

## MINUTES

### TWIN CITIES AREA SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

April 16th, 2005

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

## OPENING

Lynn opened Meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 11:00am. Readings

- 12 Steps: Seth
- 12 Traditions: Jim
- 12 Concepts: Loretta

## INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome newcomers.

19 GSRs present. Quorum [9 ] is met. [Avg. of last 3 mos. (15, 12 and 15) was  $16 \times .67 = 9$  minimum needed for quorum.]

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved after changes were made.

CORRESPONDENCE: Area inventory. NA Way.

## OFFICER REPORTS

### CHAIR

Lynn: Dear all, We have made some changes to the agenda. Hopefully these can help us complete our business in an orderly fashion & use our time more efficiently. I am distributing packets to the GSR's this morning regarding the area inventory. Please share this information with your groups as we are looking forward to their feedback. I have researched questions raised at the last area: Only GSR's can vote Article 6 6:01 However participants may forward and second motions Article 6 6:04 Definition of a participant Article 5 5:01 in our bylaws. Lastly, Should we read the steps Article 2 2:03 I find this language rather vague so maybe this is something our policy committee could look at. Yours in service, Lynn

### CO-CHAIR

Rick B: No report.

### SECRETARY

Melissa: I did finish the minutes a little late. I did not get the minutes sent out yet but I will. Reminder to all sub-committee chairs to get your reports in A.S.A.P. Thanks for letting me serve.

### CO-SECRETARY

Theresa P.: Nothing to report.

### Treasurer

Ryan: See attached.

### CO-TREASURER

Mark: Please come up and check in if you are GSR even if you do not have a donation for the area.

### RCM's

Tim M: No written report.

## Tony M: RCM Report to TCASC on 4.16.05

### General Information:

- The Minnesota Regional Service Conference of NA met last Saturday April 9, 2005
- 8 of 11 Areas present. (Back to Basics, Northern Lights & Open Door not present)

## MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE TCASC

- Bill elected chair
- Craig elected H&I Chair
- Two TCA meetings moved to the Area of Hope (one already in the Area of Hope's boundary...the other in TC Area). Reason given: looking for a change at the regional level.
- Lakes Area will be taking down their website, and will look for another avenue into cyberspace. Lost their webmaster.
- The \$200 some-odd amount the Region's checkbook was off was force-balanced (to the Region's good).
- South Suburban Fireside Area believes that the price hike at the UMSO is too much
- There will be a new Regional meeting list printed, 5000, twice a year in a booklet format. 800 will be given to the TCA every 6 months free. Each other area will get 200 free, and the Region will hold the rest for later distribution, to areas in need, or they will be sold out of the Service Office
- Unity Flyer was discussed, with a recommendation that an amended flyer be sent to this Area's groups for comment, and also be sent to NAWs for their input (More in Ad Hoc Report).
- MNNAC discussion (822 in attendance). Initial financial figure is that a profit of \$14,000.xx was made, and will be sent to the Region
- UMSO provided their 2004 Report – Copies available in the Service Office
- RD Report – Copies available in the back of the room. Please take one for your group

### Motions

- Close the Service Office – defeated. Why? Feeling of mismanagement, non-cooperation, and price hikes.
- UMSO provide a 5-year business plan to the Region by June 9 – passed
- Call for removal of Darcy from MNNAC BOD – non-attendance - passed

### Events:

- Central Minnesota Spring Thing will be April 30. Flyers are in the Service Office
- 3<sup>rd</sup> annual campout hosted by the Lakes Area will be in Baxter June 10 -12. Information is on their website: [http://webpages.charter.net/skip\\_per/index\\_files/Page1424.htm](http://webpages.charter.net/skip_per/index_files/Page1424.htm), or find the link through the Lakes homepage: [http://webpages.charter.net/skip\\_per/index.htm](http://webpages.charter.net/skip_per/index.htm).
- Recovery In The Heartland will hold a Hollywood Campout, but no date or location has been set
- Minnesota's Regional Assembly will be held May 14, 2004 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Invitational letters and flyers have been distributed to each area, for distribution to each group. Please encourage everyone to attend. If you have any questions, or need further information, please contact Steve T. or Tony M., your Regional Delegate Team – numbers are on the phone list.

