

North Louisiana Area of Narcotics Anonymous ASC Minutes

April 15, 2007

- I. Opening of Meeting - Serenity Prayer led by Randy S., Area Chair (12:02)
- II. Twelve Traditions, first two paragraphs of Tradition Two - Read by Randy S., Area Chair
- III. Twelve Concepts - Read by Carolyn P., Policy Chair
- IV. Purpose and Definition of ASC - Ready by Randy S., Area Chair
- V. Roll Call - Called by Randy S., Area Chair
 - Officers Present:* Area Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary
 - Officers Absent:* Treasurer
 - Committee Chairs Present:* ASR, ASR-Alternate, Literature, Public Information, Outreach, Activities, Policy, H&I, AdHoc Website
 - Groups Present:* Care and Share, Stone Free, Saturday Night Live, We Do Recover, No Name, Mission Critical, Rebels With A Cause, Noon Group, Primary Purpose, Crossroads, New Hope, Hugs Not Drugs, Principles Before Personalities, Pines Group, Open Arms, Women in Recovery
 - Groups Absent:* None
- VI. Groups Petitioning Area for Membership: None
- VII. Secretary's Report:

Dear ASC Family,

The minutes for this month were out late. I apologize, but I've been really overwhelmed with work and my extra commitments. I'll try not to let any of these interfere with getting them out on time this month.

It has come to my attention that I'm sending email copies to certain groups who don't wish to receive their minutes this way, and that my contact list is not up-to-date. I am passing around the directory for changes, which I do every month. If you wish to receive minutes, please be sure your name and contact information is listed there.

It is a pleasure to serve our Area.

*In Loving Service,
Miles Jay Oliver,
NLANA Secretary*

Motion to accept Secretary's Report & Minutes by Debby P., Second by Vaughn

Secretary's Proposed Budget

*Postage (at 2 stamps per envelope) = \$0.78 per addressee
27 current addressees in our Area = \$21.06 per month
12 months per year = \$252.72 per year on postage*

*Envelopes (with 1 box of 100 brown envelopes) = \$10.82
324 envelopes needed per year (4 boxes) = \$43.28 per year on envelopes*

Copies (\$20.00 per month for 27 copies) = \$540.00 per year on copies

*\$252.72 (postage)
43.28 (envelopes)
+ 540.00 (copies)
\$836.00 (total for year)**

** This budget assumes no email exists and is for the current number of addressees within the NLANA.*

VIII. Treasurer's Report: (Read by Tony M., Vice Chair)

Hello Family,

Last month checks were written as follows:

*1) Pager: \$29.30, 2) Club Rent: \$30.00, 3) PI Schedules: \$65.16;
4) LRNA: \$186.00, 5) Literature Orders: \$402.60, 6) Activities: \$300.00,
and Outreach: \$25.00.*

The deposits include deposits made from donations \$225.67, deposits from literature \$431.15, deposits from Activities \$575.00 from Regional fundraisers, and \$37.75 from NA Birthday Party.

Donations from groups are down, and seed money given to ASC for fundraisers was \$300.00, and ASC donated \$300.00 equaling \$600.00 for fundraisers. We received back \$575.00 which puts us in the hole for fundraisers \$25.00. \$100.00 was given for NA Birthday Party, and received ack \$37.75, which equals -\$62.25.

I realize that money is not the issue for carrying the message at Activities, but if we continue at this rate of spending, we will not have money fro other committees to meet their message carrying needs. Please understand this is not a criticism of any committee, it is merely the concern of your Treasurer. Please be prudent/frugal, if you will, in our spending so that we may continue to carry the messag to the still-suffering addict. Check book balance before bills is \$2,786.98.

*In Loving Service,
Jody V.,
Area Treasurer*

- *HI budget: \$1,700.00 per year;*
- *ASR budget: \$900.00 per year plus gas and lodging;*
- *Literature budget: \$1,800.00 per year;*
- *Activities budget: \$300.00 for 7 fundraisers plus 2 additional fundraisers specified for H&I... \$2,700.00 per year;*
- *Secretary budget: \$836.00 per year;*
- *Treasurer budget: \$419.39 plus \$80.00 for Post Office Box... \$499.39;*
- *Outreach budget: \$300.00 for starter kits plus \$900.00 per year for travel... \$1,200.00 per year;*
- *PI budget \$1,500.00 per year;*
- *Total expenses projected \$11,135.39;*
- *Total income from donations from groups for the period April, 2006 to March, 2007 was only \$3,152.70*

I was unable to determine income from the fundraisers for last year. I don't believe it was enough to cover our projected expenditures.

