

Southwest Iowa Narcotics Anonymous

Minutes for February 11th, 2016

I. Opening:

The meeting was called to order @ 2:38 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 Stacy J.

III. Roll Call/Visitors:

Executive Committee:

Facilitator: Mike VP.

Co-Facilitator: Dave D.

Recorder: Glenda C.

Treasurer: George R.

RCM: Absent

RCM Alt.: **Open**

Sub-Committees:

Literature Chairperson: Absent

Activities Chairperson: Laura W.

Co-Chair: Casey W.

PR Sub-Committees:

Facilitator: Stacy J.

H&I: **OPEN**

PI/Phoneline Liaison: **OPEN**

Web-Servant: Absent

Groups:

Harlan GSF: Stacy J.

Straight Edge: Alisa M. (left)

Discovery Group: Absent

Just for Today: Alisa M. (left)

Living Clean: Casey W.

Let It Be: Absent

Recharge Group: Howie M.

New Way: Kenny S.

New Freedom: Absent

Visions of Hope: Barry B.

ACW: Absent

Simple Serenity: Absent

Straight Friends: Laura W.

Atlantic Meeting: Gary R.

There were 7 out of 14 voting groups at area. **Visitors:** Melissa S. , Gary M.

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

IV. **Reports**

Executive Committee:

Facilitator: Greetings area from your facilitator. Since last month I have had an illness which has kept me down however I am getting better now and I'm looking forward to nicer weather. Encourage everyone to put the service learning day chili cook-off on their calendars March 18th. The workshop should be very informative and the food should be extraordinary. Many of you will be going to close encounters as well and I hope to see you there in loving service Mike VP.

Co-Facilitator: Verbal

Recorder: No Report

Treasurer: Greeting SWINA, Our beginning balance is

4707.45 with a deposit of \$479.14 to be made. My apologies for not making timely deposits as life has been hectic. I still need to meet with US Bank and discuss why I am still not getting bank statements and if I can change the username and password to access the account on online without the info from the last treasure. ILS, George R.

RCM: Absent no report

RCM Alternate: OPEN

Sub-Committees:

Literature Committee: Absent no report

Activities Chairperson: Greetings Area, 2017 is in full swing! We are looking forward to the Chili Cookoff in Harlan and preparing for that. I am looking for any ideas for prizes and also will be (hopefully) implementing an easier way of tasting. Next on the time line is May which means Memorial Day and Anniversary time, so any bids are accepted for that dance and do we want to just plan the “take over” camping like we have before? I also have numbers from our bash event! We made \$91.50! The balance as of right now in the account is \$873.49! Activities wrote a check to Area after the Gratitude Dance for \$300 and it still has not cleared the bank! #1015 12/11/16. SO—with all the toys being bought w/donated \$\$ or being donated in the first place, the only expense that came of was the food and rent. \$58.09 for food and \$25.00 for rent. So again, pending the outstanding check, the balance in the account would be \$573.49. Leaving prudent reserve of \$400 Activities can issue a check for \$173.49! However, I would like to be

able to purchase supplies for the Chili Cook off and prizes if needed. Thank you for allowing me to Serve!!! Laura W.

Co-Activities Chair: No Report

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

PR Facilitator: Greetings Area, PI is going well. This month I have brought meeting lists for everyone to take back to the groups. I did request \$50 from area for the copies but the total came to \$55.64. So, I am requesting \$5.64 that was out of pocket. Your web servant reports all is well with the web. As always this is your web site. If you have any questions or concerns at any time please let me know. H&I is going well. Sari M. turned over some information to me in regards to the Council Bluffs RCF possibly wanting to take an H&I meeting into their facility. More will be revealed on this as I find out more information on what they would like to do. Also, I talked to Kim P. from Red Oak about how the meetings were going in the jails. She stated last 5 meetings we did not take NA into the jail. The first 4 meetings Kim did not have anyone else to go in with her and the last meeting I was set to drive down and go in with Kim and the weather got bad and I was unable to attend. I did try to get a replacement but was unsuccessful. There are a couple girls being trained that are willing to go in with Kim but I worry do we still not have enough bodies to carry a message 2 times a month 2 women at a time. I bring this up because as an area I feel we need a solution to this overall problem. I did reach out to the jail and talked to who was in charge. I asked what their clean time requirements were and if there was anything else we could do to help them in anyway. They said they just wanted us to come there because that's what the female inmates have requested and that's what's working for them. Also, need a request for H&I for 4 books for the jail in Shelby County. We would like to get 2 this month and 2 next month if possible. ILS, Stacy J.

Group Reports:

Discovery Group: Absent: Greetings Area. Our new group format seems to be working out. Attendance is up. Looking forward to having a Area donation next month. Yippee! Thank you Mary, for providing some new meeting topic material. ILS Dave R

Just for Today: Greetings Area, Just For Today doing fine 7-12 addicts per week. H&I meeting at Kim's house Feb 19th at noon. ILS, Kim P. and Alisa M.

