

South Suburban Fireside Area Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2008

Meeting opened at 7:00pm with Serenity Prayer by H&I Committee Chair, Brent. There were 15 addicts in attendance.

Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

Kevin read the H&I Dos and Don'ts; Sage read the 12 Concepts of NA service. Brent gave an introduction to H&I. Jocelyn asked about probation; that is only an issue for people going to the prison.

Collected 7th tradition of \$10.63 which was given to the church as rent.

Literature: Getting low, Garrett will get to UMSO before next month.

Panel leader reports:

- Avalon: (Brent reported) 5 addicts attended, large group (about 20 clients) at the meetings. New people to speak are always appreciated. Commitment is 2nd Tuesday at 6pm, there are no special requirements to share.
- Cochran Recovery Center: (Panel leader LeeAnn reported). They have literature, but it's very unorganized. Brent suggested checking into a literature rack (also considering that for Hastings Detox). Commitment is 3rd Wednesday of month at 7pm (but they haven't been ready for us); Chris suggested talking to them this month and see if the start time needs to be adjusted.
- Lino Lakes: (Panel leader Dan reported) Everything is going great, another person set to go for orientation. Dan read a "thank you" letter from the prison.
- Dakota Co. Detox: (Panel leader Chris reported) 4th Thursday of month. Going well, had 7 people sharing last time. Would like to have some women participating. Next 2 commitments are on Thanksgiving and Christmas, great times to "share the message" and help addicts who might feel very much alone.
- Haven in Woodbury: (Panel leader Garrett reported) Next commitment is November 5 at 6pm. He will speak to the center about scheduling us more often.

Old business:

- Chris, Will and Chad took 2 basic texts to the Goodhue Co. Jail and spoke with the activities coordinator and program director. They are interested in having H&I meetings and having a PR meeting for their staff.
- Brent asked for volunteers who would be committed to support commitments at either Goodhue or Dakota Co. jails; without that, we don't want to commit to something we can't support.
- Tapestry (inpatient women's treatment center in St. Paul): have contact info, need volunteers to proceed.

New business:

- Haven – Brent talked with the adolescent counselor, she would like to have a commitment once a month with younger people speaking. They meet on Mon., Wed., and Thurs., and are pretty flexible. Sage expressed willingness to be panel leader; he and Brent will discuss it further.

- Rick suggested printing up copies of the Gratitude Statement to take with us to commitments. Will suggested printing up "gratitude cards" (business card format) for this purpose, he'll work on a plan for next meeting. Group discussed whether or not it is "NA approved literature", discussion tabled for now.
- Outreach: Jocelyn is producing newsletter. Meeting of the Month for November is Step by Step on Sunday November 16; for December, Young People in Recovery on Friday, Dec. 19.
- Activities: We don't have a chair, looking for one. Jocelyn suggested having a talent show, can go forward when we have an activities chair.
- Service learning day: Dan is willing to go to the Faith United Methodist Church board to present the idea, he'll get back by next meeting. (This is the church where the subcommittee meetings take place.) We will talk about it more next meeting.
- PR: also need a chair. Discussed handing out meeting lists. Brent moved to have PR committee provide meeting lists starting in January from the PR budget; passed. Brent will bring a list of the treatment centers to the next area meeting so GSRs can decide on ones for their groups.
- Group inventory: motion to table for now.

Motion to close by Will, second by several, meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

South Suburban Fireside Area H&I Committee Agenda
December 11, 2008

1. Opening
2. Introductions
3. Approval of minutes
4. H&I Introduction
5. Dos and Don'ts
6. 12 Concepts of NA Service
7. 7th Tradition
8. Literature Report
9. Panel Leader Reports
 - a. Avalon
 - b. Cochran Recover Center
 - c. Lino Lakes
 - d. Dakota Co. Detox
 - e. Haven (Woodbury)
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Adjournment