

Southwest Iowa Narcotics Anonymous

Minutes for May 15, 2011

I. Opening:

The meeting was called to order @ 2:30 p.m. by Nate M. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

II. Readings: Nate M. requested the following be read:

“The Twelve Traditions”, read by Brandon S.

“The Twelve Concepts”, read by Charlotte S.

“The Service Motivation”, read by Mary R.

III. Roll Call/Visitors:

Executive Committee:

Chairperson: Nate M.

Vice-Chairperson: absent

Secretary: Brenda D.

Treasurer: Mike VP.

RCM: absent

RCM Alt.: Brandon S.

Sub-Committees:

Literature Chairperson: Angel N.

Activities Chairperson: Bill D.

IRCNA Adhoc: Kim P.

PR Sub-Committees:

H&I: Paul S.

PI: Charlotte S.

Phone Line Liaison: open

Web-Servant: absent

Groups:

Clean & Free: Angel N.

Runnin N Gunnin: absent

Discovery Group: absent

Just for Today: Kim P.

Living Clean: Brandon S.

Never Alone: Nate M.

Nobody’s Group: Bill B.

New Way: Mike VP.

Reaching Out: absent

Saturday Serenity: Sari M.

Stairway to Freedom: Sheila H.

Straight Friends: absent

New Freedom: Paul S.

Visions of Hope: Mike D.

Simple Serenity: absent

*Reaching Out and Saturday Serenity will not vote this month because of 3 absences.

There were 9 out of 15 groups at area this month.

Visitors: Chris D.

IV. Correction & Approval of Minutes:

Bill D. pointed out that the activities balance needed to be changed from \$165.76 to \$165.70. Brandon S. made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction, 2nd by Mary R., and passed with 9 votes.

V. Reports

Executive Committee:

Chairperson:

Greetings area from the Chair. Looking forward to serving in this position, as it will be a new experience for me. I'll get brushed up on the Roberts Rule of Order guidelines to make things as smooth as possible. I apologize for not getting to the bank in Red Oak yet, but I am going tomorrow morning first thing to get signed on the account.

ILS,

Nate M.

Vice-Chairperson:

Absent, no report

Secretary:

Greetings Area! All is well! Love my position! Happy to serve!

ILS,

Brenda D.

Treasurer:

Present, no report

RCM:

Absent, no report

RCM Alternate:

Greetings SWINA, I have no report this month. Region is next month.

In Loving Service,

Brandon S.

Sub-Committees:**Literature Committee:**

Hello ASC. I would like to start off by saying thank you for allowing me to serve this area as your literature chair. Joe W. did the literature count and checked out the bank statement and audited the books. There was a difference of \$1.52 in our favor. The literature stock pile has everything in stock but a few items, which are 1 Basic Text and 1 J4T0 backordered. We need to replace a Step Guide, 2 NC key tags, 5-30 days 11-60 days, 8-1 year, and 5 multiple years key tags, in which we have \$25.55 in the bank for. I will be getting those items on Monday from ENNA, where I ordered them. Angel N. will be taking over literature chair today, you can get any order form her. I would like to recommend that we look at getting the literature account at U.S. Bank and get a debit card just to use for the literature order, so we can keep all of our accounts at the same bank. I'm still waiting on a rack for H&I. We have \$224.46 in the bank and wrote checks out for \$130.00 and one for \$58.36, which leaves \$25.90.

ILS,

Mary R.

Activities Chairperson:

Greetings Area from the Activities Chair. I want to thank Red Oak's Just For Today Group and Kim P. for all the help at the Anniversary Dance and Mary R. for all the food (most of which she donated). The turnout at the Anniversary Dance was great and the 2 speakers were awesome (thank you for sharing your stories). We have a balance of \$95.11 (\$51.08 in Checking and \$44.03 in cash).

In Loving Service,

Bill D.

IRCNA Adhoc:

We have signed contracts, we have a bank account, a PO Box, and we are still looking for a Merchandising chair and Programming Chair. We have voted on a white and gold key tag logo on black shirts. We need to have Jay Medhat OK'ed on flyers. We will be getting our registrations and flyer ready for this year's IRCNA.

More Will Be Revealed,

Kim P.

PR Sub-Committees:

H&I:

Hello Area! H&I is doing well. Zion Treatment Center meeting is doing well with more good feedback. People from the half way house are going out and attending more meetings and it was nice to see one of them at the Anniversary Dance getting his 60 day key tag. Also had an H&I learning meeting in Harlan on April 30th with 4 addicts in attendance.

