

North Louisiana Area of Narcotics Anonymous ASC Minutes

December 17, 2006

- 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 Tony M., Vice Chair
- III. Twelve Concepts - Read by Tony M., Vice 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, Treasurer, Secretary, ASR
 - Officers Absent:* None
 - Committee Chairs Present:* Literature, Public Information, Activities, Policy, H&I, AdHoc Website
 - Committee Chairs Absent:* Outreach (Second Consecutive Absence)
 - 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, Principles Before Personalities, Hugs Not Drugs, Pines Group
 - Groups Absent:* New Hope
- VI. Groups Petitioning Area for Membership: None

VII. Secretary's Report:

Dear A.S.C. Family,

I managed to finish compiling the information for last month's minutes and had them sent out by November 30th. However, this past week, I started receiving envelopes containing the November minutes with an INSUFFICIENT POSTAGE stamp. I scrambled at the last minute to try to get hard copies to those whose copies had been returned. From now on, I'm going to have to take any packages which have to be physically mailed to the post office for weighing to insure proper postage.

I have compiled a list of every current member of the A.S.C. family with either a physical address or an email address. I am passing around a copy for your review. Please pay close attention to the email information as this is exactly as it reads in my online address book. If there are any changes, please make them and be sure this list returns to me. Also, I wasn't sure if you would prefer your last names and/or phone numbers on the list. If you would like your phone number included, please write it beside your name and I will be sure to include it when I send this master copy out with the December minutes.

Finally, I am attaching a copy of the proposed budget for review as requested by the Policy subcommittee.

As always, it's a pleasure serving my Area.

In Loving Service,

*Miles Jay O.,
NLANA Secretary*

Motion to accept Secretary's Report & Minutes by Jill R. Second by Von

VIII. Treasurer's Report:

To: ASC Family

Since last ASC, the H&I balance is \$1,675.61. An order was filled for H&I Chair for \$219.71. A check was written for \$212.00 and cash of \$7.22 for a balance given to Carol, the Literature Chair. Total income from last ASC from Literature, Activities, and donations was \$1,724.98. I added a voided check of \$68.00 back to balance which made income equal to \$1,792.98. Expenses since the last ASC totals \$2,628.76.

Checkbook balance is \$4,460.40.

Area money is \$2,784.76.

H&I money is \$1,675.61.

Lisa has helped me by running a worksheet on the computer for each group to see the breakdown of expenses and income. I would like to thank her for her assistance. Hopefully, this will make this easier for each group to understand Area's finances.

*In Loving Service,
Jody Villavicencio*

P.S. I am still awaiting each committee's budget for the year.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Cindy, Second by H.B.

IX. GSR Reports:

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

Dear A.S.C.

Beginning balance: \$41.85; Income for group: \$282.64;

Literature Order: \$16.80; Rent: \$169.57; Area Donation: \$61.73

Literature Rack: \$20.00; Expenses: \$56.39; Ending balance: 0

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Our meetings are going well. I am grateful to be a part of

them.

*Thanks,
John G.*

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$328.72; Literature Order: \$88.32;
Literature Rack: \$10.00; Expenses: \$47.31; Rent: \$156.00;
Donation to Area: \$10.00; Ending Balance: \$17.09

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Meetings are going well for Stone Free. We have an average attendance of 36 and a total of 13 newcomers. We have two home group birthdays this month: Cecil M. will have one year clean on January 17th and Krissy L. will have one year clean on January 19th. More will be revealed on the dates of the stories. Our group has elected new officers. The New G.S.R. is AC and new alternate is Krissy L. New Secretary is Beverly B. I have enjoyed serving this Area and my group, and I look forward to serving again soon.

*In Loving Service,
Krissy L.*

C. Saturday Night Live - GSR or Alternate: Jill R.

I'm Jill and I'm an addict.

The meetings have been good and we have a lot of people outside of state attend our meeting. We are nominating David N. (the younger one) for the literature chair. The group is submitting a motion that the Area minutes be put on the Area website instead of mailing out. This way, the GSR's can print them off the website and also save the ASC some money.

*In Loving Service,
Jill R.*

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$83.57; Literature Order: \$29.18;
Literature Rack: 0; Expenses: 0; Rent: \$66.86;
Donation to Area: 0; Ending Balance: 0

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Meetings are going well. Attendance is up, but we are still a small group. We have lots of newcomers, and those with small amounts of clean time. We also gained a new home group member.

In Loving Service,

Debby W.

E. No Name - GSR or Alternate: Obie P.

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$138.46; Literature: \$26.56;
Expenses: \$11.51; Rent: \$78.28; Donation to Area: \$5.00
Literature Rack: \$5.00; Ending Balance: \$21.30

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

No Name is going great and our meetings are growing. We have an average attendance of 55 per meeting and five newcomers. Our birthdays are:

David N. 12/29

Obie P. 01/01, telling story on 01/09.

