

MINUTES

TWIN CITIES AREA SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

August 16, 2003

Sabathani, 3rd Fl, Rm. J**OPENING**

Dick opened Meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 11 am. Readings: 12 Concepts: Seth, 12 Traditions: Leejay, 12 Steps: Dan.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Attendance: All officers present, except: Daniel

22 GSRs present. Quorum [15] is met. [Avg. of last 3 mos. (26, 19, 20) was 22 x .67 = 15 minimum needed for quorum.]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July minutes accepted: with the following two changes. 1. There was debate regarding the appropriateness of the content of the Co-Chair's July report resulting in motion #104 "to remove the Co-Chair report from the July minutes." The secretary prior to the vote on motion #104 read the Co-Chair report in its entirety. Co-Chair report: "I am concerned that the Region's proposed plan to implement portions of Resolution A may not be conducive to the success of the Resolution. There are two parts to Resolution A: Restructuring the World representation to better represent the diversity of the fellowship; and development of a new decision making process, wherein consensus replaces majority rule. The Region's plan only addresses the restructuring portion of the Resolution. The restructuring of the World representation structure has as its goal a more diverse body. As such, when implemented, it is very likely that individuals who may have language and/or cultural barriers to the dominant culture at the World (US of A) will become part of the World decision-making process. Bringing these individuals into the process prior to implementing the new decision-making process could have the unintended consequence of sabotaging the Resolution. New representatives will have enough difficulty establishing their position at the World without bringing them into a process, and then radically changing the process. The move to consensus-based decision-making is a move to modify the service structure so that it will be more consistent with the Traditions and Concepts of NA. Such a goal deserves the most thoughtful implementation possible to assure its success. Q: Place where I can get info on Resolution A? A: Available online at www.naminnnesota.org." Vote: 12 for, 2 against, 6 abstentions, motion passed. 2. Strike a sentence from open forum at Steven T's request, over objection of the secretary: "Either Rick provides proof of his allegations (that Steven is a liar) or that he be asked to step down from his position (Banquet Chair)".

CORRESPONDENCE:

MNNAC 11 info, Halloween party St. Cloud.

OFFICER REPORTS**CHAIR**

Dick: I will not be seeking re-election.

CO-CHAIR

Mary Jo: I will be stepping down in October when my term is up.

SECRETARY

Charlie: I did get the minutes emailed, however, I apologize for not getting the minutes mailed this month. Communication delays and lack of financial resources contributed to this.

CO-SECRETARY

Daniel: I will not be attending the August area service conference, I am scheduled to close and move on that weekend. I was unable to send July's minutes out do to my current lack of internet access. I did, however, send Charlie the mailing lists, both email and postal, and I trust he was able to get you the minutes in a timely fashion. Sincerely, Daniel T.

TREASURER

Tim (temp): Balance of \$1,631.55. The August financial reports are included below. I want to stress the importance of having a regular treasurer. Also it is time to audit the books.

CO-TREASURER

Mark: Please come up to me to register your attendance at the meeting; if you have any donations, receipts will be provided.

RCM

Rufus: Hello everyone, I hope all is well. At this months MN RSC there was further clarity on Res-A given. Representatives from several different areas, who were carting the concerns of their constituents. Mostly they wanted information and explanation on how things were decided at the last Regional meeting. With help from the chair and a BoD Board member those questions were given said opportunity, and it is believed that all wondering thoughts were satisfied. I did hear those appreciated and inquisitive members voice their newer fuller understanding of the decision making process at the last RSC. ¶ H&I was well represented by the unusually dedicated and at times witty Donnie, who re-upped for another term as regional H&I chair. He also reported that he will be available to meet with H&I subcommittees one hour before the RSC (@ 11:00 a.m.). It was also suggested to the subcommittee of Public Information (PI) and agreed upon for the same time frame. Tucker brought a series of energizing thought provoking questions to the tale for PI. It was shared that many of the suggestions were already being met, also that his ideas and energy were appreciated and was invited to continue to question the PI subcommittee. ¶ A new (regional) Helpline chair was elected, thank you Frederick for your willingness to serve. ¶ PI informed all that the

