SWINA Minutes for October 15, 2012

Opening:

The meeting was called to order @ 2:40 p.m. by Laura W. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Readings: Laura W. requested the following be read:

"The Twelve Traditions", read by Stacy J
"The Twelve Concepts", read by Steph
"The Service Motivation", read by Jake

Roll Call/Visitors: Jake

Executive Committee:
Chairperson: Mike R. Absent W/report
Vice-Chairperson: Laura W.
Secretary: absent w/report
Treasurer: Mike VP.
RCM: Brandon S.
RCM Alt.: Nate M
Sub-Committees:
Literature Chairperson: Mike D.
Activities Chairperson: Bill D.
IRCNA: Kim (Chair)
PR Sub-Committees:
H&I: Paul S.
PI: Sari M.
Phone Line Liaison: Open
Web-Servant: Mike R.
Groups:
Let It Be: Steve
Straight Edge: Brad H

Clean & Free: Absent
Carrying the Message: Mary R
Discovery Group: Dave R.
Just for Today: Kim
Living Clean: Brandon S.
Never Alone: Matt O.
Nobody's Group: Jennifer B.
New Way: Mike VP.
Reaching Out: Absent
Saturday Serenity: Stacy J
Stairway to Freedom: Sheila H.
Straight Friends: Stephanie
New Freedom: Absent
Visions of Hope: Mike D.
Simple Serenity: Absent
Straight N Grateful: Absent

Recharge Group: Tamra

There were 11 out of 18 groups at area this month.
Visitors: Jake

Correction & Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes

- Brad motioned
- Bill 2nd
- 10 Yes

Reports

Executive Committee:
Chairperson:
Greetings family, sorry I couldn't be there today, but I had to go out-of-town to pick up my Daughter
from her Grandpa's. I leave you in the very capable hands of Vice-Chair Laura.
I contacted ENNA via the website and informed them that SWINA would no longer be participating in
the shared Halloween/Christmas events. To date I have not received a response.
ILAS Mike R.
Vice-Chairperson:
Greetings Area, My report today will express Gratitude and "atta boys" to our very H&I/P&I chairs. Their efforts are paying off with great success in the Hotline project & the Jail meetings that are Now underway in Montgomery County! I'm honored to be part of this "History in the making" & of this SWINA area! Looking forward to the Gratitude Dance & would like to encourage donations of $ or toys for the XMAS bash in December!
October is a huge month for recovery Birthdays in Villisca as well, we will be celebrating over 52 ½ yrs of combined Clean times this month! How exciting! HUH?
In closing I wish you all well & would like to invite everyone to Villisca sometime, we will be having cake on the last Monday of October to celebrate our home group member's B-Days! ILS-Laura W.
P.S. Straight Friends will be starting on every 3rd Monday, a New Step meeting- this will take place directly after our regular meetings so anyone who wishes to stay , May. This is also very exciting- growth! This will be starting October 15th!
Secretary: Greetings Area: October 14, 2012

Please excuse my Absence today I am presently attending a class at school from 1-5 So I asked Laura if she could take notes. Thank you Sari for last month and Laura this month it is much appreciate you all are great.

I also unfortunately am in a position that I need to step down from the secretary position immediately. I have an extreme amount I am dealing with in my life right now I am going to School 40 hours a week and just took a Job offer working 30 hours a week. I am sorry for such short notice and I want you all to know I was honored to be able to have the opportunity to help when I could and maybe one day I can help again. I can type up October's minutes this time if it would help, so then you would have time to figure it out for November. If so please send notes with Mike D. Please and thank you.

In Loving Service,

Denise Arad

Treasurer:

Treasurers Report 1014 2012:

Beginning Balance $1527.76

Expenses:

1176	Griswold United Methodist (Room Use ASC)	$15.00
1177	Sari M (printing)	$22.60
1178	SWINA Lit Comm for H&I 4 Texts to Stvn Ctr	$50.60

Income:

Straight Edge Check 161	$20.00
Visions of Hope Group Check 1326 (Mike D)	$30.00

Total Income	$50.00
Total Expenses	$88.20
Ending Balance	$1489.56

RCM: Greetings SWINA, This month I don't have much to report on. There are a few new things going on for Literature and I'm sure Mike D will cover all that for you all. As far as the Iowa Region we have the closing of nominations and elections in November. So here are the Nominations as of the August IRSCM:
Regional Chair: Michelle B.
Regional Vice Chair: Jeff G.
Secretary: Ullonda S.
Treasurer: Denny V.
Delegate Alt: Barry B.

