

Southwest Iowa Narcotics Anonymous
Minutes for October 11th, 2009

The meeting opened @ 2:35 p.m. by Laura W. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer: Laura requested the following be read:

The Twelve Traditions were read by Don N.

The Twelve Concepts were read by Anita T.

The Service Motivation was read by Mark T.

III. Roll Call:

Executive Committee:

Chairperson: Laura W.

Vice-Chairperson: Absent

Secretary: Charlotte S.

Treasurer: George R.

RCM: Mike VP

RCM Alt.: Absent

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Sub-Committees:

Literature Chairperson: Absent/Lynn

Activities Chairperson: Vacant

PR Subcommittees:

H&I: Tim C.

PI: Jeff S

Phoneline Liaison: Bill.

Web-Servant: Dave R.

IRCNA Bid Adhoc: Kim

Groups:

Another Chance: Absent

Clean & Free: Absent

Clean & Serene: Absent

Discovery Group: Dave R.

Just For Today: Colleen

Living Clean: Absent

Miracles of Recovery: Absent

New Freedom Group: Absent

Never Alone Group: Kevin G

Nobody's Group: Holly S .

New Way Group: Tim C. .

On The Right Track: Jeff S.

Reaching Out: Bart W.

Rebellions: Anita T.

Saturday Serenity/Daylight Again

Don N./Rose Y.

Stairway to Freedom: Absent

Straight Friends: Absent with report

Straight & Grateful: Absent

Straight Edge: Absent

Visions of Hope: Mary R/Mark T.

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Visitors: None

IV. Correction & Approval of Minutes: Mary R. stated that there was discussion during the Sharing Session regarding an H&I/PI Learning Day to be held in conjunction with the Gratitude Dance and that the discussion was not included in the minutes. Mike VP motioned to approve the minutes with corrections, seconded by Mary R. M/S/C/U.

For the purpose of voting the minutes should reflect 10 voting groups.

Executive Committee Reports:

Chairperson:

Greetings Area:

Good to be here, I'm excited about Halloween and the following functions-really wish we could find a willing, available person to fulfill activities chair position, but pulling together as an area to pull off functions shows great unity!

Looking forward to seeing you next time.

In Loving Service:

Laura W.

Secretary:

Greetings ASC:

It's good to be back at the ASC. I'd like to thank all of you for understanding my absence at the last ASC. I must also apologize for getting the minutes out late last month and not getting them in the mail at all. My life has been crazy.

I have a reimbursement request for \$21.23 for copies of the minutes and the agenda. The P.O. Box has been paid, and I have received fliers for the Game Feed in the mail that I will attach to the minutes.

In Loving Service;

Charlotte S.

Treasurer:

See addendum.

RCM:

Greetings ASC, I am Mike and I am an addict. I do not have much to report due to the fact that we are between meetings of the Iowa Region. After reviewing my minutes there is not much we need to cover here. There are a couple of nominations: Treasurer- Alicia E. and Secretary-Mark F. Both nominees currently hold these positions. There will need to be a conscience from the GSR's.

Region will be after the next ASC, November 21st and 22nd at the Hiawatha Community Center, 101 Emmons Street, Hiawatha, IA. There will be a 10:30 a.m. start on Saturday and a 9:00 a.m. start on Sunday, with Saturday being sub-committees and Sunday is the business meeting. I will be sure at the next Area to have the PI budgetary breakdown here.

In Loving Service,

Mike VP

Sub-committee Reports:

Literature:

Greetings ASC:

I am sorry but I am unable to attend today. Lynn will be here filling in for me this month. Hope to see you all next month.

In Loving Service;

Matt O.

PI:

Greetings Area from your PI Chair,

This has been a hectic time in my personal life. I moved into my new house and acquired two full grown labs in the process. I apologize for my absence last month. Hopefully now we can begin to refocus on some of the goals this committee has determined as priorities. I did however have the opportunity to attend a community awareness function in Hamburg, IA last Saturday at the local hospital. Charlotte and Mary did a great job putting this together. We had one of the nicest booths at the fair. Hopefully some seeds of recovery were planted that day. I will be working with Mary in the upcoming weeks and on our goals and objectives and will report any progress at the next area.

In Loving Service;

Jeff S.

H & I:

Greetings Area, H&I met today with sub-committees and we discussed our list of goals. We will talk more about a learning day for both H&I/PI. We are going through some change. We are continuing to meet and continue to move forward by assigning names to goals, hoping some accountability will motivate progress.