M.A.R.C.H. Fall Conference is fast approaching and made all aware that this is a Regional event, and invited all representatives to share with their home areas that there is an opportunity for service work, service work, service work. ¶ Budgets were approved (see Regional minutes for specific numbers). We also heard reports from the MNNAC X and XI committees, all is moving ahead and we are looking forward to going back to St Cloud and had the opportunity to purchase pre-convention t-shirts (yay!). ¶ The Region of Minnesota Service Committee would like to take this time to invite all concerned, interested, and curious parties to attend the Regional meeting every second Saturday of even numbered months (next is October) at Sabathani at 12:00 noon. I will amend my report to include RD report (attached).

OLD BUSINESS

ELECTIONS:

Treasurer nominations: Ryan D., accepts. Willingness: GSR TUNA, familiar with area. Currently Treas at Wed. Bakery. Important for me to step up and serve the Area, Q: Job, A: yes., Q: Do you know Excel, A: no, I am willing to learn, Q: Can you balance checkbook, A: yes. Q: Attendance is vital, commitment, A: absolutely. Q: Mathematical aptitude, A: good. Qualifications read. Vote: Elected.

RCM nominations: Dan B., accepts, Willingness: lack of experience, may have travel conflicts. Came to Area because of concern for Res. A. Seek full input of area of how region conducts its business. Q: Personal opinion versus area opinion, are you willing to carry area's opinion, A: yes. Q: Can you work with Rufus, A: yes. Qualifications read. Vote: Elected.

Activities nominations: requirements read. Ed Z, declines, John declines, tabled. Re: New Years Event - Opportunity to have good clean fun.

H&I nominations: Brian, (requirements read)), declines. Keith declines. Seth M. accepts. Willingness: H&I important, carry message to treatment centers. Ready to step up to an area level position. Willingness to get info out. Q: Are you willing to participate at Regional H&I, A: yes. Q: This is a big commitment, A: willing to be tenacious. Vote: Elected.

Per last meeting, regarding disruption. Steven T. reads letter to body. Discussion: Ad hoc committee is suggested to define rules of conduct. / Boundaries crossed. / Ad hoc committee. Robert's Rules of order. / Solutions suggested, Pause, Recess., Adjournment. / Meeting is not controlled, keep control of meeting.. / Direct flow of discussion. / Let's talk about what this body will do in the future. / This is not an NA meeting, but a service body. Have Defined consequences for behavior. / Make a decision today. If we do not do something today, I feel we may send the message that this type of behavior is acceptable. / Escalation beyond last month may drive body members away. / Newcomers are intimidated by knowledge for more experienced members. Where is the love for the still suffering addict. Start acting like adults. Same bullshit with the same members every month. / It seems we have rules, We need consequences.. Action: Ad hoc committee formed, Buddy K. chair. Steven withdraws letter.

Break.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting list. Can we add exact address of meetings to the meeting list.

Posting of area TCASC meeting schedule on website, meeting schedule is not current. We have been current up until June, should be resolved soon.

Question: regarding previous Activities chair still in possession of NA funds. Answer: working on it.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES

Vacant: Note. Previous chair has monies from body for event and will be contacted.

BANQUET REPORT

Rick L.: I have new tickets. No current expenses, just decorations and DJ. Have sold about \$100 tickets to date.

Emailed report: I have banquet tickets for people to sell (763) 535-2891 (Financial report below.)

