

North Louisiana Area of Narcotics Anonymous  
ASC Minutes  
August 19, 2007

I. Opening of Meeting - Serenity Prayer led by Randy S., Area Chair (12:01)

II. Twelve Traditions, first two paragraphs of Tradition Two - Read by Tony M., Vice Chair

III. Twelve Concepts - Read by H.B., Policy Vice Chair

IV. Purpose and Definition of ASC - Read by Randy S., Area Chair

V. Roll Call - Called by Randy S., Area Chair

Officers Present: Area Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, ASR, ASR-Alternate

Officers Absent: None

Committee Chairs Present: Literature, Public Information,  
Outreach, Activities, Policy, H&I, AdHoc Website

Committees Absent: None

Groups Present: Care and Share, Stone Free, Saturday Night Live, No Name, Mission Critical, Noon Group, Primary Purpose, Crossroads, Hugs Not Drugs, Principles Before Personalities, Pines Group, Women in Recovery, Open Arms, Shipwreck, At The End of The Road

Groups Absent: Rebels With A Cause, New Hope

VI. Groups Petitioning Area for Membership:

The Get Real Group

We are requesting to join the NLANA.

We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. at 9400 Ellerbe Road Grace Community Church in room A-103. The format is a Basic Text study. We have a few members and have good support so far.

In Loving Service,  
David Richardson, GSR

Motion to accept The Get Real Group to the NLANA by Melanie, Second by Dave B.

Motion passed.

The NLANA welcomes The Get Real Group.

VII. Secretary's Report:

Dear ASC Family,

I am passing the NLANA Directory for updated email and/or physical addresses for sending out the minutes. Also, I am submitting a motion for reimbursement of \$24.67 for copies and mailing expenses.

It is a pleasure to serve our Area.

In Loving Service,  
Miles Jay Oliver,  
NLANA Secretary

Motion to accept Secretary's Report & Minutes by Josh M., Second by Stacy  
Secretary's Report Accepted.

VIII. Treasurer's Report:

Hello ASC,

Last month, we received \$327.39 from Literature sales, \$675.63 from donations and Activities, and \$120.00 from Camp Recovery registrations. Checks were written to Survivor's Club for rent, PI for meeting lists, Robert R. for travel to RSC, donation to RSC, Aquis for pager, Miles for Secretary supplies, and Lone Star for Literature. Our ending balance in checking was \$2,000.30.

I have been to the bank twice because they have stopped sending bank statements and they have assured me they will correct this problem.

I have also spent several hours at Louisiana Legal Services trying to fill out the forms to apply for tax exempt status for ASC. This is more involved than one person can do. I am asking the ASC to form a subcommittee to address this issue before the end of the ASC year. I am aware that I only have two more months as ASC Treasurer, and I would like to resolve this before I step down.

I have checked the Post Office Box and received packet for each group from NAWS. Please pick these up before the end of this ASC.

In Loving Service,  
Jody V.,  
Area Treasurer

Jody V. also answered questions over what subcommittee would do.  
Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Mariann M., Second by Josh M.  
Treasurer's Report Accepted.

IX. Post Office Box Report:

Included with Treasurer's Report.

Post Office Box Report Accepted.

X. GSR Reports:

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for group: \$300.29; Rent: \$180.17; Literature: \$38.50;

Expenses: \$12.57; Donation to Area: \$75.00; Literature Order: \$48.39;  
Ending Balance: \$22.66

B. Stone Free - GSR or Alternate: Krissy L.

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Meetings are going well for Stone Free. We apologize for our absence last month. We are making a total donation to Area of \$30.00 for July and August. Our average attendance is 33, and our total newcomers this month was 6.

In Loving Service,  
Brandie B.

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

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Dear Family,

Meetings are going great even though they are getting a bit long. We even have a home group member from South Louisiana now. No contribution at this time although we remain self supporting.

In Loving Service,  
Keith H.

D. We Do Recover - GSR or Alternate: Mark Bearden

Dear A.S.C.

