

# The Tidewater Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes

August 9th, 2009

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

**READING** of the following: Statement of Purpose – Steve S., 12 Traditions – Billy T., 12 Concepts – Karen C.

**ROLL CALL:** 43 GSR's were present; Quorum established

## **Administrative Committee Members:**

Chair Mark W /present 2/2  
Vice-Chair. Mary C./ absent 1/2  
Treasurer Dee Dee A /present 2/  
Assistant Treasurer VACANT  
Policy Chair Jim S./ present 2/2  
Secretary Chuck S. / present 2/2  
Assistant Secretary Julie C./ absent 1/2  
RCM Tim B. / present 2/2  
Alternate RCM Terry H. /present 2/2  
VRCC Billy T. /present 1/1  
Alternate VRCC vacant

## **Sub-Committee Chairs:**

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Kathy K. / present 7/10  
Public Relations (PR) Chris R. /present 2/2  
Special Events Carlton J / present 2/2  
Convention Jerri B. / absent 4/5  
Literature Rachel C. / present 2/2  
Assistant Literature Kathleen / present 2/2  
Phoneline Cynthia E. /present 2/2

**Introduction of New GSR's:** Carol R., Over & Beyond, Eliz. City; Kevin J., We Need A Meeting; Robert S., Stepping Into Recovery; Jose R., Agape; Michelle P., Gaining Sanity

**Motion Made to Approve Minutes:** By Billy T. , Seconded Carol 34 for/ 0 against/ 1 abstain

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**Chair – Mark W. - No Report**

**Vice-Chair – Mary C. - Absent**

**Treasurer – Dee Dee A. - Written Report w/Balance Sheet and Group Donations**

Our opening balance was \$ 5,913.51. Income totaled \$ 2,730.79. Expenses totaled \$3,429.18. This leaves a new balance of \$5,215.12. All bills are paid to date. A donation was made to Region for the month of July in the amount of \$700.00. I met with the Bank of American and discussed the options for paying our creditors that will not bill us to a P.O. Box. I told her we were looking at obtaining a debit card so that we would be able to have any such bill debited from our account. She said that would be possible that and it would just require our signers, Mark W. and myself to come to the bank to make those arrangements. In Loving Service, Dee Dee

**Assistant Treasurer - Vacant**

**Policy Chair – Jim S. - No Report**

**Secretary – Chuck S. - Written Report**

Hello Family. Minutes came out in a timely fashion this month and I will endeavor to keep that trend. If you didn't receive your minutes check your contact info in the blue folder going around. Thank you for allowing me to serve. ILS, Chuck S.

**Assistant Secretary – Julie C. - No Report**

**RCM –Tim B. -**

Hello all. I attended the budget meeting today with 11 members in attendance. All seems to be well with the budget with a few exceptions: 1) H&I Learning Day is an annual event which has a \$300 a year expense which is not on the budget. Budget would like to make a motion to add this item; 2) Special Events talked to budget today about monthly expenses. Budget would like to make a motion to add expense item to Special Events budget of \$25/mth (12 x/yr) for an annual expense budget of \$300. This would be separate from their \$500 event budget per year; 3) Metrotel (once a budgeted item) is no longer so. That is a \$124.77 drop-off of our annual budget; 4) budget would like to recommend to this body to come up with a solution for paying our website as a body. Right now, it is paid for by a member and is not currently a part of our budget. Thanks. Tim Brinn

**Alt RCM – Terry H. - No Report**

**VRCC – Billy T. - Verbal Report**

**Alt. VRCC - Vacant**

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Literature Chair – Rachel C.**

We sold \$1,533 of literature last month. I purchased \$1,838.26 of literature. Also, I added 3 new booklets and 1 IP to the order forms. The booklets are “Disruptive & Violent Behavior”, “NA Groups & Medication” and “Group Trusted Servants. The IP is “For Parents or Guardians with Young People in NA”. These are items we have had in stock but were never put onto the form. Thank you for letting me serve. Rachel C.

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

Hello Family, all is well with H&I. More addicts coming to see what H&I is about. We had several addicts new to H&I at our July meeting. This is my last area meeting as H&I Chair. I would like to thank this body for its patience and tolerance regarding my shortcomings while holding this position. I have learned a great deal in so many areas over the past 2 years and I am very grateful for the opportunity. Jimmy C. will be moving up into the position and we will hold an election next week for a new vice-chair. ILS, Cathy K.