HELPLINE

Frederick: Hello all. I have been talking with Answer America in the last few weeks. I filled out a survey for them in June. I made a note that we cannot get calls from jails, it was explained to me that we can get the calls from the jails, but all calls from the jails are collect and that would cost much more money than we are currently spending. I would like to bring this up-- Is there a need to open up the helpline to jails? The addicts in jail cannot get to a meeting, but can talk to an addict in recovery. It could be beneficial but the cost would be extraordinary high. It is up to the area's decision to accept the call costs. ¶ Otherwise, the helpline has been running smoothly. The Twin Cities Area committee has handled 142 calls from July 1 to July 29. Answer America meeting lists have been updated, both region and the TCA list. All shifts are filled and would still like more volunteers to be on the 24/7 list and for back up shifts. I brought in some more flyers to give to your groups. ¶ One more thing-if we can get the exact addresses of the places where the meetings are instead of stating the intersection where these meetings are, people can type in the address in the computer and get the location where the meetings are and get directions supplied by Map Quest, maps.com,etc. This way there wouldn't be any confusion where the meetings are located. (I have had a couple of calls from lost addicts-and myself included). That would be excellent if we can get this information on the meeting list and on the helpline. Thank you. In loving Service, Fredrick B, TCA Helpline Chair, MN Region Helpline Chair. Comment jails, function of our helpline is to get addicts to our meetings, nothing we can do while they are incarcerated. Also may grant access to phone numbers. I haven't received many calls in the last three years. Are you one 24 hour list?

H&I

Vacant: Seth M. was elected this month. Donny reports as regional H&I chair. I was here, no lit.

LITERATURE

Dan: I received new Sponsorship IP & Book Approval Drafts. This will be up for decision at WSC 2004. Next month I will be holding subcommittee meeting at 10:00 a.m. in this room, everyone is welcome, we will be going over the IP and setting up meetings to go over the rest of the book. I also feel that it is necessary to make copies of the book for the subcommittee. Kinko's can make copies for \$12.02/book. This book is not for (general) distribution (to the fellowship). Q: Is there a budget for Lit Review, A: \$50. Motion 105. "To allocate the necessary funds to purchase ten copies of the Sponsorship Approval Draft." Vote: 9 for, 2 against, 4 abstain. Passed.

OUTREACH

Tim: Not a lot to report. Still trying to keep meeting list updated. I have received requests for H&I commitments.

PI

Seth: Hello everybody not much too report this month. The fall conference is coming up in October and I am helping get people signed up for that. We are still working on getting the word out to different professionals about who, what, and where that Narcotics Anonymous is. That is all for this month. Thank you for letting me be of service, Seth. Comment H&I , getting several calls from facilities asking for H&I commitments.

AD-HOC MNNAC-12 BID COMMITTEE:

John: This is the final report of the ad hoc bid committee. The Minnesota Region has awarded the bid to the Twin Cities Area. ¶ The next step in the process is to form a Convention Committee, form an Executive Committee, and subcommittees. The Chair position will be elected by the Region in October. ¶ The first Convention Committee meeting will be September 19 at 2:00 p.m. at Sabathani Room J, following the TCASC. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

OPEN FORUM & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rick apologizes for his belligerent out bursts last month.

Announcement: Wed. 1:00 pm meeting at the VoA, is in dire need of support

Adjourned at 1:25 pm

BANQUET BUDGET REPORT FOR 2003 AS OF AUGUST 16, 2003

PROCEEDS	PROJECTED	ACTUAL
220 TICKETS @ AVG \$18.00 EACH	\$ 3,960.00	\$ 1,486.00
DANCE PROCEEDS	\$ 100.00	\$ -
MERCHANDISE	\$ -	\$ -
FUNDRAISER #1	\$ 500.00	\$ 726.01
FUNDRAISER #2	\$ 300.00	\$ 320.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,860.00	\$ 2,532.01

EXPENSES	PROJECTED	ACTUAL
LANDMARK CENTER	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
CATERER	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,000.00
MERCHANDISE	\$ -	\$ -
FUNDRAISER #1	\$ 350.00	\$ 446.32
FUNDRAISER #2	\$ 150.00	\$ 400.84
MUSIC	\$ 350.00	\$ -
MISC	\$ 300.00	\$ 83.37
TOTAL	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 3,230.53