Income for group: \$97.84; Rent: \$78.27; Literature: \$32.04;  
Expenses: \$110.31; Donation to Area: 0; Ending balance: 0

Group Comments:

Dear ASC Family,

Our meetings are getting better and better both in content and participation. We are growing in numbers every meeting.

In Loving Service,  
Mark B.

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

Dear A.S.C.

Donation to Area: \$10.00

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Our attendance is great, but our current group members are not getting involved. We have \$10.00 to donate to the ASC.

In Loving Service,  
Josh M.

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

“Free At Last” District of North Louisiana Area of NA  
August 12, 2007

Groups present:

Mission Critical  
Crossroads  
New Path 2

Elected Trusted Servants:

Dave - DSR  
Daniel - DSR Alternate  
Carl - Treasurer  
Kim - Secretary (unofficial at this time as she was absent, though all are in agreement)

Mission Critical Group donated \$10.00 and another \$35.00 raised at the Spring Fever Fish Fry was added to the treasury for a balance of \$45.00. Most of which is projected to cover traveling expenses to the ASC.

Discussed the possibility of getting a PO box and tabled the idea indefinitely.  
Motion to have GSR's ask their groups for volunteers for 12-step call, unanimous.  
Panel leaders for H&I commitment at SOAR finalized. Sammy and Carl looking into starting a new panel at Morehouse Parish Jail, contact with the facility has been initiated. No details at this time.  
PSA for the News Star paper has been updated and appears in the paper twice weekly in the community calendar section listing the local groups/meetings (time, day, and location and helpline pager number).  
The motion/request for literature to the Louisiana Regional Outreach Subcommittee was referred back to the NLANA.  
We need support on Monday nights at Mission Critical. SOAR has been bringing clients to the meeting every Monday night, and we need all the support we can get, especially on the weeks that the female clients attend (SOAR keeps the men and the women separate and alternates weeks accordingly).  
At the present time, we are just getting our feet under us with this service committee and do not have individual reports from each group this month, but otherwise all is going well.

In Loving Service,  
Dave B.  
DSR - Free At Last District of North Louisiana Area of NA

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

Absent

H. Noon Group - GSR or Alternate: Doug V.

Dear ASC,  
We are a completely self-supporting and autonomous group of 11 home group members. We average 35 people at 3 meetings a week. We have no donation to Area at this time.

In loving service,  
Doug V.

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

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

The Primary Purpose Group is still here. We continue to fulfill our primary purpose by carrying the life-saving message of NA to the addict who still suffers. Our meeting attendance continues to be supported primarily by newcomers. In order to increase support from fellow members who would have experience, strength, and hope to offer the fellowship's newcomers, our group, beginning the second Sunday of September, will hold "Story Night" twice monthly. Asking speakers to focus on how our literature has helped them succeed in giving them a more peaceful life. We thank you for your support.

In Loving Service,  
Allan B.

J. Ruston Crossroads - GSR or Alternate: Dave B.

Group represented by Dave B.'s report.

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

Group Comments:

Greetings Family,

We are pleased with our meeting attendance and the Tuesday morning meeting has been better than expected. Come join us! After paying rent, we will be donating \$25.00 to Area this month.

In Loving Service,  
Mariann M. GSR

L. Hugs Not Drugs - GSR or Alternate: Melanie S.

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Hello Family,

All is well at Hugs Not Drugs. We had two members celebrate their birthdays this past Saturday, myself with one year and Sonny with four years.

We are now meeting at the Rutherford House Gym. Please come share your hope of a new life.

We are making a literature order of \$29.65 and a donation of \$25.00 to Area.

In Loving Service,  
Melanie S., GSR  
Hugs Not Drugs

M. Pines Group - GSR or Alternate: Sllim

Dear A.S.C.

Donation to Area: \$80.00

Group comments:

All is well. We can always use support. Plenty of people looking for sponsors.

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

Dear ASC,

Greetings from the Open Arms Group in Natchitoches. Last night, we were visited by Cheryl W. (?) of Shreveport, who told her story. Next Saturday night, we will celebrate one year of recovery with one of our members named Steve.