*In Loving Service,
Jody V.,
Area Treasurer*

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Debby P., Second by Sharron J.

<i>Treasurer's Budget Year 2008</i>		
<i>ASC Rent X 1 Year</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>\$360.00</i>
	<i>Region</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>
<i>Receipt Book</i>		<i>\$6.99</i>
<i>Stamps</i>		<i>\$7.40</i>
<i>Misc.</i>		<i><u>\$15.00</u></i>
		<i>\$419.39</i>

IX. ASR Report

I am an addict. My name is Robert.

I attended both days of the R.S.C. weekend. The R.S.C. weekend went off so well due in part to Alley, Greg, and Melanie. The R.S.C. now has a website committee. David N. (the elder) is the chairman. He already has proposed guidelines for the

new committee. Doug F. was elected interim policy chair for the R.S.C. The region is in the process of moving the R.S.C. archives from a storage unit in Baton Rouge to a storage unit in Alexandria. The post office box in Baton Rouge will be changed to a post office box in Alexandria. This is being done so it will be in more central location in the state. The Bayou Recovery Area in Baton Rouge is no longer a member of the R.S.C. and no longer supports the Louisiana Region. The R.S.C. is going to have a closed meeting of the Joint Administrative Committee at 10:00 am on Saturday of the next R.S.C. weekend. This is concerned with remarks made by R.S.C. Vice Chair to some newcomers and old timers about NA service work. The incorporation board is now accepting service resumes of members who would like to serve on the board of directors. They are in the process of electing a chairman of the Incorporation. I returned the \$300.00 check that was written out to the A.S.C., and the 2008 Convention Committee put in a motion for \$600.00. The money will help the committee to print up flyers and pre-convention tee shirts. The shirts and flyers are the convention in Alexandria. The R.S.C. Outreach Committee wants to sponsor G.S.R.'s workshops to any area in the Region that would like to have one in their Area. The cut-off date to reserve your room for LRCNA XXV in Alexandria is May 4, 2007. When you make your reservation, you must mention LRCNA XXV and the dates. It was asked of the Alexandria Convention to stay at the convention hotel so they will meet the room block.

*In Loving Service,
Robert R.*

Motion to Accept ASR Report by Debby P., Second by Sharron J.

X. GSR Reports:

A. Care and Share - GSR or Alternate: John G.

Dear A.S.C.

Income for group: \$248.05; Literature Income: \$44.40

Literature Order: \$65.47; Rent: \$148.83;

Literature Rack: \$20.00; Expenses: -\$26.60;

Donation to Area: \$31.35; Ending Balance: 0

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Our meetings are going well. We continue to acquire more home group members. I am grateful to be of service.

*In Loving Service,
John G, Addict*

B. Stone Free - GSR or Alternate: Andrew D.

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$282.71; Literature Order: \$31.00;

Expenses: \$282.16; Rent: \$155.22;
Donation to Area: \$8.00; Ending Balance: \$16.78
Group Comments:

Hi family,

*Meetings are going well. We celebrated three birthdays
this month, so our donations are a little short.*

*In Loving Service,
Andrew*

C. Saturday Night Live - GSR or Alternate: Keith H.

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Meetings are doing well.

Jill R. April 7th

Juli S. April 13th

Keith H. April 10th

D. We Do Recover - GSR or Alternate: Debby P.

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$106.76; Literature Order: 0;

Expenses: 0; Rent: \$85.41;

Donation to Area: 0; Ending Balance: 0

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

*Meetings are going well and attendance is getting better.
We have had 10 newcomers. We have had some really good
meetings. We welcome everyone to join us.*

*In Loving Service,
Debby P.*

E. No Name - GSR or Alternate: Josh M.

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: 0; Literature Order: \$67.49;

Expenses: 0; Rent: \$84.28; Donation to Area: \$29.00;

Ending Balance: 0

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

*Meetings are great. Upcoming birthdays are Tricia D.,
Larry D., and Scott D. New member, Ronnie R.*

*In Loving Service,
Josh M.*

F. Mission Critical - GSR or Alternate: Dave B.

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Greetings from Monroe.

