

MINUTES HAVE NOT YET BEEN APPROVED BY THE TCASC

**MINUTES**

TWIN CITIES AREA SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

March 20, 2004

Sabathani, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl, Rm. J

**OPENING**

Dick opened Meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 11:00 am. Readings: 12 Concepts: Rick D, 12 Traditions: Scott, 12 Steps: Brian B

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Attendance: Amy is out-excused

Welcome newcomers.

24 GSR's present. Quorum [10] is met. [Avg. of last 3 mos. (12, 18, and 16) was  $15 \times .67 = 10$  minimum needed for quorum.] Quorum met

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes are approved with correction, remove Dan B's email from report & replace treasury reports with the correct month.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

NA Way, please come and get these if you represent these groups.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**CHAIR**

Dick: No Report. I will turn this meeting over to Lynn after the officer reports.

**CO-CHAIR**

Lynn: Good Morning All,

The Executive committee and Sub-committees met this morning prior to the TCASC. The purpose of this meeting is to bring up issues that may or may not need to be brought before this body and to decide when would be the appropriate time to do so. This will help move things along during regular business. Last month, a few issues were raised at an improper time. Prior knowledge of these issues, following Parliamentary Procedure, per Robert's Rules of order, would have served this body better. This is not a new way of doing business. In fact, it has been in place for several years. We may not always have issues to discuss during the Executive Committee Meeting, but your presence is still important. My personal apology to a prior chair, as I now understand the importance of this meeting and I didn't support it in my tenure as co-secretary/ secretary. (Ya gotta love this program; always opportunities to learn.)

Now that we will be doing this, the sub-committees can still meet in the room prior to the ASC; however, their meetings will have to conclude prior to 10:30a.m.

Thank-you,

Lynn L.

**SECRETARY**

Daniel: The unapproved minutes were delivered by email however there is an error in the treasury reports, they are incorrect, I will correct the minutes prior to publishing. Please be sure email reports prior to the next Area.

**CO-SECRETARY**

Melissa: Nothing to report.

**Treasurer**

Ryan: Balance is \$ 3348.77

Questions: Are we going to donate to the Region? Answer: If so, please make a motion during new business.

**CO-TREASURER**

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

**RCMS**

Dan B: No report – Provided groups with results of the Regions GSR assembly votes in March.

Rufus: No report

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### Elections

Activities: Nominations – Mark, Declined. Barb Declined. Ed T. Accepts, only has 14 months, he spoke requesting the clean time be waved. Motion 116 Jeff B. “To waive the clean time requirement for the activities chair to accept Ed with 14 month.”

#### Discussion:

Pros: Willing to stand up, feels desire to serve, has held this position in the past. Next activity is the unity picnic, will have 17 months buy then

Cons: No need to hurry to fill this position. Clean time requirements were created to protect ourselves from ourselves Our by-laws are in place for a reason, if we continue to make acceptations and modify our by-laws where to we stop?

Vote: For 10, Against 17, Abstentions 0. Motion 116 Fails. Thanks Ed P for your willingness.

Nominations continue: Marie: declines. Jennifer B: accepts, Speaks to willingness. Meats or exceeds clean-time requirements. States she has a team of dedicated people to assist in this obligation. Has been contemplating this position for some time know. Said she would not have accepted the nomination had she not been certain she would succeed. Vote-Jennifer B is elected.

Public information: Seth L: Accepts. Spoke to willingness, says he only declined last months nomination because he computer would not format the meeting lists correctly but now has it all fixed up. Vote-Seth is elected.

### OLD BUSINESS

Motion 115/114, Motion 115 carries and 114 stays tabled for another month. Ed Z will take this to committee to be further investigated

Lynn: What is the status of the Ad-Hoc committee to rewrite the By-Laws? Daniel: The ad-hoc committee has not yet met and currently has no set time for a meeting as of yet.

### NEW BUSINESS

None

### BREAK AT 12:30

### SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

#### ACTIVITIES

Out going chair - Marie: The Big Thaw Dance: Paid \$410 for the facility and took in \$817, leaving a profit to the TCASC of \$407. This is my last month and I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to be of service.