On September 15th, Bob L. from Lake Charles will be our guest speaker for our workshop on the 4th and 5th steps. We have brought flyers with us today to pass out and would like to encourage everyone to attend. In an effort to feed the body as well as the spirit, we will be serving lunch.

We would like to thank the Area for the donation of meeting materials for the Natchitoches Parish D.C. meeting. Because of this, the inmates have become empowered in their recovery and are leading their own meetings. They are considering having meetings within their dorms several times a week instead of the one meeting a week they currently have.

We have a \$25.00 donation this month.

In Loving Service,  
Laura T.

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

Dear A.S.C.

Donation to Area: \$10.00

Group comments:

Dear ASC family,

The women's group attendance is staying about the same.

Meetings are great. We had one newcomer this month, and we have \$10.00 to donate at this time.

In Loving Service,  
Stacey W.

P. Shipwreck Group - GSR or Alternate: Lorenda A.

Absent at this time.

Q. New Hope Group - GSR or Alternate: Kim G.

Group represented in report by Dave B.

R. At The End of The Road Group - GSR or Alternate: AC

Dear A.S.C.

Our meeting is doing well.

In Loving Service,  
AC

#### XI. ASR Report

I am an addict, my name is Robert.

I attended the RSC weekend in Covington, Louisiana on August 4th and 5th 2007. There was a motion at the last RSC to purchase liability insurance for all the NA groups that meet within the Louisiana region for a cost of \$2,600.00 a year. The conventions would not be included by the policy, but the coverage can be added when needed for approximately \$300.00. It was referred to the Incorporation Board for review. At this past RSC weekend, they returned with their recommendation for the RSC to purchase the insurance. The RSC is now waiting to hear from the groups to vote yes or no. I will need your votes by the next ASC.

The Corporation Board held their elections of officers and Ray M. was elected as chairman, Keith S. was elected as Vice Chairman, Bob L. was re-elected as Secretary, and Doug F. was re-elected as Treasurer.

The RSC-alternate, Rodney, was appointed to head a committee for the next Southern Zonal Forum on prejudice in recovery. So, if anyone has any topics for Rodney, please have it in writing for me and give it to me by the next ASC. The suggestions will be given to Rodney and discussed at the next Zonal Forum.

All nominations for RSC positions are due in by the next RSC in October. Everything will be open except for RSC Chair, RSRD, and RSRD-alternate. If you have any questions, you can ask me, David, Cindy, or Tony. I have copies of an article from the NA Way magazine. This is titled Cooperation vs. Affiliation, A Look at NA and the Drug Courts. I am turning in receipts totaling \$163.76. This includes the motel room, which was \$127.40 and \$36.36 for gas. I am not going to ask for the reimbursement of \$13.76.

In Loving and Grateful to Serve,  
Robert R.

Motion to accept ASR Report by Stacy, Second by Melanie S.  
ASR Report Accepted.

XII. Break, Reconvene with Serenity Prayer led by Randy S.

XIII. Motion to suspend order for Shipwreck Group report by Doug V., Second by Stacy

A. Shipwreck Group - GSR or Alternate: Lorenda A.

Hello Family!

Attendance is up! Monday night meeting is a hit. We work steps in the meeting since available sponsors are insufficient to meet the demands of the numbers of newcomers. There is no treasurer's report at this time. We have developed a friendship/partnership with the Leesville Group. They had 5+ members visit our group and were allowed to capture our symbol (ship's wheel). To recapture our wheel, we will have 5+ people to visit their group. If we have 10 or more to go to Leesville, we will be able to capture their banner. Shipwreck is planning this trip on Saturday, August 25, 2007. We are working steps, staying clean, and having fun in recovery.

In Loving Service,  
Lorenda A.

