

TCASC MINUTES
TWIN CITIES AREA SERVICE CONFERENCE
OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
February 16, 2002
Sabathani, 3rd Fl, Rm. J

OPENING

Steve opened Meeting with the Serenity Prayer
12 Steps read by John
12 Traditions by Rob
12 Concepts by Bill

INTRODUCTIONS:

Attendance: Co-chair and Literature chair absent (unexcused)
Steve welcomed four new GSRs and provided Welcome Packets, along with a suggestion that the packets be brought to meetings and used often; 23 GSRs present. Quorum met.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Irwin T. corrected the mention made in Open Discussion: Area of Hope, South Suburban and Twin Cities Area, as groups, are not the ones bringing forward the idea of a Metro Convention. Minutes approved as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR

Will be looking at new PI & Activities chairpersons. April is end of term for RCMs (who are like GSRs to Region).

Co-CHAIR

Unexcused.

SECRETARY

Debi - New GSRs, please see me to provide e-mail or regular mail addresses if you would like to receive minutes. I want to thank Rick and Daniel for all their work in helping get the minutes out so efficiently this past month. It was upsetting to me that a person who hadn't been here in the nearly two years that I've been coming here, had shown up last time to try to undo our system of minutes distribution. The concern seemed to be that we were duplicating efforts on what that person deemed a time-consuming job of maintaining a website. Our website doesn't seem to need a lot of maintenance. Maybe at some point our sites could merge and all of us could benefit from the learning each has experienced. But at this point, I hope you'll support the TCASC website because it has really made my life a lot easier and saved a lot of money. If you have the capacity to submit your reports to me by e-mail or floppy disk that would be helpful.

CO-SECRETARY

Charlie - I scanned in all the fliers this month and e-mailed those for inclusion with the minutes. Also, I made a GSR attendance/contribution form, which has been provided to the Treasurer for tracking purposes. I would ask all executive committee members and subcommittee chairs to submit monthly reports via email or floppy disk in either MS Word (.doc) or ASCII text (.txt). Also ask anyone that is creating a flyer to submit in MS Word (.doc) or JPEG (.jpg) format, either by email or floppy disk.

TREASURER

Tim - See attached report

CO-TREASURER

Sherry - If you are a GSR please check in with me so we can report your attendance at TCASC and collect and record your donation if you have one this month.

RCMs:

Next Region meeting dated changed to Saturday, April 6, 2002, to accommodate MNNAC Convention. Same time & place (Sabathani, noon).

H&I invite are H&I people to attend Region committee meeting at 11 am before the region. Donnie S. is willing to give assistance to any area. He would like a copy of each area's current H&I commitments. Phonenumber: Strong request that areas update their meeting lists with the world data base. Still have reports of newcomers going to certain meetings only to find there is none. The MN Regional meeting list at the World is about 50% outdated. The biggest problem is when meetings fold; few report that to the World or the Region. Regional phone line was cut off in Nov, 2001 due to nonpayment of bill. The bill

has now been paid and the line reinstated. Aside: If my memory serves me correctly we had no phonline chair for a long time before and up to that time. No new elected positions. Available positions: Policy MNNAC BOD, UMSO BOD. Elections at April Region for Chair and Co-chair.

Dick: Midwest zonal forum here in August. We may need to change our area meeting that day. The Midwest zonal forum is requesting that a Learning Day be hosted that day.

Old Business

Activities Chair election: Steve read job description for position. There were no nominations or volunteers. Position tabled.

PI Chair election: Rufus volunteered, spoke to his willingness and was voted in.

Motions:

#44 Remove Addicts names and telephone numbers from automated helpline messages. SENT TO GROUPS

Anyone wishing to speak to an addict can do so by using our helpline, they could talk to someone who has had training.

#45 Remove Addicts names and telephone numbers from any meeting schedule posted on the internet. SENT TO GROUPS

The TCASC is one of the only areas in the country that allows addicts personal information to be distributed this freely.

#46 The UMSO would no longer mail any TCASC meeting lists that contain names and phone numbers. SENT TO GROUPS

The UMSO could send a regional meeting list to anyone requesting one be mailed to them.

These motions would not alter the hardcopy versions of the schedule available at NA groups or the TCASC.

Any member would be able to get a meeting list with names and numbers simply by visiting any local NA meeting.

The motions are made out of concern for our member's safety and privacy.

Motion #47, to accept the banquet budget as proposed and update the TCASC budget to reflect these changes (see treasurers report), passed.

Break @ 1 pm.

