

Southwest Iowa Narcotics Anonymous

Minutes for August 13th, 2017

A. Opening:

The meeting was called to order @ 2:49 p.m. by Glenda C. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Sharing Session: 2:49 pm with Glenda C. facilitating.

Discussion was opened about clean time required to just share on the panel. Because of lack of required clean time related specifically to Montgomery county. The jail only requires six months. Mike VP said panel members need H&I training and Carry a clear message.

Close sharing at 3:08 pm.

B. Readings:

requested the following be read:

“The Twelve Traditions”, read by Laura W.

“The Twelve Concepts”, read by Stacy J.

“The Service Motivation”, read by Holly M.

C. Roll Call/Visitors:

Executive Committee:

Facilitator: Glenda C.

Co-Facilitator: Open.

Recorder: Holly M. Pro tem.

Treasurer: George R.

RCM: Dave R.

RCM Alt.: **Barry B.**

Sub-Committees:

Literature Chairperson: Mary R.

Activities Chairperson: Laura W.

Groups:

Harlan GSF: Stacy J.

Straight Edge: Alisa M.

Discovery Group: Dave R.

Just for Today: Alisa M.

Living Clean: Absent w rep.

Let It Be: Absent

Recharge Group: MIke VP.

New Way: Kenny S.

New Freedom: Absent

Co-Chair: Casey W.

Visions of Hope: Barry B.

PR Sub-Committees:

ACW: Absent.

Facilitator: Stacy J.

Simple Serenity: Absent

Straight Friends: Laura W.

PI/Phoneline Liaison: **OPEN**

Atlantic Meeting: Absent.

There were 7 out of 14 voting groups at area. **Visitors:** Melissa S.

D. Correction & Approval of Minutes: Unanimous consent.

E. Reports

Executive Committee

Facilitator: Verbal.

Co-facilitator: open.

Recorder: Verbal

Treasurer:

Greetings SWINA,

Regarding the ASC audit at this time I will not be able to complete this task as I am missing back statements from March through May 2016. The only way to get this information is for the previous Treasurer or the facilitator to request them from the bank. I also need bank statements from September through December of 2016 and February through March of 2017. The bank will give these to me for a fee of \$6 per statement. It will be necessary to obtain this information so that I can find the discrepancy in the account balance. I did find a mistake of 41.09 leaving a difference of 45.23 . I am going to have a discussion with the banker that helped us with the account transition about the fees for missing statements as the address on this statement was not changed until April of 2017. The balance in the checkbook as of 7/24/17 is \$817.78. The bank statements show \$918.47 with one check number 1355 for \$55 outstanding leaving a balance of \$863.01.

ILS,

George R.

RCM: Verbal

RCM Alt: Verbal

Subcommittees:

Literature: Verbal

Activities:

Greetings Area,

As hot as it was I just feel the luau was still a success! It did pull in \$463 hours at the event. after replenishing the cash box \$38 the deposit into the bank was \$425.50 and the balance in the activities account is \$987.73 with proven reserve a \$400, \$587.73 is what we have to prepare for our next event SWINA. Activities is capable of making an area donation at this time, however will leave that up to the ASC to disclose the amount if any. We are on the downhill side of the SWINA event I'm super excited and hope you all are too. Plans, agendas, and details are coming together. I do want to apologize about the lack of a fire issue. I was hoping to have the artwork fine tuned in order to paste the flyer before I got them out but obviously that did not happen. I had to run out of time to get something out. What I have here is what I Have, Nothing Fancy, and hopefully it won't hurt the attendance. Final details are being discussed and will report later at area. can't wait to see you all there.

ILS,

Laura W.

PR facilitator:

Greetings area,

Things are going well with me with PR. As of right now PI is going. I did get the meeting list done all 408 copies but I have one problem to report. I had these done at my usual newspaper place and Harlan where I usually get them done. The meeting list were made on regular paper not legal paper so they are a little smaller and the price was different. I noticed this on the way home and called them immediately. I was advised that the mess up was my fault and if I needed new meeting a list I had to repay for them. I was going to pay out of pocket but I figured I should consult area first after talking to another addict. If this area wants I can go ahead this time and use them otherwise I can pay out of pocket. That's up to this area. I just want to make things right.

The web servant Dave R. reports that the website is doing well. We worked out most of the problems I was having. As always this is your website please keep me informed of any problems you might see. Thank you.

H&R reports that Montgomery County Jail has not taken a meeting in this last month due to a lack of inmates. Shelby County reports they are still taking meetings in. This last month there was no meeting because the jail had inmates coming in and out at the same time. Shelby county is in need of 5 packets to hand out.

Lonna reports that the Pott County jail for the women is still going. Women go in the first Sunday of the month, pod A pod is from 9 to 10, and pod B is from 10 to 11. Still in need of women to go in. Right now Amy M. Tammy H. and Lonna are going in. George R. reports the Pott County men's meeting is still going also. He reports the men take a meeting in the first and third Wednesday night of each month. George is requesting 10 more packets to give away when the inmates leave. George also reports he is trying to establish a relationship with eastern Nebraska to try to get more men and women to be able to take care of meetings in the jail. The jail is thirsty for meetings and need the help.

Also the lady at Clarinda prison contacted Dave D in regards to info and contact person for NA. Dave passed Alisa M. her phone number and email but we have not heard anything more at this time. Zion in Clarinda is an open speaker meeting. We as an area are not affiliated as a whole in there. People go in willingly to speak on their own. I brought this up just for clarification.

ILS,

Stacy J.

