

Southwest Iowa Narcotics Anonymous
Minutes for July 12th, 2009

The meeting opened @ 2:31 p.m. by Brian V with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer: Brian requested the following be read:

The Twelve Traditions were read by Tim C.
The Twelve Concepts were read by Tim H.
The Service Motivation was read by Mary R.

III. Roll Call:

Executive Committee:

Chairperson: Absent with Report
Vice-Chairperson: Brian V.
Secretary: Charlotte S.
Treasurer: George R.
RCM: Mike VP
RCM Alt.: Mike R
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Sub-Committees:

Literature Chairperson: Matt O.
Activities Chairperson: Karen D.

PR Subcommittees:

H&I : Tim C.
PI: Jeff S.
Phoneline Liaison: Absent (Tim L. reporting)
Web-Servant: Dave R.

Groups:

Another Chance: Absent
Clean & Free: Absent
Clean & Serene: Absent
Daylight Again: Rose Y.
Discovery Group: Dave R.
Just For Today: Colene L.
Living Clean: Tim H.
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: Jeff W.
Rebellions: Anita T.
Saturday Serenity: Don N.
Stairway to Freedom: Absent
Straight Friends: Absent
Straight & Grateful: Absent
Straight Edge: Absent
Visions of Hope: Mary R.

Visitors: Kim and Bart

For the purpose of voting the minutes reflect 12 voting groups at the ASC today. Good Job GSR's.

IV. Correction & Approval of Minutes: Charlotte stated that the June minutes reflected in the roll call section that the H&I Chairperson Tim C. was in attendance and he was absent. Mary R. motioned to approve the minutes with the correction. Seconded by Don N. M/S/C/U.

Executive Committee Reports:

Chairperson:

Greetings Area Members.....

I apologize for my absence today, something family like came up, so I personally would like to thank the vice chair, Brian, for filling in for me on such short notice!

I really enjoyed my weekend at IRCNA 26 and got to know a lot of great new faces. Mary and George did a wonderful job with the hospitality room, and I want to thank them and Charlotte for making my 1st IRCNA very enjoyable!

I am looking forward to the Luau this weekend and hope to see everyone that's here, there!!!
(Hint, Hint)

In Loving Service,
Laura W.
Chair

Vice-Chairperson:

Greetings Area from your Vice-Chairman, I'm grateful to be here and happy to serve. I am looking forward to the Luau and hope everyone here comes joins in the fun in Recovery.

In Loving Service,
Brian

Secretary:

Greetings Area, I am hoping that all of you got the minutes and the agenda since the last ASC and in time to conscience your groups.

I would like to thank Mary R. for helping me with getting the minutes in the mail for me since I am the IRCNA Standing Chairperson and it was IRCNA weekend. I was a little busy. As far as mailing of the minutes, I have some questions regarding mailing the minutes to people we have not seen at the ASC in quite some time. I am in need of some direction regarding this issue.

Grateful to Serve;
Charlotte S.

Treasurer:

See addendum

RCM:

Hello Area,

I am mike I am an addict. I attended the Regional service committee meeting the first weekend in June. Thanks to Mike R. for driving and thanks to John from Manley for putting us up Saturday night. We had ten voting areas in attendance at Region. There was much discussion about centralizing Region during this economic downturn given the fact that Region is now a two day event. This is a benefit to those areas on the Eastern and Western borders who would have to travel across the state to attend. A main drawback to stopping rotation was that interest locally to Regional service was sparked mainly by hosting Region. Heartland Area was placed in the Regional Rotation.

Flood money follow up. Those who have requested that their money be returned if not needed have been returned, some have said to use our best judgment, some we still have not heard from. Recently North Dakota has experienced an event much like we saw in Iowa. When the RD makes contact if he finds that fellowship in need the Treasurer will cut a check. If not we will visit this again.

The RD has a set of questions for a Regional inventory. I will get a copy and make it available to the groups so all who wish to participate can give input.

Subcommittees submitted their annual budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. PI \$3000.00, H&I \$500.00, Literature \$100.00, and IRCNA Standing \$150.00 which all passed.

Consensus Based Decision Making Ad Hoc completed its work and is disbanded. From what I saw those Areas who run their business meetings using consensus based were all for bringing it to Region. Those who still used Roberts Rules were opposed. Only a handful of Areas use consensus based.

IRCNA Standing nominations: Chair-Charlotte S. Vice Chair-Bob K.
Treasurer-Dick H. Resumes forthcoming.