#### XIV. Subcommittee Reports

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

Dear A.S.C. Family,

A literature order was placed in the amount of \$324.32 with the L.S.R.S.O. Due to a great deal of procrastination and some unforeseen circumstances, this order was not placed in time to receive it prior to this month's A.S.C. I accept full responsibility for this mishap and ensure the committee this will not happen again. If there is anything anyone needs that we may be out or short of, I will deliver it personally to you when I receive the order. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

At this time, I would like to remind everyone that elections for ASC positions are a short two months away. I will not be seeking another term as your literature chair, nor will accept any nominations to any other position within the ASC. My personal obligations with the convention committee, meetings, work, and school require my full attention.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns you would like to discuss with me, please feel free to contact me at 318-550-8508.

In Loving Service,

David N. (The Younger)  
NLANA Literature Chair

Motion to accept by Mariann M.; Second by Stacy  
Literature Report Accepted.

##### B. Public Information - Dave B.

Phone Line /12th Step Volunteers

1. A minimum of 1 year clean time for Phone line, a minimum 2 years for 12th Step Volunteers
2. Appropriate training (eg: group orientation session, personal orientation, to include but not limited to do's and don'ts for Phone line and acknowledgement of the "chain of custody" for handling the pager).
3. A knowledge of the 12 steps and 12 traditions of Narcotics Anonymous

4. A willingness to serve and follow guidelines
5. A willingness to give personal time

#### Do's and Don'ts

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##### Don't...

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Motion to accept by Melanie S., Second by Stacy  
Public Information Report Accepted.

C. Outreach - Cindy W., Chair; Sonny T., Vice Chair

#### June 2007 Outreach Report

I am an addict named Cindy. All is well with Outreach. We are continuing to take meetings on wheels into people's homes.

We traveled to Natchitoches and West Monroe. I have a receipt for the gas to travel to West Monroe. The travel to visit Open Arms in Natchitoches was 151.34 miles round trip, gas was \$2.75/gallon that day, the car averages 20 miles per gallon for a total of \$20.76 for gas. Those two trips total up to \$50.90, which is the amount that was stolen out of my purse.

We held a GSR workshop in Monroe on August 11. I enjoyed our speakers and thank those who supported the event.

In Loving Service,  
Cindy W.

P.S. We are presenting two motions - one for travel funds and one for a starter kit for Get Real group.

Motion to accept by Melanie S.; Second by Daniel S.  
Outreach Report Accepted.

D. Activities Subcommittee - Alley P., Vice Chair

Dear ASC Family,

On August 12th, we had a day at the beach at Cypress Black Bayou, and we had a great time. Food, fun, and fellowship. We didn't raise any money, nor did we really intend to. But we got a good bit of support.

Our next activity will be our Unity Day in Monroe on September 2nd from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. We will have our Activities Subcommittee meeting on August 21st at 6:30 PM at 308 E. Texas Street. And today, after Area, we will have discussion about Camp Recovery, so please stay and be a part of.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

In loving service,  
Alley P.  
Activities Vice Chair

Motion to accept by Stacy.; Second by Melanie S.  
Activities Report Accepted.

E. Policy Subcommittee - H.B., Policy Vice Chair

July Policy Subcommittee Report

Dear ASC,

The Policy Subcommittee met twice since the last ASC meeting. Considered the motions referred to subcommittee from July meeting. Both are appropriate to be sent to home groups for their consideration. Note that the motions for the Monroe, West Monroe, Ruston, and Bastrop groups to be represented as a district is specific to these groups only.

In Loving Service,  
H.B., Policy Vice-Chair

Motion to accept by Melanie S.; Second by Doug V.  
Policy Report Accepted.

F. Hospitals and Institutions - Dora

Dear ASC Family,

H&I is doing great. We have some stable and awesome support. As always, we need more support. The NA message of recovery is being carried faithfully to the still-suffering addict. If you would like to participate, please see me after the meeting or come to our Subcommittee meeting this Friday at 6:30 at 308 E. Texas.

In Loving Service,  
Dora Roberts,  
H&I Chair

Motion to accept by Melanie S.; Second by Daniel  
H&I Report Accepted.