Incoming chair – Jenny: No report

#### BANQUET

Larry R: A committee meeting was held on February 28<sup>th</sup>. As a committee we have decided to go with having the banquet at the Ramada Inn in Bloomington. After researching, this seemed to be the only place that fits the needs of the banquet for food, space, money and the date. A \$500 deposit was given to the facility. This includes \$250 for the facility and \$75 for the dance floor, the remaining will go toward the food. The date for the banquet will be September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004. We have **not** decided if we will have a buffet or be served. This will include a full course meal plus coffee and tea. The theme the committee has come up with is “One Promise, Many Gifts”. The first fund raiser will be an old school dance held at Calvary Church on Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>, flyers will be distributed by the next area meeting. (Pastor Jeff has already been contacted) Today the committee will be asking for \$25 made out to Ad-Print for t-shirts. The t-shirts will cost \$4.10 each and \$1.50 for XX sizes and \$1.00 more for 2 sides and 2 colors. The check will be for setup charges and a sample of the t-shirt. The price was cheaper than Rebuild Resource who’s t-shirts were \$5.75 each and \$1.00 more for 1 side and 1 color. Before ordering we will need to know how many t-shirts have been ordered in the past. The next banquet committee meeting will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00. For more information contact Larry R at 952-814-9278 or Richard S. at 612-628-0324

#### HELPLINE

Amy K: I apologize, I am unable to attend today's area meeting but I do want to report on what's happening with the helpline. The answering service has made all recent changes to the volunteer schedule. Everything is running smoothly. I've heard from a few new volunteers that they're already receiving calls. I've stressed to answer America management that the Ala-non number be given out only under the appropriate circumstances. Thanks for the help from GSR's on trying to fill shifts at their meetings. I'll be armed with updated "open shift sheets" next month. In the meantime, we really need females on the twenty-four hour list. I think we're down to five. Also, thanks to the sub-committee members for all of their interest and help with getting things going. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any ideas, questions, or concerns. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Amy K.

#### H&I

Seth M: Greetings Twin Cities Area, First I'd like to apologize for losing the February report, I am in-experienced with E-mail, but I will make sure this gets to the area secretary in time for this month's ASC. We are still in the process of electing subcommittee positions and scheduling regular H & I subcommittee meetings at a convenient time. The next sub committee will be at 7:00 PM April 6<sup>th</sup>. The location will be at Old Town in Town's conference room, 735 E. 16th. St. Minneapolis, MN.

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A secretary is needed to record minutes, prepare correspondence, and update current H & I member lists. This is an appointed position and should be filled soon. We would like to elect a Literature Coordinator to ensure that necessary literature is obtained and distributed fairly and evenly, within our operating budget. The clean time requirement is one year, for a term of one year. We also need a Panel Coordinator to work closely with Panel Leaders and meet with administrators, in the interests of harmony. The clean time requirement is one year, for a term of one year. Experience is helpful, but sincere willingness will be considered foremost.

The sub-committee needs the support of more experienced addicts, and former H & I sub-committee members to serve with us on a Steering Committee / Administration Committee to oversee the operation of H & I.

There is a need for Regional participation as the Twin Cities area is so large. We want to cooperate with other Areas in and around the Twin Cities, (i.e. Area of Hope, South Suburban Fireside Area, Central Minnesota Area, Back to Basics, R.I.T.H., etc.) in carrying the Narcotics Anonymous message.

There are many open commitments that we hope to fill soon. A list of facilities will be available to you at the Area Service Conference, or by attending our Area subcommittee meeting. I want to express my gratitude to the members of Narcotics Anonymous for your patience and persistence with H & I. I really appreciate the positive ways in which each of you add so much to this fellowship's strength and hope. Our message is Hope, and the promise is Freedom. That any addict, who wants recovery can stop using, lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live. And for that I'm grateful. In Loving service, Seth M.

