

Southwest Iowa Narcotics Anonymous

Minutes for July 13, 2014

I. Opening:

The meeting was called to order @ 1:34 p.m. by Sari M. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

II. Readings: requested the following be read:

“The Twelve Traditions”, read by Bill D.

“The Twelve Concepts”, read by George O.

“The Service Motivation”, read by Nate M.

III. Roll Call/Visitors:

Executive Committee:

Facilitator: Sari M.

Co-Facilitator: Bill D.

Recorder: Absent

Treasurer: Brandon S.

RCM: Nate M.

RCM Alt.: Bryan J.

Sub-Committees:

Literature Chairperson: Mary R.

Activities Chairperson: Co-Alisa M.

PR Sub-Committees:

H&I: Absent

PI/Phoneline Liaison: Brad H.

Web-Servant: Dave R.

Groups:

Harlan GSF: Nate M.

Straight Edge: Brad H.

Discovery Group: Dave R

Just for Today: Alisa M.

Living Clean: Absent

One Life to Live: Absent

Recharge Group: Mike VP

New Way: Tim L.

Reaching Out: Absent

Simple Serenity: Absent

Straight Friends: Laura W.

New Freedom: Absent

Visions of Hope: Brian J.

There were 8 out of 17 voting groups at area. **Visitors: 0**

IV. **Correction & Approval of Minutes:** Approval of minutes made and passed.

V. **Reports**

Executive Committee:

Facilitator: Greetings Area from Your facilitator, We have a decent sized agenda today and hope to get through smoothly. I am concerned about this Area's function not getting listed on the SWINA or Regional website's but I believe we have a solution for the SWINA website. I will call Barry about Regional web. I am looking forward to all the upcoming events. I had computer trouble and Glenda was unable to open some reports that were sent to her for the minutes so the minutes are missing Harlan, RCM and Facilitator reports from last month. My PC will be up and going this week so this should not be a problem going forward. ILS Sari M

Co-Facilitator: No Report

Recorder: Greetings Area, Please if you have reports email or written get them to me. I have a financial request of \$6.30. Yes I am a grandma now of twin girls. But my absence today is due to a family BBQ for my parents 60th anniversary.

ILS, Glenda C.

Treasurer: The beginning balance for July should be **\$567.00**. The July ASC ending balance of \$410.00 is not accurate. It should be **\$668.70**. I will be giving the ending balance every month, which may be placed in the minutes after the ASC 7th Tradition...which BTW was **\$16.00** for July ASC. **Brandon sent email.**

Greetings ASC, I would like to apologize for my absence last month. However, I am here today. Just signed onto the account this past Wednesday with Sari M.. Bill D. will be signed onto the account ASAP. I realize several groups will need receipts as well as the RCM. I will try my best to get those out today. I do not have access to bank records yet, however I can say that with a somewhat educated guess the beginning balance this month is \$403.30. ILS, Brandon S.

RCM: Greeting Area from the RCM, I attended Region in June in Dubuque. I do have my receipts from travel expenses and costs exceeded the 250.00 I requested but I will not be asking for reimbursement. I attended the Education work-group on Sat of Region. They are working on a pamphlet to bullet point information from the PR hand book to assist with PR services for the schools. Bekka is the new facilitator for this workgroup. Phonline reports there is a grave for addicts to step up and help with the phonline and be responsible to take the calls and fill out call logs. Denny took 64 for calls that went to his phone that were missed. Conferences reported they were well attended at the Governor's conference in April and had 9 requests for follow up. The next conference will be the Iowa Corrections Conference Oct 8-10th in Altoona. Connie is the new workgroup facilitator for this workgroup. This workgroup is asking if any area

has the willingness to have a roundtable event to professionals in the summer of 2015. There is a possibility that this could be done in conjunction with the Zonal that will be hosted in Iowa in the summer of 2015. H&I is still working on updating H&I facilities and they will send that to me when complete. Richard H is the new facilitator for this workgroup. Web services will not be reporting to Region and not PR, they requested that Areas update the website meeting lists. Literature reports that there has been 3 workshops on the Traditions since Feb 2014. Currently lit I on Tradition 6 and in July they start Tradition 7(one tradition per month). Please take time to go to www.na.org/traditions/survey and write about the Traditions. Insurance Adhoc had no report. Insurance policy was voted and consent passed for Umbrella policy after much discussion. More information on exact pricing, how to breakdown and pay for as well as setting up events and groups will be provided when Facilitator gets info from Adhoc facilitator. The Multi Zonal Service Symposium will be in St Louis in September. More info will be forthcoming. You can register at www.mzssna.org I did request that the flyers for SWINA be posted to the regional website while I was at Region but so far they are not posted. Now, for the awaited CAR/CAT. I have a copy of the voting at world. It is a large report so I will send around for review. I did not make copies as this would be a large expense. I can make copies for each GSR if this area wants or I can send them out via email for each GSR to print. A world Donation of 1400.00 was made. Next Region will be in Waterloo. August 16th and 17th. We need to discuss SWINA hosting Region in November, there is a 300.00 budget. I will be requesting we put this on the Agenda. ILS, Nate M

RCM Alternate: No Report

Sub-Committees:

Literature Committee: Verbal

Activities Chairperson: Greetings Area, Everything is ready for Luau. DJ and speakers and all are ready for SWINA. Talk to you about more during open forum.

