

**Lewis & Clark Area Service Committee Meeting**  
**Saturday July 18, 2009, 2009**  
**Salvation Army**  
**Bismarck, ND 1pm-5pm**

**THANKS BISMARCK FOR HOSTING!**

**Attendance:** Saul H., Kim K., Don W., Rob H., Tony F., Tom W., Scott M., Bart Z., Scot D., Zeller S., Marisa A., Jason S., Teresa R. K., Kory H., John F., Andy W., Steve J., Teresa K., Lora lee B., Marten G., Tony, Carl, Nikkei R., Jeff D., Randy R., Mike C. Barry K.

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. Andy W. read the 12 Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.

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

**Group Reports**

**Minot:**

**Sun/Tues/Fri:** Freedom Group-8pm, Kory H. GSR. Average meeting attendance is 30 people per. meeting with 2-3 newcomers a meeting. Meetings have been well; we did have a couple of meetings where attendance was at 45 or so. We will be donating \$50 to the area. We have decided to start calling our Quarterly Potluck meeting to Seasonal Potluck Meeting and our next Seasonal Potluck Meeting will be held in Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> with time and place to be announced. Our rent is paid through July and we've just ordered books and key tags. Our group conscience attendance has fallin a little bit, to 5-7 per. meeting.

**Jamestown:**

**Mon&Fri:** Overcomers-8pm, Terresa K. GSR. Average meeting attendance is 8 people per. meeting with 29 newcomers. We elected new officers (GSR, Secretary) and have paid rent up to Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>. We bought \$110.40 worth of literature this week, which will leave us with \$50.09 and \$50 prudent reserve. Things are starting to go back to normal in Jamestown and we will be planning an activity for August or September at our next group conscience.

**Wed:** 5:15@5:18-5:30pm, Terresa K. GSR. Average meeting attendance is 1-2 people per. meeting with 1 newcomer. We're turning the meeting into a Step working Guide (How and Why) meeting. We are interested in changing the time to maybe 6:00pm, we would have to check it out with Alanon to pass it by them for no interference, before we can change the meetings start time. We started keeping the books, flyers and pamphlets on the tables to help attract people, to help show there's an actual meeting that takes place.

**Bis/Man:**

**Mon:** Southside-8pm, Scot D. GSR. Average meeting attendance is 25-30 people per meeting with 5-8 newcomers. The meeting is going very well as far as attendance. The treatment centers do show up weekly. It's been hard to get people to step up for service (Chair, Secretary & Treasurer) our current Sec./Treasurer is moving Aug. 09, so that will open up these position for someone to step up. We are having regular group conscience, but few show up. Over all the meeting is going good and well.

**Tue:** No Representation

**Wed:** Old Timers-8pm, Jon F. GSR. Average meeting attendance is 15-20 people per meeting with 2-4 newcomers. It's a strong core group with no problems. Group elections is in September for all positions.

**Thurs:** Eastenders NA-8pm, Tom W. GSR. Average meeting attendance is 30 people per meeting with 3 newcomers. We handed out the Area Inventory out to our group at our last group conscience. We're donating \$200 to the area. A book order was made from the Comney book fund.

**Fri:** Keep the Faith-8pm, Max P. Average meeting attendance is 10-12 people per meeting with 0-2 newcomers. We're still struggling to find trusted servants, but still getting things done. We have rent paid the next three months, and in the process of ordering literature. We are making a \$20 donation to the area.

**Sat:** Saturday Night Live-8pm, Andy W. GSR. Average meeting is 8-13 people per meeting. Andy won't give up his chair and nobody has asked for his place. We only have enough money to pay \$10 for rent.

**Sun:** Sunday Night Pick a Stick-8pm, Bart Z. GSR. Average meeting attendance is 15-20 with 2-6 newcomers. Our group seems to be doing ok. We're having a lot of attendance coming from BTC and some New Freedom center. Due to lack of comment from our Treasurer, we don't have a treasure report. We're looking at having a group conscience to come up with a solution.

