

Lake Agassiz Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Minutes from January 17th, 2009

Location of January LAASC Meeting: First Presbyterian Church, 650 2nd Ave. N. Fargo, ND

The January LAASC Meeting Time: Noon on January 17th, 2009

Location of February LAASC Meeting: First Presbyterian Church, 650 2nd Ave. N. Fargo, ND

The February LAASC Meeting Time: Noon on February 21st, 2009

Addicts present: Jeremy T., Molly M., Kris O., Jay B., Cathy S, Robin V., Brianna A., Wade H., Jodi K., Kris T., Aaron D., Jim N., Tyler K., Jason T., Dave W., Frank H., Tricia L., Scott S., Bryce B., Jeff K., John P., Crystal P.
22Addicts present 11 GSR's present.

Quorum Report and Motion to Accept Quorum

Motion: To approve quorum. **Intent:** To move forward with meeting. There were 11 GSR's present at the time of quorum and 11 at voting.-

Maker: Jodi K. **-Second:** Crystal P. – **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES**

Approval of Minutes Motions

Motion: To approve last month's minutes with corrections. Corrections being: Jan. 16th changed to Jan.17th; No maker and no seconded by for nominating Kris T. for Activities Chair. **Made by:** Wade H. **-Seconded by:** Jodi K.; Change at the end of H&I report to: We are planning to have a speaker or speakers who have found NA through H&I.; Change H&I Committee meeting place and time: Cash Wise Deli @1401 33rd St. SW every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month @ 1pm.; Fall Banquet financial report was not in the minutes so here is a attachment of that. -

Maker: Wade H. **Second:** Aaron D. - **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES**

Activities Treasurer's Report: Fall Banquet '08

Debits for Banquet '08

09/24/0			
8	CK#1120 Hat for Raffle/Auction		-\$12.00
10/22/0			
8	CK#1122 Flyers & Tickets		-\$22.47
11/08/0			
8	CK#1123 Stuff for Raffle/Auction		-\$58.00
11/17/0			
8	CK#1125 Banquet Decorations, Frames, & Table Cloths		-\$92.52
11/19/0			
8	Deposit Pre-Registration Banquet		
11/21/0			
8	CK#1126 Basic Text 6th ed. X 4		-\$44.00
11/22/0			
8	CK#1127 Fall Banquet Food		-\$598.25
11/22/0			
8	CK#1128 Fall Banquet Food		-\$140.74
11/22/0			
8	CK#1129 Markers & Printing Itinerary		-\$6.91
11/22/0			
8	CK#1130 Fall Banquet DJ		-\$300.00
11/22/0			
8	CK#1131 Canvas for Banquet Paintings		-\$20.00
11/22/0			
8	CK#1132 Banquet Coffee		-\$27.92
11/22/0			
8	CK#1133 Banquet Doughnuts, Rosemary, & Pop		-\$51.11
11/22/0			
8	Deposit Banquet		
	Auction	\$323.46	
	Pop	\$112.55	
	Petty Cash	-\$50.00	
	7th Tradition	\$68.27	
	Tickets Sold @ Door	\$303.00	
	Raffle	\$262.50	
	Items Sold	\$25.00	*
	Dance	\$75.00	
11/29/0			
8	CK#1134 Banquet Pop & Gloves		-\$21.79
12/03/0			
8	Deposit (Payment of NSF Check)		
12/03/0			
8	CK#1135 Banquet Rent		-\$134.16
		Totals:	-\$1,529.87
		Total Profit:	\$791.91

Profit on Items: Fall Banquet 2008

	Total Debit	Total Credits	
Tickets Vs. Food Purchased	-\$738.99	\$1,432.00	**
Dance	-\$300.00	\$75.00	
Auction/Raffle	-\$123.47	\$585.96	

	Head Count	
Adult Dinner:	66	
New Comer Adult Dinner:	35	***
Child Dinner:	5	
Total:	106	

* "Items Sold" where Items not claimed from Raffle.

** Total of "New Comer Donation" was \$97.00

*** One New Comer Adult Dinner paid for by "New Comer Donation."

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Jeremy T.