G. Convention Committee Report PRN/FYI

Hello ASC from the Convention Committee,

All is going well. The main thing we are looking at is budgets. We still have a bit of time before we

need to freak out or anything. Our theme has been chosen: "Flight to Freedom". We have Arts & Graphics open and we need VC's and willing participants to help with these committees. Every volunteer is important and I can't say how much I appreciate and love each and every one of you. Our next meeting is on September 9th at 2:00 pm. Come see us now, ya hear?

Remaining old,  
Fat, bald, and still semi  
Willing to serve  
Greg B. - Buddha

P.S. I do have materials such as budgets with me from 1999. Robert has given me a year treasury report from last year.

#### XV. Election of Officers

A. Area Chair announced that we will be accepting nominations for the following positions next month:

Area Vice Chair  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
ASR-Alternate  
Literature Chair  
PI Chair  
Outreach Chair  
Activities Chair  
Policy Chair  
H&I Chair

#### XVI. Ten Minute Sharing Session

#### XVII. Old Business

A. Motion 2007/07-43 (P)

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

Motion: To change PI policy to increase meeting list printing from 1000 to 1500. This includes 50 lists per home group, 200 for H&I, 100 for Outreach, 300 for mail-outs, and a surplus of lists for any home groups or subcommittee that will need them.

Intent: To better serve Area's need for meeting lists.

Motion Sent to Groups.

B. Motion 2007/07-46 (P)

Maker: David B.  
Committee: Mission Critical GSR  
Second: Daniel S.  
Committee: Crossroads GSR

Motion: To petition the North Louisiana Area to accept the groups in Monroe, West Monroe, Ruston, and Bastrop to be represented as a district as proposed in the accompanying report. (For questions, see Mission Critical report above).

Intent: To better able represent the 5 groups in Northeast Louisiana to this Area.

Motion Sent to Groups.

Dave's Report from July is pasted below as requested.

DSR Report for Northeast District Groups/Motion For Inclusion To Area

Greetings from Monroe, Ruston, Bastrop, and West Monroe!

On Sunday, July 8th, the GSRs from 4 out of 5 groups attended an ad-hoc committee to carry each of their group's consciences for the purpose of forming a District Service Committee with the intent of unifying the groups in Northeast Louisiana while maintaining representation in the North Louisiana Area. We have basically patterned this after the section in A Guide to Local Service in NA that addresses area committees in rural areas:

“If GSR travel to area committee meetings is burdensome- say, if the ASC meets more that 100 kilometers (62 miles) away- they might even select one of their members to represent the co-op each month on a rotating basis.”

-Guide to Local Services, p. 65

We plan to differ from that outline by having a single point of accountability and electing a District Service Representative, and hopefully an alternate as well to represent our groups for a set term just as a GSR would for a single group. We also propose that our DSR carry a separate vote for each group that they represent provided that the group was represented by a GSR at the DSC prior to ASC.

Groups represented at this meeting were as follows:

Crossroads (Ruston)  
New Hope (West Monroe)  
New Path 2 (Bastrop)  
Mission Critical (Monroe).

New Pioneer was absent due to a conflict in schedule.

We agreed to meet on a rotating basis location-wise the second Sunday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Nominations for trusted servants will be brought back from groups in August.

We also decided to hold a “unity meeting” once a month where we would all try to attend one group’s regular meeting on a rotating basis as best we are able in an effort to maintain the ties that bind us together.

We are currently re-organizing the SOAR H&I commitment under one coordinator instead of two groups in an effort to provide more consistent services to that facility. In addition, an overall effort is being made to improve our public relations not only with SOAR, but with several other facilities in our locale, and hopefully, a couple new H&I meetings will be the end result.

As it stands now, two groups are struggling with keeping their doors open. Crossroads and New Pioneer, on the other hand, although attendance is still spotty at times, both New Hope and Mission Critical have been consistent with new faces trickling in from time to time. New Path 2 has been doing well with an average attendance of 15 or so, and they are currently in the process of better organizing their group.