CASH FLOW

	MONEY IN	MONEY OUT
3/15/03	\$ -	\$ 750.00
4/19/03	\$ 270.00	\$ 312.08
5/17/03	\$ 709.79	\$ 650.00
6/21/03	\$ 512.00	\$ 221.29
7/26/03	\$ 823.16	\$ 1,000.00
8/16/03	\$ 64.00	\$ -
9/20/03	\$ -	\$ -
10/18/03	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL TO DATE	\$ 2,378.95	\$ 2,933.37

TCASC MONTHLY 7TH TRADITION DONATIONS & ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR AUGUST 2003.

Group	Donation	Group Represented	Day	Time
A Vision of Hope			Friday	11:00 PM
A Gift Called Life			Friday	12:00 PM
Addicts for Life	\$39.57	Yes	Friday	8:00 PM
Addicts in the Garden		Yes	Thursday	7:30 PM
Afternoon Serenity			Wednesday	1:00 PM
All A's			Monday	7:00 PM
Barking Buffalo	\$20.00	Yes	Friday	8:00 PM
Camden Recovery	\$50.00	Yes	Sunday	7:00 PM
Candlelight Bakery	\$52.30	Yes	Wednesday	7:30 PM
Clean and Serene NA	\$14.09	Yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Clear Atmosphere		Yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Coast to Coast	\$14.83	Yes	Friday	7:30 PM
East Lake NA			Wednesday	8:00 PM
Eat Your Way to Recovery			Monday	12:00 PM
Freedom From Addiction	\$68.20	Yes	Sunday	7:30 PM
Fresh Start	\$15.00	Yes	Tuesday	8:00 PM
G.L.B.T and Friends NA			Saturday	8:00 PM
Hope in Eden Prayer-EE			Wednesday	7:00 PM
In-sanity NA			Tuesday	7:00 PM
Journey of Recovery			Monday	11:00 AM
Keep it Simple			Tuesday	7:00 PM
Lakers NA			Saturday	6:30 PM
Late Night With NA			Saturday	10:00 PM
Latinos en NA			Friday	6:30 PM
Lesbian and Gay NA			Sunday	11:00 AM
Men Of Hope			Saturday	9:00 AM
Minneapolis By Candlelight			Monday	8:00 PM
Miracles in Motion			Tuesday	11:00 AM
Monday Nite Wave	\$30.00	Yes	Monday	8:00 PM
Mora NA			Tuesday	8:00 PM
Never Enough			Tuesday	7:30 PM
North Side NA	\$35.00	Yes	Monday	7:00 PM
North Suburban NA			Thursday	7:30 PM
N.E.N.A. NA			Friday	7:30 PM
Northwest NA	\$17.00	Yes	Saturday	7:00 PM
Nuts About the Newcomer			Saturday	7:00 PM
Pleasant NA			Sunday	7:30 PM
Recovering Addicts of NA	\$10.00	Yes	Monday	7:00 PM
Recovering Ladies of the Lakes		Yes	Saturday	10:00 AM
Recovering Soldiers			Thursday	8:00 PM
River Falls NA			Mon. Wed. Fri	8:00 PM
Riverside NA			Thursday	8:00 PM
Saturday Morning NA			Saturday	9:00 AM
Saving Our Lives		Yes	Thursday	7:00 PM
Serenity Sunday	\$20.00	Yes	Sunday	6:00 PM
Siren NA			Sunday	6:00 PM
Sisters in Recovery			Thursday	7:00 PM
Stepping on Traditions	\$20.00	Yes	Saturday	10:00 AM
Sunday Morning NA			Sunday	10:30 AM
T.U.N.A			Tuesday	7:00 PM
Young People in Recovery			Friday	7:00 PM
Seven Eleven			Wednesday	8:00 PM
Seeking Serenity	\$23.00	Yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Just for Today North Branch			Tuesday	7:00 PM
We are Not Saints		Yes	Thursday	7:00 PM

Total Donations	\$428.99	Note: Amounts listed are those given by groups at time of donation.
Total GSR's Present at Meeting	20	* August quorum was 22

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2003.