That's about it. See you next month.

*Thank you for letting me serve,
Obie P.*

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

Group Comments:

Greetings from Monroe. Meetings are going on as scheduled. Attendance is still very low with a total of only 74 for the month and five newcomers. Our 7th tradition basket unfortunately reflected the low attendance, leaving the group with \$7.09 at present.

On the brighter side of things, we have had a few people with a year or more step up to fill trusted servant positions in the group. Thus, our new group motto has become... "small in numbers, strong in spirit."

*In Loving Service,
Dave B.*

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

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Happy Holidays everyone. I'm Vaughn, and I'm an addict. The Rebels With a Cause group is doing well. We have a new chairperson. His name is Kenneth. We still have about 40-60 people attending our Sunday meeting, and about ten people attending our Saturday meetings. We would still love to see some members attend our meetings. See me if you would like to fill our a background check.

*In Loving Service,
Vaughn P.*

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

Dear A.S.C.
Donation to Area: \$20.00
Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Noon Group is a fully self-supporting, autonomous group of 14 home group members. Average meeting attendance was 32. We are making a donation of \$20.00 to Area

*Submitted In Loving Service,
H.B.*

I. Primary Purpose - GSR or Alternate: Lisa N.

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$29.25; Literature: \$11.45

Rent: \$17.55; Donation to Area: \$5.00; Ending Balance: \$10.39

Group Comments:

Dear ASC Family,

Our Literature Study Group is doing well in attendance, with 59 members in attendance for the month. We had one newcomer. Our group could use support from members to share their experience, strength, and hope in our studies --not to mention donations! Our group is struggling financially, we ordered literature that is conducive to our meetings and will be certain that the Literature rack will not be used by our group.

*In Loving Service,
Lisa N.*

J. Ruston Crossroads - GSR or Alternate: Daniel S.

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: ?; Literature: ?; Rent: 80% of 7th Tradition

Donation to Area: \$10.00; Ending Balance: ?

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Meetings are going well. We've had a few newcomers and celebrated on two-year birthday since the last Area meeting. Meeting average is around ten people per meeting and all is well. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Daniel S.

K. New Hope - Absent

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

December ASC

Greetings from Principles Before Personalities and Happy Holidays!

Our group is still small, but the meetings are great!!

Our income has been limited. After our rent is paid, we have a donation to Area of \$10.00.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Mariann M., GSR

M. Hugs Not Drugs - GSR or Alternate: Cindy W

Dear ASC Family,

I am an addict named Cindy. Hugs Not Drugs is struggling with meeting attendance; however, we are grateful for our dedicated home group members who make sure the door is open.

George C. will have one year clean on January 20th--more will be revealed about when he will celebrate.

Donation to Area of \$30.00.

We will be restructuring our rotating format and restarting our step and tradition studies--more will be revealed.

In Loving Service,

Cindy W., GSR-A, Hugs Not Drugs

Addition: Cindy and Tony still have a few 2007 pre-convention tee shirts if anyone is interested.

N. Pines Group - GSR or Alternate: Sllim

Dear A.S.C.

Donation to Area: \$50.00

Dear ASC,

All's well. Merry Christmas.

In Loving Service,

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X. ASR Report

I am an addict and my name is Robert.

I attended the R.S.C. weekend in New Orleans. The first day of the weekend there were only two sub-committee chairs present and I held the Outreach meeting early that morning. It was a good thing I did because I threw up in my car. I missed the afternoon meetings on Saturday. My sponsor said "looks like you ate some chocolate" and I said, "Yeah!" We had a discussion of the board of directors of the incorporation. Kersey, the chairman is stepping down after serving for two years. There were only two board members in attendance at the R.S.C. It was asked when new board members would be elected. It was said that the board would need service resumes. I don't have any with me, but if anyone is interested, I can get you a resume form.

The North Area will be hosting the R.S.C. weekend the first weekend in April of 2007. We will need a flyer by February R.S.C. in Lake Charles. The R.S.C. elected Greg B. as the convention chair of the 2008 L.R.C.N.A. convention in Shreveport. The 2007

L.R.C.N.A. Convention in Alexandria will be held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. I have some flyers.

We had the election of officers and sub-committee chairs of the R.S.C. and all the positions have been filled. The people who were elected are as follows: Chair is Tony M., Vice Chair is Albert, Treasurer is Ray, Corresponding Secretary is Cindy W., Recording Secretary is Leah, R.S.R.D. is John R., R.S.R.D.A. is Rodney, H&I is Paul P., Outreach is Robert R., Activities and Fundraising is Crystal, PI is Rodney, Policy is Diane, and Newsletter and Literature is Connie.

