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TWIN CITIES AREA SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

January 17, 2004

Sabathani, 3rd Fl, Rm. J

OPENING

Dick opened Meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 11:03 am. Readings: 12 Concepts: Rufus, 12 Traditions: Aaron, 12 Steps: Seth.

INTRODUCTIONS

Attendance: All officers present.

Welcome newcomers.

18 GSRs present. Quorum [9] is met. [Avg. of last 3 mos. (14, 16, and 12) was $14 \times .67 = 9$ minimum needed for quorum.]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December minutes approved. Add PI report, add correct 2004 budget tracking. Tabled for the moment.

CORRESPONDENCE

NA Way. Anyone can request the NA Way magazine online at www.na.org

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR

Dick: no report.

CO-CHAIR

Lynn: Good Morning All, I am grateful for the opportunity to give back what was so freely given to me. I am looking forward to learning more about how to effectively run a business meeting using Robert's Rules of Order and our bylaws. Please bear with me, as I will make mistakes. Reminders to call my sponsor are greatly appreciated. Thanks, Your Co-Chair Lynn L.

SECRETARY

Charlie: I took notes at last months meeting and let Daniel prepare the December minutes for distribution. Thanks to all the exec and subcommittee chairs that emailed their reports. A friendly reminder: please include the name of your position or subcommittee and "TCASC: in the subject field, and type your report in the body of the email message, no attachments please, thanks. ¶ My term as secretary is complete, thank you for the opportunity to be of service. This service position has allowed me to get to know you, and has continued to teach me the values of commitment, keeping an open mind, unity, patience, respect, and surrender. In loving service, Charlie K.

CO-SECRETARY

Daniel: The minutes for December were mailed and emailed, I am aware that some information was missing from the minutes as I sent them out to soon, for that I apologize. I will be sure to have this information corrected for the "Official" December minutes that will be posted on the web. I would like to remind the members of the committees and sub-committees that your reports need to be submitted to the secretary by email in order to be published in the minutes. For those of you that do not have email or Internet access the UMSO has a computer available for you to type and submit your reports. Hand written reports will be kept on file but may not be added to the official minutes. This is my last month serving as Co-Secretary and I want to thank you all for allowing me to be a part of this committee. This opportunity has given me the chance to practice many spiritual principles including unity, service, patience and tolerance. I intend on running for the Secretary position and I ask you to allow me the opportunity to continue my spiritual growth as a member of the TCASC. Thank you, Daniel.

TREASURER

Ryan: Balance is \$ 1,921.00. Accounting for outstanding items the balance is \$ 1,536.09.

CO-TREASURER

Mark: The books are open, please see me to register your attendance and/or donations.

RCMs

Dan: The following is a report about the activities of the Ad-Hoc Resolution A Implementing Committee, which includes of our two regional delegates (John S and Steven T) and two additional regular members (Kit E and Spence) I have been attending the these meeting as part of my role as RCM representative.

The following statement was agreed to by the four regularly attending members at today's committee meeting:

You should not vote against motions 17 and 18 which implements Resolution A merely because you are against Resolution A. You should only consider if motions 17 and 18 are the proper way to implement Resolution A. Resolution A was voted on at the world in 1996 and is now the fellowship's group conscience. To vote against motions 17 and 18 out of dislike for Resolution A violates the 2nd tradition.

Rufus: Reminder of the CAR workshop 12-4 p.m. here at Sabathani.

Note: The Conference Agenda Report contains all of the motions before the WSC and the strategic plan of NA. The Regional Assembly is the second Saturday in March at Sabathani.

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ELECTIONS

Secretary: Daniel T. accepts. My willingness is that I need to keep coming here to hear and learn tolerance and unity, helps my spiritual growth. There was a time I wanted to give this up. I have been able to leave what happens here, here. Daniel is elected.

Co-Secretary: Requirements and Description of duties read. Aaron declines, Tim declines, Rick declines, Justin declines. Rick is willing to assist until the position is filled. Sandra declines, Melissa accepts. I am very scared, but I am willing to learn. Do you realize that this could be a two-year commitment? A: Yes. Melissa is elected.

Banquet Chair: tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 113: by Daniel, second Seth, to eliminate the TCASC holding a banquet for 2004, due to lack of participation.

Discussion: Perhaps premature to carry this motion. Con: last ditch effort to solicit support. Con: not too late. Spaghetti supper. Pro – There is no support, let's have a party not a banquet. Con: banquet, we need to provide functions for addicts to participate in. Con: same as first con. Q: If someone does not step up does the exec committee take responsibility? A: no Call for vote. Pro: I am for the motion lets vote.

