

Southwest Iowa Narcotics Anonymous May 4, 2008

- I. **Open with prayer** –Mike V.P.
- II. **Reading of**
 - A. Service Motivation –Mike V.P.
 - B. Twelve Traditions – Tim C.
 - C. Twelve Concepts – Jeff S.
 - D. **Roll Call / Visitors:**

Roll Call:

Executive Committee:

Chairperson	Stacy M
Vice Chairperson	
Secretary	Anita T.
Treasurer	Stacy J.
RCM	Absent
RCM Alternate	Absent

Groups

Clean & Free	Absent
Clean & Serene	Jim B.
Discovery Group	Absent
Just For Today	Colene L.
Let It Be	Troy F.
Living Clean	Mike R.
Miracles of Recovery	Peg S.
New Freedom	Absent
Never Alone	Kevin G.
Nobody's Group	Matt O.
New Way	Tim C.
On the Right Track	Jeff S.
Reaching Out	Absent
Saturday Serenity	Stacy J.
Simple Recovery	Absent
Stairway to Freedom	Tom
Straight Edge	Absent
Straight Friends	Absent
Straight & Grateful	Absent
Turning Point	Michelle B.
Visions of Hope	Rusty S.

Subcommittees:

Literature Chairperson	Open Position
Activities Chairperson	Mary R.
H&I / P.I. Chairperson	Open Position
Phoneline Chair	Monica T.
Guidelines Adhoc	Absent

Visitors:

Sari M.
 Angelo T.
 Charlotte S.
 Mike V.P.
 Jessica

Corrections & Approval of Minutes: MOTION: Michelle B. 2nd Matt O. Approve April 2008 Minutes M7/3/1 Passed.

Executive Committee Reports:

Chairperson: Hello Area from Stacy; It's been a busy month I was able to find a location for region in Thurman Iowa. I realize that this was asked to be brought back to this Area but I was told that a decision had to be done by the end of April so it was not able to come back to Area. The ball got dropped on this and I picked it up and went with it. My intention was not to piss people off and over step my position but just to make sure we held up our obligation. I did this to the best of my ability.
 ILS Stacy Mc SWINA ASC Chair

Vice Chairperson: Open Position

Secretary: Hello SWINA There was a miscommunication about the correction and approval of the minutes so I do apologize that they were not sent when they should have been. I will not be accepting the nomination for another year as your secretary due to the new job I have just taken and the hours of work it will require. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this Area and if I can be of any assistance in the future don't hesitate to ask. I do apologize for things not running as smoothly as you all would have liked my life has been in quite the bit of turmoil thanks to my new job. I wish you all well in your endeavors. Thanks for letting me serve, ILS, Anita T.

Treasurer: (See addendum 1) Greetings ASC; Attached is the treasurers report thru April 30, 2008. We currently have a balance on hand of \$1,582.78. Please excuse my un-organization today but Bart and I were just able to get our schedules together Friday and yesterday. So I am still trying to consume it all. If anyone has any questions, please see me. One thing that Bart brought to my attention yesterday was the fact that we are charged a service charge on both the Area's and literature's checking accounts only in the event the balance is below \$250.00. There fore he suggested that I write a check to the literature checking account in the amount of \$250.00 to maintain that balance. There will be no checks written against this balance. I hereby request that this be approved. ILS Sandy S.

RCM: Open Position

RCM Alt: Absent.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Literature Chair: (See Addendum 2) Treasurer enclosed a spreadsheet of the financial standings of the literature.

Literature Treasurer Report :(See Addendum 2) spreadsheet by ASC Treasurer

Activities Treasurer Report: No Report Given.

Activities: Hello ASC, Things are going well with Activities. Remember the anniversary dance May 10th 6:30 to midnight @Broadway Methodist church 11 S. 1st street in Council Bluffs. We will have pulled pork and chips available for \$1.25. The 4th step retreat will be June 20-22 @ Arrowhead Park, everyone is on their own. The ENNA vs. SWINA softball game will be on June 14th. This Area is hosting region on June 7th in Thurman Iowa. There is a sign up sheet going around please put your name on it if you would like to help. I herby request \$75.00 from Area to help out with food. I need groups to step up for the Basic Dance in August, please come back with a place and date. ILS Mary

