

Southwest Iowa Narcotics Anonymous

Minutes for November 13, 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 Mary R.

“The Service Motivation”, read by Brandon S.

III. Roll Call/Visitors:

Executive Committee:

Chairperson: Nate M.

Vice-Chairperson: absent

Secretary: Brenda D.

Treasurer: Mike VP.

RCM: Tim C.

RCM Alt.: Brandon S.

Clean & Free: Angel N.

Runnin N Gunnin: absent

Discovery Group: Dave R.

Just for Today: absent

Living Clean: Brandon S.

Never Alone: Nate M.

Sub-Committees:

Literature Chairperson: Angel N.

Activities Chairperson: absent

IRCNA: Brandon S. (Vice-Chair)

Nobody’s Group: absent

New Way: Mike VP.

Reaching Out: absent

Saturday Serenity: Brenda D. (alt.)

PR Sub-Committees:

H&I: Paul S.

PI: Charlotte S.

Phone Line Liaison: open

Web-Servant: Dave R.

Stairway to Freedom: Sheila H.

Straight Friends: absent

New Freedom: Paul S.

Visions of Hope: Mike D.

Simple Serenity: absent

Groups:

Let It Be: Don N. (alt.)

Straight N Grateful: absent

Recharge Group: Tamra B.

Carrying the Message: Charlotte S.

There were 12 out of 19 groups at area this month.

Visitors: none

IV. Correction & Approval of Minutes:

Financial request: \$250.00 to Brandon S. for ASFA, Mike VP. Moved to approve, 2nd by Brandon S., passed with 12 votes

V. Reports

Executive Committee:

Chairperson:

Greetings Area from the chair. I apologize fro missing last month due to work, and apologize in advance for missing next month; I will be out of town. I have recently spoken to the Activities Chair and he is going to have to step down at this point due to some personal issues. I know the next several activities are already set in place, and I am a signer on the account, so we should be set for those. We will reopen the nominations for Activities Chair today, and I will handle the next couple of functions with what needs to be done. Hope to see another large crowd at the Gratitude Dance.

ILS,

Nate M.

Vice-Chairperson:

Absent, no report

Secretary:

Greetings Area!

I would like to thank Sari M. and Laura W. for taking notes for me at the last 2 area meetings. I had to attend my son's football games on Sundays in Des Moines.

ILS,

Brenda D.

Treasurer:

Mike VP., no report

RCM:

Present, Tim C., no report

RCM Alternate:

Greetings SWINA,

Region is next week. Two motions are on the agenda for November IRSCM. Wish to discuss these motions today with SWINA to get conscience. Need to make financial request to SWINA to attend Region. Will discuss request today. Also need some Area volunteers to go with.

ILS,

Brandon S. (RCM-Alt.)

Sub-Committees

Literature Committee:

Literature Chair will make an order within the next week. Last month the money did not add up as explained.

Angel N.

Activities Chairperson:

Absent, no report

IRCNA:

Greetings SWINA,

IRCNA 29 is moving right along. We have 52 registrants so far, which is a good number. Hope to see more registrants from SWINA and you can register on line. Need groups to volunteer to host the hospitality room. Contact Kim P. or myself to inquire about the hospitality room hosting. My number is (712)246-8778.

In Loving Service,

Brandon S.

IRCNA Vice Chair

PR Sub-Committees

H&I:

Hello Area,

Finally got to talk to Barb Jones at the Clarinda prison. She has requested 6 “Just For Today” books. She will also be sending me forms for anybody to fill out if they would like to speak. More will be revealed on this when I get to talk to her in prison.

ILS,

Paul S.

PI:

Greetings from PI:

Not much happening here. New meeting lists are here. Have not done much with the area website. I need some direction from this body for what they would like to see on our new website.