The Mission Critical group would like to express our gratitude to the Outreach Committee and the individuals who have made the effort to come to Monroe and support our meeting. We have been exploring options to reach newcomers and help meeting attendance, including reaching out to the new Pioneer Group in south Monroe, which has recently reformed, doing some local PI work, including plans for a radio PSA, the info and results thereof we will bring back to the PI subcommittee for discussion. Other than that, it has been business as usual, with attendance and income still holding about the same as this past six months.

*In Loving Service,
Dave B.*

G. Rebels With A Cause - GSR or Alternate: Vaughn P.

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Good Afternoon.

The Rebels With A Cause group is doing well. We had about 80 people at our group on Sunday. We continue to have big meetings at the prison, and could use some more support. I will give up my position as GSR after the first of June. So, I hope that someone will be there to take over.

*In Loving Service,
Vaughn.*

H. Noon Group - GSR or Alternate: H.B.

Greetings ASC,

Noon Group is an autonomous, self-supporting group of 8 home group members. We meet four times a week with an average attendance of 41. We will stop having a Wednesday meeting at the end of this month (April).

*In loving service,
H.B.
Noon Group*

I. Primary Purpose - GSR or Alternate: Allan B.

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

The Primary Purpose group has been doing better lately.

We have not had to make announcements for attendants to our group for the last couple of weeks. We have had a couple visitors from out-of-town lately. I thank the membership of Narcotics Anonymous for stepping up to help keep our group alive during this difficult time.

*In Loving Service,
Allan B.*

J. Ruston Crossroads - GSR or Alternate: Kenneth R.

Group Comments:

Greetings from Ruston,

Meetings are average five to seven people a meeting. Few newcomers. No new activities. We are just keeping the doors open to carry the message. Cassandra is getting twelve years. Corry is getting two years on the last Saturday of the month. Breakfast birthday. Donating \$10.00 to Area.

*In Loving Service,
Kenny*

K. Principles Before Personalities - GSR or Alternate: Mariann M.

Group Comments:

Greetings Area--

Principles Before Personalities Group is still small, but doing well. Average attendance is about six. After paying rent and buying coffee, we will be donating \$10.00 to Area.

*In Loving Service,
Mariann M.*

L. Hugs Not Drugs - GSR or Alternate: Sharron J.

Dear ASC Family,

Hugs Not Drugs continues to meet at 1545 Line Avenue, Suite 180 every Saturday night from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Our average meeting attendance this month was twenty-four. There are no upcoming birthdays in May.

Last night, Robert R. spoke on Step Four at our Step Study. This month, our Tradition Study has been changed to next Saturday, April 21st, where Rodney H. from New Orleans will be speaking on Tradition Four.

On May 12th, Lavert will be speaking on Step Five, and on May 19th, Gen will be speaking on Tradition Five.

The rotating meeting format for our group is posted on the Regional/Area website. Please note that our meetings are non-smoking and handicapped accessible. This information will be added to the website.

After paying rent, purchasing supplies and literature, our donation to Area is \$25.32.

*In Loving Service,
Sharron J., GSR
Hugs Not Drugs*

M. Pines Group - GSR or Alternate: Mike J.

Dear ASC,

Meetings are great. Would like to see more outside support. We would like to donate \$50.00 to Area.

*In Loving Service,
Mike J.*

N. Open Arms Group - GSR or Alternate: Laura F.

Dear ASC,

Our meetings are going well. We meet nine times a week, with an average of twenty people in attendance at our noon meetings and about ten in the evening. We are celebrating two one-year birthdays on the 28th at 7:00 p.m. Tammy S. and Melva M.

Some of our group members are playing at the Jazz Festival this Saturday at 3:00, and we are looking forward to going.

We have no donation at this time.

*In Loving Service,
Laura F.*

O. Women in Recovery Group - GSR or Alternate: Stacey W.

Dear A.S.C.

