

Southwest Iowa Narcotics Anonymous

Minutes for September 11th, 2016

I. Opening:

The meeting was called to order @ 2:00 p.m. by Mike VP with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

II. Readings: requested the following be read:

“The Twelve Traditions”, read by Stacy J.

“The Twelve Concepts”, read by Dave D.

“The Service Motivation”, read by Glenda C.

III. Roll Call/Visitors:

Executive Committee:

Facilitator: Mike VP.

Co-Facilitator: Dave D.

Recorder: Glenda C.

Treasurer: George R.

RCM: Dave R.

RCM Alt.: **Open**

Sub-Committees:

Literature Chairperson: Absent

Activities Chairperson: Laura W.

Co-Chair: **OPEN**

PR Sub-Committees:

Facilitator: Stacy J.

H&I: Rick H.

PI/Phoneline Liaison: **OPEN**

Web-Servant: Dave R.

Groups:

Harlan GSF: Gary M.

Straight Edge: Absent

Discovery Group: Dave R.

Just for Today: Absent

Living Clean: Kevin W.

Let It Be: Absent

Recharge Group: Tamara B.

New Way: Absent w/report

New Freedom: Absent

Visions of Hope: Absent

ACW: Absent

Simple Serenity: Absent

Straight Friends: Laura W.

There were 5 out of 13 voting groups at area. **Visitors:** Missy M., Casey W., Holly G.

III. **Correction & Approval of Minutes:** Approval of minutes made and passed

IV. **Reports**

Executive Committee:

Facilitator: Greetings ASC from your Facilitator, I attended SWINA XXXI and had a fantastic time. It was great see everyone and especially those who I only get to see once a year. I sat in on the unity workshop and one of the things we decided we should do is take an Area Inventory which there will be some sheets at Area and we'll get them posted on the web as well. I believe I got a sense of doing a rotation of ASC to different towns as the most discussed solution. I do not want us to have a knee jerk reaction and create a bigger problem with the solution than the original problem. I look forward to continued growth and unity in our area. Thanks to Alisa, Laura, and everyone who helped make SWINA a success. Thanks for trusting in me to serve.

ILS, Mike VP

Co-Facilitator: Greetings Swina, I do believe the Area Inventory went well at SWINA! I would like to thank everyone who participated and I would like to thank activities and everyone who helped this year with our SWINA event. I do believe it went very well. Looking forward to learning more as your co facilitator Thanks.

In Loving Service, Dave D.

Recorder: Greetings Area, Sorry I missed SWINA but a Denver trip was planned. Next year is on☺ Grateful to be here today. I have a financial request of \$9.60.

ILS, Glenda C.

Treasurer: Greetings ASC, Balance of \$114.52 with a pending deposit of \$79.16. Still have not resolved bank statement problem. The audit is not done due to some health problems. I will continue to work on this. ILS, George R.

RCM: Verbal not received.

RCM Alternate: OPEN

Sub-Committees:

Literature Committee: Absent

Activities Chairperson: Greetings Area, SWINA was a huge success! Thank you to all who helped....donate, run, serve, supervise, observe and be there!! Special thanks to

Al for the dinner and all the groups that donated their “awesomeness”. Salads for the Saturday night event as well. It would not have been the success without all of you!! And Creston group again for donation of the porta potties!! Funds brought in total \$2150.25 We paid cash for DJ \$150.00 Wrote a check for t-shirts \$715.62 Total \$1,285 Leaving prudent reserve \$400 Grand total of \$885. Area inventory meeting was awesome. Workshop facilitators were awesome-thank you! Games turned out to be a big score! Thank you! Have discussed a Halloween w/ co-hosting groups, but would like to get a group/area conscious about saving activities funds and flood another Halloween activity already going on. This would certainly free up some time to plan our other bigger more attended events, and save some funds to go toward them too, so let’s hear some feedback. I am currently needing a co-chair but will take any and all help I can get, just so I can eliminate feeling like they can’t commit or be labeled in a position. We won’t put any pressure on you!! I will love all no matter what. Next big event is Gratitude Dance and Dinner in Harlan! Will be needing bids for Holiday Bash next area as well! Thanks all for letting me serve, Laura WW

PR Sub-Committees: (H&I, PI/Phone Line Liaison, Web-Servant)

PR Facilitator: Hello Area, Hope everyone had a great time at SWINA. Everything is moving along the way it should be. For PI I got all the October Pull Tab Flyers ready and will be passing them around today to all the groups. Please assist our communities. Today I am returning \$7.47 to area that I didn’t use of the \$40.00 that I got from this area for the copies. Also I received an email from Sari M. from Harlan about the Waubonsie Health Fair wanting us to host another PI booth in Clarinda, Iowa on October 22, 2016. The booth is free of charge and runs from 9-1. I need to see how this area feels about hosting this. Please add this to the agenda today Thank you. H&I reports that there is nothing to report and states he hopes everyone had a good time at SWINA. Your web servant reports all appears to be well on the web site. Thank you to Barry for the help! As always this is your website. Please inspect the site and let me know of any concerns.