ILS, Alisa M.

PR Sub-Committees:

H&I: Verbal Report by Nate M. for Paul S.

PI/Phone Line Liaison: Greetings SWINA from PI and Phone Line- I have a couple important things to report about the phone line to begin with. This information comes directly from our Regional Phone Coordinator. We have been experiencing two major problems with the phone line.

1. Completing the Phone Line Logs on the Iowa-NA.org web site. It is extremely important that each volunteer complete a phone log entry for each call, whether the call was completed or missed. This is the only way that I can track what is happening with the phone line.
2. Missed calls. Dennis is currently the only number in the Admin Queue. If all of the individual volunteers scheduled for a specific time frame fail to answer a call it will be forwarded to the Admin

Queue. During the month of May 2014 there were 78 phone logs completed. 10 were completed calls, 5 were missed calls, 63 were completed by him because they came to the Admin Queue. Based on these numbers, 13% of the calls coming into the phone line were answered by volunteers. ONLY 13%!!! This means that volunteers are missing 87% of the calls coming in. I believe that anyone with the ability to reason would agree that this is unacceptable.

I have a list that Dennis sent out with our area contacts that he is seeking everyone get back to him with. I sent a similar list around 2 months ago from me and have had very little response. I know there are some names missing from this list and there are some that need hours or times adjusted. I am asking that everyone here check the list and let me know if you need added or changed and then please take this list back to your home groups and bring me back updated information by next area so I can get this sent it. I know I sound like a broken record but it is frustrating when I have asked for the information and am not getting others to respond and give it to me. Again please check this out and get it back to me next month. We are in need of getting more contacts in the various areas of our region. Some of you may be contacts already. On this form please indicate if you can be an area contact as well or even if you can't take calls for the line right now maybe you can still be an area contact. An area contact person is someone that can be contacted by a phone line volunteer to call an addict that wants to make a local contact for attending meetings and talking. We need both men and women for this position as we get both men and women callers. The clean time requirement to be a local contact is 1 year.

If you know anyone that is interested in being a phone line volunteer or a local contact or both, please have them contact me.

On another note I wanted to ask the area about the possibility of a joined H and I and Phone Line workshop in the coming months. As you heard we are in need of more area Phone Volunteers and I know we have people that are going in to some of our H and I meetings that are not trained (which probably needs to stop until they are trained) I know it's a busy time with the Luau and SWINA coming up but maybe we can find a time to do a workshop and get more people involved. If not I am always available to help train individuals in smaller groups for the phone line and I'm sure Paul or Gary would do the same if we need to get some people H and I trained.

I have printed meeting lists here for everyone to take some back to your home groups. They are as up to date as I could get with the responses I got from people regarding their meeting times and addresses. If anything is incorrect or needs changed please let me know and I will make changes on this list for the next printing then also please go to the world website and update the information there for the specific meeting so this information is up to date on the web as well.

Ok I think that is it for now. I apologize if it sounded like everything was negative as that wasn't my intent we are doing great things in this area now and everyday there are always little things we need to shore up to be our best and these are a few of those things. Thanks to everyone for letting me serve the area. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Luau next weekend!!

ILS, Brad H

Web-Servant: Verbal Report Delays getting on website he has fixed Dates incorrect for Luau he is going to fix this if possible when he gets home. Dave R.

Group Reports:

Discovery Group: Verbal Report

Just for Today: Greetings Area, Red Oak meeting is doing well. Attendance has been between 6-12 people. We've had a few b-days. We are looking forward to the Luau. No area donation. We will be paying rent.

ILS, Alisa M.

Living Clean: Absent no report

Harlan GSF: Greetings Area from the Harlan GSF, Here is our report for this month: Monday Never Alone- This will be my last report as GSR. George O. has stepped up and will be the new Never Alone GSR. I first off want to thank everyone who attended our Anniversary meeting and made it a great success. Mike H. shared an awesome message! Meetings have been well attending average about 15. We have an area donation of \$40. No lit order. We have celebrated a 90 day and a 9 month key tag this month. We are looking forward to the upcoming functions, July 12th is the fireside meeting, July 19th is the Luau, and July 26th is the Thursday Anniversary Summer celebration. Harlan will also be hosting the Basic Dance Aug 9th. Hope everyone is able to get out and enjoy the fellowship. ILS, Nate M. Wed Anybody's Group- My name is Rick H. I am an addict. Meetings have been going well. We have averaged 6 addicts in attendance. We had 1 newcomer. We don't have lit order or area donation at this time. ILS, Rick H. Thursday Never Alone- Meetings are going well with average of 15 in attendance. We celebrated 1 newcomer, 2-60 day, 1-9 mon, and 1-18 mon. We are excited to host another summer celebration and hop you all will come. We have an area donation of \$50. ILS, Bill D. Saturday Serenity- My name is Rick H. I am an addict. Meetings have been going well. We had 1 newcomer. We do not have a lit order or area donation at this time. No pertinent news at this time. Nothing else to report. Hope to see you all at the Luau next weekend!! ILS, Mel O.

