

## **NA Badgerland Area Service Committee (BASC)**

*Final* July 12, 2009 meeting minutes

Next Meeting: August 9, 2009

*The meeting opened with a rousing ovation for Kim. Thanks for your years of service!*

### **GSR Reports – In Attendance**

**Breakfast Club** – Sunday 10:00 am – Luke House: Chad, GSRA

We have \$33.98 literature order with a \$6.37 area donation. Attendance is between 12 and 15 people with good support. Nothing new to report on annual breakfast.

**Traditions** – Sunday 7:11 pm – Goodman Community Center: GSR Dan G

No donation. No lit order. Great attendance, averaging 8-25. Good amount of newcomers also.

**Clean in Healthcare** – Monday 7:00 pm – Orchard Ridge, UCC (1501 Gilbert Road): Jenny A, GSR

No literature order and \$19.12 area donation. Everything is going well. Our attendance is 4-5 addicts. No issues to report.

**Why Not Monday** – Monday 7:30 pm – 322 East Washington Ave: Jon Z reporting

\$32.75 lit order. \$5 area donation. Attendance about 15-25 people. **Moving to Immanuel Lutheran during church renovations** (about a month).

**Let It Out** – Tuesday 12:00 pm – St. Marks Church, 602 Spruce Street: GSR Wes H.

Rent: \$15. Lit order: \$8.75. Area donation: \$8.00. Averaging 5 – 8 people. There are strong recovery discussions. **We have recliners.**

**Women in Recovery** – Tuesday 5:30 to 6:40 pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church on University Avenue - GSR: Patty S.

Lit order: \$2.25. Area donation: \$44. Meeting is doing well with strong regular attendance & some newcomers. All positions are filled.

**Men's Basic Text Study**– Tuesday 7:00 pm– 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church: GSR Randy C.

Great Basic Text study, with about 6 – 16 attending. Giving out more white keytags. Lit order: \$5. Area donation: \$40. **Need a treasurer & GSRA.**

**Dorothy II** – Tuesday 7:13 pm – 600 Williamson (Outreach Center): GSR Rose

Average attendance: 3-6 people. No area donation, but caught up on rent. Asking for support for attendance. **Would like to request to be put on the Critical Mass list.**

**Hope Haven** – Wednesday 6:00 pm – Hope Haven: Mark N reporting

Had lit order & donation. Approximately 30 people – recently a lot of outside support. **Still need trusted servants.**

**Surrender at Recovery Ridge** – Wednesday 7:00 PM – (Theresa McGovern at Tellurian): Karen introduces new GSR Mark

June attendance: 64 (2 newcomers). We gave away 5 Basic Texts from our Seventh Tradition. **Meeting needs support.** At business meeting, the group voted to change our name (**new group name** above). Mark is the new GSR. Discussion included continuing the basic text give away, and White Book versus Introductory Guide. **The group wishes to request an NA literature rack.** In loving service - Karen.

**Why Not Wednesday** – Wednesday 7:30 pm – St. John's Church: Patty S. reporting

Meeting doing well. We're **temporarily meeting at Immanuel Lutheran on Spaight Street** until construction is completed (probably through 2<sup>nd</sup> week in August). We still need a GSR for the meeting. As a group, we have been **entertaining the idea to begin the meeting at 7:00 pm rather than 7:30. We will continue to announce this and vote at our next business meeting.** Lit order: \$23.75. Donation: \$0.

**It Can Happen** – Thursday 7:00 pm – 1021 Spaight St (Immanuel Lutheran): GSR Elizabeth G.

Rent: \$20. Area donation: \$22. Lit order: \$54.50. Average attendance 30-40. Lots of white key tags given out.

**Show Up to Grow Up** – Friday 5:00 pm – 1740 Northport Drive: GSR Brian

Lit: \$12.00. Area donation: \$0. Our total group donation was \$48, and we still haven't paid rent, so there will be no donation to area. Attendance is growing, but still an issue (one the 1<sup>st</sup> week, two the 2<sup>nd</sup> week, three the 3<sup>rd</sup> week, and four the 4<sup>th</sup> week). **Group in need of support, possibly a Critical Mass.**

**When at the End of the Road** –Friday 7:00 pm– Asbury United Methodist: GSR Jenny B.

Lit order: \$17.00. Rent: \$20. Area donation: \$121.00. Attendance 5-10. Things are going really well.