**Mon-Fri/Noon:** Outta the Box-12pm, Jason S. GSR. Average meeting attendance is 8-10 per meeting with 1-2 newcomers. The meeting is going very well with a good message of recovery. We started two meetings in Bismarck at -Church of the Nazarene 1826 North 8<sup>th</sup> St., the is 12-12:50PM, also had just held a group conscience to elect some trusted servants, they're as follows; Jason S. GSR, Terresa R. K. ALT. GSR, Marisa B. Sec./Treasurer and Leon as Vice Sec./Treasurer. Our balance as of 7/18/09 is \$170.88 with \$50 coming out to pay for rent for the meeting in Bismarck. We would like to give a BIG THANKS to Wednesday night for donating a set of laminated copies of the readings, forgot to thank them at the last area meeting in Jamestown. We are not yet registered with the world and we are in the works of getting a checking account. We

would like to make a BIG THANKS to Kim K. for ordering two starter kits for our meetings in Bismarck/Mandan.

### **Steering Committee Reports**

**Chairman:** Saul H.

I don't have too much to report. I would like to say thanks to everyone for showing up early so we able to read out the Guide to local Service.

**Vice Chair:** Kim K.

**Treasurer:** Karla B. (Steve J. Rep.)

#### **L&C Area Checkbook Information:**

Ending Balance May 2009                   **\$969.44**

#### **June 2009:**

Fri. night Donation:                   \$20.00

Ck# 1061 Dakota Screen Art:       -\$290.95

(Area Campout T-Shirts)

Ending Balance June 2009           **\$698.49**

No outstanding checks May 2009

One outstanding check June 2009   (\$290.95)

#### **As of July 18, 2009:**

Minot's Freedom Group Donated:     \$50.00

Bis/Man Thur. Eastenders Donated:   \$200.00

Bis/Man Tues. Frankly Earnest Donate: \$25.00

Ending Balance July 18, '09         **\$973.49**

#### **Area Reimbursements:**

Kim K. (3 Starter Kits)               \$24.40

Don W. (Copies at Staples)           \$11.02

Tony F. (Gas, Check to Overcomers) \$15.00

Salvation Army (rent for the room)   \$50.00

**Balance as of July 18, 2009           \$873.07**

**Secretary:** Don W.

I would Like to say a BIG THANKS to everyone the GSR's and to those that hold a service in the area. Without all the reports that everyone fills out my job would be a little hard. THANKS. I checked our area mail box a couple of days ago and we had received some booklets which are a recovery-oriented newsletter called Reaching Out, I put them out on the table for everyone to take back to their groups. Keep up the awesome service work, I appreciate it.

**Activities:** Bart Z.

Stump Lake campout is July 31 through August 2. \$490.00 was taken out of L&C Area treasure account. \$200.00 of it went to Tony F. for food, and the rest (\$290.00) went for t-shirts and/or possibly getting tank tops (used for fund raiser for funding of campout). T-shirt will be sold for \$10.00 for any size. They will be sold before campout as well as at the campout. I've received \$160.00 in t-shirt sales so far. I will be sending t-shirts with Cory H to Minot to be sold, and Tony F. for Jamestown. Want to give big thanks to Debbie J. for help lining up speakers. We'll be paying for speaker, camping and registration, and we would also like to pay for the pavilion, when we arrive. We are also planning a steak fry for 50 people; due to the lack of preregistration we'll be making up tickets for sale, to those that would like to attend the steak fry. Tony F. will also be making breakfast for campers on Sunday. There will be day passes for those whom just want to come and spend the day at camp out. Region wants to send \$25 as a donation. Lora Lee made a motion that we accept the donation from the region. Scott D. seconds the motion. Motion was passed that we will accept the donation. Region had also donated coffee mugs to be given away or auctioned off at the campout.

I will not be able to attend campout, because of prior commitments of wedding that I'm a groomsman in.

**RCM:** Rob H.

I don't have a lot to report as the next RSC is August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Area campout. Most of the regional positions will be coming up for elections and a service resume' has been approved.

