

MINUTES

TWIN CITIES AREA SERVICE CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

February 19th, 2005

Sabathani, 3rd Fl, Rm.J

OPENING

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

- 12 Steps: Brad
- 12 Traditions: Heather
- 12 Concepts: Sherry

INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome newcomers.

GSRs present. Quorum [9] is met. [Avg. of last 3 mos. (17, 12 and 15) was $16 \times .67 = 10$ minimum needed for quorum.]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved

CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR

Lynn: Dear All,

I have presented a motion to the executive committee it will be discussed in new business today. We are also discussing how to do a group inventory; there will be more info on this in the future.

Thanks, Lynn

CO-CHAIR

Rick B: Glad to be here today, not much to report. I will be working on putting the TCASC welcome packets on the TCASC's website and will be available in a PDF format. That way they can always be viewed and changes can be made accordingly. Thanks, grateful in service.

SECRETARY

Melissa: Hello TCASC, I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your new secretary. I look forward to this year and all the spiritual growth it will bring.

CO-SECRETARY

Heather: I regretfully step down from this position.

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: Nothing to report.

Tony M: **Areas:** 9 of 12 Areas present (Area of Hope, Back to Basics & Open Door absent)

General Concerns:

- Due to the Twin City Area's current financial situation, and per your RCM's request, the December donation made to the Region has been returned to the Area.
- MSO price increase is upsetting some people.
- Payment of UMSO Board Member as Office Manager discussed. Agreement that a contract would be drawn up.
- A motion was passed that makes the Region's Chairperson responsible for handling complaints about website content.
- The UMSO has agreed to submit their business plan to the Region in April, and is continuing their audit attempting to reconcile \$15,500 in missing inventory (assumed to be a bookkeeping error).

General Information:

- Regional bank balance is \$13,199.66, and donations are now being made to the World, after the most recent audit. Difference of \$421 in the Region's favor will be reconciled shortly.

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BANQUET

Dick N: We have confirmation on the Up Front Event Center and a deposit was put down of \$450.00. The Valentines Dance was a success; the proceeds were \$357.50 after expenses.

Banquet Budget 2005

Food	\$2,000.00
Up Front Event Center	\$810.00
Decorations	\$150.00
DJ	\$400.00
Fundraisers	\$150.00
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Total	\$3,510.00

Projected Proceeds

Fundraiser 1	\$350.00
Fundraiser 2	\$350.00
Fundraiser 3	\$350.00
Fundraiser 4	\$350.00
Fundraiser 5	\$350.00
Fundraiser 6	\$350.00
Ticket sales 220@ \$15.00 ea.	\$3,300.00
Banquet Dance	\$600.00

Total \$6,000.00

HELPLINE

Brandon: hello all, we had 124 calls this month. Recordings have been changed (finally). I will be more prompt in the future. All time slots are filled. There are questions about our bill payments and billing may be crossing in the mail. I will work w/ Ryan and Fred to find out what's up? That's it...

H&I

Justin:

The TCASC H&I Learning Day is only one week away. We have all our speakers planned and ready to go as well. The subcommittee hopes to see many NA members there, and hopefully members will also get into the potluck spirit. Again, the location is the Redeemer Lutheran Church at 1800 Glenwood Ave N. Once again we would like to remind the TCASC that we are still looking for willing members to be part of the subcommittee. Our Secretary's term is up next month and we are still in need of Panel Coordinators. The clean time requirement for these positions is one year. I have contacted many of the professionals from the list obtained at the March Conference, and so far one of the facilities has committed to a panel going in on a regular schedule. We have many other commitments that need to be filled as well as current commitments that could use help. We encourage members to come to the subcommittee meeting the first Tuesday of the month at the Sabathani Center, room E at 7:00 PM.