No Financial Report At This Time.

Group Comments:

Dear ASC family,

Our women's group is still doing well with attendance still around five to seven. We have no financial report at this time.

*In Loving Service,
Stacey W.*

XI. Ad-Hoc Convention Committee

- A. Report from Greg B. presented with discussion over committee's accountability to the NLANA. The NLANA decided that we will continue accepting information presented from the committee as the convention will be held in our Area; however, it is understood that the committee is not accountable to the Area.
- B. Report from Greg B. presented as follows:

Dear Fellow ASC Members,

We have had a few meetings so far. The latter was pretty interesting because of dealing with the guidelines. Although, when I was at RSC, it showed its ugly head again, and they debated on it a few hours themselves. I went to Alexandria Saturday, and they also have had some problems with them also. However, I feel with our collective efforts, willingness, and Higher Powers, we'll work it out and overcome.

We have had a few problems opening the checking account. I talked to Doug F., and he is looking into it in Alexandria, and will get back with me on it. I have received \$600.00 from RSC for t-shirts, etc. We will have an impromptu meeting after ASC to deal with a couple of issues that need to be addressed in a timely manner. These two issues will be all we address today. Our next meeting will be on the 29th of April at 2:00 p.m.

*Grateful, but frustrated,
Greg B.*

XII. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Literature Subcommittee - David N. (The Younger)

Dear A.S.C.,

I placed an order totaling \$414.45 on March 26th. When I totaled the order, I forgot to drop down the cost of a hardcover Just For Today, and, in turn, I requested a check from Area in the amount of \$402.60. This leaves a balance owed to LRSO in the amount of \$11.85. I called myself double-checking my order, but apparently, this was overlooked. I apologize for this discrepancy, and will alleviate this balance in April's order.

In Loving Service,

David N. (The Younger)

Literature Budget 2007

Stockpile of \$1,800.00

As needs of Area increase, any more monies needed shall be requested in the form of a motion.

Motion to accept by Drew D.; Second by Debby P.

B. Public Information - Dave B.

Dear A.S.C. Family,

- *Meeting Schedules;*
- *Still trying to get the web servant to update the presence with ASC minutes and other information (sling it over to Keith for a minute and let him explain if he would like);*
- *Members of the Monroe group are exploring options for doing non-profit radio PSA's, and will report back to the subcommittee next month with their findings;*
- *If any group has changes in their meeting schedules, please make sure that the PI Chair or the PI Vice-Chair receives those changes in writing--Thank You*

*In Loving Service,
Dave B.*

Motion to accept by Debby P.; Second by Josh M.

Public Information Subcommittee Budget 2007

Phone Line - \$600.00

- Pagers
- (800) number
- Answering Service

Schedules - \$400.00

- 1,000 copies printed every 2 months

Literature - \$200.00

- Pamphlets for mailing list

Postage - \$100.00

- Postage and envelopes for mail-outs

P.S.A. - \$200.00

- Card-stock poster board-type public service announcements.

Total Yearly Budget - \$1,500.00

C. Outreach - Cindy W.

Dear ASC Family,

I am an addict named Cindy.

Outreach would like to apologize to the Policy Subcommittee for not turning in revised guidelines before now. I offer no excuses as they would be lame anyway.

Our road trip to Monroe went well, we had a great time, and got to attend a good meeting. We spent exactly \$24.50 in gas for the round-trip. I have 50 cents, and a receipt to return to our Treasurer. I encourage everyone to travel to some of the outlying parts of our Area and support some of these smaller meetings, as it can only broaden our base of recovery. They DO say, "The broader the base, the higher the point of freedom."

I dropped in on the Stone Free group on the Friday before RSC, they seemed to be doing well with a great number of addicts in attendance. I finally got my lazy ass up to attend Principles Before Personalities on Saturday morning, and although it is a small meeting in numbers, it is fulfilling in its primary purpose of carrying the message to the addict who still suffers. At the time of typing this report, I have made plans to drop in on We Do Recover and say hi on Thursday to see how they are doing. I have also spoken to a member who has expressed willingness to help out with the guys of Rebels With A Cause, and is in the paperwork process as we speak.