Living Clean: Dear ASC, This is the Living Clean monthly report. We've had an average of 8-10 people per meeting this month. We've given out 5 white key tags, 1-30 day, 1-60, and 2-6months. We do have an order for \$18 for literature this month.

ILS, Casey W.

Harlan GSF: Greetings Area from Harlan GSF recorder, We had a low turnout for our recent GSF with only 6 addicts present. Wednesday, Anybody's Group, have again taken

a downturn and is no longer self-supporting. Due to low turnout of members to the GSF we are going to discuss this in the Harlan groups over the next week to get a consensus on if we should close this meeting. Otherwise Harlan is carrying a strong message of recovery. Monday, Never Alone Group did close one meeting last month due to the ice storm. Consensus to close was done via text messaging of 15 members, 2 of whom were in disagreement, although they were unwilling to open the meeting themselves. The remainder of the month had an average of 9 members in attendance and a total of 6 birthdays last month. Monday has no lit order or area donation at this time. Thursday, Nobody's Group has averaged 17 addicts in attendance, 5 birthdays, and 1 newcomer. Thursday has no area donation, but does have a \$51.07 lit order. Saturday Serenity has had an average of 9 addicts in attendance, a \$19.29 lit order, and \$40 area donation. Jail meetings are going well and we have been able to take in men and women when a meeting is requested. The jail is requesting some Basic Text to replace one that have gone missing. We are seeking area to supply 2 this month and 2 next month. Hard cover is acceptable at the Shelby Co. Jail. Reminder that the Chili Cook-Off is scheduled at the Harlan Methodist Church on Saturday, March 18th, 2017. Phone line workshop at 1:30 and Cook-Off at 4p with meeting to follow at 5pm. There is a \$25 fee for the church that we would like to get them paid in advance. A friendly reminder for Activities to bring the bowls, spoons, etc. Harlan members will try and round up some extension cords. We are grateful to host this event and looking forward to it.

In Loving Service, Gaylen P. Given by Stay J. at Area

New Way: Greetings SWINA from the New Way Group Council Bluffs, Our average attendance for January was 6-18 addicts. We welcomed 1 Newcomer Celebrated 1-30 day, 1-60 day, 1-90 day, 1-6month, 1-18 month, 1-2 year, 1-3 year, and 1-11 years clean. Our beginning balance was \$33.00, income of \$33.32, expenses of \$36.37, and ending balance of \$29.95. We have no Area donation and a \$40.97 lit order. We are starting Step Eleven in The Step Working Guide. The recovery journey continues at New Way. Come join us. ILS, Kenny S.

Straight Friends: Greetings Area, Happy Valentine's Day month! Not much to report Recovery is great and strong! We have several members anxious for the Close Encounters Convention and Chili Cook Off! Special shout out tour very own Alisa M. for her 5 year celebration on the 5th! No area donation and pending the rest of our lit order from last month. ILS, Laura W.

New Freedom: Absent no report

Visions of Hope: Verbal Report

Simple Serenity: Absent no report

Recharge Group: Greetings SWINA from the Recharge Group Carter Lake, Our average attendance for January was 11-15 addicts. We welcomed 3 Newcomers. We celebrated 1-30 day, 2-60 day, and 1-6 month clean. Our beginning balance was \$37.44 income of \$47.62 expenses of \$20 and ending balance of \$65.06. We have a \$21.67 lit order and a \$15 area donation. We also have a bid for hosting March ASC. The recovery journey continues at Recharge. Come join us. ILS, Howie M.

Straight Edge GSF: greetings Area, Our group has moved to Zion building. It has been changed on web and meeting lists. Attendance has been 5-10 addicts. Excited that we have our own room now. Our rent for this will be to donate lit to the inpatient treatment.

ILS, Alisa M.

ACW: Absent no report

Let It Be: Absent no report

Atlantic Meeting: Dear Fellows, the Atlantic Group is doing well. We had 3 newcomers and regular members averaging 4-6 addicts. We always invite members. \$25.30 in lit order and no area donation. ILS, Gary R.

Financial Requests: Stacy J. \$5.64 George R. \$11.20 \$27.02 for Harlan Shelby Co. Jail 2 books.

Sharing Session: Turned over to Dave D. at 2:50 pm

Discussion on how area agenda never really changed for the way it was proposed. Sharing was suggestion to be before area 2:30 then continue with area reports and business. Also discussion on Area bid came in for March Area to be in CB. Actually Carter Lake on March 12 Methodist Church 3025 Mabrey Lane. Gary R. checking with church to make sure okay if skipping March meeting in Griswold.

Close sharing at 3:07 pm.

Unfinished Services:

A) Nominations for open positions for Area: all are still open (there will be a workshop for phonline on March 18th before the chili cook off at 1:30)

B) ASC Audit- still pending

C) Area inventory- tabled one morae time- no input

D) Executive Committee Proposal- clarify proper names

Current Services:

A) Anniversary Dance- taking bids

B) Region business- Nominations Bob B. for web and Michelle B. for RDA SWINA approved.

C)

Announcements & Flood Meeting: Chili Cook off March 18th Harlan, IA

Closed meeting 3:50 pm 7th Tradition- \$9.00