**Experience, Strength, and Hope** – Friday 7:00pm - 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist (corner of East Johnson & Wisconsin Avenue - GSR: Frank S.

Literature order: \$0. Donation: \$10. **Have asked treasurer to step down (still has group's \$43). We have coffee with a new coffee maker!**

**Grateful in Green County** – Friday 7:00 pm – Jim Hunt reporting

Lit order: \$75.75 - no area donation. Average attendance 2-6. Implementing ideas of getting word out to locals. **Kid friendly meeting. Church changed its name.**

**Faith, Unity, Recovery** – Saturday 5:00 pm – St Peter's Episcopal Church – Fort Atkinson – Reporting: Ren

Attendance is picking up. **Lots of positions are open.**

**Evansville Saturday Night** – Saturday 7 pm – St. John's, Evansville: Jim Hunt reporting

Literature order: \$0. Donation: \$0. Meeting attendance: 4 – 8. Announcing function next Saturday (flyers). **Please change meeting list – this group is not a step study group.**

**Here's How** – Saturday 7 pm – Immanuel Lutheran Church – Reporting: Frank

Meeting doing well. We have a treasurer and chair. Area donation of \$43.13. **We've got a great view of Lake Monona since we're on Spaight Street and we have coffee too.**

**Stoughton NA** – Monday, Wednesday, Saturday – GSR Joe S.

**Please change meeting list – no meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday.** (We have put out a flyer announcing that). There is an AA speaker meeting in the meeting room on that day. For the past two weeks, I have been there Monday & Saturday, but no-one has shown up. I will continue to be there Monday and Saturday, but cannot be there on Wednesday. We had a great Critical Mass; 51 people showed up, so thanks for the support. We have a \$19.61 (first!) donation to area and thanks for letting me be of service. (Discussion about need for **GSRs to announce need for continued support after critical mass events**).

## **Sub Committee Reports**

**RCM (Regional Committee Meeting)** – Mark N

This is a very short report because the WRSC meets next weekend. Given that fact, GSR's please tell your groups the meeting, which always has a function associated with it is in Reedsburg this time. Unity bowling and a campfire meeting are highlighted events. See me if

any more info is needed. The meeting and function will be held at the Voyageur inn and conference center. That's at 200 Viking Drive. Reedsburg is not that far from Madison. From my door to the hotel is 55 miles. Because it is only 55 miles, I will be driving back and forth. I will be requesting mileage for two trips there and back. (Saturday and Sunday 220 miles X .20 = \$44.00). This is a budgeted expense and therefore does not need a motion.

Speaking of functions, **the region's biggest function is the "Our Common Denominator" function. All 12-step groups are welcome. This will be held August 22nd at Solutions Recovery Club in Oshkosh. The regional activities chair has given all RCM's 10 advance tickets to sell in their areas. These are only \$8 apiece. PLEASE buy these from me.** Flyers with all the info are out. This is a very unique site and should be a great function. (More on this next month!)

The region has a search engine. This allows a visitor to Wisconsin to just enter a city and it will find meetings close to it. I updated all of the info with Bill O from Milwaukee recently. Who's in charge of the search engine? I am wondering if this is part of my service position. (I would be glad to do it, but just wondering). Ren, Randy, Jen and Mark all have the capability to make updates. (Dan & Wes are also computer geeks). Any discussion would be helpful.

**(Web discussion)** The search engine for Regional is RCM's responsibility and the accuracy of the Badgerland information is our business. As such, Mark will ask Regional to update our data as needed. The most important data to provide to regional are accurate zip codes. Jenny and Mark will compare and combine their information.

**Out Reach:** Jenny A

This month we had a very successful critical mass. We had about 50 people in attendance which is by far the best turn out yet for a critical mass so thank you to everyone for spreading the word and supporting this event. The only thing I would like to add about this is **critical mass is supposed to encourage people to start supporting that meeting and I believe their attendance has not increased so please announce to your groups a thank you for supporting critical mass but lets keep on supporting that meeting.**

I have not been able to get in touch with the group in Monroe through email about doing a critical mass in Monroe for July so I will be either contacting them by going to the meeting or approaching a different group about holding a critical mass for August. I apologize that we have no critical mass for July.

