

The Tidewater Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes

September 13th, 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 – Mary P, 12 Traditions –Colin B, 12 Concepts – David B.

ROLL CALL: 42 GSR's were present; Quorum established

Administrative Committee Members:

Chair Mark W /present 3/3
Vice-Chair. Mary C./ present 2/3
Treasurer Dee Dee A ./present 3/3
Assistant Treasurer James B/ absent 0/1
Policy Chair Jim S./ absent 2/3
Secretary Chuck S. / present 3/3
Assistant Secretary Julie C./ present 2/3
RCM Tim B. / present 3/3
Alternate RCM Terry H. /present 3/3
VRCC Billy T. /present 2/2
Alternate VRCC Dora H / present 1/1

Sub-Committee Chairs:

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Jimmy C. / absent 1/2
Public Relations (PR) Chris R. /present 3/3
Special Events Carlton J / present 3/3
Convention Jerri B. / absent 5/6
Literature Rachel C. / present 3/3
Assistant Literature Kathleen / present 3/3
Phoneline Cynthia E. /present 3/3

Introduction of New GSR's: Cindy J., Surrender to Live; Earl H., Raw Recovery; Ron H., Over and Beyond; Julie L., Keep Coming Back; Michelle P., Kempsville Crossroads; Bill H., Visible Changes

Motion Made to Approve Minutes: By Amanda 28 for/ 0 against/ 0 abstain

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chair – Mark W. - Verbal Report

Vice-Chair – Mary C. - Verbal Report

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

Our opening balance was \$ 5,215.12. Income totaled \$ 2,916.92. Expenses totaled \$2,840.61. This leaves a new balance of \$5,291.43. All bills are paid to date. A donation was made to Region for the month of August in the amount of \$700.00. The assistant treasurer James B. will be listed as a signatory on our account by next area. The motion that was approved at last area to obtain a debit card so that area treasurer can pay 2 accounts (phone line-J2 Phone People and the web site) will be obtained at the time Mark, James and I add the asst. treasurer as signatory. In loving service Deedee A.

Assistant Treasurer – James B. - No Report

Policy Chair – Jim S. - No Report

Secretary – Chuck S. - Written Report

Hello Family, once again I'd like to ask everyone to check your contact information on the blue folder going around. Some GSR's have stated they are not receiving their e-mails. I would like everyone to check their spam files in their e-mail accounts as that may be where they are going. We went over budget by \$.98 this month. I'm sorry. ILS, Chuck S.

Assistant Secretary – Julie C. - Verbal Report

RCM –Tim B. - No Written Report

Alt RCM – Terry H. - Written Report

Dear committee,

I attended the 140th RSC in Romney WV. on Aug. 18th, 2009. Quorum was met with 11 rcm's. There were 23 motions discussed but only 8 to go back to home groups. They are as follows. The first 2 are old business from the 139th and the 138th both sent to policy and are now being sent to home groups as new motions from policy.

Motion 139-6

Mover: Nancy S. 2nd: Harry M.

Motion: To waive the qualifications that 2 years as a member of CARNA member term because there is a question regarding clarity of policy.

Intent: That a member who is qualified and willing may be elected.

New Motion: To change Guidelines on page 14 under Policy Chair Qualifications (B):

Change from:

(B) 2 years Central Atlantic Region, Regional Service Committee term.

Change to:

(B) 2 years regional and/or area Policy experience.

Intent: For consistency of qualifications of trusted servants on Regional level.

Motion 138-11

Mover: Don V. 2nd: Donna Mc.

Motion: To change policy to create a budget year for the region beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31. To change the duties of Treasurer to reflect submission of yearly budget in October. To change subcommittee duties to reflect submission of subcommittee budgets to Treasurer in August.

Intent: To coordinate the entire process for establishing the CAR budget.

New Motion:

To change Guidelines on page 11 under Treasurer Duties:

Change from:

(F) Will submit a 2 year projected budget, running from July 1 to June 30, regardless of the treasurer's term of office, with a suggested prudent reserve annually at the December RSC.