Executive Committee Reports

LAASC Election Schedule/Terms of Office

<u>Office Held</u>	<u>Scheduled</u> <u>Month of Election</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Month of Election</u>	<u>Addict Currently</u> <u>in this position</u>	<u>Where is</u> <u>subcommittee at?</u>
Treasurer	January	January '08	Tyler K.	None
PI Chair	February	July '08	Kris O.	1st Tues of Month, Atomic Coffee in Downtown Fargo, 8:00pm
Secretary	March	September '08	Brianna A.	none
RCM	April (even years)	April '08	Molly M.	none
Alt-RCM	April (odd years)	Vacant	Vacant	none
Literature	May	Vacant	Vacant	none
Vice Chair	June	July '08	Jay B.	none
H&I Chair	July	June '08	Wade H.	Every 2 nd and 4 th Sunday at 1pm at Cash Wise Deli @ 1401 33 rd St. SW
Scribe	August	August '08	Robin V.	none
Activities Chair	October	October '07	Kris T.	Thursday's @ 6:00 pm @ Cash Wise Deli @ 1401 33 rd St. SW
Parliamentarian	November	Vacant	Vacant	none
LAASC Chair	December	May '08	Jeff G.	Noon 3rd Sat of Month, normally at 1 st Pres. Church, Fargo

Chair: not present**Vice-Chair:** present w/verbal report**Secretary:** Present w/ verbal report**Treasurer:** present w/written report

Hello LAASC,

After speaking to a few people about the donations made and the grand we held on to last month I have decided that we should actually donate all of that money. The reason of why is because A Guide to Local Service talks about how we should not have earmarked funds and hoard money. I think we should donate 70% to the Region and 30% of this to the World.

I am making a motion that reads as follows:

MOTION: That this Area divides all of its donations up so 70% goes to the UMRSC and 30% goes to NAWS.

INTENT: To honor the Service Structure.

Last month I reported that I would look into a solution to the problem of having so much money that it is hard. I have come to the conclusion that I probably can not come up with a solution for this problem but I have come up with a solution for a few other problems that I see. The big problem that I can see is the ASC needs to get money from the Activities Committee more often then just once a year. The "40/60" motion does not really answer this problem because the times that the Activities Committee makes a profit in excess of \$500 it is not by much and there for not much goes back to the Area. Another problem that the Area could have some times (this has happened in my 18 months) is that not much comes in for 7th Tradition for a month. I think that if we where to have the Activities Committee "kick" in to the Area more often it would help if this problem ever came up again. Another issue that has come up in past years is Activities "investing" large amounts of money

into an event and not getting a return on that investment at all. For instance for N.O.W. of '07 they lost over \$1,400. This last year from N.O.W. up until the Fall Banquet, Activities held onto over \$1,700 that's for 3 months they spent nothing that would have there account go below \$1,700. I have 2 more motions that I am proposing to the ASC today and they are as follows:

MOTION: To remove the 40/60% part under the activities section of the guidelines.

INTENT: To allow for a more 11th Concept orientated section for the Activities Committee financing.

MOTION: To add a section to the activities section of the guidelines that states: The activities committee will turn over all monetary profits, per event, in excess of \$500 to the main checking account. Funds in excess of \$1,400 in the activities account after each event will be turned over to the main checking account.

INTENT: To follow the 11th Concept of not hording funds and to honor the Service Structure.

I have applied this motion to this last year's Activities and it would all work out of where they would never go negative in funds. Hypothetically, if Activities one year never makes enough money to be effected by this motion they won't be affected and they can always ask the Area for money. If one year Activities wants to have more money than what this motion allows that committee can come to the Area and explain why they want the money. This would mean that Activities is more accountable to the Area with its spending. I believe by implementing this motion the Area will be taking more responsibility for money. I think that we, the Area, need to be more vigilant with all of our money. I think we need to think outside of the simple questions "are we making money" and "is this person as Treasurer going to steel our money" and start looking at questions as how we can be more responsible, vigilant, and accountable with our money. We as the Area must encompass the 11th Concept with all of our funds.