During our meeting today we discussed the issues that the Council Bluffs groups have experienced with the RCF and the Fr.... Halfway house. It was decided that Charlotte and Paul would get with both of these facilities and discuss our issues and hopefully find a solution. It was also decided that we send a flier to the Council Bluffs groups supplying them with phone numbers to call, when they have issues with members from either of those facilities. We as a committee discussed that the current practice of Council Bluffs groups to call is an individualized basis could be doing more harm than good. Hopefully we will have some solutions to this issue at the next ASC.

In Loving Service,

Charlotte S.

Phone Line Liaison:

Open, no report

Web-Servant:

Greetings Area. I will be relinquishing my duties as web servant. I’ve been doing this for sometime and find my willingness has been extinguished. The new site will be great and I look forward to seeing things continue to improve.

ILS,

Dave R.

Group Reports

Clean & Free:

Clean & Free group still seeing a decline in attendance. However we continue to carry the message. At this time we do not have a literature order or donation to Area World Services.

Angel N.

Runnin N Gunnin:

Absent, no report

Discovery Group:

All is well. Attendance is around 12-15. Been getting some newcomers lately. Hooray! We have a \$200 donation. We are upset with the aftermath of the Halloween Dance. Damage was done to the sanctuary. Some candles were burnt with wax damage. We are on notice as a group due to the lax attitude of the Area to functions. As an Area we must put some attention to providing security for the facility that provides Area to us. We have designated area to be in and must be able to assure that will be respected. We expect some action to be taken.

ILS,

Dave R.

Just for Today:

Absent, no report

Living Clean:

Greetings SWINA,

Living Clean meetings are going OK. Attendance is down as well as 7th. Looking forward to Gratitude Dance in Harlan. No literature order at this time. No donation to make this month.

ILS,

Brandon S.

Living Clean GSR

Never Alone:

Greetings Area from Harlan's Monday Night Never Alone group. Meetings have been going well with an average of 15 addicts in attendance. We are looking forward to hosting the literature order, and no area donation this month. Never Alone is donating a turkey and Nobody's Group is donating a ham to the Gratitude Dance.

ILS,

Nate M.

Nobody's Group:

Absent, no report

New Way:

Mike VP., no report

Reaching Out:

Absent, no report

Saturday Serenity:

Present, no report

Stairway to Freedom:

Hi! The meetings are doing well. We have been getting more people 9-10 each meeting and some more newcomers.

Love,

Sheila H.

Straight Friends:

Absent, no report

New Freedom:

Hello Area.

Meetings are going well. We have a 89.49 literature order and a \$50.00 donation. This will be my last time that I will be representing the New Freedom Group.

ILS,

Paul S.

Visions of Hope:

Greetings Area! We are doing great at Visions of Hope. Well over 300 people in the month of October. We have a Literature order and a \$60.00 Area donation. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Gratitude Dance. It is a great year so far, and the best is yet to come.

Thanks,

Mike D.

Simple Serenity:

Absent, no report

Recharge Group:

Greetings Area,

My report is not as “personal” as I would prefer. This is due to several mini-strokes this past month as well as a brain aneurism. Please understand my absences. Attendance is growing! We are blessed with newcomers every week. Area donation is \$20.00. My intent is to inform Area not for you to look sad. We are all blessed.

ILS

Tamara B.

Carrying the Message:

Greetings from Carrying the Message group!

Our meetings are averaging 11 people per meeting, with newcomers attending almost every meeting. We have given 7 newcomer key tags, 1 90 day, 1 year, and 1 multiple years last month. We have no donation due to working on getting our literature amounts up to where it needs to be. We have a small literature order of \$21.15. Come and see us sometime. This meeting is progressing into a great meeting.

In Loving Service,

Charlotte S.

Let It Be:

My name is Don N., I am an addict. I am the newly elected Alternate GSR for the “Let It Be” Group and I am glad to be here at the SWINA Area Meeting. We have many old timers attending our daily meetings and we have great on-going recovery messages. Our average attendance is around 12-15 per meeting and 9 newcomers a month. We have a \$53.00 literature order and a \$30.00 area contribution. I look forward to personally interacting with all of you in the future.

In Loving Service,

Don N.