### LITERATURE

Dan: I attended the regional assembly to assist with the literature discussion workshop. I received a phone call from the literature chair from the new area and we discussed what her position entailed .also my position as literature chair is up in may and I will not be seeking reelection in loving service. DAN G

### OUTREACH

Ed Z: I found an opportunity to attend three more new meetings this past month, bringing the total to thirty - eight. My efforts to acquire information about the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community is not yet complete. I am waiting on some responses from facilitators in the field . I should know something useful for our consideration next month. Steve K. has accepted my invitation to serve as co - chair of the Outreach Committee. Steve K's enthusiasm with the literature and passion for recovery at the group level, are without question assets which will serve our area well with outreach. I thank him for his willingness to participate. I invite any one who is interested in Outreach efforts to contact me or Steve K. anytime. Or let's say, me anytime, and Steve K. after 8:00 p. m. (when he's on "unlimited" cell minutes).

### PI

Seth L: Hello everyone, This month's meeting list is done and available for you to take and distribute to the groups you go to. Make sure to THROW AWAY last months lists, as there are a lot of changes on this months list. There are four new meeting on the list and one deleted. The deleted one is the Anoka "Work it out" which is now an H&I commitment. New meeting in the "Twin Cities Area" in Forest Lake Thursday at 8:00. Three new meeting in the South Suburban Area; Bloomington "Meeting Maker's" Thursday at seven, South St. Paul's "Damn Good Start" Monday at nine am, and "Hastings NA" Monday night at seven. The meeting list can not fit any more meeting on it. This month I deleted the UMSO hours and location to fit just one more meeting on. This is the month to decide if we want to carry the SSFA and Area of Hope meeting on the TCA meeting list. If we decide not to carry them, this is also going to impact the information on the helpline which is one very important aspect we have to look at. Other options are we delete contacts, which I personally do not believe would help for very long as the three areas are all growing very fast. The most realistic options is to make the meeting list two pages and keep the metro area all on one list. One drawback of this is it is going to double our cost for the list from \$50.00/mo. to \$100.00/mo.

Other issues for public information is I still need help hanging bulletins in treatment centers and other places. If you are willing to help, please contact me. That is all I have for this month and thank you for allowing me to be of service to the fellowship.

### OPEN FORUM & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RCM and Alternate RCM service positions are up for election at the April TCASC

Meeting List: Issue is that the area is growing and the meeting list format needs to change. It will no longer fit on the 2 sided 8" x 14" stock currently used. The next meeting list will be on 2 sheets. Suggestion: remove other areas (South Suburban Fireside, Area of Hope) from the list. Cons: this could prevent a new comer from finding a meeting, these areas donate to the TCA when they financially can, the boundaries laid out in our by-laws include some of these location. Suggestion: create a booklet, is used in other locations. Cons: my need to charge the addict due to cost. Publication times my not keep up with the increase and decrease of the number of meetings. Suggestion: Create a single list for the region and put our efforts in one list. Cons: Regional lists are distributed to Hospitals, Jails and other institutions; they cannot have contact information on them. Regional lists do not have other information on them, i.e. Smoking, non-smoking, childcare, handicap, closed ect. Please bring it to your group for suggestions and ideas.

Web Discussion board: Are people interested in a web based discussion board or some form of communication over the internet for everyone to use?

Motion to adjourn 1:56

Closed with the "Gratitude Prayer"

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 TCASC MONTHLY 7<sup>TH</sup> TRADITION DONATIONS & ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR MARCH 2004