I would like to thank the LAASC for voting me into the Treasurers position twice and once closing the Treasurers position (back this summer) to not even go through a third time electing me into this position. It means a lot to me to know that this committee trusts me in being the main custodian of its accounts. Once again thank you all for allowing me to serve this Area in a way that I found I love to do.

In Grateful Service,
Jeremy T.

LAASC TREASURER
REPORT

FOR JANUARY 2009

Descripti on	Execut ive	H. & I.	P.I.	RCM	Credit s	Date	Balanc e
Beginning Available Balance ...						12/20	\$3,832
.....						/08	.19
CK# 1253 Rent for Dec. '08	-					12/20	\$3,822
ASC	\$10.00					/08	.19
CK# 1254 Meeting List Dec. '08						12/20	\$3,649
						/08	.27
CK# 1255 Printing & Minutes Nov. '08	-					12/20	\$3,636
	\$12.98					/08	.29
CK# 1256 Donation to UMRASC	\$1,000					12/20	\$2,636
	.00					/08	.29
CK# 1257 Donation to WSO of NA	\$500.0					12/20	\$2,136
	0					/08	.29
Seventh Tradition from June					\$180.00	12/22	\$2,316
						/08	.29
Phone Line for December						12/29	\$2,258
						/08	.05
Ending Available Balance							
.....						01/16	\$2,258
.....						/09	.05
Remanding Budget	\$1,674	\$1,250		\$740.		01/16	\$5,414
.....	.77	.00	\$1,749.84	00		/09	.61
Total Credits	1	0					
Total Debits	6	.14					

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Jeremy T.

Hospitals and Institutions: present w/written report

Hello from the H&I Subcommittee

We currently meet every 2nd & 4th Sunday at Cash Wise Deli at 1401 33st SW at 1p.m. With an average attendance of about 8-10 addicts. Lately the attendance has grown with more people wanting to get involved with an increase in women, which is really great to see.

On the 15th of this month, I received a call from Tina at Sharehouse Wellness Center. She had gone to the meeting list to find the committee, and wanted to know more about what we do and was specifically interested in having people come in and share their recovery with their residents. This is a group of about 15-20 adolescents. We are working at setting this up at the moment.

The mens meeting at the Cass Co. Jail is not going at the moment and a letter of proposal of what Narcotics Anonymous can do for the Cass Co. Jail was asked to be submitted and we asked the Panel Leader (Jeff R.) to write one up and hand it in to Coordinator and we will wait to

hear back from them. It sounds like they do this for all volunteer groups at the end of each year . This meeting will be down for a while and at the moment we are not sure when it will resume.

Prairie St. Johns is our most recent addition to H&I and we will be meeting with the coordinator this coming Wednesday at 1p.m. to finalize our meeting time and how often. Our Vice Chair, Secretary, and our Contact Person will be getting things locked in place. The format has been written up, and it is a Just For Today format with a Question & Answer session towards the end right before the closing.

Have made more contacts to those who we would like to have as facilitators for our H&I Learning Day on June 26&27. More on this to be announced as it develops.

Literature was given to the Panel Leader Jim N. for the Clay Co. Jail and also would like for him to be reimbursed with the receipt of \$200 for recent Lit order from the WSO.

Clay County Juvenile Center is going good, Fergus Falls is still going strong with an interest in NA Literature wanting to be in this facility.

Grand Forks Jail was sent a letter and we will be returning with a follow up call to check and see if they have had a chance to look it over and see if they are interested in sitting down with us and setting up an appointment.

In grateful loving service,
Wade H. (H&I Chair)

Public Information Chairperson: present w/written report

Public Information Subcommittee Report January 2008

Lake Agassiz Area Service Committee

The Public Information meeting was held on the 6th of January at Atomic Coffee at 8pm. There were 5 people in attendance.

Meeting Lists

- Meeting lists are still available. The mistakes on the meeting lists have been corrected on the Regional website.