North Central Area donated \$4500.00 to the region. Funds that were a result of the collapse of #2 Peace. Way to go NCIANA! From that we gave a world donation of \$2400.00

Regional Literature Committee has presented a motion which in a nutshell directs the Word Board to remove the quotes in Just For Today that come from literature that is no longer conference approved. 12 from personal stories in the fifth edition which are not in the sixth and 1 from an IP no longer in print. This motion will appear in the minutes. We will need to have a conscious on said motion.

I brought Regional meeting directories today. Mark F. the PI Secretary at Region said he is currently working with the Webmaster to come up with a more user friendly format. MWBR

There is a World Literature Project for a book to be called "Living Clean" The deadline for input is September 15th 2009. There is a session profile for development of input at: <http://www.na.org/?ID=Living Clean Project> There is also a discussion board open to members of the fellowship <http://naws.org/lc/index.php> This is open to any NA Member. They have the option to hide their e-mail address and choose a screen name once registered.

The next Region will be held in IRVANA in Hills IA, Hills Community Center 110 E. Main St. August 15th & 16th.

In Loving Service,

Mike VP

RCM Alt:

Family,

On the 6th of June I had the honor of accompanying Mike VP to the Iowa Regional in Hampton, Iowa.

I attended the PI meeting where I reported about the Flyer Blast Day we had in some towns one the 20th of May, and how the rest would have theirs later this month.

During Open Forum we discussed the pros and cons of centralizing the Regional meetings. We also had some discussion about updating some passages in the "Just For Today" to reflect current approved literature.

That evening we were blessed to take lodging at the house of a fellow addict. One addict helping another, the way it should be.

The Service Committee meeting on Sunday was filled with LOTS of "discussion" New Regional Policy was passed out. We received IRCNA 27 Pre-Registration forms (registration begins July 5th) and the CBDM Adhoc committee was disbanded. There was more discussion about the remaining \$765 of flood relief monies. It was decided that Jamie the RD would look into passing it on to North Dakota for their flood relief. After number crunching, it was approved to send \$2400 to World Services.

The August Regional will be 2 days held in Hills, Iowa.

ILS,

Mike R.

RCM Alt.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Literature Stockpile:

Greetings ASC from Literature:

I received my lit order from Show Me yesterday. I received 1 of 2 packages with some items backordered. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. I have checked with 2 banks and will probably go with Bank of the West for the Literature Checking Account. I will need minutes stating that I am the Literature Chairperson and also who will be the co-signer on the account. Per Charlotte's suggestion with ASC Approval I would like to request Sari or Nate M. as one of my co-signers since they live in Harlan. Please bear with me since I accepted this position I decided to start my own business while still working at my old job and time is something I am short of.

In Service;

Matt O.

Activities Chairperson:

We discussed and have approved the following items for SWINA:

Workshops: Self Acceptance Don R. & Jonna M.

Service to Self and Home Group Kat (need another co-chair)

Rock Bottom and New Beginnings Kim and Jose

Spiritual Meditation Pat D. (need another co-chair)

Our Speakers are: Saturday Night- Sherry G. from Marshalltown and Adam from Waterloo. We will have a campfire meeting on Friday night, and a midnite campfire meeting on Sunday night. We will not be having the home group challenge this year, if it is okay with the GSR's.

We have a speaker for the Basic Dance which is T-Bone from Nevada, IA formerly from California.

In Loving Service;
Karen D.

Activities Treasurer Report:

\$4.80 Balance

\$14.00 Deposit

-\$14.00 for checks

\$4.80 Balance

Mary R.

H&I Chairperson:

H&I met today and I am in good spirits about the progress in motion we have set in place. Some goals for Clarinda and Council Bluffs facilities and also some discussion about Zion Treatment Center facility concerns.

I am glad to be of Service,
Tim C.

PI Chairperson:

Hello area, nothing much new to report here. I would however like to revisit the issue of doing our own meeting list. I spoke with Jennifer, ENNA's PR chairperson during the week, concerning updates to the list. This truth is they have no opposition to putting our information on the list. I dropped the ball and didn't give her the information in time for the last printing. It was my mistake. They will be printing new meeting list next week and she doesn't see any problem with adding our information. That being said we need to discuss this and decide how we want to move forward. I'm sorry for this misunderstanding.

In Loving Service;
Jeff S.

Phoneline Liaison:

Verbal report given by Tim L. Phoneline Chairperson

Web Servant:

Things are going well, as far as I know. If there are any corrections or suggestions, please email me, as this is what I am most aware of in regards to the website.

Dave R.

