

TCASC MINUTES  
TWIN CITIES AREA SERVICE CONFERENCE  
OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS  
January 19, 2002,  
Sabathani, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl, Rm. J

OPENING

Steve opened meeting with the Serenity Prayer  
12 Steps read by Steven  
12 Traditions by John  
12 Concepts by Spence

INTRODUCTIONS: One newcomer; 18 GSRs present. Quorum met.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Metro Area Convention was recommended by Fresh Start, not Irwin T.  
Minutes accepted as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE: NA Way for various groups were distributed.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR

Steve: I don't have a written report. I know the IT committee has been kicking some butt and will give a report on that. I have all the new GSR packets here; if anybody wants one, come up and get one. This is a package to help you know what goes on in this room.

Co-CHAIR

Mary Jo: I have a copy of the Conference Agenda Report (CAR Report) for anyone who would like one.

SECRETARY

Debi: Thanks for Rick and Daniel for all their help in getting December minutes e-mailed out so efficiently. If you didn't get minutes this past month, please give me your e-mail or regular address and we'll see that you get them for January. In February we will have a 2002 calendar to pass around for events as well as a supply of additional minutes for UMISO and for this meeting. I apologize that I don't have a supply of additional December minutes. Minutes will be snail-mailed using a new mail service this month.

Co-SECRETARY:

Charlie: Nothing to report.

TREASURER

Tim: See attached.

Co-TREASURER

Sherrie: Nothing to report. If you're a voting GSR, please check in with the co-treasurer whether or not you make a donation.

RCMs

Debbie: CAR meets next week, Saturday, 1/26, at Sabathani, 11a-3p. This is our opportunity to give input on motions that will go before the Regional Assembly and, ultimately, the World Conference. This information is also available at NA.org. There is a learning day Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran Church.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

IT AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE

Rick: Charlie is the chairperson of this Information Technology committee. We are trying to make communication better between our groups and to make use of the technology available to us. We have set up a temporary website, are going to talk about a permanent website.

Charlie's report: I couldn't be here today. Rick L. will give the report. The committee met twice since the last area. We've resolved many of the issues surrounding an area web site and are prepared at this time to install a permanent TCASC web site. We will purchase software for creating and managing the site and software that enables us to distribute the minutes and flyers in a format that is easily accessible to all our members (pdf). The minutes from our last meeting, which include a fairly detailed description of the site and our plans to implement it, are available on the temporary web site currently in place. We also have several copies here for you today.

The software will cost us about \$340. Registering the domain name will cost \$69.50 for ten years at [WWW.GODADDY.COM](http://WWW.GODADDY.COM). The web space at Apricot Web Hosting will cost \$119.40 per year (\$9.95/mo). We will request a check for \$410 make out to Rick L. from the treasurer this month for software and domain name registration. Also, a separate check for \$119.40 made out to ZANIQUE for our web space for one year. These monies will be debited from the secretary's 2002 budget. Our new domain name will be [WWW.TCASC.ORG](http://WWW.TCASC.ORG).

Much discussion followed. Concern was expressed that we might be duplicating efforts already made by the Region. Chair recommended that the IT subcommittee meet with Mario the regional webmaster.

As no checks were issued the project is not funded and on hold. Minutes will still be available on the temporary site. The 2/10 IT Sub-Committee Meeting was cancelled.

Rick will contact Mario at the service office to inquire about borrowing their registered software (rather than purchasing our own) and also will inquire with the legal departments of the software manufacturers as to how many seats we can legally run at the same time per the current license agreements they have with the UMSO (we want everything to be honest). He will also discuss whether or not the regional web space can fulfill the objectives outlined in the last committee minutes without infringing on the security or integrity of the regional website regardless of who the TCASC webmaster is.

After gathering this information the IT committee will set a meeting place and time to be announced. It is doubtful they will meet prior to the next TCASC.

12 Noon Break

Meeting called back to order by Mary Jo at 12:25 pm

#### SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

##### HELPLINE

Rick B.: First I would like to wish everybody a Happy New Year. Everything seems to be rather streamlined up to this point. I met with Rae a couple of weeks ago to get all of the materials and go over what my duties entail. Since, I have updated the helpline list, was able to add a couple of addicts to the 24/7 times etc. I also went to Answer America to see how their operation works. We updated their list as to the changes that were made. I will be working on setting up a helpline training day and will announce that at the next TCASC.

##### BANQUET COMMITTEE

Duane: We had our first meeting 1/14. We'll meet first and third Tuesday at Volunteers of America at 2528 E. Lake St. We are asking for GSRs to get input from their meetings regarding what addicts would like to see happen this year.

##### HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS CHAIR

Jeff: I'm the H&I co-chair. We have an H&I meeting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday before TCASC. I want to update a masterlist of commitments. Please contact Rob or myself if have any changes or additions (I'll pass meeting list around).

##### LITERATURE

Bob: Am updating meeting list. If there are any changes that need to be made, be sure they are noted on this list that has been circulated.

There is another literature meeting to review sponsorship, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, before the regional meeting, 10am here at Sabathani.

##### OUTREACH

Steve: I'm trying to bring Narcotics Anonymous to the Laotian community. Presently there are two principles that I need to meet with in order to make this happen. I'm determined to continue to pursue this. I'm submitting a literature purchase of \$22 for various IPs', which I feel is a great representation of who we are. My goal for next area is to have had an informal meeting with the principles involved.