At the last subcommittee meeting it was voted on as to how we are going to change the meeting list. Wes and I will hopefully be working on this throughout the next month and the **next meeting lists will have a total makeover so if there is something you want changed about your meeting please tell me now...**I would like to get to the point where I am only updating the list every quarter instead of every month.

Our next 2 meetings will be at 8:15 PM at 1501 Gilbert Rd. Orchard Ridge church downstairs on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>. In loving service, Jenny A

**Phone Line:** Karen P. ILS

Very quiet month about 6 calls: on an inquiry into young men's meeting, a friend calling for a friend whose son is an addict; an addict calling for help for his wife who has relapsed and this man needs support. If anyone would like to help, please ask me for his number.

Chad gave us information on his follow-up with the addict on methadone. Thanks to Jenny A, the phone line number is now correct.

Karen got an e-mail **warning about a 12-step phone line con artist**, so far mostly active in the NW and SW United States. (He says his family was killed and leaves people with large dinner & other bills). Be cautious and careful, as always.

***(Grateful applause for Karen's service)***

**Hospitals & Institutions (H&I):** Dianne H.

Hi family. A subcommittee discussion group was formed. **The subcommittee is doing our business with each other by email and phone. (There is no meeting at the Escape Coffee House).** If anyone wishes to be put on our subcommittee email list to receive minutes or discussion threads, please let me know by email at msyow@charter.net. **If anyone approaches you with questions about H&I, please have the person email or call me at 608-577-7264.** I will meet individually with anyone interested in knowing about H&I. A meeting was held on June 8 for two new volunteers to introduce the basics.

**We still need volunteers, both men and women. If the spirit moves you, please announce at your meetings and feel free to give out my name and phone number.**

Please be aware that all literature purchased for the H&I meetings are stamped with a "Badgerland H&I" stamp (courtesy of David). We would like to know if you come across any literature with this stamp. We are curious to know where all the literature ends up once we hand it out to addicts attending the H&I meetings.

The literature order (\$17.84) to be picked up in August has been given to Dez. Thank you for allowing me to serve. **(Dianne asked about her method for ordering and billing for literature and was assured that she was doing it correctly).**

H&I is copying the first five steps to hand out as it saves money. (P&P discussion about trademark, but no motion). Dianne will get her subcommittee form on our website by sending Ren a copy on-line and sending Randy an MS version.

**Policy and Procedure (P&P):** Still need new chair!

**Literature:** thanks to Ren for subbing on short notice.

**Public Information (PI):** Dan G.

The Recovery Rally is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in September. A \$50 table rental is due the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in August. It is budgeted for. Mailing will go out this week. Envelopes won't be done today, since I forgot to contact Randy for printing. Thanks for letting me serve.

## **Administrative Reports**

**Chair:** Wes

Attended Outreach and PI subcommittee meetings: nothing happening with P&P. Attended 3 meetings and Stoughton Critical Mass.

**Treasurer's Report:** Patty S.

Provided report on Picnic #1 – NA Corral (6/13, Token Creek #4). Door donations \$114.67, expenses total \$300.77, for a net of minus 186.10. However, it was a successful event with about 40 people in attendance and food left over for the next picnics.

Hat update: 26 sold, 24 remaining; \$390 in revenue from \$356.62 expense. We now have a \$33.38 net revenue.

**Activities:** Patty S.

**Dogs must be leashed at all picnics.** I will turn away people that do not have a leash. There is an extra charge from the park for dogs. (Discussion of previous dog-related incidents and dog-owner responsibilities).

**Report approval:** May & June treasurer's report is approved. June meeting minutes are approved.

**Vacancies/ Nominations/ Elections:** Positions still available: Secretary, Vice Treasurer, Special Needs Chair, Policy & Procedure Chair. Let's have the GSRs announce these positions and the subcommittees and maybe make a flyer.

## **Open Forum**

**Discussion of literature racks:** If you are interested in changing the current PI policy of not placing literature racks in places like Tellarian, please come to the next PI meeting.

Subcommittees may wish to put their forms on the website.

## **Old Business**

**Mailbox:** Susan now has both keys. She will keep picking up mail until someone else volunteers.

**Archives:** Wes is storing them in his garage.

**New Business:** none. **Meeting adjourned.**