REPORT DATE : 08/16/2003		LAST MONTHS' ENDING BALANCE		\$ 1,631.55
ENDING BALANCE FROM BANK STATEMENT		\$	2,958.24	
MINUS TOTAL OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS, FEES & EARLY DEPOSITS		\$	1,326.58	
EQUALS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE		\$	1,631.66	
DISCREPANCY SHOULD EQUAL ZERO		\$	(0.11)	
BEGINNING BALANCE (ALWAYS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE)		\$	1,631.66	
PROCEEDS				
GROUP DONATION (FROM ATTENDANCE SHEET)		\$	434.04	*
OTHER PROCEEDS TOTAL (LIST NAME & AMOUNT INDIVIDUALLY)		\$	64.00	
Banquet Tickets	\$	64.00		
	\$	-		
	\$	-		
	\$	-		
	\$	-		
TOTAL PROCEEDS		\$	498.04	
SUBTOTAL (BEGINNING BALANCE PLUS PROCEEDS)		\$	2,129.70	
EXPENSES (ALWAYS CHECKS WRITTEN)				
	Check #	\$ AMOUNT		
Target Printing (PI)	2761	\$	52.19	
UMSO Regional List (PI)	2762	\$	16.00	
UMSO (Exec) Copies of Minutes	2763	\$	4.60	
Mary Jo Tarasar (Exec) Welcome Packets	2764	\$	15.00	
		\$	-	
		\$	-	
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TOTAL EXPENSES		\$	87.79	
ENDING BALANCE (SUBTOTAL MINUS EXPENSES)		\$	2,041.91	
DEPOSITS				
	DATE	AMOUNT		
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT	8/16/03	\$	498.04	
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT		\$	-	
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT		\$	-	
TOTAL DEPOSITS (SHOULD EQUAL TOTAL PROCEEDS)		\$	498.04	

