

Lake County Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes for April 16, 2011

1. Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer 10:11 am.
2. Reading of the 12 Traditions by Gary S.
3. Reading of the 12 Concepts of Service by Jeff B.
4. Introduction of New Group Service Representatives: Mike S., Dopeless Hope Fiends; Gary S., Northshore Recovery
Visitors: Aura T., sub-GSR for SNAG
5. ASC Birthday's: Susan T., 18 years; Erika T., 11 months; Rick H., 15 months; Misty S., 11 months; Kristin V., 9 months ☺
Announcements: There were no announcements today
6. Reading of the 4th Concept of Service by Willie G.
7. Officer Reports: These are attached to these minutes.
 - Chair: Absent
 - Vice Chair: Present, no report
 - Secretary: Present, written report
 - Treasurer: Present, written report
 - Assistant Treasurer: VACANT
 - Regional Committee Member 1: Absent, written report read by Omega F.
 - Regional Committee Member 2: VACANT
 - TAC Liaison: VACANT
8. Subcommittee Reports: These are attached to these minutes.
 - Hospitals & Institutions: Vice H&I Chair present, written report
 - Public Relations: Present, written report
 - Literature: Present, written report
 - Activities: Present, written report
 - R4R: Absent, written report read by Anthony P.
 - Guideline Ad Hoc: Present, written report
9. Group Reports:
 - Keep It Simple: This group has consistent attendance and is a cool meeting.
 - Basic Men's Group: Please come and check us out.
 - Birthday Meeting: This meeting has been doing well.
 - Destiny Group: This group is doing well.
 - Still Feels Good: This group is doing well and needs a treasurer.
 - Wednesday Nooner: This meeting doing good.
 - Heart of NA: This meeting is doing well and also hosts the Lake County Women's Campout... Pre-registration is really needed for this event.
 - We Do Recover: This group needs a secretary and needs support.
 - Northshore Recovery: This meeting has an average attendance of 14 and an average of 1 newcomer. Gary S. is the new GSR and Danny is the new secretary.
 - Recovery First: This meeting is doing fine... they are going to continue their tradition of having a barbeque once a month. The BBQ is the Second Thursday of the month at 7pm in Kelseyville here at this church.
 - Serenity On The Mountain: This meeting has a strong average attendance of 10-14 newcomers. The NA message is given to people from all over California on Thursday nights at 7pm. This is a speaker meeting and they are always looking for speakers.
 - Ladies Circle Of Trust: This group needs support. They are having trouble with a lack people with clean time showing up.

- Feels Good Group. Nick is the new treasurer.
- Dopeless Hope Fiends: Mike S. is the new GSR. This meeting is doing ok. There is a secretary at SNAG that keeps calling the secretary of this meeting to request that they move to the SNAG building. ... please stop.
- Saturday Lunch Special: This group needs support or they will be forced to close. There might be a BBQ on the 14th of May. There's free food offered at 1pm for this meeting.
- Survivors: This meeting is going great and they're expanding.
- SNAG: Aura T. is standing in as the GSR today. She is their event coordinator. There is a vacant alternate recording secretary spot open. Movie night is cancelled until they know they are in compliance with law. SNAGathon is looking for speakers. They are having a T-shirt design contest and the winner will receive a hoodie with their design. SNAG is abstaining from game nights so as not to perpetuate controversy and honor their First Tradition. Future events will focus on Fellowship as opposed to Fundraising. SNAGhetti will be free in May and is a potluck, so bring your favorite spaghetti, garlic bread or salad. The Saturday 10pm meeting needs a new secretary. Many of the meetings need support. These meetings are Sunday 9am, and Friday noon. They need more people willing to be sponsors.

10. Break: 11.24am

11. Re-Open Meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 11:38am

12. Roll Call, quorum established.

Admin: *present/absent during roll call to establish quorum...*

Officers:

Chair – Absent

Vice Chair – Present

Secretary – Present

Treasurer – Present

Assistant Treasurer- VACANT

RCM 1 – Absent

RCM 2 – VACANT

TAC Liaison – VACANT

Subcommittees:

Hospitals & Institutions – Present

Public Relations – Present

Literature – Present

Activities – Present

Group Services Representatives: *present/absent during roll call to establish quorum...*

Keep It Simple- Present

Basic Men's Group- Present

Birthday Meeting- Present

Destiny Group- Present

Still Feels Good- Present

Addict's Lifeline- Absent

Wednesday Nooner- Present

Recovery Spoken Here- Absent

Heart of NA- Present

We Do Recover- Present

Northshore Recovery- Present

Recovery First- Present

Serenity On The Mountain- Present

Ladies Circle Of Trust- Present

Feels Good Group- Present

Dopeless Hope Fiends- Present

Saturday Lunch Special- Present

Survivors- Present

SNAG- Present

13. Last month's minutes approved.

14. OLD BUSINESS

1. TAC Liaison- There are no nominations this month. The meetings are held in Orland.

2. Assistant Treasurer- There are no nominations this month. You must have two years clean with 3 years clean by the time you'd be taking over for the Treasurer.