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	\$68.73		Friday	8:00 PM
Recovery in the Garden	\$35.00	Yes	Thursday	7:30 PM
Afternoon Serenity			Wednesday	1:00 PM
All A's			Monday	7:00 PM
Barking Buffalo	\$40.00	Yes	Friday	8:00 PM
Camden Recovery	\$30.00	Yes	Sunday	7:00 PM
Candlelight Bakery	\$14.15	Yes	Wednesday	7:30 PM
Clean and Serene NA	\$63.71	Yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Clear Atmosphere		Yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Coast to Coast			Friday	7:30 PM
East Lake NA		Yes	Wednesday	8:00 PM
Eat Your Way to Recovery			Monday	12:00 PM
Freedom From Addiction	\$202.00	Yes	Sunday	7:30 PM
Fresh Start	\$26.00	Yes	Tuesday	8:00 PM
G.L.B.T and Friends NA		Yes	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		Yes	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		Yes	Monday	8:00 PM
Mora NA			Tuesday	8:00 PM
Never Enough			Tuesday	7:30 PM
North Side NA	\$44.06	Yes	Monday	7:00 PM
North Suburban NA	\$200.00		Thursday	7:30 PM
N.E.N.A. NA	\$50.00	Yes	Friday	7:30 PM
Northwest NA	\$55.02	Yes	Saturday	7:00 PM
Nuts About the Newcomer		Yes	Saturday	7:00 PM
Pleasant NA		Yes	Sunday	7:30 PM
Recovering Addicts of NA			Monday	7:00 PM
Recovering Ladies of the Lakes	\$20.00	Yes	Saturday	10:00 AM
Recovering Soldiers			Thursday	8:00 PM
River Falls NA	\$50.00	Yes	Mon. Wed. Fri	8:00 PM
Riverside NA		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			Saturday	10:00 AM
Sunday Morning NA	\$25.00	Yes	Sunday	10:30 AM
Self Preservation	\$12.50	Yes	?	?
Young People in Recovery			Friday	7:00 PM
Seven Eleven			Wednesday	8:00 PM
Seeking Serenity	\$42.00	Yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Just for Today North Branch			Tuesday	7:00 PM
We are Not Saints			Thursday	7:00 PM

<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$978.17</b>
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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2004

<b>REPORT DATE : 03/20/2004</b>		<b>LAST MONTHS' ENDING BALANCE</b> →		<b>\$ 3,348.77</b>
ENDING BALANCE FROM BANK STATEMENT →		\$	3,632.70	
MINUS TOTAL OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS, FEES & EARLY DEPOSITS →		\$	283.93	
EQUALS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE →		\$	3,348.77	
<b>DISCREPANCY SHOULD EQUAL ZERO</b> →		\$	-	
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE (ALWAYS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE)</b> →		\$	<b>3,348.77</b>	
<b>PROCEEDS</b>				
<b>GROUP DONATION (FROM ATTENDANCE SHEET)</b> →		\$	978.17	*
<b>OTHER PROCEEDS TOTAL (LIST NAME &amp; AMOUNT INDIVIDUALLY)</b> →		\$	967.00	
South Suburban Fireside Area	\$	50.00		
Check #2812 Deposit for Big Thaw Returned	\$	100.00		
Big Thaw proceeds	\$	817.00		
	\$	-		
<b>TOTAL PROCEEDS</b> →		\$	<b>1,945.17</b>	
<b>SUBTOTAL (BEGINNING BALANCE PLUS PROCEEDS)</b> →		\$	<b>5,293.94</b>	
<b>EXPENSES (ALWAYS CHECKS WRITTEN)</b>				
	<b>Check #</b>	<b>\$ AMOUNT</b>		
03/04/04 Ramada Inn Deposit (Banquet)	2816	\$	500.00	
Answere America (Help Line)	2817	\$	221.84	
Check 2818 Void	2818		VOID	
UMSO (H & I)	2819	\$	24.72	
MNRSC (Donation)	2820	\$	500.00	
AD-Print (Banquet T-shirts)	2821	\$	25.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> →		\$	<b>1,271.56</b>	
<b>ENDING BALANCE (SUBTOTAL MINUS EXPENSES)</b> →		\$	<b>4,022.38</b>	
<b>DEPOSITS</b>				
	<b>DATE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>		
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT	3/20/04	\$	1,845.17	
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT		\$	-	
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT		\$	-	
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS (SHOULD EQUAL TOTAL PROCEEDS)</b> →		\$	<b>1,845.17</b>	