AUGUST 2003 BUDGET TRACKING REPORT

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	\$644.65	\$845.32	\$677.81	\$720.70	\$444.72	\$1,031.36	\$601.99	\$819.70	\$603.07	\$681.36	\$9,580.62
OTHER	\$1,400.00	\$110.00	\$200.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$20.00	\$100.00		\$110.00	\$100.00	\$42.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$987.00
ACTIVITIES	\$2,500.00	\$1,541.00	\$100.00	\$152.75						\$129.16		\$65.00		\$1,987.91
BANQUET	\$6,700.00					\$430.00	\$492.00	\$1,469.00	\$2,509.00	\$2,413.00				\$7,313.00
TOTAL	<u>22,600.00</u>	<u>2,755.60</u>	<u>1,705.34</u>	<u>802.40</u>	<u>945.32</u>	<u>1,127.81</u>	<u>1,312.70</u>	<u>1,913.72</u>	<u>3,650.36</u>	<u>3,244.15</u>	<u>861.70</u>	<u>768.07</u>	<u>781.36</u>	<u>19,868.53</u>
EXPENSES														
EXEC CMTE														
MNRSC	\$3,600.00		\$1,800.00								\$1,800.00			\$3,600.00
UMSO	\$600.00		\$600.00											\$600.00
MNNAC	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00											\$1,000.00
TREASURER	\$200.00		\$45.00						\$23.51			\$83.25	\$22.75	\$174.51
SECRETARY	\$2,200.00	\$38.34	\$71.63	\$25.12	\$12.75									\$147.84
MISC.	\$1,200.00			\$34.47	\$6.00				\$10.92		\$9.63			\$61.02
OUTREACH	\$100.00	\$22.00												\$22.00
LITERATURE	\$500.00		\$64.34	\$38.34	\$38.34		\$38.34	\$44.73	\$54.32	\$51.12	\$68.19			\$397.72
P & I	\$2,000.00				\$1,000.00			\$169.06				\$52.19	\$66.78	\$1,288.03
H & I	\$1,000.00	\$203.08	\$137.13	\$232.73			\$125.96		\$119.80	\$208.55	\$113.10		\$755.46	\$1,895.81
HELPLINE	\$3,000.00	\$222.32	\$255.98	\$560.00	\$350.49	\$291.78	\$204.23	\$330.28	\$314.52	\$257.98	\$213.72	\$226.28	\$314.84	\$3,542.42
BANQUET	\$6,200.00		\$503.30	\$572.00	\$59.71	\$79.50	\$979.25	\$250.00	\$4,892.75					\$7,336.51
ACTIVITIES	\$2,000.00		\$444.19				\$524.47		\$150.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$535.00	\$650.00	\$2,453.66
TOTAL	<u>\$23,600.00</u>	<u>\$485.74</u>	<u>\$4,921.57</u>	<u>\$1,462.66</u>	<u>\$1,467.29</u>	<u>\$371.28</u>	<u>\$1,872.25</u>	<u>\$794.07</u>	<u>\$5,565.82</u>	<u>\$592.65</u>	<u>\$2,279.64</u>	<u>\$896.72</u>	<u>\$1,809.83</u>	<u>\$22,519.52</u>
TCASC 2003	TARGET	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR TO DATE
EXCESS 2002	<u>\$1,000.00</u>													
PROCEEDS														
GROUPS	\$10,500.00	\$690.18	\$276.32	\$681.92	\$779.94	\$564.40	\$859.84	\$659.91	\$434.04					\$4,946.55
OTHER	\$800.00	\$10.00		\$215.59		\$100.00	\$75.00	\$100.00						\$500.59
ACTIVITIES	\$2,700.00	\$1,338.10		\$395.81										\$1,733.91
BANQUET	\$6,000.00				\$270.00	\$709.79	\$512.00	\$823.16	\$64.00					\$2,378.95
TOTAL	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>2,038.28</u>	<u>276.32</u>	<u>1,293.32</u>	<u>1,049.94</u>	<u>1,374.19</u>	<u>1,446.84</u>	<u>1,583.07</u>	<u>498.04</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,560.00</u>
EXPENSES														
EXEC CMTE														
MNRSC	\$3,750.00													\$0.00
UMSO	\$200.00													\$0.00
MNNAC	\$1,000.00													\$0.00
TREASURER	\$100.00													\$0.00
SECRETARY	\$500.00	\$38.80	\$49.40	\$53.52	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$25.00						\$241.72
MISC.	\$100.00		\$33.22						\$19.60					\$52.82
OUTREACH	\$100.00													\$0.00
LITERATURE	\$50.00													\$0.00
P.I.	\$2,000.00	\$52.19	\$44.73	\$52.19	\$67.10	\$149.19	\$386.05	\$1,052.19	\$68.19					\$1,871.83
H & I	\$1,500.00	\$135.25	\$295.10			\$115.77	\$47.25	\$101.86						\$695.23
HELPLINE	\$3,500.00		\$499.50	\$308.69	\$500.69	\$306.13	\$316.69	\$274.39						\$2,206.09
BANQUET	\$5,000.00			\$750.00	\$312.08	\$650.00	\$221.29	\$1,000.00						\$2,933.37
ACTIVITIES	\$2,200.00		\$550.00			\$650.00								\$1,200.00
TOTAL	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$226.24</u>	<u>\$1,471.95</u>	<u>\$1,164.40</u>	<u>\$909.87</u>	<u>\$1,896.09</u>	<u>\$991.28</u>	<u>\$2,453.44</u>	<u>\$87.79</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$9,201.06</u>