The New Orleans area asks the convention committee to replace guidelines for hosting convention fundraisers. This Area needs to review the information for the Basic Text and bring the input to the next R.S.C. The next Southern Zonal Forum will be in Tyler, Texas and I will let you know when and where it will be held. The total expenses for the weekend came to \$303.48. I was reimbursed for \$148.21 from the region and of the area travel fund I spent \$155.33. I have the receipt and I will not ask for the \$5.33.

*In Loving Service,
Robert R.*

Motion to Accept ASR Report by Cindy W., Second by Jill R.

XI. Break at 12:30, Reconvene at 12:45

XII. Subcommittee Reports:

A. Literature Subcommittee - Carol M., Literature Chair
Written Report and Letter of Resignation read by Moli R.

Dear ASC Family,

Last month (11-22-06) I turned in \$953.22, along with a check from H&I (2 signatures required) in the amount of \$212.00 to the Treasurer, Jody V.

Total Literature sold (11-19-06) \$441.00, working balance \$1,394.22.

On 11-20-06, an order was placed for H&I from previous month (October) in the amount of \$212.00. With shipping charges, the total came to \$219.72. I was reimbursed from the Treasurer in the amount of \$7.72, which came from the monies turned in on 11-22-06 (\$953.22). The balance \$1,386.50. I placed an order (11-26-06) for ASC in the amount of \$560.99, which leaves a total of \$825.51.

*Thank you
In loving service,
Carol M.*

Letter of Resignation

Hello ASC,

Unfortunately, I (Carol M.) as the literature chair have to step down from this position. Due to health reasons which will have me unable to fill my duties at the current time of this commitment.

No *I've turned over all paperwork to Area's Vice Chair (Tony M.). monies are in my present at this time, it was turned into the Area's Treasurer (Jody V.).*

If there's any reasons to contact me, please feel free to call me either at home (318) 687-3224 or cell (318) 573-6337 and leave a message.

*Thank you for letting me be of service
Peace and Love,
Carol M.*

Motion to accept by Cindy W.,; Second by Jill R.

B. Public Information - Dave B., PI Chair

Dear A.S.C.

The PI Subcommittee met on November 19th and discussed updating our Area schedule, which is done. Keith has been continuing to build our Area web "presence" at www.nlana.lana.org. We would like to request that GSR's announce at their home groups that we are asking for volunteers for a 12-Step Call list for use as a referral when handling phone line calls. Clean time requirement is on year. Names and contact information for anyone wishing to be on the call list should give their information to Dug V. or myself. In reviewing our current guidelines and the needs of our Area, we feel it prudent to request an increase in the number of schedules we print and in our annual subcommittee budget as well. Two motions have been submitted for New Business to reflect these requests.

*In Loving Service,
Dave B.*

Motion to accept by Jill R. Second by Obie P.

C. Outreach - Absent

D. Activities Subcommittee - Alley P. (Activities Vice-Chair)

Dear ASC

On December 16th, we had the Dirty Santa party in Ruston at the

Crossroads group. It went very well. We received \$90.23 total. We are returning \$12.05 to Greg B. for drinks for the party. Leaving a total of \$78.18 to go back to Area. Activities would love to receive more support from the Area at activities held other than 308 E. Texas Street.

On December 31st, Activities is planning a New Year's Eve pizza party at 308 E. Texas Street and we are asking the Area today for the \$300.00 start-up funds.

Activities is also planning a Prom in February for Valentine's Day. So we need all the support we can get to pull this function off. Our next Activities sub-committee meeting will be on Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for letting me be service.

Alley P., Activities Vice-Chair

Motion to accept by Cindy W.; Second by Jill R.

E. Policy Subcommittee - Carolyn P., Policy Chairperson

Dear A.S.C. Family,

We were able to meet two times this past month. We are making progress. We are hoping to have a draft of revised policy for January ASC meeting. We meet Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. at Carolyn's house. Thanks for your support.

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

Motion to accept by Krissy L.; Second by Cindy W

F. Hospitals and Institutions - Dora R H&I Chair

Dear ASC,

This month, we had an H&I subcommittee meeting. Motion 1: by Butch, second by Miles: "Spend \$1000.00 for large literature order and donate what is left to Area (excluding current budget amount)." Motion passed unanimously. Motion 2 by Butch, second by Miles: "Work off of budge as in Policy. Keep two yearly fundraisers run by Activities, with proceeds returned to Area." Motion passed unanimously.

H&I has been doing great. There has been a great deal of support. All three institutions we bring recovery to have all the support they need. I thank God and NA for this support.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Dora R., H&I Chair

Motion to accept by Cindy W.; Second by Obie P.

F. Additional reports from late GSR's submitted at this time.

XIII. Old Business

A. Motion 2006/11-29 (M)

Maker: Jody V

Committee: Treasurer

Second: Mariann M.