Votes 6 for, 12 against, 5 abstain. **Motion 113 Fails.**

We need people to step up and serve. Groups need to be informed and participate in this body. Reminder when the banquet began there was a separate committee from the TCASC.

MNNAC announcement: We have registration forms here. We need volunteers and workshop leaders.

UMSO: email any printing you need to Penny. umso@naminnesota.org

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES

Sandra: For Marie, has financial report. Marie will make full report next month. Functions are a great thing. Functions and carrying the message are not necessarily mutually exclusive. Thanks to everyone who supported the function and the fundraiser. Perhaps about 400 in attendance.

The treasurer confirms that a little more than \$1,000 was raised by the fundraisers and the New Years Eve dance.

Big Thaw dance, great job by Marie.

BANQUET

Vacant:

HELPLINE

Amy: Thanks for electing me as helpline chair. Though I'm still working on familiarizing myself with the position, I'm pleased to report that it seems to be a good fit. Last month Frederick was kind enough to take me out to Answer America so that I could get acquainted with the folks out there. I'm not sure I retained all of the wisdom he passed on to me, but so far so good. ¶ As for this month I plan to confirm the telephone numbers of the volunteers on the list and continue to round up alternates for various shifts. Please inform your groups that there is a shift available for a female on Monday evenings, 4pm to Midnight. ¶ If anyone is interested in becoming the very first Helpline Sub-committee member (unless there's already a fully formed committee I'm not aware of), I'm offering a bonus which includes first dibs on meeting times and places. Otherwise, I'll be here next month at 10:00am (Sabathani) with doughnuts. Q: Are volunteers being responsible to their shifts? A: First I will be contacting volunteers to verify telephone numbers.

H&I

Seth M. Greetings TCASC. The New Year has been very good for H & I. We have been working together very well in the Twin Cities, with existing commitments, and making some new ones. There's rarely a day where I don't have someone inquire about H & I and how he or she can get involved. ¶ Tuesday night "Fresh Start" has been developing a group conscience, and will be contacting facilities in need of N.A. service. "East Lake" N.A. is going strong in their commitment to Prodigal House. Friday night "Coast to Coast" N.A. continues to bring the message to The Women's Workhouse in Roseville. I went to "On Belay" adolescent treatment center with "Pleasant N.A." and found it very powerful; talking to the kids there. Thursday night "Riverside N.A." is in the latter stages of their commitment to the Fairview short term occupational program (S.T.O.P.), replacing the former panel leader. They are also looking into ways to bring Narcotics Anonymous meetings back into the Adult treatment center. ¶ Tuesday night "Seeking Serenity" is moving forward to start a new H & I commitment at the Salvation Army, (900 N. 4th. St.) every 1st. and Last Thursday of the month. In addition I have been contacted by the Veterans Administration, they need speakers one Monday a month at a half way house (Bldg. #47) for vet's who are experiencing homelessness and trying to get some recovery at the same time. ¶ I am aware of an H & I panel going to Perspectives Family Center two times a month but am not aware of whether or not they need support. Tapestry women's half way house has contacted me about the possibility of having a panel on Saturdays once or twice a month (OPEN). And the Odyssey Home School is interested in having H & I panels in their facility (OPEN). Turning Point of Minneapolis is up and running, (hope

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everything' s going well over there). Also N.A. panels are going to the Hennepin County Men's workhouse every Thursday. ¶ I have applications for Correctional Facilities in Anoka County, Hennepin County and Stillwater, Also volunteer applications for VOA Women's Recovery center. The list goes on and on. With your help we can "carry the message" to addicts who cannot make it to our meetings. Our Twin Cities Area H&I sub-committee is going out, bringing literature and giving much hope to those in need of our experience, strength and hope. Thank you keep up the good work. Seth M. Q: Does the list you passed out list only current commitments?

LITERATURE REVIEW

Dan: hello everyone, not much to report this month. I just want to remind everyone about the CAR workshop on Jan. 24 from noon-4pm and to get excited about any new literature projects that might come up as a result of the motions in the conference agenda report, in loving service, Dan.