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TCASC 2003	TARGET	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR TO DATE
<b>EXCESS 2002</b>	<b><u>\$1,000.00</u></b>													
<b>PROCEEDS</b>														
<b>GROUPS</b>	\$10,500.00	\$690.18	\$276.32	\$681.92	\$779.94	\$564.40	\$859.84	\$659.91	\$434.04	\$448.25	\$424.25	\$578.35	\$617.80	\$7,015.20
<b>OTHER</b>	\$800.00	\$10.00		\$215.59		\$100.00	\$75.00	\$100.00		\$50.00		\$150.00	\$75.00	\$775.59
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	\$2,700.00	\$1,338.10		\$395.81								\$1,049.27	\$576.35	\$3,359.53
<b>BANQUET</b>	\$6,000.00				\$270.00	\$709.79	\$512.00	\$823.16	\$64.00	\$256.00	\$1,885.00	\$60.00		\$4,579.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>20,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>2,038.28</u></b>	<b><u>276.32</u></b>	<b><u>1,293.32</u></b>	<b><u>1,049.94</u></b>	<b><u>1,374.19</u></b>	<b><u>1,446.84</u></b>	<b><u>1,583.07</u></b>	<b><u>498.04</u></b>	<b><u>754.25</u></b>	<b><u>2,309.25</u></b>	<b><u>1,837.62</u></b>	<b><u>1,269.15</u></b>	<b><u>15,730.27</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>														
<b>EXEC CMTE</b>														
MNRSC	\$3,750.00													\$0.00
UMSO	\$200.00									\$6.75	\$58.04			\$64.79
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			\$59.18	\$20.18	\$20.19	\$341.27
MISC.	\$100.00		\$33.22						\$19.60					\$52.82
OUTREACH	\$100.00													\$0.00
LITERATURE	\$50.00									\$53.50				\$53.50
P.I.	\$2,000.00	\$52.19	\$44.73	\$52.19	\$67.10	\$149.19	\$386.05	\$1,052.19	\$68.19		\$104.38	\$44.73	\$50.00	\$2,070.94
H & I	\$1,500.00	\$135.25	\$295.10			\$115.77	\$47.25	\$101.86			\$184.60	\$84.90	\$148.45	\$1,113.18
HELPLINE	\$3,500.00		\$499.50	\$308.69	\$500.69	\$306.13	\$316.69	\$274.39		\$487.19	\$285.03	\$569.84	\$564.56	\$4,112.71
BANQUET	\$5,000.00			\$750.00	\$312.08	\$650.00	\$221.29	\$1,000.00		\$600.00	\$1,044.00			\$4,577.37
ACTIVITIES	\$2,200.00		\$550.00			\$650.00					\$939.64	\$750.57	\$600.00	\$3,490.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$20,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$226.24</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,471.95</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,164.40</u></b>	<b><u>\$909.87</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,896.09</u></b>	<b><u>\$991.28</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,453.44</u></b>	<b><u>\$87.79</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,147.44</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,674.87</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,470.22</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,383.20</u></b>	<b><u>\$15,876.79</u></b>
<b>EXCESS 2002</b>	<b><u>\$1,000.00</u></b>													
<b>TCASC 2004</b>	<b>TARGET</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>JULY</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>
<b>EXCESS 2003</b>	<b><u>-</u></b>													
<b>PROCEEDS</b>														
<b>GROUPS</b>	\$7,000.00	\$621.03	\$427.09	\$978.17										\$2,026.29
<b>OTHER</b>	\$500.00	\$141.90	\$100.00	\$150.00										\$391.90
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	\$2,000.00	\$1,762.33		\$817.00										\$2,579.33
<b>BANQUET</b>	\$6,000.00													\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>15,500.00</u></b>					<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>														
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MNRSC	\$100.00													\$0.00
MNRSC	\$1,500.00			\$500.00										\$500.00
UMSO	\$0.00													\$0.00
MNNAC	\$0.00													\$0.00
TREASURER	\$50.00													\$0.00
SECRETARY	\$450.00	\$14.36												\$14.36
MISC.	\$50.00													\$0.00
OUTREACH	\$50.00													\$0.00
LITERATURE	\$50.00													\$0.00
P.I.	\$2,300.00		\$52.00											\$52.00
H & I	\$1,000.00	\$146.30	\$216.44	\$24.72										\$387.46
HELPLINE	\$3,500.00	\$276.55	\$24.23	\$221.84										\$522.62
BANQUET	\$4,000.00			\$525.00										\$525.00
ACTIVITIES	\$1,500.00		\$510.00											\$510.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$14,450.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$437.21</u></b>	<b><u>\$802.67</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,271.56</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,511.44</u></b>