Mario: UMSO Chair to talk about Website that the UMSO maintains. Rick came to our last board meeting. We're looking for volunteers to do web stuff. I talked to Rick about meeting with the IT committee and trying to merge our efforts. We're trying to look at how to pull together all the human capital that we have to pool resources. Maybe we can rebuild the Regional website so all the area websites are accessible through that. The UMSO is also looking for help on other tasks (mailings, helping be a point of contact, etc.) The service office needs to look at some price changes in the near future.

Question: How does UMSO feel about the CAR motion to reduce discount structure with World?

Mario: I'm not sure it will pass; it would help UMSO pay for literature.

IT Ad Hoc Committee:

Rick for Charlie (whose voice is failing): After discussion with Mario regarding purchasing software or using existing software.

We found that this is not a solution for the TCASC. We will bring this information back to the IT subcommittee at their next meeting Sun 2/24 @ 22nd & Filmore at 4:30 pm. We'll talk more about integrating TCASC & Regional Websites, prepare any applicable motions for the next area and discuss our recourse if the area decides not to fund the committee.

Banquet:

Duane: Tickets will be \$20 for dinner and dance; \$5 for dance only. Date is Friday, September 13th. Theme will be *Celebrating a New Way to Live*. Location will be at the Doubletree Hotel on 494 and 24th street (next to Mall of America). Next meeting will be Tuesday, 2/19 at VOA (2825 E. Lake Street) Library (5:30 pm). We have our meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month. I am circulating our budget, based on last year's budget.

T.C.A.S.C. Banquet Budget for 2002 as of February 16th, 2002

PROCEEDS	PROJECTED	ACTUAL
200 TICKETS @ \$20.00 EACH	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
DANCE PROCEEDS	\$ 200.00	\$ -
MERCHANDISE	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
FUNDRAISER #1	\$ 500.00	\$ -
FUNDRAISER #2	\$ 500.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 6,700.00	\$ -

EXPENSES		
HALL AND FOOD @ \$20/PLATE	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 500.00
MERCHANDISE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
FUNDRAISER #1	\$ 250.00	\$ -
FUNDRAISER #2	\$ 250.00	\$ -
MUSIC	\$ 500.00	\$ -
MISC	\$ 200.00	\$ -
	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 500.00

CASH FLOW

	MONEY IN	MONEY OUT
2/16/02	\$ -	\$ 500.00
3/16/02	\$ -	\$ -
4/20/02	\$ -	\$ -
5/18/02	\$ -	\$ -
6/15/02	\$ -	\$ -
7/20/02	\$ -	\$ -
8/17/02	\$ -	\$ -
9/21/02	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL TO DATE	\$ -	\$ 500.00

Helpline:

Rick: It's been a rather busy month calling people and updating with Answer America. Unfortunately we have a few openings. I'm not very organized but thankfully this is helping me on that. It has been brought to my attention by at least 3 fellow addicts that answer america has been giving out phone numbers. I went there yesterday and hopefully this will not happen again. If it does, please call me personally, my number is 763-717-0999. I need documentation of what time the call was made. I need to know so this will not continue. We need female addicts on the helpline

P.S. I'm still working on a training day, please check the website and I will have a flyer soon.

H&I

Rob: Apologize for having been absent last month. It was an unexcused absence. There is a new H&I facility called Margaret's House. GSRs, please let your groups know how important it is to follow up on H&I commitments. I got a call from a women's treatment facility that had gotten a commitment from us, a group took it on, but nobody is following up on this commitment. We need someone else to pick up this commitment. Another facility is looking for a new meeting; please put the word out that a panel leader is needed at Hope Harbor as well and how important it is to follow up on these commitments.

Outreach:

Steve: As always it's an honor to serve the fellowship. As stated in my previous reports, it's been my goal to bring NA to new communities in the Twin Cities Area, particularly the Laotian community, which has the its largest population here in the Twin Cities. A couple of weeks ago I had a meeting with the Director of the Lao family services in St. Paul. The assessor whom I met at the March conference held earlier this year was ill and unable to attend. We discussed many topics including recovery and the services that they provide. At this time there is no internal program other than a three hour crash course on chemical dependency prevention. Though they assess numerous individuals of Southeast Asian descent who are at risk, no further programs are in place to support a continued growth process. Here suggestion to me would be to contact Ramsey county treatment facilities and coordinate an effort with them. I'm presently attempting to contact those facilities to see the likelihood of bringing NA information/literature to excite a possible interest. If success can be achieved on any level, it may be that H&I could help support within their budget to provide literature and possible commitments to share our message. Recently I also became aware, where I work, and an individual of Cambodian descent is seeking treatment. I will attempt to encourage him to be open-minded to our message.

