

The Tidewater Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes

July 14th, 2009

The meeting was held at Norview United Methodist Church and was opened by the Vice-Chair, Mark W.. at 2:00 pm. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

READING of the following: Statement of Purpose – Shawn, 12 Traditions – Kenny, 12 Concepts – Karen

ROLL CALL: 45 GSR's were present; Quorum established

Administrative Committee Members:

Chair John J. /absent 11/12
Vice-Chair Mark W./ present 3/3
Treasurer Geoff L./present 12/12
Assistant Treasurer Dee Dee /present 11/11
Policy Chair Julie C/ present 11/12
Secretary Joe B. / present 11/12
Assistant Secretary Chuck S/ present 4/4
RCM Tim B. / present 3/3
Alternate RCM Terry H /absent 1/2
VRCC Billy T. / present 5/6
Alternate VRCC Chris / present 3/3

Sub-Committee Chairs:

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Kathy / present 5/10
Public Relations (PR) Chris /present 1/1
Special Events Perry C. / present 10/12
Convention Jerri B. / present 2/4
Literature Travis B. / present 12/12
Assistant Literature Chair Rachel B. / present 12/12

Introduction of New GSR's: Angela P.- Rainbow Recovery / Marji B.- Visible Changes / David P.- Alt. Enjoying the Journey / April - Alt. Better Days / Kim S.- Alt. New Beginnings / Karen C. - Straight Ahead / Angel C.- Alt. Carpe Diem / Janice R.. - We Can Change.

Motion Made to Approve Minutes: By Shawn 35 for/ 0 against/0 abstain

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chair - John J. - No written report

Vice-Chair - Mark W

Hey Family, I'm Mark W. John has to work today so I'll be chairing the meeting this afternoon. Last month I attended the H & I meeting as requested by the fellowship over not having a report at area service. I found that this service committee is doing just fine. There have been members attending area service, but due to a misunderstanding as to who can represent the committee, there has been no report. As always, they would welcome additional support.

Earlier today we held a budget meeting. Norfolk Printing has raised its price by \$13.70 per quarter for printing of our meeting lists. The new phone service will be approximately \$60 per month. Price will vary depending on usage and where calls originate from.

This is the final month of service for many of the executive committee members and sub-committee chairs. I wish to express my gratitude for all that you have given to the fellowship. I would also like to welcome and thank all who are beginning their terms. ILS, Mark W.

Treasurer - Geoff L. - Balance Sheet and Group Donations

Our opening balance was \$4,623.21. Our income totaled \$2,494.19 and our expenses totaled \$3,053.04. This leaves a new balance of \$4,034.36. All bills are paid to date.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank this body for the confidence in allowing me to serve. It's been two years since I as nominated for Assistant Treasurer and that is two more years clean that I am very grateful for. I'd especially like to thank Dee Dee for her help and I'm sure she will serve this body with the utmost willingness. ILS Geoff

Assistant Treasurer - Dee Dee - No written report

Policy Chair - Julie C. - Verbal report

Secretary - Joe B. - Verbal report

Assistant Secretary - Chuck S. - No written report

Policy Revision - Ad-hoc Chair - Jim G.

Hi Family, I am working on putting the archives and currently working on putting the final revisions and additions to our Policy Manual. I hope to have two hard copies of our policy in two formats to be submitted and voted on next area. I also request to be reimbursed \$33.62 for printer ink. Sincerely, Jim G. VOTED – 3 abstentions, 24 for, 0 against.

RCM –Tim B.

Hello all, I will be attending the 139th RSC in Fredericksburg, VA on June 20, 2009. There are three motions to be voted on today as well as three regional positions to be carried back. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Tim B.

Motion #138-4 – To change on Page 8 Under Section VI #1 and #3 and on Page 8, Section VII #1 and #4 eliminate #2 and #3 and renumbered as needed VOTED - 1 abstention, 27 for, 1 against

Motion # 138-10 – To approve attached 2009 thru 2011 budget VOTED - 1 abstention, 9 for, 10 against

Motion #138-13 – To change policy to instruct all subcommittees to include in their yearly budgets all estimated expenses including possible workshops and events VOTED - 1 abstention, 27 for, 1 against

Vice-Chair – Cynthia W. - VOTED - 2 abstentions, 32 for, 0 against

Policy Chair – Jennifer G. - VOTED - 2 abstentions, 26 for, 0 against

Secretary – Sabrina Mc. - VOTED – 1 abstention, 23 for, 0 against

Bid Committee Report – Hello all, the bid committee met once since our last area to get the bid information as well as letters of support from two out lying areas. I'm pleased to say that the outer limits area as well as the peninsula area have both given us letters of support (See Below) per the AVCNA. Thanks to all that participated in the ad-hoc committee. I would also like to ask this body for \$45 in rent money paid to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church so we may be in accordance with our 7th tradition. VOTED – 3 abstentions, 27 for, 0 against.

- 1) We the ASC for the Peninsula Area of Narcotics Anonymous wish to convey our support for TASCNA in their bid for AVCNA 29. Our decision was made according to our policy and the vote of this body on this 6th day of June, 2009. ILS, PASCNA
- 2) This is the letter of intent to show our support for the Tidewater Area in giving their bid for the 29th AVCNA to be held in the year 2011. We the Outer Limits area of Narcotics Anonymous do this in the name of loving service.

Alt RCM – Terry H. - No written report

VRCC - Billy T. - Verbal report

Alt. VRCC - Chris R.

I attended my first ever meeting on Saturday and found the use of principles listed in the concepts to be weak. Billy represented the area as VRCC per the regional policy that requires presentation of printed minutes of our area to enact and change of position.