VI. Financial Requests:

\$250.00 – Brandon S. expenses for Region in Okoboji – 2 nights motel and gas

\$15.31 – Charlotte S. – meeting lists

\$89.41 – Paul S. – H&I Department of Corrections literature

VII. Sharing Session: (Lead by Tim C.)

- A. Brandon S. – 2 motions from Region need conscience from Area
- B. Dave R. – (referring to Broadway United Methodist Church in Council Bluffs) we need security for facilities where we have functions – it’s our fault for not covering our responsibilities to secure areas where people shouldn’t go – Area sucks at taking care of facilities for functions
Mike VP. – Cindy and I talked to Pastor – there was no damage (the candle was put out) but it is a concern – we do a piss poor job of taking care of facilities where we have functions
Charlotte S. – Broadway Church is the only place in Council Bluffs where we can have functions – it’s not New Freedoms decision but the churches to let us have functions in their facility – we need to have security covering areas at functions where people are allowed
Tim C. – we should ask people in groups who hold meetings in those facilities to help
Mary R. – we shouldn’t just always blame the kids
Dave R. – if we can’t secure the areas we shouldn’t have functions there – our group will not approve having functions at Broadway
Charlotte S. – if we put security at necessary we would support the functions
Tim C. – if we see security at other functions first – we might approve using Broadway Church again
Nate M. – home group where function is needs to help and supply help
Dave R. – we will not supply help or be the hosting group – it’s areas job to do the work
Charlotte S. – Area hosts Halloween and New Years Eve with ENNA in Council Bluffs and Omaha – towns host other functions

VIII. Unfinished Services:

- A. SWINA web page Adhoc – Charlotte S. said nothing has been done beyond what Barry B. reported last month, area needs to provide ideas
Brandon S. – website – pictures of Loess Hills
Tim C. – needs to look professional
Dave R. – “In Motion” – group who does websites can be hired for \$4 per month
Brandon S. – Primary Purpose – see on 1st page
Charlotte S. – get ideas from groups and give to Charlotte before next month – to get things started by Barry B.
Don N. – what information links do we want – is most important
- B. Phone line Bill – Mary R. - they don’t know if we owe money for last year

- can't find records it was paid last year 2010 but this year has been paid
- Don N. – make motion to pay 2010 Phone line Bill, 2nd by Dave R., rescind motion – Mary R. contacted them and ENNA will let us know

IX. Current Services:

- A. Activities – Mary's bitch "beef" – Mary R. was upset with the Activities Chair – he said he was leaving – left at 9:45 with all the money and refused to count the money before he left with another addict – he finally gave Mary R. checks to pay the DJ and Church
- B. Phoneline Training Day/Information – Brandon S. – ask Area if we would like a Region workshop here in our area
Charlotte S. – wait until Region votes on 800 #, table until after Region
- C. Activities Chair nomination is open again – take back to your groups
-Christmas flyer for Red Oak needs to be done
- D. Christmas bash main dish
-Mary R. – should area gave main dish or everyone bring dishes
-open pot luck
-bring raffle items wrapped as gifts
-Charlotte S. – give money for main dish rather than main dish
- voted for potluck
- E. USFA report – report from Brandon S. – Policy #1 passed, Policies #2 and #3 did not pass, request time at the WSC and set up a USSC and start writing policies

*4:30 motion to extend from Brandon S., 2nd by Charlotte S., passed with 11 votes

- F. Motions – Brandon S. read motions being voted on at Region next week,
Motion 1 – Charlotte S. made a motion to vote, 2nd by Paul S., passed with 12 votes – motion 2 – Charlotte S. made a motion to vote, 2nd by Paul S., passed with 12 votes
- G. Tamra is going to Region – others will attend Region
Brandon S. – will our Area agree to make a motion about USFA at Region, 2nd by Dave R.
Brandon S. moved to make a Regional donation of \$200.00, 2nd by Charlotte S., passed with 11 votes and 1 abstain

SWINA – Trusted Servant’s Contact Information Updated as of 12-10-11

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