PI

Rufus: We are glad to report that the PI Team did participate in the Area of Hope Learning Day last weekend. Buddy K., Dave, The Regional PI Chair and I did a concise overview of Public Information (history of PI, activities, future plans and do's and don'ts) then opened the floor up to questions. Public Information meets a half-hour before this meeting every month. Discussion followed regarding meeting lists. The chair and Rufus will meet to discuss whose responsibility these lists are.

Activities:

Dick: Big Thaw (speaker/food/food) will be the night of the Regional Assembly (Marth 9th @ 7pm) at Powderhorn Park.

Irwin: There may be some confusion regarding the proposed Metro Area Convention. We want to enhance and celebrate recovery in this area. A straw pole was taken, and the area showed an positive interest in the idea.

Steve: The other two areas within the Metro Area need to provide their viewpoints.

TCASC Monthly 7th Tradition Donations & Attendance Record for February, 2002.

Group	Donation
Riverside NA	190.00
Eastlake NA	150.00
Monday Nite Wave	150.00
Minneapolis by Candlelight	125.00
Clean & Serene	110.00
Addicts for Life	105.00
Freedom From Addiction	100.00
Clear Atmosphere	75.85
Lesbian & Gay NA	70.00
Sunday Morning NA	70.00
Northeast NA	50.87
Friday Night Candlelight	40.00
Barking Buffalo	35.00
Candlelight Bakery	32.62
Serenity Sunday	29.00
Saving Our Lives	25.00
Never Enough	21.00
Nuts for the Newcomer	15.00
North Side NA	10.00
Afternoon Serenity	
Camden Recovery	
Fresh Start NA	
Pleasant NA	
TUNA	
February, 2002 7th Tradition Donations Total	\$1,404.34

REPORT DATE : 2/16/2002	LAST MONTHS' ENDING BALANCE	→	\$ 6,609.62
ENDING BALANCE FROM BANK STATEMENT		→	\$ 6,831.78
MINUS TOTAL OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS, FEES & EARLY DEPOSITS		→	\$ 222.32
EQUALS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE		→	\$ 6,609.46
ENDING BALANCE MINUS RECONCILED BALANCE SHOULD EQUAL ZERO		→	\$ 0.16
BEGINNING BALANCE (ALWAYS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE)		→	\$ 6,609.46
PROCEEDS			
GROUP DONATION (FROM BACK SIDE)		→	\$ 1,405.34
OTHER PROCEEDS TOTAL (LIST NAME & AMOUNT INDIVIDUALLY)		→	\$ 300.00
South Suburban Fireside Area	\$50.00		
New year dance deposit return	\$100.00		
Debi Tenner Secretaries expense fund return	\$150.00		
TOTAL PROCEEDS		→	\$ 1,705.34
SUBTOTAL (BEGINNING BALANCE PLUS TOTAL PROCEEDS)		→	\$ 8,314.80
EXPENSES (ALWAYS CHECKS WRITTEN)			
	CHECK #	\$ AMOUNT	
QWEST FOR HELPLINE	2638	\$ 46.80	
ANSWER AMERICA FOR HELPLINE	2639	\$ 209.18	
UMSO (H&I 137.13) (Literature 26.00) (Banquet 3.30)	2640	\$ 166.43	
Target Printing (meeting lists-Literature)	2641	\$ 38.34	
Powderhorn park (for big thaw)	2642	\$ 415.00	
US POST OFFICE FOR P.O. BOX ANNUAL FEE	2643	\$ 45.00	
Rick Lundeen (for snail-mailing minutes)	2644	\$ 23.99	
Dick Nystrom (for big thaw)	2645	\$ 29.19	
Debi Tenner (secretaries expenses from January)	2646	\$ 47.64	
MNRSC (50% OF BUDGETED DONATION FOR 2002)	2647	\$ 1,800.00	
MNNAC (100% OF BUDGETED DOANTION FOR 2002)	2648	\$ 1,000.00	
UMSO (100% OF BUDGETED DONATION FOR 2002)	2649	\$ 600.00	
DOUBLETREE HOTEL (BANQUET DEPOSIT)	2650	\$ 500.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		→	\$ 4,921.57
ENDING BALANCE (SUBTOTAL MINUS EXPENSES)		→	\$ 3,393.23
DEPOSITS			
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT	2/16/2002	\$ 1,705.34	
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT		\$ -	
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT		\$ -	
TOTAL DEPOSITS SHOULD EQUAL TOTAL PROCEEDS		→	\$ 1,705.34