The RD has opened a discussion with NAWS as requested by our area and I will hopefully have more info on this after the next RSC. The Midwest Zonal Forum vote was again tabled and we will need a conscience on this before the next RSC.

The regional forum has also been very quiet with no new posts for some time now.

I'd like to make reminder to all GSRs, to gather a group conscience for the upcoming area inventory in September.

**Outreach:** Tony F.

I don't have a lot to report this time around. I worked on the meeting list. I had to redo a few things, move a few things around to be able to accommodate Bismarck's growing recovery outlet. Good job Bismarck/Mandan! I still am working on adjusting the list so it is printable for 2 sided printing. I always have to adjust mine and the copy, instead of being able to direct copy from the computer. The tri-fold doesn't line up.

As far as sending more info out, I think I have enough boxes to do what I want to do. But now USPS has a straight rate on a one size box that sounds pretty reasonable, but I have to check out the pros and cons versus UPS.

I regret not attending the H&I learning day in West Fargo last week. Those guys would do well if they got their full flyer out prior to their workshop.

Elections will be held at the next ASC which will be held in Minot September 12, 2009.

### **Old Business:**

- 1) Google Email Account- since the account has opened, there has only been one e-mail from Scott D. saying thanks for opening the e-mail account and that we were doing an awesome job.
- 2) Revisiting the revision of the Guidelines- If reinstated the guidelines will throw trusted servants and voting procedures in total chaos for a period of time. For some people that hold positions which don't have the correct amount of clean time could lose their positions. The voting procedures for within our area of service meetings would change that only GSRs could vote without the help of L&C ASC have a chance to vote. An add hot committee to be made up and put in charge of revising the guidelines. John F. had made a motion to appoint an add hot committee to be in charge of revising the guidelines, with putting Kim K. in charge with the help of Lora Lee B. Steve J seconds the motion. The motion was passed. A big thanks to Kim K. and Lora Lee B. the changes will be written in red to notify what was changed.
- 3) Group Inventory- It's still tabled until September. We ask all groups to have their inventories ready to submit by then.

### **New Business:**

- 1.) The Bis/Man noon meeting is requesting to become part of the L&C area:  
The L&C Area welcomes Outta the box to our area.

### **Discussion:**

Helping out Outreach: We need people to step up and help out with contacting treatment centers from within the L&C area. So far we only have Steve J., Marten G., and Bart Z. from Bismarck that have stayed committed with helping Tony F. with the Bis/man area. We encourage other NA members from within the L&C area to help out as well. We need members, who volunteer that are accountable when they say that they'll help out, instead of just raising their hand just to look good. Also whoever is contacted by a consular or contact a treatment center should get in contact with Tony F., so he doesn't get overwhelmed when contacting treatment centers in our area.

Zonal form: Saul H. made a motion to give our RCM the right to vote whatever he decides is best. Jon F Second the motion. The motion passed.

### **Location for Next Meeting:**

Minot ND, September 12 at the 700 Club  
12:30 pm Guide to Local Service, meeting starts at 1:00 pm and ends at 5 pm.  
This meeting will be a potluck, so come hungry.

### **Beefs and Bouquets:**

**Bouquets:** We are really grateful that the Salvation Army was able to open their doors for us to have our meeting. A really **BIG BOUQUET** goes out to everyone in the room for showing up and be apart the area service meeting. **A BIG WELCOME** to those that showed up for their first time to see what the L&C ASC is all about. It was really great that lot of people that showed up early to a good start the meeting with the reading of Guide to Local Service, **GREAT JOB** guys! The meeting went outstanding and business was handled with peace and guidance from our Higher Power, **BIG BOUQUET** to our Higher Power. **KEEP UP THE AWESOME SERVICE WORK.**

**Beefs:** We all need to start stepping and getting involved with H&I our recovery started in these places, and we really need to get into the treatment centers to show the newcomers what Narcotics Anonymous is all about. Cross talking really needs to be handled a little better, because it really makes it hard to hear what's going on.