ILS,

Paul S.

PI:

Greetings from your PI committee. Not much going on right now. I do have meeting lists from ENNA this month. We will need a check for \$14.40 written to ENNA. I am still working with the papers in Atlantic and Glenwood papers for RABRAI. I still have not found a location in Glenwood. I have enlisted the help of Bart W., hopefully we will have a location shortly. Nate has a location for the meeting in Atlantic. I'm still working on getting in touch with the Juvenile Delinquent Center in Council Bluffs.

In Loving Service,

Charlotte S.

Phone Line Liaison:

Open, no report

Web-Servant:

Absent, no report

Group Reports:

Clean & Free:

Greetings from Clean and Free. The group is still having about 35 to 40 people at each meeting. We are beginning to have an issue with staff from the RCF wanting to come in and check to see if the RCF people are truly attending the meetings, if anyone has suggestions about it please share.

In Loving Service,

Angel N.

Runnin N Gunnin:

Absent, no report

Discovery Group:

Absent, no report

Just for Today:

Greetings from Just For Today". Meetings are going well. We have a \$25.00 donation from our group to Activities for the Anniversary Dance. We also have a member that has had a house fire on Thursday. We took up a donation for them. If anyone would like to donate to Jen and Paul you can send it to First Baptist Church, 504 Reed Street, Red Oak, IA 51566. Make checks out to the "Church Memo Line Jen and Paul". Everyone is safe but they will have to start over. We just have a small literature order.

In Loving Service,

Kim P.

Living Clean:

Greetings SWINA. Living Clean meetings are going well with 10-15 addicts in attendance on average. We have planned a bowling night for May 21st after the meeting and look forward to planning other activities in the future. The Anniversary Dance was a hit, thank you Red Oak and Activities. Special thanks to the speakers.

Yours in Recovery,

In Loving Service,

Brandon S.

Never Alone:

Greetings Area from Harlan's Monday Night Never Alone Group. Meetings have been doing well with a great message of recovery being shared. We have been averaging 12-14 addicts at our meetings. We do not have a literature order or donation this month.

ILS,

Nate M.

Nobody's Group:

Greetings Area from Harlan's Thursday Night Nobody's Group. Recovery in Harlan is very strong. We've had 10-20 addicts attending meetings on Thursday night. We've given out 3 newcomer tags, 1-30 day tag, 1-60 day tag, and a 12 year tag. We have a \$33.55 literature order, but no area donation this month. Thanks to Paul for coming to Harlan to train us in H&I.

In Loving Service,

Bill D.

New Way:

Verbal report, Mike VP.

Reaching Out:

Absent, no report

Saturday Serenity:

Hello Area from Saturday Serenity! It is my honor to have been asked to serve this meeting as their GSR. Our meeting has struggled with attendance anywhere from 2 to 8. We feel it is important to keep this meeting going because it's on the weekend and that is a hard time for many addicts. It attracts many newcomers, so we will do our best to carry the message. We have had 1 visitor and given a 10 year medallion. We have a small literature order and a \$20.00 area donation.

ILS,

Sari M.

Stairway to Freedom:

Hi. The meetings are doing OK. We have been getting 3 to 8 people at each meeting.

Love,

Sheila

Straight Friends:

Absent, no report

New Freedom:

Hello Area! The New Freedom is doing well. Our attendance is 8 to 10 addicts. June 18th is the Fun Run. We have a \$200.00 donation.

ILS,

Paul S.

Visions of Hope:

Hello ASC from Visions of Hope. Everything has been going good at our meeting. We have been up in people coming to the meetings, but not so well in 7th tradition. This is to be expected though beings we have a majority of our people from the correctional facility. We are planting a good seed to them though by keeping our meeting traditional, no side talk, chanting, and all that. At area level we expressed some concern with Speakers being "NA" advocates only. This will promote a good clear message and show that we suffer from the 1 disease, "addiction". We also

talked about functions, to keep them a “suggested” price to get in as opposed to “good will offering”. This will prompt a little more to pay at the door instead of forgetting or put things on the back burner and we not get paid at all. We are self supporting through our own contributions. I, Mike Droescher am GSR alternative. We had a \$95.64 literature order and donated \$60.00 to Area.