TCASC 2001	TARGET	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR TO DATE
EXCESS 2000	<u>\$5,000.00</u>													
PROCEEDS														
GROUPS	\$9,000.00	\$841.60	\$719.23	\$765.52	\$1,164.66	\$782.59	\$663.64	\$617.79	\$734.88	\$990.04	\$1,402.71	\$1,038.63	\$946.80	\$10,668.09
OTHER	\$2,000.00	\$653.50	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,478.50
ACTIVITIES	\$4,000.00	\$1,696.79		\$600.45						\$34.18				\$2,331.42
BANQUET	\$6,400.00			\$180.00	\$775.00	\$642.81	\$838.00	\$41.00	\$233.00	\$2,379.00	\$230.00			\$5,318.81
TOTAL	<u>21,400.00</u>	<u>3,191.89</u>	<u>844.23</u>	<u>1,695.97</u>	<u>1,989.66</u>	<u>1,475.40</u>	<u>1,551.64</u>	<u>708.79</u>	<u>1,017.88</u>	<u>3,453.22</u>	<u>1,682.71</u>	<u>1,238.63</u>	<u>946.80</u>	<u>19,796.82</u>

EXPENSES														
EXEC CMTE														
MNRSC	\$4,800.00	\$3,000.00					\$1,800.00							\$4,800.00
UMSO	\$1,300.00	\$1,000.00				\$150.00				\$150.00				\$1,300.00
MNNAC	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00												\$1,000.00
TREASURER	\$200.00	\$21.75	\$45.00	\$71.10							\$6.41			\$144.26
SECRETARY	\$1,800.00	\$280.41	\$154.74	\$152.39	\$91.50	\$62.49	\$75.85	\$85.86	\$67.55	\$66.54	\$89.92	\$150.00	\$187.01	\$1,464.26
MISC.	\$800.00		\$125.00	\$10.70									\$164.15	\$299.85
OUTREACH	\$100.00													\$0.00
LITERATURE	\$0.00											\$102.24		\$102.24
P.I.	\$2,000.00	\$672.00				\$1,000.00	\$98.98			\$11.77		\$30.00		\$1,812.75
H & I	\$2,000.00			\$276.11		\$15.95			\$188.02	\$108.02			\$372.55	\$960.65
HELPLINE	\$3,000.00	\$144.45		\$124.65	\$55.05	\$109.52	\$29.11	\$246.46	\$246.64	\$243.01	\$235.27	\$225.87	\$236.43	\$1,896.46
BANQUET	\$5,900.00			\$1,295.25	\$647.25	\$323.34	\$250.00			\$2,630.88				\$5,146.72
ACTIVITIES	\$3,000.00	\$69.16	\$435.00	\$88.00					\$400.00			\$600.00	\$350.00	\$1,942.16
TOTAL	<u>\$25,900.00</u>	<u>\$6,187.77</u>	<u>\$759.74</u>	<u>\$2,018.20</u>	<u>\$793.80</u>	<u>\$1,661.30</u>	<u>\$2,253.94</u>	<u>\$332.32</u>	<u>\$902.21</u>	<u>\$3,210.22</u>	<u>\$331.60</u>	<u>\$1,108.11</u>	<u>\$1,310.14</u>	<u>\$20,869.35</u>

TCASC 2002	TARGET	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR TO DATE
EXCESS 2001	<u>\$1,000.00</u>													
PROCEEDS														
GROUPS	\$12,000.00	\$1,104.60	\$1,405.34											\$2,509.94
OTHER	\$1,400.00	\$110.00	\$200.00											\$310.00
ACTIVITIES	\$2,500.00	\$1,541.00	\$100.00											\$1,641.00
BANQUET	\$6,700.00													\$0.00
TOTAL	<u>22,600.00</u>	<u>2,755.60</u>	<u>1,705.34</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,460.94</u>
EXPENSES														
EXEC CMTE														
MNRSC	\$3,600.00		\$1,800.00											\$1,800.00
UMSO	\$600.00		\$600.00											\$600.00
MNNAC	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00											\$1,000.00
TREASURER	\$200.00		\$45.00											\$45.00
SECRETARY	\$2,200.00	\$38.34	\$71.63											\$109.97
MISC.	\$1,200.00													\$0.00
OUTREACH	\$100.00	\$22.00												\$22.00
LITERATURE	\$500.00		\$64.34											
P & I	\$2,000.00													\$0.00
H & I	\$1,000.00	\$203.08	\$137.13											\$340.21
HELPLINE	\$3,000.00	\$222.32	\$255.98											\$478.30
BANQUET	\$6,200.00		\$503.30											\$503.30
ACTIVITIES	\$2,000.00		\$444.19											\$444.19
TOTAL	<u>\$23,600.00</u>	<u>\$485.74</u>	<u>\$4,921.57</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$5,407.31</u>