### Vacant Positions:

- MNNAC Regional Representatives                      Policy Chair
- Public Information Chair    Co-chair
- Outreach Chair – Literature                                      UMSO Reps (2)

I appreciate the Area's flexibility allowing me to serve as the RCM, and RDA. My responsibilities of the RDA position will take me away from the Area infrequently. Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

### OLD BUSINESS

Elections: PI chair, RCM and RCM Alternate, Outreach chair. Ben Z. was voted in as new P.I. chair. Toni M. voted in as RCM for second term. No RCM alternative was voted in. No outreach chair was voted in.

12:00 PM BREAK

### OPEN FORUM & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Should we combine the Activities chair and the Banquet chair? After rethinking this, to combine these two committees would put too many responsibilities on the chair person. So maybe not the best idea.

Region donation every ¼? So is it due? No this was something we put in place last year it doesn't mean we do it again this year. We did not make a donation for the first ¼ because our funds were low. We do not have obligation to donate to the region. So don't spend before we look at our expenses for the next couple of months. Let discuss how much and when not if we should. We seem to think it is a good idea to pass on moneys.

### SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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ACTIVITIES:

SHERRI C.: NO REPORT WAS SENT IN.

BANQUET

Dick N: Dear Committee Members:

The April dance was not as Financially successful as the as the previous dances but was a great time. There is nothing to report about the Banquet at this time but stay tuned for upcoming information.

This a financial breakdown of the dance.

DJ \$200.00  
Venue \$100.00  
Food and drink \$126.46  
Total \$426.46

Door \$596.46  
Check from Treasurer \$150.00

Total \$746.46

Return ` \$320.00

HELPLINE

Brandon: No report sent in.

H&I

Justin:

The H&I Subcommittee attendance was lower than expected given the nice weather. Higher attendance was expected due to the phone calls made by the Subcommittee to all the meetings listed on the TCASC meeting list. However, even given the low attendance we elected Terry F. as the new Panel Leader for the last Thursday of the month commitment at the Salvation Army. Also an infrastructure building meeting was scheduled for the following Tuesday. We discussed how to organize the large amount of information the Subcommittee collects. The consensus was we should implement a web-based coordination system for the officers of the subcommittee, the Panel Coordinators, and the Panel Leaders.

I (the Chairperson) attended the MNRSC this month and I am happy to announce the Region has elected Craig G. as the Minnesota Region's new H&I Chair. After talking with Craig I am confident he will lead H&I efforts effectively in our Region by establishing a communication network between professionals and area H&I subcommittees.

The H&I subcommittee's total literature expenditures through April are \$959.31. This puts our monthly average at \$239.83. This puts our projected expenses for 2005 at \$2880, which is below our projected 2005 budget of \$3500. However, given we expect to add more Panels throughout 2005, the projected surplus of \$700 we undoubtedly be used. Keep in mind these figures do not include the \$114.47 in expenses for the H&I Learning Day that was held in March. So, our year-to-date expenses total is \$1073.78.

I would like to bring to the Area's attention the still open positions of Co-Chair and Secretary at the H&I subcommittee. If you would like to be involved in a rewarding aspect of service, then show up at the next H&I subcommittee meeting. We meet at 7:00 PM at the Sabathani center on the first Tuesday of the month.

Literature

Brian S: Dear Twin Cities, In the past month the small, but effective, TC Literature Committee has made great progress in the fight to gain interest in the Basic Text. Many months this seems like a losing battle but April has been good. We will be holding a workshop on JUNE 4th. This will be called the Write Your Story Workshop and at this workshop those who attend will write their stories. These stories will then be submitted to NAWS for possible inclusion in the Basic Text. Now, at the time of my writing this, this workshop has not been approved by the TCASC, but I am confident that my thrilling arguments will win them over this Saturday. So, I have created a flyer for the event and will have the flyers on hand to be passed out as soon as this workshop is green-lighted by the TCASC. Well, I am sure that everyone who reads this will be wondering: "What can I do to help with this monumental NA event?!" ... Well, to answer that question, I will direct you to the next TC Literature Committee Meeting. This meeting will be SUNDAY MAY 15th 5:00pm at 517 4th Ave SE #2. Call Brian S. for details 612.331.2931. Thanks, Brian S. TC Literature Chair