Thanks,

Mike D.

Simple Serenity:

Absent, no report

Recharge Group:

Hello SWINA! First of all we want to thank you for welcoming us, as we are opening our doors, Monday May 16th at 8:00 pm in Carter Lake, IA. By opening your hearts we commit to carry the message to any and all addicts seeking recovery. Second, we ask that area would help with our start-up materials. Flyers are available and on the table. I’m looking forward to serving. My plan is to report many, many exciting things starting next month. We have no donations at this time.

GSR, Tamra B.

VI. Financial Requests:

- A. \$14.40 - to ENNA for meeting lists, Charlotte S.
\$81.47 – Food for June 4th, Dinner from Area, Mary R. (vote to approve)
\$13.00 – H&I literature, Paul S.
\$9.49 – to Brandon for Area coffee
- B. New Group – will start on May 16th at 8 pm in Carter Lake – Tamra B. came to request start-up materials and left a flyer for the new meeting – Tamra said they signed a 1 year commitment with the church where they will hold the meeting – Charlotte S. suggested Area give smaller starter kits and give more the following months if the group is not yet self-supporting – Mike VP stated that he thought it sounded reasonable – the amount of the new Start-Up Kit will be discussed and voted on during current services

VII. Sharing Session:

- A. Charlotte discussed the issue with having the Basic Text and Just For Today printed overseas in China. She said they are becoming hard to get and are often backordered. She suggested RCM take this to Region (RSO) to have World (WSO) look at it.
- B. Workshop at the Memorial Day Campout – Charlotte will lead it - Service Systems Proposal – Sunday at noon

- C. July 1st all literature prices are going up 5% - Mary R has the new price list and will make copies to hand out next area
- D. Kim P. said the pastor from the church where we held the Anniversary Dance in Red Oak stated he was so impressed that he saw more Harley's parked by the church that Saturday night than at the bar.

VIII. Unfinished Services:

- A. Phone Line Liaison is still open – Mike VP. nominated Mary R. and she declined, it will be tabled for now since Region is close to making a decision on an 800 number for the whole state of Iowa, there will be more Region update next area
- B. USSC – U.S. Service Conference – Charlotte S. will write a report for the minutes

IX. Current Services:

- A. IRCNA Policy approval – Charlotte S. said it was done – Brandon S. moved to approve the policy – 2nd by Mary R. – passed with 7 votes (Kim P. had already left), 1 abstain
- B. SWINA logo – Take Aim at Recovery – bring price options to next area
- C. New Start-Up Kit - \$19.69 – will include the following:
 - 2 of each key tag
 - Set of readings
 - Financial Report Book
 - 3 white books
 - 3 each of the Information Pamphlets

Brandon S. moved to approve the new Start-Up Kit - 2nd by Paul S. – passed with 8 votes. There will be a discussion next month about adding this to our policies.

- D. Regional Donation – Mike VP., treasurer, suggested we make a donation of \$200.00 – Charlotte S. made a motion for a \$200.00 donation – 2nd by Bill D. – passed with 8 votes
- E. SWINA workshops – looking for suggestions!
- F. Donation item from Area for the raffle at IRCNA 2011 – Early Bird registration for IRCNA 2012 for \$40.00 – Brandon S. made a motion to approve this raffle item – 2nd by Bill D. – passed with 8 votes

X. Announcements:

- A. Next Area at the sub-committee meeting, the PR sub-committee will discuss the quarterly goals.
- B. Paul S. moved to close, 2nd by Bill D., passed with 8 votes

XI. June ASC to be held on the 11th in Griswold, IA.

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Agenda for June 12, 2011

- I. Open
- II. Reading of:
 - A. Twelve Traditions
 - B. Twelve Concepts
 - C. Service Motivation
- III. Roll Call/Visitors
- IV. Correction and Approval of the minutes
- V. Reports:
 - A. Executive Committee
 - B. Sub-committee
 - C. Groups
- VI. Financial Requests
- VII. Sharing Session
- VIII. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Phonenumber Liaison
 - B. USSC- Charlotte
 - C. New Group Starter Kit
 - D. SWINA workshops/T-shirt order
 - E. Bids for Basic Dance- August
- IX. Current Service:
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
 - D.
- X. Announcements & Flood Meeting-
- XI. July ASC to be held on the 10th in Griswold, IA
- XII. Close Meeting