As I said Nominations close and elections take place next month, so GSR's I will need your group Conscience on these Nominations at the next SWINA ASC on November 11th. If your group has a nomination they would like me to bring to the regional floor please let me know ASAP.

RCM Alternate: No report

Sub-Committees

Literature Committee: We had $210.70. I talked to Pemic we discussed about trying to figure out a way to pay for Lit. She has a card that she can pay with. I talked to the bank and they said that it is roughly $10 a month to open up a channel so that funds could be directly deposited into Swina Literature account. My concerns are how much and how often they are going to order and if it would be worth it or not.

Activities Chairperson:
Greetings Swina Area:

I have set up the Activities account at US Bank with $250 in the account. I have attached the Christmas Bash Flyer which I had approved by Laura W and Stephanie H sorry for the delay in this. I will be finishing up the New Years Flyer within this week. I confirmed with Bill D. he is willing to be Santa he just needs the suit. I need to know what I need to get done as far as toys for the children at the Christmas Bash. Thank you all for you help, support, and understanding as I am getting used to this. In Loving Service Heather K.

PR Sub-Committees
H&I: No report

PI:
Hello Area,

I am sure everyone is thinking, "Here we go again." Well, you can all give a sigh of relief; this report will not be very long winded. I hope everyone is having fun and much success with their flyer day. I have heard back from a couple groups and know the flyers are getting posted…yeah! I have personally taken a contact call that came from the 800# and was able to reach that addict. I was hoping that they would have made it to the meeting as they had stated they would, but I can only do the footwork, I can't plan the end result. We have had many changes to the 800# volunteer schedule and the phones have been slow, but I have faith this will be a huge success when it gets rolling. I am looking forward to Region in November for the opportunity to have access to PSA's and either postcards or business cards or both. Remember if you have any changes in scheduling or you have questions the facilitator or PR coordinator needs to be contacted. It was discussed at last area and I am hoping that we are able to locate and vote in an 800# phone liaison this area. Please remember to support MANA in their efforts to host Iowa Region in November.

I am still needing names for local contacts and hope that the GSR's have brought any new contacts so I can complete the list and send it to the local treatment centers and jails that have requested it as well as the Governor's conference contacts that have requested a list.

I would like to hear from any GSR that has not emailed me about the ENNA meeting list what their groups' conscious is on remaining on the list. If I do not hear from them, I will leave them on the list. ENNA will be adding the 800# to their next meeting list print.

As a reminder GSR's, if you haven't already, please start gathering names and addresses where we can send postcards to Dr office's, clinics and such in your area as well as pharmacies to put business cards in.

I have made copies for each volunteer for the phoneline to have the red folder and needed documents on hand. I will try to get those out to everyone as I see them.

On a personal note I hope you can all join us at the upcoming events and bring a newcomer! More will be revealed after Region in November.
ILS
Sari M
P.S. Just a follow up, the addict that called the #800 did come to a meeting and was given contact phone numbers and her number was exchanged. What an awesome deal! Congrats to the #800 and all of our volunteer's.

Phone Line Liaison: Open

Web-Servant: Greetings SWINA, this month the website received an information request for literature from an
Adolescent CD unit in Glenwood Iowa which I forwarded to Mike D.
ILAS Mike R

<u>Group Reports</u>

Clean & Free: Absent

Discovery Group: Absent

Just for Today:

Living Clean: Howdy, Living Clean meetings are going very well, with an average attendance of 10-14 members both Monday and Saturday nights. In the last month we have had 7 newcomers and several new members join us from other parts of SWINA and the Show me Region. We do not have a donation nor Lit order to make this month. Looking forward to wrapping the month up with the October flier day, and will report back next month with the contacts and information we gather ILS, Brandon S.

Never Alone:

Nobody's Group: Greetings SWINA ASC from Nobody's group in Harlan. Things are going well, with the attendance averaging 10-19. We do not need a Lit order this month, and no area donation at this time. On a personal note, next area will be my last in my 1 year commitment to service. Next month I will step down as GSR for my group in order to let someone else serve. Thank you all for my opportunity to serve NA. ILS, Jenn

New Way: Hello ASC, I am Mike and I am an addict. Things are going ok at New Way. Attendance averages 12 addicts per meeting. We are currently on Step 4 in the Step Working Guide. We are still having issues filling positions, but it is what it is. Thanks for allowing me to serve. In Loving Service Mike VP