**Public Relations (PR) – Chris R. - Written Report**

1. Need for approval of credit/debit card to pay certain debts (phone, website). 2. Jackie P. working on addicts helping addicts – finishing brochure and acquiring help to run program – holding on phoneline. 3. Website doing well. Steve K. has been posting events including a Pay Pal link to register for camp-out. 4. Cynthia suggested a e-mail for the phoneline chair on website. Thanks for listening. Chris R.

**Convention Chair – Jerri B. - Absent**

**Special Events – Carlton J. - Written Report**

Hi Family. The committee is going well. We elected a vice-chair of Special Events, Dia A. (open is secretary position). We are asking that all group take Special Events outline form so we can keep track of events in the area. We will be putting a calendar together. ILS, Carlton J.

**Phoneline – Cynthia E. - Written Report**

Hello Family. The first phoneline subcommittee meeting was held today in this very room at 11:00 a.m. With only 2 addicts in attendance. Nothing to report, but we do need more warm bodies to serve. ILS, Cynthia E.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

August 9 – Karen H. - 1 yr. It's About Time  
August 16 – Estella N. - 2 yrs. It's About Time  
August 21 – Whitney Y. - 2 yrs. Wave of Recovery  
August 14 – Gwen – 5 years Continuing Quest

August 18 – Welton W. - 1 yr. We Can Change  
August 23 – It's About Time Anniversary – 4 yrs.  
August 23 – TACNA X Crabfest in Sandbridge. Tickets \$15. See Mark N. or Dora H. for tix.  
August 25 – Bill A. - 17 yrs. Just for Today  
August 26 – Cleves – 19 yrs. What Can I Do  
August 27 – Margie – 8 yrs. Visible Changes  
August 28 – Linwood – 11 yrs. Life & Hopeline  
August 29 – Serenity on the Shore Speaker Jam, 1-5 p.m. where HOW Group meets.  
August 29 – Star P. - 1 yr. Life & Hopeline  
August 30 – Ellen W. - 23 yrs. Mixed Group  
September 2 – Tracy A. - 8 yrs. Straight Ahead  
September 2 – Lloyd P. - 15 yrs. What Can I Do  
September 3 – Daron B. - 1 yr. Freebird (Freebird starts at 7 p.m. not 8 p.m.)  
September 6 – Arden M. - 3 yrs. Mixed Group  
September 6 – Sam D. - 17 yrs. Clear Message  
September 7 – Perry C. - 19 yrs. Raw Recovery  
September 16 – Walter F. - 13 yrs. Straight Ahead  
September 20 – Regional Speaker Jam in Augusta County – more info on CARNA website  
September 23 – Hulet E. - 5 yrs. Straight Ahead  
October 7 – Dee Dee A. - 8 yrs. Straight Ahead  
Stepping Into the Solution, 3515 Colley Ave. Friday 6 p.m. is really in need of support  
Serenity on the Sand meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. thru September, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bay on the beach in Oceanview (outdoors). Just for Today med meeting

**NEW MEETINGS:** - NONE

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Nomination of Asst. Treasurer – James B. - Nominated, Qualified, ACCEPTED

Alt. VRCC – Dora H. - Nominated, Qualified, ACCEPTED

**Motion #1:** Made by PR, Seconded by OBX. Have the area Treasurer acquire debit card to facilitate area expenses i.e. phonenumber/website. INTENT: 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition/5<sup>th</sup> Tradition – 26 For, 3 Against, 9 Abstain

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion #1:** Made by Budget, Seconded by Special Events. To add secretary expense to budget for Special Events \$25/mth (12 x/yr.) Total \$300. INTENT: To help secretary with minutes/flyers/agendas. BACK TO HOMEGROUPS PER POLICY (BUDGET ITEM)

**Motion #2:** Made by Budget. H&I to add \$300 to the budget for Learning Day in October of every year. INTENT: For accountability. BACK TO HOMEGROUPS PER POLICY (BUDGET ITEM)

**Motion #3:** Made by Choose Life. To form a ad hoc committee to look into the feasibility of forming a Metropolitan Services Committee (ref. Local Guide to Service, page 73) which leaves the new area committees free to serve as forum's in which their constituent groups can share with and support one another. INTENT: To better serve the groups in the Tidewater area. CHAIR ASSIGNED AD HOC COMMITTEE – TIM B., Chair

**Motion #4:** Made by Lisa B., Just for Today. That we put a dollar limit (\$500) per month on the credit/debit card. INTENT: For the protection of TASCNA. BACK TO HOMEGROUPS PER POLICY

Next Area service meeting;

September 13, 2009

Policy meeting directly after area service

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