Groups:

Harlan GSF

Hello area from Harlan GSF recorder,

Discussion went well at our recent GSF meeting this past Thursday night August 10th. Groups report that all meetings continuing to share a strong message of Recovery. Monday never alone has no lit order but does have a \$17 donation for the newcomer fund at SWINA. Thursday nobody group has voted Amanda J and as GSR. They have no lit order, but they do have a \$50 donation to the newcomer fund at SWINA. Saturday Serenity has no lit order and a \$40 donation to the newcomer fund at SWINA, and Wednesday Anybody's group has no area donation or lit order.

Shelby County Jail did not request a meeting for men or women in July. The NA meeting at Zion in Atlantic is going to be changing location due to Staffing changes. Sari M. will get a new flyer out and information to Dave for the website as soon as things get set in stone.

Some concerns were expressed at our GSF that we would like to pass on to area. First is regarding the modifications to the swine a shirt design that was approved at last area by group consensus. As a trusted serving for an a, it was understood that sometimes changes need to be made in planning and there was not always time for another group consensus. However, that brings to light the bigger issue of area guidelines that are not being followed in regards to timelines. An example of this that's why I can't pass speakers and workshops not being finalized prior to today. Looking ahead we hope this can be addressed in the next year or are activities but hopefully run a bit more on schedule.

Second concern is regarding the Montgomery County Jail meeting and the clean time of addicts that are taking in the meetings. H&i guidelines are two years, some jails May accept less or more, however we should never be taking in a meeting with less than 2 years. This issue was brought up directly to one particular attict that has been taking in a meetings with less than the required to clean time, and yet the individual continues to do so. As an area we should be ensuring that this is enforced so that the NA name, as a whole, does not get tarnished. Thanks.

ILS,

Gaylen P.

Straight Edge

Greetings area,

Straight edge is doing well. I have a member that has stepped up to help with our meeting every other Tuesday night. Attendance has been good. 7-11 Attucks. I was concerned about Sunday night due to lack of attendance. Of course the way my God works is when I was going to talk to Area about closing this one night for our meetings are attendance went up to six or seven on most Sundays.

ILS,

Alisa M.

Just for The

Greetings area,

Just For Today is doing well. No issues and attendance is 5-10 addicts on Fridays.

ILS,

Alisa M

Living Clean

Dear area,

Amber is sorry for her absence. We've had some big changes at the Living Clean meeting. The person who was taking our money to the bank has left our meetings. We have no idea what we have for funds if any till I talk to the person who pays our bills . he is supposed to get back to me but has yet to do so. We have started our funds over. We have elected a new Treasurer Casey M., Co Treasurer Jamie V., and secretary Amber H. We are going to start having business meetings once a month. Our attendance has been anywhere from 8 to 15 addicts per meeting so our recovery in Shenandoah is really doing great!

ILS,

Amber H.

Recharge

Greetings SWINA from the Recharge Group Carter Lake,

Our average attendance for April 17 was 13-24 addicts. We welcomed 3 Newcomers. We celebrated 1-30 day 3-60 day, 1-6 month, 1-27 year.

Our beginning balance was \$37.39, income of \$49.00 expenses of \$72.45 and ending balance of \$13.64. We have a lit order of 62.75, and a \$10.00 area donation. The recovery journey continues at Recharge. Come join us.

In Loving Service,

Mike VP,

New way

Greetings SWINA from the new way group Council Bluffs,

Our average attendance for April was 9 to 21 Addicts we gave out one newcomer, one 30-day, one-90 day, one 6 month, one 9-month key tags, two 1 year, and one 27 Year celebration. our beginning balance was \$15.46 income of \$58 expenses of \$25 and ending balance of \$48.46 we have a little order of \$61.31 and an ASC donation of \$5. We are on step 3 in the step working guide. The recovery Journey continues that New Way. Come join us.

ILS,

Kenny S

Visions of Hope

Greetings area,

We need four times a week. Average attendance Monday and Wednesday of 7 to 15. Tuesday and Thursday average 10 to 20. Our Thursday Living Clean is almost done and we will start The Guiding principles thereafter. The pastor came to the group with some issues . the group had a special business meeting to address these issues and to discuss the relapse of a meeting chair. We have a new meeting chair and key holder. We have \$100 area donation.

ILS,

Barry B

Straight From

Greetings area,

Recovery is in the air. We've been doing well at our meetings. Attendance is great however mostly newcomers so the 7th tradition is just simply keeping a literature in stock and paying the rent! We currently have a little order of \$47.40 and a pending order of \$72.13. We have given several key tags away and are approaching our huge celebration month with significant clean time counts. October we usually will take this month and will celebrate all together so more to come!

ILS,

Laura W

F. Financial Requests:

None

G. Unfinished Service

1. Nominations

- a. Co-facilitator- Tabled
- b. RCM Alternate- Tabled
- c. Recorder- Tabled
- d. Phone line liaison/P.I.- Tabled

2. Audit Update

See treasurer's report / 6-1 consensus for George and Mike to go to the bank.

3. SWINA

Jean B spiritual speaker / 5 green - 2 White. Mike C main speaker unanimous consent.
Workshops - Society, God, Service. Campfire, movie, games, and dance. A change for the clean time ceremony to just stand up getting knowledge and sit down.

Break- 4:01-4:13

H. Current Service:

1. **Halloween-** no bid support other areas.
2. **Gratitude Dance-** bids due by September area. Two bids submitted one from Harlan GSF and one from Discovery / New Way Council Bluffs.
3. **Meeting list issues-** proposed to use what we have now and fix at next printing unanimous consent.
4. **Regional nomination IRCNA Facilitator-** Gerald D. 6-consent 1-white..

I. **Next ASC:**

September 10th 2017 in Griswold.

J. Announcements:

SWINA September 1st Thru 4th

K. **7th Tradition:**

\$14.91

L. **Close meeting**