Reaching Out: No report

Saturday Serenity: Hello Area from Saturday Serenity in Harlan. Meetings are going well with a small attendance between 4-8. As always recovery is great. On another note October 13th was our 6th anniversary of our meeting. We had our hayrack ride and Bonfire. Attendance was good. We had 30 addicts plus children and one newcomer . Wow what a turn out, Thank you to everyone who helped clean up and make it a success. Plus the food was great and we had a lot of it. This month we have no lit order and no area donation. One more thing before I close. I want to say thank you again for the great recovery. The meeting was very touching and rewarding to say the least. ILS, Stacy J

Stairway to Freedom: Hi, the meetings are doing very well we have 9-11 people some more

newcomers. Love Sheila H

Straight Friends: Greeting are: Sraight friends is doing much better with attendance this last month. Our attendance is back up to 20 or more addicts per meeting! This month we welcomed 5 newcomers and are celebrating lots of B-days this month. So many we are going to have party for all: the last Monday of this month. So please come and join us as we celebrate. Lit order $31.99 No area donation at this time ILS, Stephanie
New Freedom: No Report
Visions of Hope: Greetings area**, VOH** is doing well we have a $30 area donation, with winter approaching meetings usually pick up so we'll see how it goes. Thanks Mike D
Simple Serenity: Greetings Area, Meetings in Sidney have been going well, though attendance is down a bit. We did have
the chance to give out a 1 year chip and a 26 year chip this month.
ILAS Mike R.
Recharge Group: Recharge group is showing an average attendance of 5. We are blessed! ILS GSR Tamra B. P.S. I apologize for my absence due to health issues & personal issues. Always good to be here
Carrying the Message:

Let It Be: Greetings Area family from the Let it Be of Narcotics Anonymous, Our meetings are going wonderfully well. We've had several newcomers walking through our doors, which is what it's all about. We have been averaging 15-20 addicts seeking recovery at our meetings. Today we have a Lit Order of $62.68; regretfully we have no area contribution at this time. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Gratefully In Loving Service Steve H
Stright Edge: Greetings, It's been a great month of meetings at Straight Edge Group. We have had pretty good attendance of 10-12 addicts for the past 4 weeks, with some new comer's as well as our regulars. We also have handed out several newcomer key tags this past month as well as celebrating a few 30-60-90 day key tags. With that we have a 41.17 literature order this month. We also just voted in a new treasurer and secretary for the group and are working at getting our literature in stock as well as ensuring our bank account is in order. At this time we would also like to make a $20 donation to SWINA today. I appreciate all the welcoming I have received as the new GSR and our group appreciates Brandon S stepping up to help guide us through the recent transition of our service positions. In Loving Service Brad H

Financial Requests:None
Sharing Session:

- Stevens center needs Literature (Donate 4 Books)
- Steve H has donated last month but states there is a lot of AA stuff there they need NA.
- Sari states that ENNA will donate as well
- Paul S used $75 of budget from H&I to purchase 4 books(Brandon motioned to close Bill 2nd)
  (Motion to extend Area 15 minutes Brandon Motioned Steph 2nd)
- Motion to table by Brandon, discussion on SWINA &ENNA Mtg list combined to next AREA/ Bill 2nd (11) Steve H volunteers to go between SWINA&ENNA
- Speaker for New Year's Eve Laura W and Bill D

- Nominations for secretary are open
  *Motion to close Brandon Bill 2nd (11)

Unfinished Business:

* Phone Liason- Mary is working on new guidelines. Need Nominations for this seat. *Take back to Groups for Nom *Qualifications for this seat would be helpful before voting or getting volunteers.
* Brad H Offered to be Nominated (81 days Clean)
* Stacy May be Interested to be nominated*Paul S wants to make sure everyone interested is trained.Motion to table Brandon S. 2nd Bill (11)

Current Services:

- 800# contact list- or Ride (12 Step) what info should we want for Qual's on "local" Contact List) 90 days man-man woman-woman or at least 1 gender *Valid Driver's Liscence/Insurance/Registration
- Form adhoc for making guidelines for local contact list Brandon S will be
- New Book for stock pile *Stories about"after your clean"
- Brandon wants Balance of Lit
- Steve wants 3 books
- Mike VP suggests that if you want one order one, no stock pile needed
- Bill suggest that everyone help count/ Steve H would help inventory another day
- Gave groups order 1 & let others see
- Need info for how much Mike VP will help Mike D.

*Next Area November 11, 2012