OUTREACH

Ed Z: The past month has been a particularly demanding one. Between my physical well-being and work, there has not been the time I would like to give to my outreach goals. I am happy to report I did make it to four more meetings I have never attended in our area, bringing my total to twenty - five so far. I missed a couple more due to lousy direction guessing, causing me to feel embarrassingly too late to show my face. Better pre - excursion planning is in order. I continue to have many thoughtful discussions with members, who express a genuine interest in our areas potential for growth regarding outreach. I look forward to adjustments, which are taking shape in other areas of my life, which will afford me the opportunity to commit more resource to this cause. With a little patience and guidance from our group conscience, I hope to provide a catalyst towards some meaningful contribution in our areas outreach effort. Yours in service, Ed Z. There is a meeting on Thursday – Self Preservation, 7:00 p.m. in Coon Rapids, is mostly newcomers, please support it.

PI

Seth: Hello all, The meeting list changes that were given to me have been made. I am working on making up a general letter to be sent to treatment centers around the Twin Cities with information about NA in the area. These letters should be sent out in the next couple of months. Next month, my position as PI committee chair will be up for election and I will be seeking re-election. If you have any changes to make on the meeting list please mark them on the master list. Also, the changes made on the meeting list will from now on be made by me. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Seth

Vote to approve December minutes: Vote: 20 for, 0 against, 2 abstain. The December minutes are approved with updated reports.

OPEN FORUM & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Perhaps the Bylaws should be updated to reflect the correct duties of co-secretary & co-treasurer. We should consider forming an Ad Hoc committee to update the Bylaws for accuracy, with regard to duties and responsibilities. Ad Hoc committee is formed to update the Bylaws. Rick L Chair, Rick's tel.# 763-535-2891.

Treasurer: Closing the books

Seth. GSRs please get the updated meeting lists.

Please spread the word that all groups need GSRs and Alternate GSRs. Those here can help communicate, but we can only vote once.

We were doing business as usual and then one person said something that almost shut the meeting down. This regards the approval of the minutes.

Confusion at the time I thought it was the treasures report, not the 2004 budget that was left out.

We should all shut up and listen when someone has the floor, regardless of who they are. Intimidation is a personal matter.

Speak your mind, let go, and let God.

Adjourned at 1:10 p. m.

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 TCASC MONTHLY 7TH TRADITION DONATIONS & ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR JANUARY 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	\$63.04	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			Friday	8:00 PM
Camden Recovery		Yes	Sunday	7:00 PM
Candlelight Bakery	\$48.68	Yes	Wednesday	7:30 PM
Clean and Serene NA		Yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Clear Atmosphere		Yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Coast to Coast	\$7.00	Yes	Friday	7:30 PM
East Lake NA		Yes	Wednesday	8:00 PM
Eat Your Way to Recovery			Monday	12:00 PM
Freedom From Addiction	\$187.00	Yes	Sunday	7:30 PM
Fresh Start		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		Yes	Saturday	10:00 PM
Latinos en NA			Friday	6:30 PM
Lesbian and Gay NA		Yes	Sunday	11:00 AM
Men Of Hope			Saturday	9:00 AM
Minneapolis By Candlelight	\$50.00	Yes	Monday	8:00 PM
Miracles in Motion			Tuesday	11:00 AM
Monday Nite Wave	\$32.00	Yes	Monday	8:00 PM
Mora NA			Tuesday	8:00 PM
Never Enough			Tuesday	7:30 PM
North Side NA	\$48.07	Yes	Monday	7:00 PM
North Suburban NA			Thursday	7:30 PM
N.E.N.A. NA		Yes	Friday	7:30 PM
Northwest NA	\$8.49	Yes	Saturday	7:00 PM
Nuts About the Newcomer			Saturday	7:00 PM
Pleasant NA			Sunday	7:30 PM
Recovering Addicts of NA	\$25.00	Yes	Monday	7:00 PM
Recovering Ladies of the Lakes			Saturday	10:00 AM
Recovering Soldiers	\$34.75	Yes	Thursday	8:00 PM
River Falls NA			Mon. Wed. Fri	8:00 PM
Riverside NA	\$22.00	Yes	Thursday	8:00 PM
Saturday Morning NA			Saturday	9:00 AM
Saving Our Lives		Yes	Thursday	7:00 PM
Serenity Sunday		Yes	Sunday	6:00 PM
Siren NA			Sunday	6:00 PM
Sisters in Recovery			Thursday	7:00 PM
Stepping on Traditions		Yes	Saturday	10:00 AM
Sunday Morning NA	\$75.00		Sunday	10:30 AM
Elk River NA		Yes	Monday	7:30PM
Young People in Recovery			Friday	7:00 PM
Seven Eleven			Wednesday	8:00 PM
Seeking Serenity	\$20.00	Yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Just for Today North Branch		Yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
We are Not Saints			Thursday	7:00 PM

Total Donations	\$621.03
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total GSR's Present at Meetin	26
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