepts. Kory H. was asked for qualifications. Elected by motion of acclimation. WELCOME KORY H. AND THANK YOU!!!

Old Business:

1. Payment plan for Stump Lake funds. The responsible parties have not contacted the Treasurer to set up a payment plan and she was asked to do this. NA guidelines state that the next step should be legal action. Tom W. made a motion to have a binding contract drawn up and be presented to Shawna Z. and Chad H., and the amount of \$50 from each person, per month. Rob H. second he motion. One abstention, otherwise motion passed. Tom W. has agreed to draw up a document, and Steve J. agreed to deliver document.

New Business:

1. Printing of IP's – if you do have an IP and you want to copy it you can, as long as you DON'T sell it. Certain groups feel we need to make an effort to help out H&I.
2. H&I help – Tony F. needs one or two people from Minot or Bismarck to go to the treatment centers and get info such as, do you have a meeting? Do you want a meeting? Do you have literature? Then get contact names from these centers to keep in touch with them and they with us. Also, get some names to give these centers for speakers.
3. Payment on mail box – this will be taken care of by the treasurer, the amount will be \$94 for 12 months worth of rent.
4. Zonal forum. – RCM concerned that we are not taking part in this, and the concern is that we as an Area are missing out on a lot of useful tools. We need to seriously look at sending our RCM to the Zonal Forum. Rob H. made a motion to support to fund the RD to go to 2 out of 4 Zonal Forums, Mike C. second the motion. Motion passed with 2 abstentions and one nay.
5. Google Map for website. Possible website for our Area. We can post flyers, and locations of fellowship, contact numbers. Also suggested that if this did

happen that the secretary, chair and alternate chair be involved so there is some accountability. Take this information back to your group and discuss it.

Location for next meeting will be in Minot on March 14th, location TBA as it is going to coincide with an event planned by Minot. (see above group reports under Minot for more info).

Beefs and Bouquets

Beefs - meeting went a little to long

Bouquets – grateful that I am getting some help with my position. I learn something new every time I come here. Congratulations to the new committee members. Thank you for your service for those who are leaving their position. Looking forward to working with all of you in upcoming year. Great learning experience. I appreciate your trust in my new position. This last year has been really easy, as I had wonderful people supporting me and working hard. Everybody on the service committee is a gift to me. I couldn't ask for a better group of people to work with.