15. OPEN FORUM

1. Action Plan- Respectful communication/side conversations. It is important to respect meeting etiquette during ASC meetings. Side conversations are rude and disruptive and persons should not crosstalk. People need to raise their hands and wait to be called on.
2. Theft Policy- no comments
3. Treasury Audit- We already had an audit and everything came out fine. Maybe this should be done every six months. Trusted servants did the audit. Any report on this should come from the committee leading the audit, not the treasurer. It was not expressed at the time of the audit that a written report would/might be desired after the fact. This is the first audit that this area has ever done.
4. Budget Committee- Tiffany W. would like to start this in June following area. This will be addressed briefly in the guidelines so conversation today would be helpful. This will be discussed more next month.
5. Learning Hour- One of our ideas during ASC inventory was to have more frequent learning days. Are GSR's knowledgeable of what their duties are? Maybe the learning hour should have an "ask-it-basket?" We need to know what they want to learn and who wants to learn it. Attracting GSR's is something Learning Day is supposed to do. We used to have orientations for the new GSR's. Robert does something like this for the GSR's prior to the start of ASC. GSR's come and go here so maybe once a year is not often enough. We should have some kind of question and answer session.
6. TAC Fundraiser- This will be brought up at a later ASC. How bad would it be if we just didn't do one? We didn't do one last year. We said we would and then dropped the ball. TAC pays for the fundraiser, so why not do it? A TAC liaison would be very helpful in this matter. We need to see if the offer from TAC to host this fundraiser is still good. Could this be done through an Ad Hoc committee? There is no deadline to do this. This has been tabled for next month. The Activities Chair would like this tabled until June.
7. Service System Proposal- please go through the packets handed out and come back next month to let ASC know if we want to be a part of it. Aura T. (Regional PR Servant) says that we need to make a decision on this now because there is a timeline. This should not be tabled until next month. Only three groups were interested in a presentation during a straw poll. Groups would like more information. Groups are having trouble getting a group conscience. There aren't enough people attending the business meetings. The deadline for input on this to Region is May 15th. Our RCM needs to submit this input via writing to Region. This is a big deal and we need to make a decision. **WE HAVE VOTED IN FAVOR OF HAVING SOMEONE FROM REGION COME TO OUR AREA TO GIVE A PRESENTATION ON THIS.**
8. Regional Webhosting- each area could have their website linked to the Regional website. This could provide consistent graphics, and ease of use. Region would host the website and we would just upload our information there. A downside would be that we could lose a bit of our autonomy. An upside would be a website that's easier to maintain during periods of transition. The areas do maintain control of what's on their website. It's proving to be expensive to maintain our own site and this may be less expensive. We would like more information from Region on this topic.
9. Spanish Speaking Area- There is a Spanish speaking area available to help should Spanish speaking addicts in this county wish to start their own NA meeting.
10. Guideline Questions-
 - Who should have a voting position? Should Ad Hoc Committee Chairs, Assistant Treasurer, and liaison positions with other entities, such as TAC and R4R, be voting positions at ASC? Would it create an imbalance between Administrative Committee and GSR influence in ASC business? These positions came after the guidelines were written and Gary needs to know where they fall in the guidelines that are being currently revised. The body voted via straw poll that TAC Liaison should be a voting position. The body voted via straw poll that the Assistant Treasurer should not have a vote at ASC. R4R via straw poll should have a vote at ASC.

- Typically Vice Chair stands in for vacant subcommittee chairs in other Areas. Is it reasonable to have Chair and Vice Chair attend all subcommittee meetings and for Vice Chair to stand in for vacant subcommittee chairs or other elected positions? Current vacancies include TAC Liaison, R4R, RCM2, and Assistant Treasurer. How do we want to handle stand-ins for vacant positions? This is a lot for the Vice Chair to be expected to do. This really needs to be delegated.
 - Should web master be a separate Administrative Committee position which is answerable directly to ASC or part of the Public Relations subcommittee and directly answerable to the PR subcommittee chair?
11. Literature orders- Jeff would like to do these every other month. If we have over a certain purchase amount we get free shipping. It's hard for groups to know what they're going to need for the next few months. There is the option to have a stockpile with the Literature person. Mendocino County does this. By not ordering literature every month, we can save a substantial amount of money a year from shipping costs. Should groups be paying their own shipping? Jeff is going to go over the last six months to see what we would need should we decide to have a stockpile of literature on hand.
 12. Printing orders- Please have all printing orders in the week BEFORE ASC.
 13. SNAG- SNAG had a business meeting. During this meeting it came up that several SNAG members have had their integrity attacked for their affiliation with SNAG by ASC members. SNAG would like persons guilty of this to disengage from this kind of negative talk. SNAG came up with some of their fundraising events by mimicking other areas and AA. They did not just pull these ideas out of the air. SNAG is not recruiting other groups. They have an open door policy. Any group is welcome to join. SNAG needs support, not criticism.
 14. Chair persons are not to have opinions- Robert's Rules of Order state otherwise. Sometimes having an opinion causes a loss of value in being the facilitator.

Roll Call done again to establish quorum at 1:52pm... we have a simple majority quorum

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15. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Anthony P., seconded by Mike, to approve phoneline addendum and add to the existing Lake Area PR Guidelines...approved
2. Motion by Aura T., seconded by Debbie B., to increase travel reimbursement for RCM's to \$30 each...approved.

16. Motion to Adjourn 2:05pm

