

North Louisiana Area of Narcotics Anonymous ASC Minutes

January 21, 2007

- I. Opening of Meeting - Serenity Prayer led by Randy S., Area Chair (12:04)
- II. Twelve Traditions, first two paragraphs of Tradition Two - Read by Tony M., Vice 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, Treasurer, Secretary, ASR
 - Officers Absent:* None
 - Committee Chairs Present:* Public Information, Activities, Policy, H&I, AdHoc Website
 - Committee Chairs Absent:* Literature (Vacant), Outreach (Vacant)
 - 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:* Primary Purpose
Clean and Serene (Third Consecutive Absence-Group Dropped),
New Hope (Second Consecutive Absence-Group to Be Contacted)
- VI. Groups Petitioning Area for Membership: None
- VII. Secretary's Report:

Dear A.S.C. Family,

I emailed the minutes from the December A.S.C. on Saturday, December 30, 2006 and physically mailed copies to those without email addresses the following Tuesday because that Monday was a federal holiday. During the days I am allotted to compile reports from officers, subcommittees, and home groups, I had many questions from various people in the Area regarding the amount of time I take to send the minutes out. It is my understanding that I have ten to fourteen days to compile the minutes and send them out. The only time I have taken more than my allotted time was September of 2006, which was my first month as Secretary. I wanted to formerly address this matter in front of the entire A.S.C. so that any questions or concerns can be cleared up once and for all.

In addition to the minutes, I also compiled an NLANA Directory of contact information for officers, subcommittee chairs, and home group G.S.R.'s, with

G.S.R.-Alternates where applicable. I sent these out along with the minutes, which counts for the additional postage I adhered to envelopes as per the direction I received from the post office.

As I do each month, I am passing around the master contact list for any corrections and/or additions. Please see that the corrected list returns to me before I leave today. I have made notations where G.S.R.'s and/or others have requested that I send their minutes to places other than their point of contact.

I will be working with Keith this month to ensure that the minutes from every A.S.C. for which I have served as Secretary will be posted on the website along with every additional month from here on. This should also help with the final matter I have to address: I would like to request that if you are not an officer, a subcommittee chair, a G.S.R. or G.S.R.-Alternate that you contact your home group's G.S.R. for a copy of the minutes. It is my understanding that it is not allotted within my budget nor is it a requirement that I send a copy of the minutes to anyone other than those I have listed.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve the Area.

*In Loving Service,
Miles Jay O.,
NLANA Secretary*

Motion to accept Secretary's Report & Minutes by Sharron J.; Second by Vaughn

VIII. Treasurer's Report:

To: ASC Family

Since last ASC, our checking balance is \$2,890.08. Checks were for rent \$30.00, Activities Committee \$300.00, H&I one-time order \$999.54, and Literature order \$841.13. Deposits were received from donations and Activities for \$279.00 and Literature for \$320.49.

I have received budgets from Secretary and PI Committees. I am awaiting other committee's budgets for the year. Today, I am submitting the Treasurer's budget for the year

*In Loving Service,
Jody Villavicencio
Area Treasurer*

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Mariann M., Second by Jill R.

IX. GSR Reports:

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for group: \$273.87; Literature Order: \$8.22;

Expenses: \$33.12; Rent: \$164.32;

Donation to Area: \$40.00; Literature Rack: \$20.00;

Ending balance: \$8.21

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Our meetings are going well. Thanks for letting me be of service.

John G.

B. Stone Free - GSR or Alternate: A.C.

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$409.41; Literature Order: \$121.00;

Literature Rack: \$20.00; Expenses: \$40.20; Rent: \$214.03;

Donation to Area: \$25.00; Ending Balance: \$6.27

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

We have attendance of 42 people and 6 newcomers.

In Loving Service,

A.C.

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

I'm Jill and I'm an addict.

The meetings have been doing well. The meetings are now candlelight meetings. We have a new home group member, Dora. Dora will be celebrating three years in March. The date will be announced in the future.

In Loving Service,

Jill R.

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$112.40; Literature Order: 0;

Literature Rack: 0; Expenses: 0; Rent: \$89.98;

Donation to Area: 0; Ending Balance: 0

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Our group is doing well. We gained a new home group member and had several newcomers. Most of our group has less than six months of clean time.

In Loving Service,

Debby W.

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$157.68; Literature: \$42.00;

Expenses: \$60.35; Rent: \$79.61; Donation to Area: \$20.00

Literature Rack: \$10.00; Ending Balance: \$12.89

Group Comments:

Hello Family,

Our group is growing and the message is being carried. We have 55 per meeting average, no newcomers have joined the group, but 5 per meeting Yeah! Have been attending. Sadly, we lost a home group member, Greg A., and Greg B. is in the hospital. Prayers to their families.

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

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

Group Comments:

Greetings from Monroe.

The Mission Critical group is just about surviving these days with four home group members and continued low attendance. Seventh tradition basket has been insufficient to meet our prudent reserve again this month, with a total income of \$53.00, leaving us \$7.00 short of our rent. We are hanging in there and hopefully things will improve in the next month or so.

*In Loving Service,
Dave B.*

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

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Good Morning Everyone,

The Rebels With a Cause group is doing well. We continue to have great meetings at the prison. We average about 50-60 on Sundays and 5-10 on Saturday afternoons. We could always use some more support. I am going to step down as the group representative by June the first. I would like to suggest that the meeting goes back into the hands of H&I because it's too much work for one or two people.

*In Loving Service,
Vaughn P.*

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

Dear ASC,

Noon Group is a fully self-supporting, autonomous NA group of 10 home group members. We are averaging 36 people present at our meetings.

*In Loving Service,
H.B.*

I. Primary Purpose - Absent

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: ?; Literature: ?; Rent: ?