Committee: Principles Before Personalities GSR

Motion: Please reimburse \$12.00 for banking statements for last year's account.
Copies of previous year.

Intent: To be fully self-supporting.

For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 2

Motion Passes

B. Election of Officers:

1. Literature Chair

Randy S. read requirements:

1. A willingness and desire to serve.
2. 1 year commitment.
3. ***A minimum of 2 years clean time *REQUIRED****
4. Minimum of 6 months NA service involvement.
5. Understanding of the 12 Traditions through application.
6. An active participant in NA as a whole.
7. Chairperson is expected to attend ASC meetings.
8. Send written report to ASR to every other RSC (3 per year).
9. Time and resources to do the job.

- Obie P. nominated, stated willingness and service background.
- Motion to close by Cindy W., Second by Debby W.
- Obie asked to leave the room for the vote
- Area chair recognized that a motion to close nomination is out of order, ***nominations for this position go back to groups.***

2. Outreach Chair

Randy S. read requirements:

1. A willingness and desire to serve.
2. A 1 year commitment.
3. A suggested minimum of 2 years clean time.
4. Minimum of 6 months NA service involvement.
5. Understanding of the 12 Traditions through application.
6. An active participant in NA as a whole.
7. Chairperson is expected to attend A.S.C. meetings.
8. Send written report with ASR to every other RSC (3 per year).
9. Time and resources to do the job.

- *Nominations for this position go back to groups.*

XIV. Ten Minute Sharing Session

XV. Break at 1:15, reconvene at 1:34

XVI. New Business

A. Motion 2006/12-33 (M)

Maker: Alley P.

Committee: Activities Subcommittee Vice-Chairperson

Second: Cindy W.

Committee: Hugs Not Drugs GSR-Alternate

Motion: For Area to give Activities \$300.00 start-up funds for our New Year's Eve bash.

Intent: 7th Tradition -- paper trail.

For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 1

Motion passes.

B. Motion 2006/12-34 (P)

Maker: Robert R.

Committee: ASR

Second: Gillian R..

Committee: Saturday Night Live GSR

Motion: That P.I. Committee put the minutes on the Area webpage and GSR's can print off of the computer.

Intent: To save money and time and make it easily available for the GSR's.

- This is a practice already being collaborated on by Area Secretary and PI.
- Motion withdrawn.

C. Motion 2006/12-35 (P)

Maker: Mariann M.

Committee: Principles Before Personalities GSR

Second: Sllim

Committee: Pines Group GSR

Motion: All budgets for committees, Secretary, and Treasurer must be submitted by March ASC.

Intent: To project monetary need for year. To make Area responsible for financial stability.

Motion tabled to groups.

D. Motion 2006/12-36 (P)

Maker: Dave B.

Committee: Public Information

Second: Daniel S.

Committee: Crossroads GSR

Motion: To increase the amount of schedules to be printed from 700 every 2 months to 1,000 every 2 months.

Current Distribution of Schedules is as Follows:

200 to groups → 400

200 to PI → 300

200 to H&I → 300

100 misc. → 0

Intent: To provide enough schedules for our Area groups, H&I subcommittee, and PI subcommittee.

Motion tabled to groups.

E. Motion 2006/12-37 (P)

Maker: Dave B.

Committee: Public Information

Second: Daniel S.

Committee: Crossroads GSR

Motion: To increase the Public Information subcommittee yearly budget from \$1,200.00 each year to \$1,500.00 yearly.

Intent: To better serve the increasing needs of our growing Area.

Motion tabled to groups.

F. Motion to suspend order for the following motion by Jill R., second by Dave

In Favor: 11; Against: 1; Abstain: 1
Motion to suspend order passes.

G. Motion 2006/12-38

Maker: Dora R.
Committee: H&I Chair
Second: Gillian R.
Committee: Saturday Night Live GSR

Motion: Spend \$1000 for large literature order and donate what is left to Area.

Intent: To help the still suffering addict.

In Favor: 10; Opposed: 2; Abstain: 0
Motion Passes

H. Motion 2006/12-39

Maker: Dora R.
Committee: H&I Chair
Second: Lisa N.
Committee: Primary Purpose GSR

Motion: To work off of budget as in policy of \$175.00/month and keep the two yearly fundraisers run by Activities, with proceeds returned to Area.

Intent: To help reach the still suffering addict.

Motion tabled to groups.

XVII. Announcements:

A. Pajama party New Year's Eve 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., slumber party, speaker to be announced at party;

B. David N. two years on December 29th;

C. Obie P. two years on January 1st, story on January 9th;

D. Volunteers needed by 12-Step Call List, See Dave B.;

E. Tony M. requests function for April R.S.C. in our Area;

F. Balance at close of ASC: \$4,710.31;

G. Next ASC Sunday, January 21st at noon

XIX. Motion to close with Serenity Prayer by Randy S.