ILS, Stacy J.

Group Reports:

Discovery Group: Verbal nothing received

Just for Today: Absent

Living Clean: Greetings Area from the Living Clean group from Shenandoah. We are doing well. Groups have shown a jump in attendance. Thanks for having us for SWINA it was awesome. Bills are paid and everything is well. ILS, Kevin W.

Harlan GSF: Greetings Area from Harlan GSF Recorder, We had an good turnout for our recent GSF, with 3 out of our 4 GSRs present to report and 9 total members present. Thursday night Nobody’s Group has an open GSR position. We do have a member that might be interested in this positons and is prayerfully considering it. We are continuing

totake our group inventory and discussions are going well. Overall meetings are well supported- Monday night reports about 10 addicts in attendance each week over the last month and Saturday reports 4-8. Wednesday's Anybody's Group at 11:30 is not being well supported by attendance. We are looking into changing that to an evening time starting in October and will see how that plays out over the next 6 months. Thursday and Saturday meetings both have a lit order. No area donations.

We have St. Michael's hall in Harlan booked for November 26th (Saturday following Thanksgiving) for the Gratitude Dance. We are requesting turkey and ham donations. If there is a willingness for this please let us know who will be bringing the cooked turkey and hams. A sign-up sheet will be passed around.

We do have a proposal for area today. This issue was discussed in a meeting at area. In order to build unity among the groups, we are asking if we could have area travel to the different towns each month. This would provide an opportunity for those that many normal not attend area due to travel to see what area service work is like and participate in service work. The towns that were mentioned are: Clarinda, Villisca, Creston, Harlan, Council Bluffs, Red Oak, Shenandoah, and Sidney.

In Loving Service, Gaylen P.

New Way: Greetings SWINA from the New Way Group Council Bluffs, Our average attendance for July was 8-11 addicts. We gave out 2-30 day and 4 Newcomer keytags. Our beginning balance was \$25.00, income of \$20.69, expenses of \$26.37, and ending balance of \$19.32. We are currently in Step Six in The Step Working Guide. The recovery journey continues at New Way. Come join us.

LIR, New Way Group

Straight Friends: Greetings Area, Straight Friends is going strong. Really enjoyed SWINA and had a lit order of \$124 that was filled at SWINA and no area donation today!

ILS, Laura W.

New Freedom: Absent

Visions of Hope: Absent

Simple Serenity: Absent

Recharge Group: Greetings SWINA from the Recharge Group Carter Lake, Our average attendance for July was 11-16 addicts. We gave out 1-6 month and 1 Newcomer keytags. Our beginning balance was \$21.98, income of \$38.08, expenses of \$25.26, and ending balance of \$34.80. We are a literature study from It works or Living Clean. The recovery journey continues at Recharge. Come join us.

LIR, Tamra B.

Straight Edge GSF: Absent

ACW: Absent

One Life to Live: Absent

Let It Be: Absent

Financial Requests: All operating expenses passed.

Break at 2:50

Sharing Session: Turned over to Dave D. at 3:00 pm

Holly G. stepping up in recovery has been a long time coming for service. Hoping to get more involved. Stepping up to help in Harlan fro Gratitude Dance. Glad to be here!! Laura accepts the help of Holly with a big thanks!! Kevin W. announces Living Clean is trying to step up the meetings and wanting to do speaker meetings 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:00pm. Good idea! Discovery group has same idea but not to get discouraged. Rick H. said Wednesday group in Harlan are talking to maybe change time for this group. Nothing confirmed as of yet. Mike VP just reminds Kevin that 2nd Saturday is Area on Sunday so watch for traveling time for others. Dave D. announced IRCNA 2017 going to be in Sioux City. Talk of rotating Area. Change is good. Some smaller towns come together on Rotation bringing them together. Suggested to let everyone see what every area is about. There is some discouraged members with CB meetings so wanting to take care of the towns involved. A reminder of some groups take on some strong personalities. Keep open minds.

Close sharing at 3:27 pm.

Unfinished Services:

A) Nominations—Phoneline/PI, RCM ALT, Activity Co-Chair take back to groups!!!

Holly G. hang out waiting for clean time.

B) ASC Account Audit- Tabled Need bank statements and health issues.

C) Area Unity/Inventory- First meeting to be at SWINA. Participating for this Area stinks. Sub committee meeting for next area will meet from 1-2 Oct. 9th. Be there for one time meeting.

Current Services:

A) Holiday Bash- Bid with flyer is due next area (Oct 9th)

B) Flyer Day- It's up to the groups. Pull tab packets are out so get them put up in your towns.

C) Health Fair- Oct 22 from 9-1 Get phone numbers to Stacy J. so she can get moving on this.

Announcements & Flood Meeting: flood other Halloween functions

Closed meeting 7th Tradition- \$16.87