Projects

- We have begun working on a Public Service Announcement. Paul S. has agreed to work on the video aspect.
- We have ordered a number of the new IP's on young people with addictions and their parents and guardians which we plan to distribute to various sites.

The next PI meeting will be February 3rd at Atomic Coffee, 222 Broadway, 8pm. Help is always appreciated.

In grateful service,

Kris O.

701-388-7922

happybluedoggy@yahoo.com

Activities Chairperson: present w/ written report

Greetings Fellow Addicts,

I am happy and grateful to announce that our Area Activities Subcommittee is back in action. We are meeting Every Thursday@ Cashwise Deli 1401 33rd St SW Fargo @ 6pm. Our first meeting was 01/29/09 where our subcommittee elected and voted Verna as secretary and Connie as treasurer, Cathy S accepted co-chair position. We also began planning Service Begins With Me coming up in April.

Upcoming events are as follows:

April 25th.....Service Begins With Me @ Mapleton Community Center

May 25th.....Unity Day Picnic @ Lindenwood Park

June 26-27th.....H&I Learning Day @ Armour Park

July TBA.....Picnic

August 7-9th.....N.O.W. Campout

September TBA.....Event

October 10th.....Fall Banquet @ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Our Subcommittee will be submitting motions for additional funds to cover expenses for upcoming events, as well as a motion, to resume ASC potlucks to further fundraising for our subcommittee. Our beginning balance in the Activities account was \$350.00. A check for \$85.25 was paid to Fargo Park District for Unity Day shelter @ Lindenwood.

In Grateful Service Krisitne T.

Regional Conference Member: present w/written report

January 17, 2008 RCM Report to Area

Hello Fellow Addicts,

The RSC (regional service committee) was held January 10, 2009 in Jamestown. There were 10 addicts in attendance. Open positions include treasurer and web person. If anyone is interested they should come to the next regional meeting in Grand Forks on April 4. It will be

held from 12-4ish at the Holiday Inn Express. I will have more information on the happenings at this past RSC, next month after the RSC minutes have been sent out.

The MASC (Manitoba Area Service Committee) met December 20, 2009 in Winnipeg. There were 13 addicts present. The treasurer reported that they had a balance of \$4525.81 and that all committees are still within their budgets. The MACCNA XVIII audit was done and there were no problems found. Alana F. was elected A&E chair and Les T. was elected MACCNA XIX treasurer. Positions that still need to be filled are: PI chair, Phone line Chair, Literature Chair, Outreach Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and an RCM. Their next ASC is January 17, 2009 in Winnipeg.

The L&CASC (Lewis & Clark Area Service Committee) met November 15, 2008 in Minot. There were 13 addicts present. The treasurer reported that their balance was \$914.61. The H&I/PI committee contacted the WSO (world service office) about books for treatment centers and were sent 275 5th edition basic texts at no cost. Some projects H&I/PI are working on are: Send a Basic Text, It works: How and Why and a Step working guide to various treatment counselors in our area, check into a phone line again and look into what it would take to get PSA's from the WSO onto area TV stations. John F. brought up that at each Area meeting we discuss a Tradition so that they can become more familiar with them. The next ASC is January 17, in Bismarck from 2-5pm.

I reported last month that the WSO printed 10,000 commemorative edition basic texts celebrating the Basic Text's 25th anniversary and the 6th edition. All of these 10,000 copies have been sold. The RDA (Region Delegate Alternate) reported at the RSC that word around the service structure is that they are planning on making more copies sometime this spring. The RDA and RD (regional delegate) have talked about putting on three workshops, one for each area. Their workshops would cover what the World and Region do for the areas. The RDA and RD are looking at possibly doing the workshops at area events to help maximize attendance to the workshops. They feel that the workshops would help bring in new addicts interested in service at the Regional level. Also, the workshops could potentially help form a stronger relationship with the groups for when the GSR Assembly happens next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/13/09-NA Prom, St. Marks Church, Fargo, ND. 6pm-? Contact Wes K. 701-200-6419 or Molly M. 701-610-1527 with questions or ideas.