New Way: Written but never received the paper.

Reaching Out: Absent no report

Straight Friends: Greetings Area, Good to see everyone. Straight Friends is still going strong. We are very excited for the Luau and I have been encouraging the members to attend. We have a \$38.51 Lit order and no donation today.

ILS, Laura W.

New Freedom: Absent no report

Visions of Hope: Verbal Report Had some problems with a person not turning in donations timely but group voted and has taken care of.

Simple Serenity: Absent no report

Recharge Group: Written but never received paper.

Straight Edge GSF: Greetings SWINA from Clarinda's Straight Edge Group, Things continue to be going well at our Thursday meetings as we are averaging about 14 people a week with

several “regulars” but also new faces coming through the doors to join the fellowship. Sundays have not had the same successful attendance as only about 3-4 of us are there each week however we are going to change the format of this meeting from strictly a step working meeting to an open topic/stick meeting once we complete the steps in hopes of picking attendance up some. We are currently on step 5 so this format will change in about 2 months. Between the 2 meetings we have welcomed in 3 newcomers this month and celebrated a few birthdays (1- 60 day, 1- 90 day, and 2 -1yr) There has been lots of talk about the coming events in our meetings and people are very excited for them so hopefully we will have good representation from Straight Edge group. We have no area donation at this time.

ILS, Brad H

One Life to Live: Absent no report

Financial Requests: All operating expenses passed. \$9.30 for Secretary. Activities funds are low if profit not made we will not have food at Basic Dance.

Sharing Session: Turned over to Bill D. at 2:17 pm

Alisa supposed to take over Activities after SWINA interested in staying on as co-Facilitator for Activities but with life events she isn't sure she can be at all functions. Mike R. might be willing to take on as chair.

Bryan J. Visions of Hope the person who had to take treasurer from his wife wants to be treasurer now. He isn't sure it should be. Mike VP says it should be a group conscience to decide. Sari offers advise that they should look at the disruptive behavior IP. Address this at their business meeting. Nate says to take this to the CB GSF also.

Mary R. has food she is willing to donate for Basic Dance if everyone is ok with it. Have a free will donation. Sari and Mike VP agreed and that will be the plan!! Mary R. suggested at SWINA lets serve the food rather than a line so everyone gets food. Not a potluck.

Close sharing at 2:32 pm. Break 5 mins and resumed at 2:43 pm. (silence)

Unfinished Services:

A) Pott Jail- Have Nate get ahold of Paul to talk to Mary and George see where we are at. CB and Omaha need to be taking these meetings in. Haven't been meeting. Paul will contact George to find out if there will be any movement forward. Tabled until more info. Back on agenda til next month.

B) Puig for Luau- 100lb. pig is donated much smaller than normal so won't be leftovers.

C) Workshop facilitators are finalized, shirt orders are done. Everything is finalized and good for SWINA. Sari asked Mary to email the events page. No extra orders for shirts/sweatshirts.

D) Car Report- Nate is going to scan and email this to Dave to be put on website. We are still going with Service System Proposal.

E) Signatures—Sari and Brandon on Account will be adding Bill D. Took off Mike VP, Mike R. and Nate from signature card. Put archives for financial records.

Current Services:

A) Nom for Activities- Mike R. is nominated take back to groups for voting next month. Alisa will stay as co-facilitator.

B) Bid for Halloween Dance- there are no bids for this. Should we scrap this? If we do this in rural community likely won't have attendance to cover cost. Let's support other Halloween events this year. Put on agenda to discuss if we want to rename a new function for fall. Next month bring ideas back.

C) If an order is unpaid for it can be sold. If you order and don't come to area to pick up it can be resold. Mary do research for costs and order between Wisconsin and SCANA maybe we can order with these areas to ensure we get our lit unlike currently with ENNA.

D) H&I/PI workshop—We need this training. Maybe have an October workshop.

E) Host and H&I/PI function @ November Region. Nate, Bryan, and Brad talk to Region about hosting one at Region.

Area Extended 15 mins all approved.

H&I if no one is trained we just don't go in at that time. We need a list of who is trained to be going in to H&I meetings. Give that list to Paul who will contact Gary and the institutions. Alisa, Laura, will get list for mont Co. Jail Nate Bill George get list for Shelby C. Jail and Brad contact Paul about Zion. Paul and PI chair will address this with Gary.

F) Activities funds—Table this till next area. Look at funds if areas are close to giving a donation bring it next month.

G) November Region-- Look at options in shen/Clarinda/Red Oak/Harlan

VI. Announcements & Flood Meeting: Get to a meeting you don't normally go to!! Harlan Fellowship Ride Events for Riders and Non-Riders on July 26th 2014.

- VII. August ASC to be held on the 10th in Griswold, IA.
- VIII. Motion to close meeting at 3:45 pm passed
- IX. 7th Tradition for Area was \$16.00