H&I Chairperson: Open Position

Phone Line Chair: Dear ASC, I was voted in as phonline Chair for another year at ENNA. Now I need the okay from SWINA. Then I'm set to go. I also need the final okay on the phonline guidelines, which I hope is on the agenda for today. I had the phonline training on Saturday, May 3rd and had a turnout of 3 new carriers. We got 2 fulltime carriers and one emergency carrier. We needed them! Hopefully the GSR's remembered to bring back the forms I handed out last Area. I really need the information that was on them. That is all for this month. Hope to see you at the Anniversary Dance. ILS, Monica T. **Guidelines Adhoc:** Absent

Group Reports:

Clean and Serene Group: Hi my name is Jim and I'm an addict. Hello from everyone in Carroll. Our meeting attendance is strong in Carroll. Averaging between 15-25 at every meeting. We've given away a 1 year, 18 month, and a 2 year this month. Recovery is strong and well. There are only 33 days till Spring Fling; we're looking for raffle items for this year's campout, please get with me after the meeting if you can help. We have no donation or Lit Order at this time. ILS Jim

Just For Today Group: Greetings Area, from the Just for Today group of Red Oak. Our meetings are going good, 2 of our members celebrated their 1 yr. last month, as their sponsor I was very proud. We have no donation on literature order this month. ILS Colene L.

Let It Be: Hello everyone from LET IT BE. Our meetings are at noon, Monday thru Thursday now with one at 11 Am on Fridays. We had 4 newcomers and 163 attendees for the Month. No lit order as of yet, but we have a 15 dollar donation to the Area. Respectfully, Troy F.

Miracles of Recovery Group: Greetings Area from Manning Miracles of Recovery, Meetings are going good. Sharing is honest and sincere. We have no Area donation or lit stock order. ILS Peg S.

Never Alone Group: Hello from Monday night Harlan Group. Meetings attendance is good. There are always a few newcomers. No lit order but we do have a \$20.00 Area donation. ILS Kevin G.

New Way Group: Greetings Area from New Way group. Everything has been going good.

Attendance has been steady. I as a GSR am concerned about not getting minutes and then being asked to approve them at the beginning of Area. We have no lit order and no ASC donation. Thanks for the ability to serve, Tim C. New Way Group. P.S. My concerns have been met about minute's thank you.

Nobody's Group: Greetings from Harlan's Nobody's Group. Attendance is holding strong. We have a \$25 dollar Area donation. ILS, Matt Olesen

On The Right Track: Greetings Area, I'm pleased to say that our meeting attendance @ recovery remain strong. We are a candle light meeting & the response has been positive. We have a small lit order and no donation this month. ILS Jeff S.

Saturday Serenity: Hello from Saturday Serenity. Meetings are growing day by day, but we could still use the support. This moth we have an Area donation of \$20 dollars and a small lit order. LS Stacy J. The New GSR

Turning Point: Greetings in recovery, The Turning Point Group meets on Mon., Tues., Wed., & Thurs. at 10 PM. Our attendance was off to a slow start as we transitioned away from Miracles, but is gradually gaining momentum. Our meetings offer a variety of formats including a study of the It Works book on Mondays. Tuesday night, out of the Just for Today, is a reading topic/date of chairperson's choice given that by 10pm members may have already heard or shared about that day's reading. Wednesday focuses its topic on our IPs, which has revealed some really good topics & sharing. And finally Thursday allows for the study of the Basic Text. In an effort to carry the NA message at our group, we have now included the inspiration for our name change as part of our format - the following quote from our Basic Text:

“An addict, who by any means can lose, even for a time, the need or desire to use, and has free choice over impulsive thinking and compulsive action, has reached a turning point that may be the decisive factor in his recovery.”

Basic Text, Chapter 7, also Recovery & Relapse, page 74

Get off work too late for an early evening meeting? Don't want to wake your sponsor when you can't sleep? Just a plain old night owl? Or just need a meeting, drop in and see us. The coffee is always ready, and if you “didn't get the opportunity to share, and need to talk after the meeting” we mean it! The door is closed when you are ok. Our members are committed to that “one extra minute”, in gratitude of service and our primary purpose to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. In conclusion, we are happy to be able to include with our report today a \$10 donation to the Area. ILS, Michelle B.

