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Twin Cities Area Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous
December 15, 2007
Sabathani Community Center—3rd floor, Room J

OPENING

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 11:01 a.m. Readings were as follows:

12 Concepts — Peter C.
12 Traditions — Tony J.
12 Steps — Gary W.

INTRODUCTIONS

Newcomers welcomed—5

GSRs present—29*, Quorum (14) was met. [Avg. of last 3 months x .67]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November minutes were accepted.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR— AMANDA H..

Report given but not submitted.

CO-CHAIR—PAM S.

Nothing to report. Thank you for letting me be of service.

SECRETARY— MICHAEL D.

Nothing to report. Thank you for letting me be of service.

CO-SECRETARY—SESANY F.

Nothing to report. Thank you for letting me be of service.

TREASURER—GREG D.

Report given but not submitted.

CO-TREASURER—AMINA W.

Nothing to report. Thank you for letting me be of service.

RCM—LYNN L

**Regional Committee Meeting
December 8th 2007**

Hello All,

There is a lot happening at the Region, the Conference Agenda Report is here, we will be hosting the next Midwest Zonal Forum and we are discussing a restructuring of our Region.

CAR report:

I made 25 copies for distribution. These copies contain only the first 60 pages as to print the entire 269 pages is cost prohibitive. The part that is not included, the approval draft of the 6th edition of the Basic Text , the approval draft of “Young Addicts, For Young Addicts”, the current version of IP #13 “Youth and Recovery” and the approval draft “For The Parents or Guardians of Young People in NA”. The new literature is available online at www.na.org and the #13 IP you probably have at your meeting. Please take the report back to your group for review and gather their input on the motions and the Input Discussion Topics, NA World Services wants to know what you think. The Regional Assembly will be held on March 1st there will also be a Spaghetti dinner with speaker and dance to follow.

Membership Surveys:

There are two surveys available online at <http://naws.org/surveys/index.php?sid=1>

NA World Services is attempting to collect information about our membership. You of course will remain anonymous.

There is also a survey regarding medallions, which do you prefer the traditional Roman Numerals or the newer version with regular numbers?

If you wish download, print and distribute at your meetings.

Midwest Zonal Forum:

Is held twice a year, it is an opportunity our Regional Delegates to get together with Delegates from other regions. They attend workshops and collect information to bring back to us here. The most recent was held in Illinois, with representatives from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan and Ohio.

Our region will be hosting the next Zonal Forum in conjunction with Unity Day. It will be held over Labor Day weekend, will include workshops and a MNNAC XVI awareness event. Details to follow.

Strategic Planning:

The Region passed a motion last April to begin a discussion on how to have our Region become more effective, many regions across the globe are changing how they do business. They are becoming more project based as opposed to a place to come and give reports. Some regions are

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using one printer vendor for all of the areas enabling them to get the best price for all; some have created a database where all can update their meeting lists online.

There was more discussion as to how this would look, but this type of change will require hours of discussion so it was decided to begin to set aside time at the June and August Regional meetings to begin the process. On these days business will be held between 12:00- 1:00 and the planning discussion between 1:00 -4:00.

It is also becomes vitally important for our Area to continue to be represented so the groups we serve have a voice in how or even if any changes happen. Remember the groups always have the final say.

As your RCM I must add that most of what I heard had the tone of how can we better serve the addict that still suffers. The bottom line is NA is growing and with growth comes change and as much as we may dislike change we all know it's most often for the better.

Corporation:

You may or may not know that our Service Office and MNNAC Convention are both incorporated. With all the discussion about needing insurance for our events and meetings I have come to understand that it's very difficult to insure an organization like ours. Without being incorporated we basically don't exist as a "business" entity. For those that say "we ought never be organized" we need to realistically look at incorporating due to possible legal ramifications, without insurance we could be held liable as individuals. We briefly discussed having the Convention, Service Office and Region become one corporation or maybe just additionally incorporating the Region. There is a Region in California that has found a way to administer their own insurance; of course you would need to be incorporated to do so. Insurance is not the only benefit; we are also not "legally" recognized as a non-profit. NA World Services is but I believe that that umbrella does not cover us. Again this is also only a discussion at this point, but it is an issue that needs to be seriously considered.

Please do not regard any of my statements regarding corporations as fact as I have limited knowledge in this area.

Items of Note:

I have three checks for \$50.00 each from South Suburban Fireside Area for the phonline.

Starter group kits are now available; they are free to new groups but can be purchased for \$5.60

New project, a book about the history of NA in the Midwest Our Regional Delegate has information. (This is not an NA World Services project)

I have a UMSO report if anyone would like to look at it. They are looking for volunteers to serve in the office and or people that would like to bring and sell merchandise at functions.

I have a copy of Naws News also available for review.

Open positions at the Region:

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UMSO Reps need 4
Literature Chair
MNNAC Regional Rep need 1
PI Chair
Secretary

Phoneline Chair
H&I Chair
Policy Chair
Outreach Chair

Yours in Service,
Lynn L.

RCMA—STEVE K.
Absent. Report not submitted.

MNNAC XV—PETER C.

Report given but not submitted.

POLICY CHAIR—DANIEL T.

Report given but not submitted.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES—LARON R.

My name is Laron, and I'm an addict. Unfortunately we were not able to have the other two functions we had planned, so we are now preparing ourselves for the New Years Eve celebration. Ticket sales are going well for the event. We have come up with a menu and have chosen two speakers. It's really starting to look like we will have a real nice turnout for this event. So come out and support your MNNAC 15 fundraiser and have darn good time doing it.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Laron R.

BANQUET- *Position open.*

HELPLINE—Brandon S.

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H&I—JESSE S.

Report given but not submitted.

LITERATURE—NIKKI H.

Report given but not submitted.

OUTREACH

Hello from your grateful recovering outreach chair.

I have been somewhat busy this month yet still was able carry the message to several groups throughout the twins cities area. We have a small but dedicated subcommittee with room for growth. I plan to have a more in depth report next month.

Thanks for letting me be of service -Pete V

PI—TONY J.

Report given but not submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

Banquet report given by Jeffrey S. Questions/Answers and discussion ensued.

Treasurer Election

Qualifications and description of duties are read. Buddy K. nominated. He accepts nomination. Sesany F. nominated. She declines. Amina was nominated. She accepts nomination. Buddy K. speaks to his willingness and answers questions. Amina speaks to his willingness and answers questions. Amina and Buddy K. leave the room. Vote is taken. Congratulations to Buddy K. in becoming this Area's new treasurer.

RCMA Discussion and Vote

A discussion took place on removing the current RCMA because of attendance issues. Pros/cons and questions/answers were stated. A vote took place and failed.

Motion 145

The motion was to pay for the CAR report copies. Motion discussed, voted on, and passed.

Motion 146

The motion was to change the language in the bi-laws to include excused and unexcused absenteeism. Motion discussed, voted on, and failed.

OPEN FORUM

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Ray J. brings up the issue of electing a new person into a position which has a “co” position filled. Discussion ensues.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary, co-secretary, and banquet elections will be held next month.

Meeting adjourns at 2:00 pm

In loving service,

Sesany F.
Co-Secretary
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