The first day was mostly spent redoing what was already done and voted into policy or action. The prior actions taken had not specified page and placement of policy or plan changes. People were able to use this to put a personal spin on what is already enacted through the

placement into policy. I put forth a motion for the voting board meeting on Sunday. The motion was that any motion to change policy should list the exact page, placement and wording of such changes so that the initial intent of the motion could not be modified at a later date by placement or the fitting in of the wording. The preconvention committee asked for an increase in budget and showed that their return for \$3 for each dollar spent. Motion was for Sunday vote.

I had a prior engagement for Sunday and did not attend. Billy reported that my motion was considered out of order because I did not attend. Thank you, Chris R.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Literature Chair - Travis B.

I am an addict. My name is Travis. We had a good month in sales for May. Literature sales were \$1,497.00 in total sales. There is nothing new to report as far as prices or products is concerned. This is my last month of this commitment. I have complete faith in my vice-chair that she will also fulfill this commitment to the best of her ability. It has been great serving the Tidewater Area of Narcotics Anonymous on this level and if I am called on to do so in the future I will gladly take the commitment. Thank you and it has been an honor to serve.

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) - Cathy K.

Hello Family, things are going well with H & I. We have a few open commitments, most of them in locked facilities which require an application process. We will start planning our Learning Day next week. Learning Day will be held in October. Anyone interested in H & I, we meet the 3rd Sunday of each month from 12:30 – 2:00 pm right here. ILS, Cathy

Public Relations (PR) – Chris R. - No written report

Convention Chair - Jerri B.

Hi Family, the Convention Committee is going well. We had our 1st fundraiser on 4/21/09. Because of poor pre-ticket sales the menu was changed and some of the persons in attendance were disappointed. We have learned a new lesson and would like to apologize for the unannounced changes. Our next fundraiser will be a fish fry/garage sale at the Lutheran Church on Portsmouth Blvd. 6/27/09. Flyers will be e-mailed to the Area Secretary. Convention flyers will be out next month. We are in negotiations with the hotel concerning parking validation and a possible waiver of some of the rental fee for the convention. We will be choosing our theme at the next committee meeting. It will be held on the 4th Sunday of this month 6/28/09 at Norfolk United Methodist Church, 1510 Halstead Ave. ILS, Jerri B.

Special Events - Perry C.

We held our first Spring Carnival on May 30th with good attendance. The highlight of the event was the band, Tug-o-War and the food. We are replacing our \$500 escrow and donating \$80 to area as our world fundraising event. This is my last area, thanks SE committee for willingness and all positions are open in Special Events. Our committee will hold nominations at our end of month meeting on the last Wednesday of the month here at Norview at 6:00 pm Thanks for allowing me to serve, Perry C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

6/16 @ Stick & Stay – Terry H. - 7 years

6/20 @ Norview United Methodist Church – Speaker Jam

6/21 @ We Need A Meeting – Keven J. - 18 years

6/23 @ Carpe Diem – Quincy – 5 years

6/25 @ Serenity Sisters – Monica L. 2 years

6/29 @ Help Me Think – Jerome – 1 year

7/05 @ It's About Time - Teresa M. 5 years

7/05 @ It's About Time – Lafayette – 9 years

“Help Me Think” has changed it's meeting time from 8 to 7:30 pm We've added ½ hour to our meeting – 7:30 – 9:00 pm

“Enjoying The Journey” Tuesday @ 8:00 pm is now an open meeting

Nathan D. - 4 years Straight Ahead – Wed. 7:30

7/08 @ Trusted Servants – Julie C. - 3 years

Special Events will hold elections for all positions on the Special Events Committee Wednesday, June 24th 6:00 pm at Norview United Methodist Church

7/09 @ Girls Night Out – Kat S. - 15 years (men welcome)

7/24 @ Agape – Carlton J. - 15 years

New noon meeting @ VBRC – June 16th 501, Virginia Beach Blvd., VA 23451 – Marji B. (703) 863-3246

OLD BUSINESS

Motion: Made by Special Events, Seconded by Mary Ann L. - Change Section 1E.1 to read "An annual fundraiser of the ASC to benefit an NA convention as outlined in The Guide to Local Service". INTENT: To update our annual fundraising policy to allow more diversity and service. BACK TO HOMEGROUPS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion #1 – Made by Policy – Literature Vice-Chair to be voted in during normal ASC elections. INTENT: Due to accountability of the position and inventory – VOTED – 1 abstention, 22 for, 0 against

Motion #2 – Made by Policy – To create vice-chair for Policy to include job description to Policy Manual for that position. INTENT: To promote continuity in the position – VOTED – 1 abstention, 27 for, 0 against

Motion #3 – Straight Ahead – Chris R., Seconded by Leo W. - To request from region to act on the feasibility study for insurance for all meetings in region. INTENT: To defer to the better price of the region to provide insurance for facilities we all use – BACK TO HOMEGROUPS

Motion #4 – Made by Cynthia E., Seconded by Ben L. - Open nominations for phone line subcommittee per policy 17 and 19. INTENT: To better serve our area and help the still sick and suffering addict – MOTION RULED OF ORDER. Cynthia E. appointed by ASC chair for phone line position.

Motion #5 – Made by Freedom Group – Upon resignation or removal of any position prior to the completion of their term, the vice or alternate chair continues in their position at elections as they were supposed to. INTENT: Promote continuity of trusted servants positions – MOTION BY SHAWN TO TABLE, SECONDED BY AUSTIN ELIZABETH, 16 for, 5 against

Next Area service meeting:

July 12th 2009

Policy meeting after area service

Norview United Methodist Church, 1112 Norview Ave. Norfolk, VA