Group Reports:**Daylight Again:**

Greetings from Daylight Again Group. All is well. We are growing in attendance as word is getting out via fliers, newspaper, and word of mouth.
We have no area donation at this time.

In Loving Service;
Rose Y.

Discovery Group:

Greetings;
Meetings are going well. Attendance 10-15, with some newcomers. Stop on by.

Dave R.

Just For Today:

Greetings Area,
Just For Today group of Red Oak is doing good in our recovery, we have had a couple of newcomers and are hoping for more. We have started a Basic Text meeting every 2nd Friday of the month.

In Loving Service;
Colene L.

Living Clean:

Hello Area,
We had 22 addicts at last nights meeting with 1 newcomer and 1 be back. The fellowship is growing and recovery is great.

In Loving Service;
Timmy H.

Never Alone:

Hello Area,

Monday Never Alone group is going well. Looking forward to the Luau and the Basic Dance. We have no donation or no lit order.

In Loving Service;

Kevin G.

Nobody's Group:

Hello family from Nobody's Group. Attendance is good we are all looking forward to the luau next weekend. We have a small lit order.

In Loving Service,

Holly S.

New Way Group:

Greeting Area. Meetings have been steady. We will be celebrating a 19 year birthday tonight. We encourage our attendance. We are currently working on step 3. Come and join us. We have no lit order or no donation.

Thanks for the ability to serve.

Tim C.

On The Right Track:

Greetings Area, from Saturday On the Right Track,

Not much to report. Recovery remains strong, attendance is down slightly due to summer activities and family obligations. We have a small lit order and a fifty dollar donation to area.

In Loving Service;

Jeff S.

Reaching Out:

Hello from Reaching Out Group. Meeting attendance has been going well with 9-12 addicts. Sharing has been good. We have no lit order and no donation to the area at this time.

In Loving Service,

Jeff W.

Rebellions Group:

Greetings Area, I'm sorry I missed last area, I was in Minnesota taking my daughter to see her father. Rebellion meetings are doing ok. But due to sporadic attendance and lack of attendance we will be closing our Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 p.m. meetings. Our other meetings have up to 25 addicts in attendance per meeting, so we will continue with our Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 8:30 p.m. meetings still at the Lite House 200 S. 16th Ave in Council Bluffs. Come check us out.

Don't forget we are having a pot luck and speaker meeting July 25th, 2009. Saturday at the Lite House. Our Speaker will be Burt from Fremont, starts at 2:00 and ends at 3:00 and we bowl at 4-6 pm at the Lightning Bowl under the viaduct 105 12th Street in Council Bluffs. On the 1st and 3rd Weekends of each month. Cost is \$1.25 per game and shoes are included.

At this time we have no lit order and no area donation but hopefully next month that will change.

On a personal note, I attended a very awesome speaker and street dance function in Grand Island, Nebraska. I think it would be cool to do one here.

In Loving Service,
Anita T.

Saturday Serenity:

All is well at Saturday Serenity. We have a small literature order and a \$10.00 area donation. Thanks for your support.

In Loving Service;
Don N.
Saturday Night Serenity
5 p.m. 8th & Farnam Street
Basement of Church
Harlan, IA

Visions of Hope:

Greetings from Visions of Hope;
Our meetings are going well. Attendance is a little low, but good recovery is being shared. Our rent is paid, we have a small literature order and a \$60.00 donation to Area.

In Loving Service;
Mary R.

VI: Financial Request:

Charlotte S. request \$10.73 for printing of agendas and SWINA Fliers. Motion to approve. Don N./Seconded by Dave R. M/S/C/U.

Mary R. requests \$22.07 for envelopes, printing and mailing cost of the minutes for Charlotte S. Tim C. motioned to approve/Seconded by Kevin G. M/S/C/U.

VII: Sharing Session:

- A. IRCNA 29 bids need to in by 2011 for us to host the convention in 2012. Is this something that we want to do? There was much discussion on this topic and it was decided to place this topic on the agenda under Current Service.

- B. Kim reported that she is working on a bid for printing of the meeting lists and the t-shirts for the SWINA campout. She was told that by the time she got a quote on the t-shirts it would be too late, but by all means get us a quote on printing of the SWINA meeting list.
- C. Mary R. brought up that SWINA as a whole does not attend outside functions. She reported that the Area voted to host a time slot in the hospitality suite of IRCNA 26 and it was she and George that was there to fulfill that commitment. Charlotte stated that for 5 members from SWINA to be in attendance at IRCNA was not a bad number, however when smaller groups in our Area host functions it would be nice to see our Area attend those functions and support that group.
- D. Dave R. wants to revisit the decision regarding the SWINA meeting list that was decided at the last ASC, he stated that he disagreed with the decision and felt that the decision was made too quickly and we should work with ENNA on their decision to place their ASC information on the list, and not ours. He questioned if that was reason enough to print our own meeting lists.
Don N. stated that their ASC information on the list was not the only reason behind that decision. The most important reason for his vote was the fact that we had no meeting list, and that the groups were going without them.