Saludos,

para las personas con interesante en escribiendo su historia para el Basic Text, llama Brian S. a 612.331.2931. Hay un taller donde puede escribir tu historia. este taller estare en 4 de Junio a la 1 en la tarde a 724 Lowry Ave NE. Por favor, llama Brian S. para los detalles a 612.331.2931. Gracias, Brian S. Literatura de los ciudades gemelas

Outreach

No chair at this time.

PI

No chair at this time.

**Ad-Hoc committees:**

**Tony M.:**  
**Ad Hoc Committee – Violence in the Fellowship**  
**Report to TCASC on 4.16.05**

On March 16, the TCASC instructed the RCM's to take the Unity flyer to the Region for their input.

On April 9, the flyer was presented during the RSC meeting, and it generated much discussion. The feedback (in general) was as follows:

- We don't tell groups what to do. No "musts" should be in the flyer
- An explanation of where the suggestions came from should be in the document
- The document should be sent to the groups for their input
- The document should also be sent to NAWS for their input
- A member said this was an "outside issue" and shouldn't be discussed
- Until the document is sanctioned by NAWS, the use of the NA logo shouldn't be used
- The document should be clearly marked, "Unapproved" so as to minimize confusion
- One committee member wanted to offer a shorter document

With those recommendations, the document has been modified, and is being forwarded to NAWS for their input. It is also being brought here today. In addition, there is an alternative message attached to the flyer. This is the shorter document that one of the committee members wished to use and present for consideration.

I am bringing the flyer back to this body, to determine if this Area wants to ask for the group's input. If this body chooses to do so, the document can be given to GSR's, brought back to their groups, and group conscience can provide feedback for the committee and for the Area – as to how the committee and Area should address the matter going forward.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Tony M.

RCM, RDA,

Chair – Ad Hoc Committee - Violence in the Fellowship

Irwin:

Area learning day Ad-hoc committee chair report: The next committee meeting will consist of formatting the learning day and collaborating the banquet and activity committees to participate.

USMO

Rick L.: We had a profitable 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. A lot of time spent updating everything. We are working hard to lower more prices.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion 124 reads as: requests \$200.00 for "Write your own story" workshop. This event will be a workshop where addicts will come together and write their stories for the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Basic Text. Motion made by Brian S. and seconded by Justin P. After discussion a vote was made to pass this motion 16 yes, 2 no and 1 abstention.

Motion 125 reads as: The TCASC will send the revised "Unity Flyer" back to the groups for their input. Motion made by Toni M. and seconded by Melissa T. A motion was made to table this till next month and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2pm.

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 TCASC Monthly 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Donations & Attendance Record for February 2005