2/21/09-MNNAC XVI Volleyball Tourney from 8-4pm at the Hutchinson Recreational Center, 900 Harrington S. Hutchinson, MN. Team members must pre-reg by 2/7/09. Send registration to MNNAC XVI PO Box 743 Buffalo, MN 55313. Tim W. 612-889-5810.

MMNAC XVI-April 17-19, 2009 at the Holiday Inn: Division St. & 37th Ave. S. St. Cloud. 320-235-9000.

May 22-25, 2009: Spiritual Refreshment on Pelican Lake.

November 13-15, 2009- CCNA in Alberta Calgary.

In Grateful Service, Molly M.

Alternate Regional Conference Member: vacant position

Ad-Hoc Chair (guidelines committee): present w/ written report

LAASC Guidelines Revision Committee

Report to the ASC

January 17, 2009

Greetings fellow addicts:

Please accept my apology for missing the last two ASC meetings. I have no excuse. I did, however, feel that it wasn't necessary, as the documents in question were incomplete and needed further revision and weren't ready for any further discussion until such revisions were made.

The committee hasn't met for several months after the initial few months' meetings when the bulk of the documents were assembled, copied and submitted to the ASC body. I'd again like to thank John E. for his hard work in doing all the initial assembly of both documents and ongoing participation in the committee's work until his work obligations prevented him from continuing. Jay B. who, in addition to all his initial work, provided me updates in my absence and made it possible to get the final documents in this month's minutes which Bree graciously agreed to attach to a separate email after the minutes went out.

Jeremy took the attachment from an email and highlighted all the final proposed changes and made the job of adding them to the documents much easier. All the motions that spoke to errors, typos, proposed changes that weren't made, etc. were completed and emailed back to Jeremy for final proofing. If there were any further errors, Jeremy will find them. That is a compliment!

Hopefully a decision can be made this month and although the meeting has been running nicely with the older guidelines, it will nice to put this process behind us and move on to more pressing matters.

In humble service,

The Guidelines Revision Committee

Ad-Hoc Chair (Area Planning Tool Committee): not present

Ad-Hoc Lit. Chair (Lit. Committee): vacant position

Ad-Hoc Chair (service flyer committee): present w/ verbal report

Group Reports

There were 14 Groups:

1. Poop in a Group-Kris O.-Open positions: None
2. YPG-Jeremy T.-Open positions: Yes come to our next group conscience mtg. and find out.
3. It's A Good Thing- Crystal P.-Open positions: Vice Chair- Comments: We only have two weeks left at The Recovery Church, Feb 6th 2009. We will be moving to a new Recovery Church. Address not known yet. B ut it will be announced January 22nd 2009. We may be adding a speaker meeting per month to do Birthday medallions.
4. Sunday Clean and Free-John P. - Open positions: None.
5. Break in the Day NA-Jodi K. -Open positions: Chair coming open

6. Living In The Moment- Bryce B. -Open Positions: No
7. Friday Night – Bryce B. – Open Positions: No
8. Saturday Night Candlelight.- Bryce B.- Open Position: No
9. Just for Today-Molly M.-Open positions: Yes come to our next group conscience mtg. to find out.
10. Friday Night Speaker Meeting.- Molly M.-Open positions: None - Comments: NA Prom 2/13/2009 @ St. Marks. If you are interested in planning the prom come @ 8:30 before the meeting and be a part of the prom committee.
11. Monday Night Candlelight-Aaron D. - Open positions: Vice Chair
12. NA After Dark- Brianna A.- Open Positions: No
13. Saturday Addicts Meeting- Tricia L.- Open Positions: No
14. K.I.S.S- Jeff K. – Open positions: elected Chris M. as secretary, Jodi K. as Chair, Jeff K. as GSR, and Dan as alt. treasurer.