Literature

Brian S: Hello Twin Cities, Another unproductive month thanks to NO attendance at the Literature Subcommittee meeting. Apparently in the Twin Cities Area there is zero interest in the Basic Text. To me that seems sad, but maybe I was too idealistic in thinking that people would care enough to help with revising the Basic Text. Just in case anyone does not know what is going on, THE BASIC TEXT IS BEING CHANGED. I have been announcing this and attempting to hold subcommittee meetings on this topic since August. Unfortunately, among the Twin Cities English speaking community, there is zero interest in this subject. So as a final attempt at trying to get any support, I have translated my report into Spanish in hopes that the Spanish speaking community might want to help with the Basic Text. Starting in March there will be a change of location for the Literature Subcommittee meeting. Instead of being held at Dunn Bros., it will now be held at my apartment. I normally don't like holding subcommittee meetings at a personal residence but since no one shows up anyways, I think it will be easier for me to just stay home. So, the next Literature Subcommittee meeting will be: SUNDAY MARCH, 13 AT 5:00 PM 517 4TH AVE SE #2. Call 612.331.2931 for details or directions

Outreach

Steve K: No report was sent in.

PI

Seth L: Hello everybody, I am sad to say that this will be my last report as PI chair as this is my last month. I am willing to work with whoever takes my positions over. Thank you for the chance to be of service the last two years, it was most rewarding.

Ad-Hoc:

Tony M: I'd like to thank the Twin Cities Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous for the opportunity to assist in the effort to address some recently reported incidents of violence within our local fellowship. I'd also like to thank the members of the Sub-committee and all the members of the fellowship whose willingness to serve and help has been

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gratefully and warmly appreciated. It is disturbing to hear that anyone anywhere has experienced violence within recovery. Everyone wants to believe the best of our fellowship, and of all its members. Unfortunately, violence has happened. Not many reported instances, but it has occurred. As everyone knows, we do live in a violent society, and even NA is not immune. It is unfortunate that sometimes aggressive and inappropriate behavior might spill over into NA at times. This has not been a major issue in the Twin Cities Area, and some members have expressed the opinion that this issue doesn't need to be addressed. Other members see it as a serious, imminent and pressing concern, requiring direct and immediate attention. With that being said, this Ad Hoc Subcommittee has sought a middle ground. We wish to address this issue, realizing there are many different types and levels of experience regarding violence in the fellowship. We feel we've come up with a few observations and useful suggestions. The third tradition, which states that the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using, is not negotiable, but the practice of it is not necessarily absolute. When inappropriate behavior threatens or makes members uncomfortable, appropriate reaction should be considered, both in the spirit of the 1st tradition (unity and our common welfare coming first) and 5th tradition (our primary purpose is to carry the message to the still-suffering addict). Although the types of sanctions mentioned in the paper may seem severe, they do not affect any members membership, and in the spirit of loving forgiveness, even someone asked to temporarily leave can return under appropriate circumstances – circumstances based in thoughtful and spiritually-centered group conscience. Remembering that everyone's safety is paramount, we would urge our members not to confront aggressors and back down, rather than engage in a battle of escalation wills and egos. Do not hesitate to call the police if you witness behavior that warrants it. They are not our enemies, as many of them once saw them. It's important to note that most inappropriate behavior can be dealt with informally. You need not suffer alone and in silence. If confronted with inappropriate touching, unwelcome sexual advances or other behavior which makes you uncomfortable; bring it to the attention of the chair or a more experienced member. NA is all about being safe and never alone. Please read over the handout. I will be asking for discussion and your decision whether or not to send this document out to our meetings during new business. In your service, Tony M.RCM and RDA

There was a flier brought to the TCASC meeting about violence in the fellowship. The TCASC body took a vote to not bring this to the groups, and was also voted that the TCASC go through the proper channels to have this approved.

USMO

Buddy K. No report.

OPEN FORUM & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Announcements: Ryan Treasurer: Sabathani rent is \$300.00 for 2005 all year. Should we pay it all now? Group agrees to pay now.

Discussion on Motion 123

It reads as the following: During open forum debate would be limited to 2 min. per speaker for a total of 30 min. per topic. Debate can be extended at the discretion of the body but would need to be passed by a 2/3 vote. This vote would be non-debatable.

Comments: Maybe we should move open forum to before new business.

We do have some informal rules in place if those don't work what is to say that this new one will help?

Either we have rules or we don't. We need someone to enforce them.

Open forum topics need to be brought to the executive meeting.

Need a policy chair. No we had one before it did not work.

Who's chairing this meeting?

There is no respect to the officers.