**TCASC - Group Attendance and Donation**

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	\$85.00	Yes	Friday	8:00 PM
Recovery in the Garden	\$10.00	Yes	Thursday	7:30 PM
Afternoon Serenity			Wednesday	1:00 PM
All A's			Monday	7:00 PM
Barking Buffalo		Yes	Friday	8:00 PM
Camden Recovery			Sunday	7:00 PM
Candlelight Bakery	\$24.35	Yes	Wednesday	7:30 PM
Clean and Serene NA		Yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Clear Atmosphere		Yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Coast to Coast	\$12.50	Yes	Friday	7:30 PM
East Lake NA	\$100.00	Yes	Wednesday	8:00 PM
Eat Your Way to Recovery			Monday	12:00 PM
Freedom From Addiction			Sunday	7:30 PM
Fresh Start	\$141.00	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			Saturday	6:30 PM
Late Night With NA			Saturday	10:00 PM
Latinos en NA			Friday	6:30 PM
Lesbian and Gay NA	\$30.00	Yes	Sunday	11:00 AM
Men Of Hope			Saturday	9:00 AM
Minneapolis By Candlelight		Yes	Monday	8:00 PM
Miracles in Motion			Tuesday	11:00 AM
Monday Nite Wave	\$33.00	Yes	Monday	8:00 PM
Mora NA			Tuesday	8:00 PM
Never Enough			Tuesday	7:30 PM
North Side NA	\$15.30	Yes	Monday	7:00 PM
North Suburban NA			Thursday	7:30 PM
N.E.N.A. NA			Friday	7:30 PM
Northwest NA	\$112.97	Yes	Saturday	7:00 PM
Nuts About the Newcomer			Saturday	7:00 PM
Pleasant NA		Yes	Sunday	7:30 PM
Recovering Addicts of NA	\$75.00	Yes	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			Mon. Wed. Fri	8:00 PM
Riverside NA	\$50.00	Yes	Thursday	8:00 PM
Saturday Morning NA			Saturday	9:00 AM
Saving Our Lives			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			Sunday	10:30 AM
Self Preservation		Yes	Thursday	7:00PM
Young People in Recovery			Friday	7:00 PM
Seven Eleven			Wednesday	8:00 PM
Seeking Serenity	\$39.00	Yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
It's About Time NA			Tuesday	7:00 PM
Meeting Makers NA	\$80.00	Yes		
It's About Time NA	\$69.55	Yes		
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$897.67</b>			
<b>total GSR's Present at Meetin</b>	<b>25</b>			

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2005

<b>REPORT DATE : 04/16/2005</b>		<b>LAST MONTHS' ENDING BALANCE</b> → \$ <b>2,143.18</b>	
ENDING BALANCE FROM BANK STATEMENT →		\$	3,009.14
MINUS TOTAL OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS, FEES & EARLY DEPOSITS →		\$	865.91
EQUALS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE →		\$	2,143.23
<b>DISCREPANCY SHOULD EQUAL ZERO</b> →		\$	<b>(0.05)</b>
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE (ALWAYS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE)</b> →		\$	<b>2,143.23</b>
<b>PROCEEDS</b>			
<b>GROUP DONATION (FROM ATTENDANCE SHEET)</b> →		\$	897.67 *
<b>OTHER PROCEEDS TOTAL (LIST NAME &amp; AMOUNT INDIVIDUALLY)</b> →		\$	1,185.91
Banquet Fundraiser #3	\$	320.00	
Checks #2872, 2860, 2871 Cancelled	\$	865.91	
	\$	-	
<b>TOTAL PROCEEDS</b> →		\$	<b>2,083.58</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL (BEGINNING BALANCE PLUS PROCEEDS)</b> →		\$	<b>4,226.81</b>
<b>EXPENSES (ALWAYS CHECKS WRITTEN)</b>			
	<b>Check #</b>	<b>\$ AMOUNT</b>	
Qwest (Help Line)	2880	\$	173.03
Secretary (Mailing Minutes) Melissa Triviski	2881	\$	38.58
Mark Stevens (Co-Treasurer)	2882	\$	7.05
Answer America (Help Line)	2883	\$	231.24
UMSO (PI) - \$58.85	2884		
UMSO (PI) - \$117.70	2884		
UMSO (Lit.) -\$ 2.14	2884		
UMSO (Banquet) - \$10.70	2884		
Total For Check # 2884	2884	\$	189.39
Dick Nystrom (Banquet Fundraiser #4)	2885	\$	150.00
Brian Simpson (Write your story function)	2886	\$	200.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> →		\$	<b>989.29</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE (SUBTOTAL MINUS EXPENSES)</b> →		\$	<b>3,237.52</b>
<b>DEPOSITS</b>			
	<b>DATE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT	4/15/05	\$	1,217.67
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT		\$	-
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT		\$	-
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS (SHOULD EQUAL TOTAL PROCEEDS)</b> →		\$	<b>1,217.67</b>