Sharing Session Topics from the January ASC

Housekeeping: See motions for information on discussion

1. Open positions: Treasurer- open, Tyler K. nominated; **-ELECTED**; Activities- open, Kris T. nominated-**ELECTED** ; Alt-RCM-open no nominations; Parliamentarian-open no nominations; Lit. Chair- open, Tricia L. nominated; Chair- open no nominations

General Topics:

1. Discussion about AD-HOC (Area Planning Tool Committee) Jay B. will contact Chair person of this committee.
2. Discussion about Service Flyer.- **SEE MOTIONS**
3. Discussion about what we will do with the remaining \$840.86 in the main account.- **TABLED**

Sharing Session Topics for the February ASC

Additional topics may be added and/or the order of topics changed.

Housekeeping:

1. Open positions Alt-RCM-open no nominations; Parliamentarian-open no nominations; Lit. Chair- open, Tricia L. nominated; Chair – open, no nominations.

General Topics: See motions for information on discussion

1. Discussion about the AD-HOC (Area Planning tool Committee.)
2. Discussion about the Proposed Guidelines and Proposed Format.
3. Discussion about what to do with the remaining \$840.86 in the main account.- **SEE MOTIONS**

Motions for January ASC

Motion: That the Chair person or Vice Chair be responsible for keeping a stockpile of 5-10 copies of current Guidelines and monthly format, as well as A Guide To Local Service, to be presented to newcomers at the beginning of the monthly meeting as required by our Guidelines.

-Intent: To fulfill our Guidelines and allow the newcomer to read along as the format is read.-**Made by:** Frank H.-**Seconded by:** Jodi K.- **To Be Voted On.**

Motion: That this Area divides all of its donations up so 70% goes to the UMRSC and 30% goes to NAWS. **Intent:** To honor the service structure. –**Made by:** Jeremy T.–**Seconded by:** Tyler K. – **To Be Voted On.**

Motion: To remove the 40%/60% part under the Activities section of the Guidelines.-**Intent:** To allow a more 11th Concept orientated section for the Activities Committee financing. -**Made by:** Jeremy T. -**Seconded by:** Tyler K.- **To Be Voted On.**

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Motion: That 70% of the \$840.86 and 30% of the \$840.86 goes to NAWS. **Intent:** To honor the service structure.-**Made by:** Jeremy T.- **Seconded by:** Brianna A. – **To Be Voted On.**

Motion: Table the discussions about the \$840.86 from the past fiscal year until Feb. 2009 ASC.- **Intent:** To delay discussion until Literature Chair is elected.- **Made by:** Jodi K.- **Seconded by:** Aaron D. **4 in favor 1 opposed 2 abstentions.- Abstention- Not enough info to vote.- Opposed- Donate up the service structure.- MOTION PASSES.**

Motion: To approve the Service Flyer. - **Intent:** To better and help carry the NA message. - **Made by:** Jim N.- **Seconded by:** Crystal P.- **1 in favor 10 opposed- 10 did not like the way it was.- MOTION FAILED.**

Motion: To close treasurer position- **Intent:** To elect a treasurer. - **Made by:** Jeff K. - **Seconded by:** Molly M. - **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES.- ELECTED**

Motion: To close Activities Chair position.- **Intent:** To elect a Activities Chair.- **Made by:** Brianna A.- **Seconded by:** Jodi K.- **UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES.-ELECTED**

Motion: To close meeting with voting and sing Happy B-Day to Bree @ 4:15 pm.- **Intent:** To close meeting.- **7 in favor 1 opposed 3 abstentions.- Opposed- thought that meeting went to 4:30pm.- Abstention- The rest of the topics.- MOTION FAILED.**

Motion: To close with voting and singing Happy B- Day to Bree @ 4:22pm.- **Intent:** To close meeting.- **9 in favor 1 opposed 1 abstention- 1 opposed wanted to discuss 1 more topic.- 1 abstention- more could still be accomplished.- MOTION PASSES.**

Motions for January ASC

Motion: To nominate Tricia L. for Literature Chair. **-Intent:** To elect Literature Chair **-Made by:** Crystal P. **-Seconded by:** Jeff K. **- TO BE VOTED ON**

Service Resumes

Name: Tricia L.- **Position nominated for:** Literature Chair **Clean Time:** 21 months.- **Previous Service:** GSR, H&I, Secretary.- **Willingness to serve:** Eager and willing.