Change to:

(F) Will submit a yearly projected budget, running from January 1 and ending on December 31 regardless of the Treasurers term of office, with a line item bi-monthly funding and maximum account levels at the October RSC.

AND

To change guidelines on page 14 under Policy Subcommittee duties and standing Subcommittee Chair Duties:

Change from:

(C) Submits budget for upcoming year to the treasurer at or before the October RSC.

Change to:

(C) Submits line item budget for upcoming year to the Treasurer at or before the August RSC.

Intent: Clarity and consistency.

Motion 140-7

Mover: Policy Subcommittee 2nd: Akin S.

Motion: To change guidelines on page 11 under Treasurer duties:

Change from:

(B) Prepares simplified and comprehensibly written financial report quarterly and annually.

Change to:

(B) Prepares simplified and comprehensibly written financial reports for each RSC and annually at the GSR Assembly.**Motion 140-8**

Mover: Policy Subcommittee 2nd: Akin S.

Motion: To add in guidelines on page 11 under Secretary duties.

(J) Submits written reports to each RSC Conference and an annual written report at the GSR Assembly.

Intent: To have consistency for duties of each officer and clarity in policy.

Motion 140-10

Motion: Greg H. 2nd: Robert W.

Motion: To have the following itinerary approved - \$178 (hotel), \$70 (per diem, 2 days), \$150 (estimated gas), \$40 (estimated tolls), \$438 total estimated expenses.

Intent: To allow the Regional delegate to attend the upcoming World Wide Workshop and to adhere to the 7th Tradition while doing so.

Motion 140-11

Mover: Etta S. 2nd: Akin S.

Motion: To approve the RDA's attendance at the World Wide Workshop in Boston on November 20-22. The itinerary is as follows: \$178(hotel), \$70 (per diem for 2 days), \$100 (gas), \$40(tolls) - \$388 total expenses.

Intent: To allow the RDA to fulfill her service commitment to obtain all necessary info at the World Wide Workshop and adhere to our 7th Tradition

Motion 140-16

Mover: Don V. 2nd: Dustin C.

Motion: To amend current budget to increase the maximum expense for World Wide Workshop attendance by the RD, RDA, and RDA2 from \$200 to \$600 each.

Intent: This motion is a result of an error on the part of the Treasurer. This would bring our current budget to the level of previous year's budget for these items only. This motion does NOT increase out bi-monthly funding.

Motion 140-18

Mover: Shawn C, 2nd: Dustin C.

Motion: To make a change in policy under section XV Service Districts, letter C:

Currently reads: The region and its subcommittees will rotate their meetings throughout the four quadrants.

Change to: The region and its subcommittees, except for the Speaker Jam Subcommittee, will rotate their meetings throughout the four quadrants.

Intent: To allow the speaker jam subcommittee to meet in the area hosting the next event, maximizing participation.

All of these motions go back to home groups.

As your rcm alt. I carried the Tidewater motion sent by the groups to request the Region to act on the feasibility study for insurance for all. This motion was numbered 140-15.

Motion 140-15

Mover: Tidewater Area 2nd: Robert W,

Motion: To request region to act on the feasibility study for insurance for all.

Intent: To defer to the better price of the region to provide insurance for facilities we all use.

Motion made by Norman and 2nd by Pat to table motion until the 141st RSC for clarification from Tidewater Area. Motion to table motion 140-15 passes with 10 in favor and 1 against.

The region felt that they needed more information from Tidewater. It was recommended that we read the NAWS bulletin on this issue which can be found at NA.org. Bulletin #33. There was also a report done by our RDA 2 last year and I have ask for this report but haven,t received it yet. If the area would like I will continue to collect this information so that we can make an informed decision on how best to proceed. The next RSC will be October 17th-18th in Staunton, Va. It is a 2 day Assembly at which time the Regional Inventory will be done. Once again I encourage all to read the regional minutes found on the Regional website CARNA.Org. ILS, Terry H.