##### PUBLIC INFORMATION

Rufus: A member who does production is willing to take over the production of the PSAs. Any cost will be minimal. Again, if you know that the contact person on the meeting list has changed, please indicate that on the master meeting list or make me aware and I will forward that information to Bob A, our literature chair.

##### ACTIVITIES

Pat: New Year's Eve was a success. Donations totaled \$1541. My committee and I wish to thank everyone who attended and for all service. For future events, I would suggest seeking another location due to the AAFS elevator not working. It is not

handicap accessible and difficult for DJs and service workers. For an event of this magnitude, possibly looking for another facility ASAP for 2002. Also, this area level of service and position has strengthened my recovery through commitment and group conscience. I have enjoyed serving you but due to a personal situation in my life, I will have to resign as your area chair. No one on my committee wishes to accept the responsibility. I will continue to find a location for the BIG THAW. I am looking at Powderhorn Park and I have gotten a speaker, Kitty from Gary, IN. No expense to the area. I will reaffirm her commitment due to the Indiana convention that weekend. Update in February. Also, I suggest that the next area person be given a list/dates of activities along with a description of the vent. Thank you for allowing me to serve you and for saving my life in NA.

Chair opened nominations for an Activities chair to replace Pat. There were no volunteers but Debbie stated she would be willing to work with Dick (former Activities Chair) to follow up with Pat on the Big Thaw event.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Kurt reiterated that Area of Hope, South Suburban and Twin Cities area have suggested an annual metro-area convention and requested feedback. Feedback was mixed: "Great idea"; "We already have several conventions that could use more support"; "We need more information"; "Let's discuss it further"; "My group thought it would be good for inner-city addicts who can't always afford to go to MNNAC or Vermillion."; "My group conscience did not support the idea"; "My group supported the idea". Chair recommended a more structured proposal be brought before the group.

Rick (I.T. Committee) brought up potential loss of anonymity when our names get on-line (on web-sites) via meeting lists. After much discussion chair suggested it be brought back to groups.

Steve: Regional Delegate

There will be a Worldwide Workshop in Chicago, Feb 1-3. Metro Services....the Twin Cities Area is well-established but there are other areas who could benefit from our experience. I'd like to see an opportunity exist for other areas to benefit from this experience. If anybody is interested in doing that, please do create a liason. March 9 is the Regional Assembly (here at Sabathani) where we'll be voting on motions that will be brought to the World Conference.

MNNAC needs registrants.

Attendance: Activities Chair arrived late. H&I chair was unexcused. All others present.

1/19/02 TCASC Donations/Attendance

Never Enough	\$ 25.00
Clear Atmosphere	\$ 94.85
Serenity Sunday	\$ 14.00
Barking Buffaloes	\$ 82.00
Vision of Hope	\$ 30.00
Addicts in the Garden	\$ 50.00
Pleasant NA	\$100.00
Northwest NA	\$ 60.00
Wednesday Night Bakery	\$ 57.00
Addicts for Life	\$186.15
Camden Recovery	\$ 50.00
Freedom from Addiction	\$116.00
River Falls NA	\$ 50.00
Saving Our Lives	\$ 20.00
Northeast NA	\$ 9.60
Northside NA	\$ 10.00
Sunday Morning NA	\$ 16.00
Monday Nite Wave	\$100.00
Tuesday Serenity	
Afternoon Serenity	
Riverside NA	
Recovering Addicts of NA	_____
Total	\$1,104.60

<b>REPORT DATE : 1/19/2002</b>	<b>LAST MONTHS' ENDING BALANCE</b> →	<b>\$ 4,340.47</b>
ENDING BALANCE FROM BANK STATEMENT →	\$ 4,740.34	
MINUS TOTAL OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS, FEES & EARLY DEPOSITS →	\$ 400.58	
EQUALS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE →	\$ 4,339.76	
<b>ENDING BALANCE MINUS RECONCILED BALANCE SHOULD EQUAL ZERO</b> →	<b>\$ 0.71</b>	
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE (ALWAYS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE)</b> →	<b>\$ 4,339.76</b>	
<b>PROCEEDS</b>		
GROUP DONATION (FROM BACK SIDE) →	\$ 1,104.60	
OTHER PROCEEDS TOTAL (LIST NAME & AMOUNT INDIVIDUALLY) →	\$ 1,651.00	
South Suburban Fireside Area \$100.00		
Anonymous \$10.0		
Activities Committee (New Years dance) \$1541.00		
<b>TOTAL PROCEEDS</b> →	<b>\$ 2,755.60</b>	
<b>SUBTOTAL (BEGINNING BALANCE PLUS TOTAL PROCEEDS)</b> →	<b>\$ 7,095.36</b>	
<b>EXPENSES (ALWAYS CHECKS WRITTEN)</b>	<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>\$ AMOUNT</b>
QWEST	2632	\$ 45.72
ANSWER AMERICA FOR HELPLINE	2633	\$ 176.60
UMSO (H&I EXPENSE)	2634	\$ 203.08
Target Printing (meeting lists)	2625	\$ 38.34
Steve Vacha (outreach)	2635	\$ 22.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> →		<b>\$ 485.74</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE (SUBTOTAL MINUS EXPENSES)</b> →		<b>\$ 6,609.62</b>
<b>DEPOSITS</b>		
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT	1\11\2002	\$ 1,541.00
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<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS SHOULD EQUAL TOTAL PROCEEDS</b> →		<b>\$ 2,755.60</b>