Thanks for the ability to serve.

Tim C.

Phoneline Liaison:

Verbal report given.

Web Servant:

Greetings All,

All is well on the site.....As always, realize this is your site. I depend on your feedback to keep information correct. Please EMAIL any corrections, suggestions or criticisms. I appreciate them. On meeting changes, I am going to color code and notate additions or removals which will be made permanent if I don't get any notification otherwise.

In Loving Service:

Dave R.

IRCNA ADHOC:

Verbal report given.

Group Reports:

Discovery Group:

Greetings All,

All is well in Discoveryland. Attendance is holding at 10-15 per meeting. We appreciated seeing so many for the flood meeting, it was most gratifying. I hope to have a donation next month.

In Loving Service;

Dave R.

Just For Today:

Greetings Area;

From the Just For Today Group of Red Oak. Things are going okay. We are small right now, but are hoping to change that. We have a donation of \$20.00 but no lit order today.

Sincerely,

Colene L.

Never Alone:

Hello Area,

Meeting attendance is strong. We are looking forward to all the upcoming events. Hope to see a lot of people at the Saturday Serenity Anniversary Hay Rack Ride.

In Loving Service;

Kevin G.

Nobody's Group:

Hello Area from Nobody's Group. Attendance is good, looking forward to the 3rd Anniversary of Saturday Night Serenity Groups hay rack ride in Harlan on October 24th. We have no literature order, and a \$25.00 area donation.

In Loving Service;

Holly S.

New Way Group:

Present, no donation and no literature order.

Thanks,

Tim C.

On the Right Track Group:

Greetings Area, from Saturday on the Right Track. Meeting attendance remains steady between 15 to 25 grateful recovering addicts. We have a \$50.00 donation to area but no literature order this month. The last Saturday of each month following the meeting we share food and fellowship. If you've never attended our group, Saturday 6:00 p.m. is a great time for a meeting, give us a try.

In Loving Service;

Jeff S.

Reaching Out Group:

Our meeting has been averaging around 6 to 10 in attendance. Have been working on carrying the message to our newer members. We are disappointed that the motion or question we submitted was misunderstood. In looking over the minutes we had some questions on procedures. Mostly sharing session handling service activity stuff when it was on the agenda.

In Loving Service;

Bart W.

Rebellions Group:

I apologize to this area for showing up every month without an area donation or the ability to make one which is why I would like to request that the Rebellions meeting be the flood meeting for this month. Most of the people who attend our meeting come from lock down facilities and halfway houses and a lot of those people just got out of prison and do not have the funds to donate to the 7th tradition. So what little money we take in barely covers the rent and keytags that fly out the door faster than we can order them. I appreciate the effort this area makes to carry the message of recovery around Iowa and the world. Thank you for your time and your service work in every position of service.

In Loving Service;
Anita T.

Saturday Serenity/Daylight Again:

All is well with Wednesday AM and Saturday Evening in Harlan. We hope you can join us for the 3rd Anniversary Celebration of the Saturday Serenity meeting on Saturday, October 24th, 2009. We will have a pot luck dinner after the meeting, and then off to the Brickyard Orchard for Hay-rack rides, hot apple cider and a huge bonfire meeting. Flyers are here today. We have no literature order, but we do have a \$30.00 donation to Area.

In Loving Service;
Don N.

Straight Friends:

Sorry for my absence today, I have a report for Straight Friends stating that we have an average of 10-15 addicts per week and recovery is strong. We celebrated a 5 year birthday last week and this week we will be celebrating an 8 year birthday also. Straight Friends has a literature order of \$26.70 this month and a \$20.00 cash donation to area. Looking forward to the Halloween Dance coming up and we also have an idea for the Christmas Party to happen at Villisca on Saturday December 12th, if this date does not work, we are able to reschedule so, any input would be appreciated.

Thanks,
Straight Friends.

Visions Of Hope Group:

Meetings are going well. We are sorry to report we lost a home group member this past month. We have a \$75.00 literature order and a \$75.00 area donation. Rent is paid. Please come and join us in our recovery, we meet 4 times per week, Monday – Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. @ 313 Story Street, in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

In Loving Service;
Mary R./Mark T.