The Vice-Chairperson stated that we have come to the end of our 15 minutes allotted for the sharing session. Kevin G. motioned for a break, and it was seconded by just about everyone.

Unfinished Service:

A. SWINA ASC And Literature Account Audits:

Mary contacted Joe W. with the approval of George and he is willing to do the audit. He has been given the records of both accounts and he will have it done by the August ASC. Topic Tabled.

B. Regional CAR Motion:

Jeff W. asked a question regarding the motion and its intent. Kevin called for a vote/and it was seconded by Tim C. 11/0/1. Motion Carries.

C. SWINA Meeting Lists:

Charlotte stated that at the last ASC we decided to have our own meeting lists, but we did not decide on what format, do we still want to continue to print ENNA's meetings ect. We need to make those decisions.

Jeff W. read from the 12 concepts regarding making decisions in haste, and asks if this is the way to do things and get them right?

Kevin G. stated that he feels that it would be easier for our groups to get meeting list when we need them.

There was some confusion on the cost of the meeting lists, and it was reported by Charlotte S. that we pay Omaha for the meeting lists that we are given, and nothing

more, however, we do pay more for reprinting of meeting lists because of the amount of changes to the meeting list that ENNA requires. Charlotte also suggested that should direct the PI committee to come up with 2 different styles of meeting lists. One with SWINA only meetings and one with both SWINA and ENNA on it, so the GSR's can make their decision after they have seen what they are to look like.

Don N. stated that this decision was made at the last ASC, but this decision will take some time to come become a reality, we decided at the last ASC that we want to, now we need to decide can we.

Mike R. stated that we have no control of what ENNA does with their meeting lists. All we need to decide with this issue is what we want to do in regards to the meeting lists.

Brian V. suggested that we table this discussion, let the GSR's go back to their groups and discuss this issue more with them and come back in August for more discussion on this issue.

D. SWINA Campout:

The Saturday Night and Sunday Night Speakers were approved at the last ASC. Mary produced two prototype t-shirts with the logo on both. Royal Blue with White printing and White with Blue printing. The ASC members chose the Royal Blue with White print. Mary reported that for 60 shirts and the screen print the total cost of the shirts will be \$326.00. Jeff W. motioned to approve the printing and it was seconded by Kevin G. M/S/C/U.

It was also suggested that we not do the home group challenge this year. Tim motioned to approve and it was seconded by Kevin G. M/S/C/U.

There was some GSR's present that did not know what the home group challenge was and Karen D. explained what we have done in the past.

Current Service:

A. PR Quarterly Goals Approval:

The following is the PR goals for the quarter:

- a. Make an appointment for H&I/PI to meet with Clarinda treatment coordinator by the next ASC.
- b. Get contact information and make contact with the Family Services complex in Council Bluffs.
- c. Find out what is going in Zion Treatment center in Red Oak and make contact with them to let them know what Narcotics Anonymous is about.

Dave R. motioned to approve the PR Quarterly goals and it was seconded by Mary R. M/S/C/U.

B. Activities Chairperson Nominations:

Tim H. nominated Mary R and that nomination was seconded by Matt O. Mary declined the nomination even though Matt could not second it. Activities Chairperson nomination tabled till next ASC.

C. Co-Signer on Literature Checking Account:

Matt O. will be the primary signer on the SWINA Literature Account. Mike R. motioned that Nate McClaren should be the second signer on the account and Dave R. seconded that motion. M/S/C/U. The following trusted servants will be the signers on the Literature Checking Account:

Matt Olesen

Nate Mc Laren

George Rapier

As per Matt's report the account will be opened at the Bank of the West in Harlan, Iowa.

D. IRCNA XXIX Bids:

Colleen L. makes a motion to start an Adhoc Committee to look into placing a bid for IRCNA and that motion was seconded by Holly S. M/S/C/U. Brian appoints Kim as Adhoc Chairperson.

X: Flood Meeting to be held on Friday's Just For Today Meeting Red Oak, IA.

X.: 7th Tradition: \$26.46

XII: Next ASC August 9th, 2009 at Griswold, IA.

XIII: Meeting closed @ 4:25 p.m. with the Gratitude Prayer.