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Visions of Hope: Greetings from the Visions of Hope. Meetings are going well with lots of recovery shared. However, we have been forced to close more meetings. We no have the following open meetings: Monday 8 PM, Tuesday 8 PM, Wednesday 8 PM, and Friday at Noon. We welcome and encourage everyone to come visit us at our new home at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 313 Story Street, Council Bluffs. V.O.H. would request that the Area's checking account be audited for the years that Bart served as Treasurer since a new treasurer has been elected. We have a literature order totaling

\$ 111.39 and an ASC donation of \$60 dollars. We have also donated an IRCNA registration. ILS, Rusty

- I. **Financial Requests:** Activities requested \$75.00 for food at Region. 11/0/0 passed. Treasurer requested \$250.00 to bring up prudent reserve of literature in the bank. 9/0/2 passed. Activities requested \$250.00 to bring up activities prudent reserve in the bank. 8/0/3

Sharing Session:

Discussion of turning H&I/PI into PR Committee and having it all encompassed under one umbrella.

- GSR Turning Point stated that is the direction the world is going.
- Visitor stated the region said world services organization is headed in that direction.
- Chair Activities asked if its all under one umbrella wouldn't we have to change the phonenumber to be under the same umbrella because all are the same?
- GSR Miracles of Recovery stated let's get together unity is what's important, not bickering.
- Chair Phone line stated we need to get this together.
- GSR Just for Today stated there is nothing out there and we need to have something out there.
- GSR LET IT BE stated we should get together and do this thing, so we can have all the people

on

the same page.

End of sharing session: Motion to break Tim C., 2nd Jeff S. unanimous passed.

Unfinished Service:

Nominations Open

A. Executive Committee Members

I. Vice Chair

a. Motion to nominate Lori W. by Turning Point, 2nd Peg S.

b. Motion to nominate Nate by V.O.H. 2nd Tim C.

Motion to close nominations for Vice Chair: Michelle B. 2nd Matt O. 11/0/0 passed

II. RCM

c. Motion by Turning Point to nominate Dana W. if she accepts.

Table- Nominations for RCM 7/0/4 passed

III. Alt RCM

b. Motion by Turning Point to nominate Mike R.

B. Subcommittees

I. Phone line Chair

a. Monica T.

Called the Vote Tim C. 11/0/0 unanimous to vote now

Vote on Phone line Chair 11/0/0 Congrats Monica

I b. Phone Line Guidelines vote 9/0/2 passed

II. H&I/PI

Motion to table nominations for H&I pending Turning Point Motion Peg S. 2nd Michelle B 6/2/3.

II b. H&I Guidelines

Motion to table H&I guidelines Michelle B. 2nd Peg S. Vote 8/1/2 guidelines tabled.

IX. **Current Service:**

A. Region Switch with Waterloo

- Chair stated that a decision had to be made on the switch by April 30, 2008; which did not leave enough time for Area to discuss the issue further, so he chose to find a place on his own. Chair stated that since no-one else had one and we needed to have a place he made an

executive decision on finding one. He was not attempting to upset people or step on toes he made a split second decision that had to be made.

- GSR Turning Point Can you please call all GSR's before you make decisions please.
- B. Activities Audit Adhoc discussion, motion to table due to inability to get chair. 11/0/0
- C. SWINA Campout is still moving forward. More details to come later.
- D. May Campout approval 7/3/1
- E. Activities needs help with June Region if you can help activities can use you. Your GSR should Have the information with the address and time and date. See flyer 1
- F. Activities wanted it known the time date and place of the 4th step retreat. See activities report.
- G. Motion to send \$300.00 to Region for donation Michelle B., 2nd Peg S. 10/0/1

VI. Announcements / Flood Meetings:

May- Saturday Serenity at St. John's Episcopal Church - [812 Farnam St.](#) - Harlan, IA

June- Turning Point at New Lite House- [200 South 16th Ave.](#) - Council Bluffs, IA

VII 7th Tradition: \$17.00

VIII. Next ASC June 8th, 2008

If you would like copies of the addendums and flyers please email me and I will get them to you by US MAIL, however most of them can be found on the website. I will have hard copies of them at the next Area but to eliminate the supposed confusion with the attachments unless you request them by mail they will not be sent by email.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anita T.