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TCASC 2004	TARGET	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR TO DATE
<b>EXCESS 2003</b>														
<b>PROCEEDS</b>														
GROUPS	\$7,000.00	\$621.03	\$427.09	\$978.17	\$589.19	\$379.50	\$397.74	\$391.23	\$889.02	\$436.82	\$552.23	\$998.20	\$649.91	\$7,310.13
OTHER	\$500.00	\$141.90	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$0.75			\$150.00		\$50.00			\$100.00	\$692.65
ACTIVITIES	\$2,000.00	\$1,762.33		\$817.00										\$2,579.33
BANQUET	\$6,000.00					\$999.60	\$338.00	\$637.96	\$947.00	\$1,274.00	\$782.00			\$4,978.56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,500.00</b>	<b>2,525.26</b>	<b>527.09</b>	<b>1,945.17</b>	<b>589.94</b>	<b>1,379.10</b>	<b>735.74</b>	<b>1,179.19</b>	<b>1,836.02</b>	<b>1,760.82</b>	<b>1,334.23</b>	<b>998.20</b>	<b>749.91</b>	<b>15,560.67</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>														
EXEC CMTE	\$100.00												\$18.00	
MNRSC	\$1,500.00			\$500.00				\$500.00					\$500.00	\$1,500.00
UMSO									\$4.50					\$4.50
MNNAC														\$0.00
TREASURER	\$50.00							\$17.59						\$17.59
SECRETARY	\$450.00	\$14.36			\$12.17		\$12.03							\$38.56
MISC.	\$50.00						\$34.00				\$35.78			\$69.78
OUTREACH	\$50.00										\$15.00	\$12.50		\$27.50
LITERATURE	\$50.00									\$1.50				\$1.50
P.I.	\$2,300.00		\$52.00			\$62.92		\$9.26	\$80.00	\$1,000.00	\$85.00		\$9.75	\$1,298.93
H & I	\$1,500.00	\$146.30	\$216.44	\$24.72	\$214.10		\$15.46	\$232.33	\$176.53	\$58.00	\$113.74	\$418.58		\$1,616.20
HELPLINE	\$3,500.00	\$276.55	\$24.23	\$221.84	\$279.72	\$232.04	\$436.72	\$641.98	\$3.50	\$235.69	\$506.83	\$488.58	\$277.18	\$3,624.86
BANQUET	\$4,000.00			\$525.00	\$842.50		\$325.00			\$3,787.41				\$5,479.91
ACTIVITIES	\$1,500.00		\$510.00								\$532.13	\$10.00		\$1,052.13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,950.00</b>	<b>437.21</b>	<b>802.67</b>	<b>1,271.56</b>	<b>1,348.49</b>	<b>294.96</b>	<b>823.21</b>	<b>1,401.16</b>	<b>264.53</b>	<b>5,082.60</b>	<b>1,288.48</b>	<b>929.66</b>	<b>786.93</b>	<b>14,731.46</b>
<b>EXCESS 2003</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>-</b>													
<b>PROCEEDS</b>														
GROUPS	\$7,000.00	\$313.46	\$840.35	\$747.01	\$897.67									\$2,798.49
OTHER	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$35.53	\$865.91									\$1,401.44
ACTIVITIES	\$2,000.00													\$0.00
BANQUET	\$6,000.00		\$357.50	\$352.00	\$320.00									\$1,029.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,500.00</b>					<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>														
EXEC CMTE	\$100.00			\$75.97										
MNRSC														\$0.00
UMSO			\$300.00											\$300.00
MNNAC														\$0.00
TREASURER	\$50.00				\$7.05									\$7.05
SECRETARY	\$200.00				\$38.58									\$38.58
MISC.	\$50.00		\$1.28											\$1.28
OUTREACH	\$50.00													\$0.00
LITERATURE	\$50.00				\$202.14									\$202.14
P.I.	\$2,500.00	\$107.79	\$117.70	\$117.70	\$176.55									\$519.74
H & I	\$3,500.00		\$192.60	\$274.06										\$466.66
HELPLINE	\$3,500.00	\$568.74	\$373.83	\$607.97	\$404.27									\$1,954.81
BANQUET	\$4,000.00	\$450.00	\$10.70	\$150.00	\$160.70									\$771.40
ACTIVITIES	\$1,600.00													\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,500.00</b>	<b>1,126.53</b>	<b>996.11</b>	<b>1,149.73</b>	<b>989.29</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,261.66</b>