I was in attendance at the Regional Outreach subcommittee meeting, at which time it was brought to my attention that there are meetings listed on

the Regional meeting list that we don't know anything about. No one knows if these meetings are still happening or not. The regional Public Information chair gave me the information about the ones that fall within our geographical area so that I may investigate further and let him know whether they are happening or not. I will be asking our Area Public Information chair for help with this matter, as many of the meetings we need to investigate are geographically close to him. I also asked the Regional Outreach chair (our very own Robert R., by the way) to help me with this, and he happily agreed.

I also spoke with the regional Outreach Chair about holding a Regional GSR workshop here in the north Area. Our fellowship is growing, and for ME, the opportunity to learn more about service is always exciting. The growth we are seeing within our fellowship shows me that someday this message of hope will be available in order that no addict ANYWHERE need ever die from the horrors of addiction. More will be revealed as I continue to work with Robert on this.

I don't know if anyone else noticed, but Shipwreck group was represented at the Regional function on April 7th. It was good to see with my own eyes that this member was still among us. I also spoke with Brenda H. from the Shipwreck group and discovered that their meeting schedule has changed. They are now holding meetings only on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. I will be making sure that Public Information gets this information so that their meeting list can be changed.

I am requesting money to go to Many to visit the Shipwreck group and to Ruston to visit the Crossroads group. I am hoping to travel to Many this coming Friday and Ruston one Saturday morning (which would put me in the vicinity for the Bastrop Saturday night meeting if I can find something constructive to do with myself for the interim). Anyone wishing to join me for the road trips, please feel free to call me at (318) 286-6281. While I am on the subject of my phone number, if Outreach can do anything to help any of the groups in our Area, feel free to call me.

I would like to thank Greg B. for so graciously providing his smoke-free car for us to travel to Monroe, as well as those who rode with us (Carolyn P., David W., and A.C.) to help support our family in Monroe.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

*Cindy W.
Outreach Chair.*

Motion to accept by Sharron J.; Second by Debby P.

Outreach Proposed Budget

Group Starter Kits (6 @ \$50.00 each) = \$300.00

Travel Expenses (@ \$25.00 per month) = \$300.00

Total Expenses = \$600.00

D. Activities Subcommittee - Greg B.

Dear ASC Family,

Activities is doing well. We had the Nakid Birthday party on March 21st. We did not have a big attendance, but those of us that were there had a good time. Then, we hosted the RSC, which was a great success. I thank everyone who helped, especially Alley. I turned over \$575.00 to Jody for this event and returned \$37.75 for the Nakid Birthday party. Do remember that we are hosting the H&I Learning Day on April 21st, and will appreciate all those that attend. Plus, anyone interested in helping with Activities will be greatly appreciated. We've made \$120.44 through our recent events. I am turning in receipts for both events today.

*Grateful to serve
sometimes,
Greg B.
Activities Vice Chair*

Motion to accept by Vaughn P.; Second by Drew D.

Activities Budget 2007

March 31, 2007 - Nakid Birthday Party - have \$100.00 start-up fund
308 E. Texas Street, 2-6 p.m.

April 7, 2007 - Regional Function - \$300.00 start-up fund
308 E. Texas Street, 7 pm

April 21, 2007 - H&I Learning Day - \$300.00 start-up fund
308 E. Texas Street, TBA

May 19, 2007 - Toga Party/Pot Luck - 0 start-up fund
308 E. Texas Street, TBA

June 16, 2007 - NA Picnic @ Columbia Park - \$300.00 start-up fund

July 4, 2007 - 4th of July Fireworks - \$300.00 start-up fund
308 E. Texas Street, TBA

August 12, 2007 - Day at the Beach/Pot Luck - 0 start-up fund
Cypress Lake, TBA

September 8, 2007 - Unity Day - \$300.00 start-up fund
Monroe, LA, TBA

October 27, 2007 - Halloween Party - \$300.00 start-up fund
308 E. Texas Street, 7-11 pm

November 9-11, 2007 - Camp Recovery -0 \$300 start-up fund
Lake Bisteneau State Park

December 15, 2007 - Dirty Santa Christmas Party - \$300.00 start-up fund
Ruston, LA, TBA

December 31, 2007 - New Year's Eve Pajama Party - \$300.00 start-up fund
308 E. Texas Street, 6:00 pm - 6:00 am

Total Budget = \$2,700.00 per year

E. Policy Subcommittee - Carolyn P., Policy Chairperson

Greetings from Policy Subcommittee!