I agree that this 2 min. rule will benefit the discussions.

Close meeting at 2pm.

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 TCASC Monthly 7th Tradition Donations & Attendance Record for January 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	\$261.50	Yes	Friday	8:00 PM
Recovery in the Garden	\$19.15	Yes	Thursday	7:30 PM
Afternoon Serenity		Yes	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	\$131.90	Yes	Wednesday	7:30 PM
Clean and Serene NA	\$13.50	Yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Clear Atmosphere		Yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Coast to Coast			Friday	7:30 PM
East Lake NA			Wednesday	8:00 PM
Eat Your Way to Recovery			Monday	12:00 PM
Freedom From Addiction			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			Saturday	10:00 PM
Latinos en NA			Friday	6:30 PM
Lesbian and Gay NA	\$40.00	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	\$25.00	Yes	Monday	8:00 PM
Mora NA			Tuesday	8:00 PM
Never Enough			Tuesday	7:30 PM
North Side NA	\$25.62	Yes	Monday	7:00 PM
North Suburban NA		Yes	Thursday	7:30 PM
N.E.N.A. NA			Friday	7:30 PM
Northwest NA	\$118.68	Yes	Saturday	7:00 PM
Nuts About the Newcomer		Yes	Saturday	7:00 PM
Pleasant NA			Sunday	7:30 PM
Recovering Addicts of NA			Monday	7:00 PM
Recovering Ladies of the Lakes			Saturday	10:00 AM
Recovering Soldiers			Thursday	8:00 PM
River Falls NA			Mon. Wed. Fri	8:00 PM
Riverside NA	\$30.00	Yes	Thursday	8:00 PM
Saturday Morning NA			Saturday	9:00 AM
Saving Our Lives			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		Yes	Saturday	10:00 AM
Sunday Morning NA	\$120.00	Yes	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	\$20.00	Yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
It's About Time NA		Yes	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Elk River NA	\$5.00	Yes	Monday	7:30PM
Coon Creek NA	\$10.00	Yes		
Total Donations	\$840.35			

Total GSR's Present at Meeting	24
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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2005

REPORT DATE : 02/19/2005		LAST MONTHS' ENDING BALANCE →		\$ 1,532.54
ENDING BALANCE FROM BANK STATEMENT		→		\$ 2,024.63
MINUS TOTAL OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS, FEES & EARLY DEPOSITS		→		\$ 492.09
EQUALS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE		→		\$ 1,532.54
DISCREPANCY SHOULD EQUAL ZERO		→		\$ (0.00)
BEGINNING BALANCE (ALWAYS THE RECONCILED BANK BALANCE)		→		\$ 1,532.54
PROCEEDS				
GROUP DONATION (FROM ATTENDANCE SHEET)		→		\$ 840.35 *
OTHER PROCEEDS TOTAL (LIST NAME & AMOUNT INDIVIDUALLY)		→		\$ 857.50
Banquet Fundraiser #1		\$	357.50	
Returned Donation to Region (12/04)		\$	500.00	
		\$	-	
TOTAL PROCEEDS		→		\$ 1,697.85
SUBTOTAL (BEGINNING BALANCE PLUS PROCEEDS)		→		\$ 3,230.39
EXPENSES (ALWAYS CHECKS WRITTEN)				
	Check #	\$ AMOUNT		
Answer America (Help Line)	2871	\$	261.99	
Qwest (Help Line)	2872	\$	111.84	
UMSO (RCM Printing) \$1.28	2973			
UMSO (H&I) \$42.60	2873			
UMSO (PI) \$117.70	2873			
UMSO (Banquet Filers) 10.70	2873			
Total for Check # 2873	2873	\$	172.28	
UMSO (TCASC Rent for all of 2005)	2874	\$	300.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		→		\$ 846.11
ENDING BALANCE (SUBTOTAL MINUS EXPENSES)		→		\$ 2,384.28
DEPOSITS				
	DATE	AMOUNT		
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT	2/19/05	\$	1,697.85	
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT		\$	-	
CHECKING DEPOSIT DATE & AMOUNT		\$	-	
TOTAL DEPOSITS (SHOULD EQUAL TOTAL PROCEEDS)		→		\$ 1,697.85