Motion by Chair to Table Motion 140-15, 28/for, 3/against, 1/abstention – MOTION TABLED

VRCC – Billy T. - No Report

Alt. VRCC – Dora H. - No Report

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Literature Chair – Rachel C.

We sold \$1,838.26 of literature last month. I purchased \$1,532.72 of literature. Just so everyone knows, World is no longer making gold plated medallions or pocket sized How & Why, pocket sized Basic Texts. We do have one hard cover How & Why and 5th Edition Basic Text. Thank you for letting me serve. Rachel C.

Metro Area Ad-hoc – No Written Report

Ad-hoc Chair requested \$15 for rent (Good Shepherd Lutheran Church). 26/for, 0/against, 0/abstentions - PASSED

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) – Jimmy C. - Written Report

Hello Family, all is well. Sorry I am not able to be here today due to I start work at 2:00 p.m. But I asked our new H&I Vice Chair, Sam D. to help me out. First I would like to say that H&I would like to ask for everyone's support of getting the message out that H&I needs support. We have open commitments that need to be filled and we have a lot of people who have been on commitments longer than their time. Can you please all announce this at your homegroups and meetings? Also, we have a Learning Day coming up and we are having some problems getting a place to have it. As soon as we get this straighten out we will get this information out and we look forward to having this areas support. We also need to update H&I info on the Tidewater area website. Also, I did not forget—please help me give Sam a big hand of applause for stepping up as our new Vice Chair of H&I. Finally, this report has been e-mailed to Secretary at Tidewater. ILS, Jimmy.

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

Website is working! We had 19,270 hits last month. We had registration for the campout on the shore with payment thru Pay Pal. Website cost per month is less than \$10 per month including everything. About \$6 site, domain is once a year. The meeting list was printed with a larger text for easier reading. We are looking at further changes to make keeping the list current and updated. Correctly easier. This would also make it easier to keep the meeting list, the website, and the regional website updated. We are also looking at using the website as an archive accessible to everyone. We have most of the meetings for the last year. We are getting new materials for PR presentations. Our next presentation is in Kitty Hawk September 22nd. Thank you, Chris R.

Convention Chair – Jerri B. - Written Report

Hi Family, the Convention Committee meets at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Norfolk United Methodist Church. Sub-Committees still need support. Our last fundraiser was a crabfest at Little Island Park which raised \$920 for the convention. I have heard that some addicts were given a price of \$109 for their rooms. Rooms are \$89 and I have contacted the hotel to open another block of rooms. ILS, Jerri B.

Special Events – Carlton J. - Written Report

Hi Family. Special Events meet today (8 people). We are planning a New Year's marathon meeting and dance. This will be a free event to all addicts. We are in the process of getting a location. ILS, Carlton J.

Phoneline – Cynthia E. - Written Report

Hello Family, nothing to report. The next meeting is Sunday, October 11th, 11:00 a.m. Please come out to support. ILS, Cynthia E.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 13 – Tyron W. - 3 yrs. It's About Time
September 13 – Donna E. - 19 yrs. We Need a Meeting
September 15 – Johnette J. - 17 yrs. Just for Today
September 20 – Brenda S. - 3 yrs. It's About Time
September 25 – Michelle P. - 2 yrs. Kempsville Crossroads
September 27 – Charles M. - 1 yr. It's About Time
October 2-4 – Serenity on the Shore Campout, First Landing State Park, Virginia Beach
October 4 – P-town picnic 10:00 a.m. All day, Portsmouth City Park
October 11 – Venus C. - 2 yrs. It's About Time
October 22 – Charlotte R. - 1 yr. End of the Night
October 31 – Brian M. - 1 yr. Freedom of Choice
November 4 – Dee Dee A. - 8 yrs. Straight Ahead
November 4 – Chris P. - 23 yrs. Straight Ahead

NEW MEETINGS: - NONE

OLD 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) **WITHDRAWN by Special Events**

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) **26/for, 1/against. 0/abstention - PASSED**

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 – **CHAIR RULED OUT OF ORDER**

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

Next Area service meeting;

October 11, 2009

Policy meeting directly after area service

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