

South Suburban Fireside Area H&I/Outreach Committee Minutes  
June 12, 2008

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer at 7:00pm by H&I Committee Chair, Brent. There were 11 addicts in attendance.

Chad read the Dos and Don'ts; Chris read the 12 Concepts of NA service.

Minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

Collected 7<sup>th</sup> tradition of \$11.55 which was given to the church as rent.

Panel leader reports:

- Avalon: (Panel Leader Vern reported) Commitment on Tuesday went very well (7 addicts in attendance), he felt great afterwards. Literature looks good. He plans to keep making announcements at meetings. Avalon is an outpatient treatment center, our commitment there is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6pm. It's a very casual/easygoing commitment.
- Lino Lakes: (Panel Leader Dan reported) Introduced Jim (in attendance) who goes almost every month. Need sponsorship IPs. They have 2 of the books now, Dan will take the other 2 this month. 2 more people have been approved by the state, several others are in the pipeline (it's a long process to get people approved).
- Dakota Co. Detox: (Panel Leader Chad reported) Commitment is at the detox center in Hastings. It's a good place for people who are new to see how H&I works, and a good reminder for "what would happen" if one were to go back out again. Have 4-5 people each commitment, but could always use more involvement from women (as the facility as an equal number of men and women).
- Haven in Woodbury: (Garrett reported) 3 addicts attended the May commitment. We spoke to a small group from the center's relapse prevention class, and were well received. Aug. 13 and Nov. 5 are the remaining commitments this year. Their address is 2042 Wooddale Dr. Garrett volunteered to be panel leader.

Old business:

- Dakota Co. Jail: (Chad) Has been trying to get ahold of the coordinator (called twice in 2 weeks), he hasn't called back. He will try 1 more time tomorrow and see what happens.
- Red Wing: (Brent) No change; Twin Cities area has been taking the commitment; however, they would like us to take it over at least some of the commitments. They go the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Contact is Buddy K., 612-735-7579.

New business:

- Tapestry - Women's inpatient treatment facility which recently moved to W. St. Paul; we would need women willing to be involved to take on a commitment there. Please announce at meetings.
- Chad was officially voted in as co-chair of the H&I Subcommittee at the area meeting last week. Thanks and congrats!
- No new news on any additional H&I learning days.
- Kevin reported that the Region is looking to change their format, there has been more activity recently. More info next month after regional meeting.

- Members discussed issues with lack of participation from other subcommittees. It's a continuing battle. Group consensus is that we might be able to "attract by example", and we need to approach other addicts in the spirit of the traditions when trying to get more involvement.
- Jim asked questions about how to handle people who incorrectly cross boundaries. Can we read the "dos and don'ts" or something like that? Brent suggested pointing out and explaining the 10<sup>th</sup> tradition.
- There was an H&I workshop at PIG last year. It would be good to do it again; as always, we need volunteers. We will discuss further at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.