We are looking forward to the workshop/learning day coming up on August 11th in Monroe, and hope that the day-long event will be not only informative to our newer members, but help to promote unity and participation in our district. Please come out and support this event if you can.

Also, we have a number of clean dates this month, and on Saturday, August 4th at 7:00 p.m., three of us will be celebrating together at the Mission Critical group:

Kim - one year (New Hope)  
Sammy - two years (New Path)  
David - fifteen years (Mission Critical)

Last, but not least, we would like to thank our ASC vice chair and the Open Arms group GSR for their helpful suggestions in the best interest of our groups.

In Loving Service,  
Dave B.

XVIII. Break, Reconvene with Serenity Prayer led by Randy S., Area Chair

XIX.. Appointment of Ad-Hoc Committee to Complete 501 ( c ) 3 Form

- A. Randy S., Area Chair appointed Jody V. to serve as Ad-Hoc Chair
- B. Melanie S., David N., and Cindy W. will serve on this committee
- C. Committee will meet next Saturday at Jody’s

XX. New Business

A. Motion 2007/08-47 (M)

Maker: Alley P.  
Committee: Activities Vice Chair  
Second: Laura T.  
Committee: Open Arms GSR

Motion: \$150.00 start-up funds for Unity Day Monroe

Intent: To be fully self-supporting.

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

B. Motion 2007/08-48M)

Maker: Miles Jay Oliver  
Committee: NLANA Secretary  
Second: Daniel S.  
Committee: Crossroads GSR

Motion: To reimburse NLANA Secretary \$24.67 for copies and postage.

Intent: To be fully self-supporting

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

C. Motion 2007/08-49 (P)

Maker: David B.  
Committee: Public Information Chair  
Second: Daniel S.  
Committee: Crossroads GSR

Motion: To amend the North Louisiana Area Guidelines under Public Information to include specific direction concerning phone line and pager service. (Proposed guidelines attached).

Intent: To fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose and provide appropriate guidelines and orientation for this critical front line form of service.

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Motion referred to Policy for review.

D. Motion 2007/08-50 (M)

Maker: Cindy W.  
Committee: Outreach  
Second: Melanie S.  
Committee: Hugs Not Drugs GSR

Motion: \$50.00 for starter kit for Get Real Group

Intent: 7th Tradition

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

E. Motion 2007/08-51 (M)

Maker: Cindy W.  
Committee: Outreach  
Second: Melanie S.  
Committee: Hugs Not Drugs GSR

Motion: \$30.00 to travel to Ruston to visit Crossroads group.

Intent: 7th Tradition

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

F. Motion 2007/08-52

Maker: Robert R.  
Committee: ASR  
Second: Allan B.  
Committee: Primary Purpose GSR

Motion: The groups of North Area to take back to their groups to vote on the R.S.C. to purchase liability insurance for all the groups that meet within the Louisiana Region. This is at a cost of \$2,600.00 a year. The votes are needed by the next A.S.C.

Intent: To insure all groups within the Louisiana Region.

Motion Sent to Groups.

XXI. Announcements:

- A. Dave will be celebrating on August 24th at 8:00;
- B. Gene will be telling his story, date not given;
- C. Activities subcommittee meeting August 24th at 7:00;
- D. Carol M. (12 years) will tell her story on Tuesday at 8:00;
- E. Open Arms workshop September 15th;
- F. Convention meeting September 9th at 2:00;
- G. Serenity Keepers subcommittee of the Convention Committee will meet on September 9th at 1:00;
- H. PI and Activities will be meeting directly following ASC;
- I. Primary Purpose will begin its speaker meeting on the second Sunday of September at 7:00;
- J. Next ASC will be September 16th at noon;
- K. the Ad-Hoc committee will meet at Jody's at 2:00 on August 25th;
- L. Closing balance of \$1,733.05 (not including Literature order).

XXII. Motion to close with Serenity Prayer by Melanie S., Second by Daniel S. at 13:42