We met every Thursday except one since last ASC to iron out the rest of the missing pieces of our puzzle. Members in attendance: Moli, HB, and myself, with a visit from the Outreach Subcommittee chair.

We received the last revision of the Subcommittees, and it will be input to the body. We have to add the financial guidelines page, which we understand will be presented today. We hope to have a working copy by next ASC. We appreciate your tolerance with the length of time it has taken, but it has been a harder job than we anticipated. We could have printed with some details NOT worked out, but we felt that would be counter-productive. Hereafter, we will only add or revise as policy motions are made.

Last month, the Secretary gave me a sequential motion list packet, and the Vice-Chair came and got it back. Does the Secretary or the Vice Chair have that packet? We were not aware of any policy changes on the list, but we need it to verify that there were not changes that we needed to incorporate into the body.

Thanks for letting us serve you as a faithful and loyal and hardworking subcommittee.

*In Loving Service,
Carolyn P.,
Policy Chair*

Motion to accept by Debby P.; Second by H.B.

F. Hospitals and Institutions - Dora

Dear ASC Family,

H&I is doing well. We have an abundance of support. April 21, 2007, we will grow in our efforts to help the still-suffering addict by putting on H&I Learning Day. It will start at 11:00 a.m. and it will include speakers, fun, and fellowship, as well as a dance. Due to increased participation, there will be no shutting H&I down for a week. For further details, see me after the meeting.

*In Loving Service,
Dora Manea Roberts,
H&I Chair*

Motion to accept by Debby P.; Second by Drew D.

XIII. Old Business

A. Motion 2007/03-14 (P)

Maker: Carolyn P.
Committee: Policy Chair
Second: H.B.
Committee: Noon Group GSR

Motion: We would like to consider having ASC on a rotation (i.e. Ruston one month, Monroe one month, Natchitoches one month, and Shreveport nine months.)

Intent: To include all members of ASC and to promote interest in Narcotics Anonymous in each Area.

Motion Amended As Above and Sent Back to Groups.

B. Motion 2007/03-15 (P)

Maker: Robert R.

Committee: ASR
Second: Vaughn P.
Committee: Rebels With A Cause GSR

Motion: The RSC to form a website committee that will not be a part of the RSC
PI Committee.

Intent: To have a better functioning regional website.

For: 11, Against: 1, Abstain: 3
Motion Passes.

XIV. Ten Minute Sharing Session

XVI. Break for Fifteen Minutes/Reconvene with Serenity Prayer Led By Randy S.

XVII. New Business

A. Motion 2007/04-19 (M)

Maker: Doug V.
Committee: Public Information
Second: David B.
Committee: Mission Critical GSR

Motion: To secure \$14.55 to pay for P.I. Literature and accessories ordered from
Literature.

Intent: To be self-supporting

For: 14; Against: 0; Abstain: 0
Motion passes.

B. Motion 2007/04-20 (P)

Maker: David N. (The Younger)
Committee: Literature
Second: Josh M.
Committee: No Name GSR-Alternate

Motion: Must have all literature orders turned in by end of first recess.

Intent: To ensure timely distribution of literature and avoid constant recounting
of money.

Motion Referred to Policy Committee for Review

XVIII. Announcements:

- A. Keith H. - Rent for groups meeting at 308 E. Texas Street must be turned in on the fourth Sunday of the month at Survivor's Club meeting;
- B. Miles announced that he needs the NLANA Directory returned promptly;
- C. Robert - Juli S. will be celebrating 8 years on April 21st at 9:00 p.m.;
- D. PI will be meeting directly following ASC;
- E. Convention Committee will be meeting following ASC;
- F. H&I Learning Day will be April 21st at 11 a.m.;
- G. Next ASC will be May 20th at noon;
- H. Ending Balance \$2,787.10

XIX. Motion to close with Serenity Prayer