VI. Financial Requests:

Charlotte S. requested \$21.23 for copies of the minutes and agendas. Approved expense.
Mary R. requested \$85.00 for rental of the church for the Halloween Dance. Since the Activities account is closed the ASC is responsible for all the expenses. Motion to approve made by Anita, and seconded by Collene. M/S/C/U.

Sharing Session:

Charlotte brought up the idea of not reading reports at the Area, and thought we could try it a couple of times and see if we liked it. There was much discussion on this topic, and it was decided that it would not benefit the ASC to stop reading reports on the floor.

Bart requested that we revisit the spread sheet issue from last ASC, stating that he feels that his group representative was misunderstood with request made to go over the books and make a spread sheet for all treasury activity for the last year. All present at the sharing session felt that it was okay to do that. Bart and George will get that done.

VIII. Unfinished Service:

- A. SWINA Meeting List:** GSR's need to approve format. Laura suggested that in the interest of time that we pass the two formats around and GSR's will place their vote on the format that they choose. This was done and the PI committee has the format that was chosen.
- B. Activities Chairperson:** No nominations. Tabled.
- C. Regional PI Financial Breakdown of Yearly Budget.** RCM does not have this as of yet, tabled till next ASC.
- D. SWINA Phonenumber:** Tabled till next ASC so that we can get the information together.
- E. Gratitude Dance:** The Gratitude Dance will be held in Harlan on November 28th, 2009. The following is a list what was discussed.
 - a.** Harlan Groups will donate a ham and a turkey.
 - b.** Visions of Hope group will donate a turkey.
 - c.** New Way Group will donate ham.
 - d.** Rebellions Group/Let It Be will donate a ham.
 - e.** Lynn will do the fliers.
 - f.** Mary R. will get the DJ and also donate a turkey.
 - g.** Harlan groups will get a chairperson for the meeting.

Please bring all meats cooked to the event. Don't forget to let your home group members know that it is a pot luck dinner, and side dishes and raffle items are greatly appreciated.

- F. Christmas Party:** Straight Friends of Villisca will host this event, on the 12th of December 2009 at the Community Building. The following list is what was discussed.
 - a.** Charlotte will get the fliers done.
 - b.** Straight Friends are taking donations for children's gifts, cash or gifts would be appreciated.
 - c.** Mary R. will ask Nate if he would be willing to be Santa again this year.
 - d.** All donated raffle items should come wrapped as a gift.
- G. Audit of Activities Account.** Joe W. is doing the Activities Audit and has not got it completed due to some time constraints; he will have it completed by the November ASC. Tabled.
- H. PI/HI Learning Day:** This is to be held at the Gratitude Dance from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. There was some discussion on whether to have both H&I and PI training, but the general consensus was it was too much for one day. There was a straw poll vote taken for the

learning day being an H&I Learning Day 8/0/2. Tim will get the information set up for the H&I Learning Day.

IX. Current Service:

- A. PI Booth in Hamburg, Iowa.** We were invited to attend a Community Awareness Fair at the Grape Community Hospital in Hamburg, Iowa. Jeff, Mary and Charlotte was in attendance. While at the fair, 5 people picked up packets, pull tabs were placed in the hospital and the Fremont County Sheriff's office received packets and pull tabs for their use as well. Overall it was a success.
- B. Regional Nominations:** Tabled till next ASC till we can get service resume's for the GSR's to go over.
- C. Treasurer's suggestions from Audit:** George felt that we could discuss this a little more and would like to come with some possible changes to the policy after looking over the audit report.
- D. Halloween Dance:** The Halloween Dance will be held October 30th at First United Methodist Church in Council Bluffs, IA. Doors open @ 6:00 p.m. with the speaker to begin @ 7:30 p.m. Please bring a side dish to share as well as a raffle item.
- E. PI Chairperson:** Greetings Area, I regret to inform you that I will, effective today, October 11th, 2009, be resigning my chair position for the Public Information committee. Simply put, I am not getting the job done, and feel that informing the public is too important to languish under my leadership. I apologize for any inconvenience my decision has imposed upon this area and the fellowship.
In Loving Service;
Jeff S.
Tim C. nominated Mary R as PI Chairperson/seconded by Colene. 8/0/2. Congrats Mary.

X. Announcements/Flood Meeting: Rebellions 8:30 p.m. 200 16th Avenue.

XI. 7th Tradition: \$15.37

XII. Next ASC November 8th, 2009.

XIII. Meeting closed at 4:32 p.m. with the Gratitude Prayer.

See you all in November.