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

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Greetings from Ruston. The Crossroads Group of Narcotics Anonymous is doing well, though some meeting attendance is dwindling down. An average attendance of around 5 to 7 people per meeting. I am unaware of any newcomers, but we did have a one year birthday last month by Clinton M. Anyway, 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-

Our meetings are slowly growing and we set a record yesterday, with an attendance of 9. We would like to invite everyone to come join us. After expenses of rent, literature and miscellaneous, we will be donating \$15.00 to Area.

Mariann M., GSR

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

My name is Sharron and I'm an addict.

Dear ASC Family,

Hugs Not Drugs continues to meet every Saturday from 6 pm to 7:30 pm at 1545 Line Avenue in the Mid-City Plaza Building. We have 18 home group members, with an average meeting attendance of 25, and an average of 4 newcomers each week.

Our rotating meeting format has changed to Open Discussion on the 1st Saturday; Step Study on the 2nd Saturday; Topic or Birthday (followed by Group Conscious Business Meeting) on the 3rd Saturday; Traditions Study on the 4th Saturday; and Open Discussion on the 5th Saturday.

Our February "Birthdays" include:

- 2/5 Sharron J. 1 Year (CONGRATULATIONS!!!!)*
- 2/9 Barry W. 17 Years*
- 2/11 Monica S. 4 Years*
- 2/20 David W. 1 Year*

We enjoyed playing "Capture the Banner" with No Name Group and look forward to stealing more group banners in the future.

We brought copies of flyers for the "Circle of Hope" annual women's convention of the Circle of Sisters Group of

Narcotics Anonymous being held February 23-25 at the DFW Marriott. A group of recovering women and sponsees will be attending. See me for details.

Our new GSR Alternate is Sandra W. Our donation to Area is \$28.00.

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

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

Dear A.S.C.

Donation to Area: \$50.00

Dear ASC,

Pines Group is doing well. All are more than welcome to come visit.

*In Loving Service,
Mike J.*

X. ASR Report

I am an addict and my name is Robert.

I will not be able to attend the RSC on Saturday because I did not ask for time off from work. I will be able to be at RSC for Sunday. I am asking that the Treasurer write the check for travel to RSC to David N., the ASR-Alternate. The North Area will be hosting the April RSC weekend. I will make a flyer to take to the February RSC. I will get with the Activities Chairperson to help with the RSC weekend.

I am submitting two motions today. The first one is to ask for \$150.00 for travel to the February RSC weekend. The second motion is for the RSC donation that is 10% of the working balance at the end of business today.

*In Loving Service,
Robert R.*

Motion to Accept ASR Report by Dave B., Second by H.B.

XI. Break at 12:28, Reconvene at 12:40

XII. Subcommittee Reports:

A. Literature Subcommittee - Currently Vacant With Moli R. coordinating

Hello All,

According to Carol M.'s report (12/5/06), there was a working balance of \$825.51. After Literature sales on 12/17/06, a total of \$353.36

was turned in to the Treasurer. Those two amounts total \$1,178.87. I worked up an order for Lonestar in the amount of \$841.13. The Treasurer wrote a check to Lonestar for that amount, and I placed the order.

This should bring the current working balance to \$337.74.

A total of \$353.36 was sold at A.S.C. on 12/17/06. Of that amount \$35.00 was Literature Rack donations.

I also placed a large order for H&I. The total of this order was \$999.54. The Treasurer also wrote a check for this amount to Lonestar.

*Thank you for letting me be of service,
Moli R.*

No motion to accept.

B. Public Information - Dave B., PI Chair

Dear A.S.C.

The P.I. Subcommittee has been reviewing its policy/guidelines and should have suggested amendments for such by the next time the A.S.C. convenes. We are also looking into the cost of producing some poster-type P.S.A.'s. The next batch of schedules will be printed up in the next week once the vote is in at this month's A.S.C. and the groups let us know if they approve the requested increase.

*In Loving Service,
Dave B.*

No motion to accept.

C. Outreach - Vacant

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

Dear ASC

On New Year's Eve we held a pajama and pizza party at 308 E. Texas Street. It went very well. We collected \$585.00, which we are returning to Area today. We are very excited about upcoming activities. On February 4th, we will have a Super Bowl Party at 308 E. Texas Street, and on February 17th, we will have a Prom at the Rutherford House gymnasium. Activities will have a meeting on Tuesday night at 6:30, and we need all the support we can get. Our Activities Chair is in the hospital, so please keep him in your prayers.

*In Loving Service,
Alley P.,
Activities Vice-Chair*

No motion to accept.

E. Policy Subcommittee - Carolyn P., Policy Chairperson

Greetings from the Policy Subcommittee!

We have finally finished the revision of the Policy document. We have worked hard to make the necessary additions and changes. It has been tedious work, but very rewarding. We have met every Thursday (except for the holidays) to hammer out all the information. We are ready to print the copies when we receive the revised qualifications and responsibilities from the various subcommittees. The Administrative officers that include Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and ASR are finished. Activities, Policy, and Literature are finished.

We are submitting out Proposed Financial Budget for our subcommittee today as requested at last A.S.C.

We are requesting by motion reimbursement for the input tech who typed all of the revisions for the entire document. That motion has been given to the Secretary.

Our subcommittee has been faithful and loyal to this cause, and I would like to thank Moli R. and H.B., with a little help from Carol, Cindy, Randy (our illustrious Chair), and Dug. We have divided the responsibility of attending each subcommittee meeting between us, and will attend only as FYI guides to the Policy. This will help us to keep up with the coming changes that may have to be incorporated into the next revision in six months since it is done bi-annually.

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

No motion to accept.

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

Dear ASC,

H&I is doing awesome. God has blessed us with much support. Doctor's Hospital is still in need of support. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please see me.

*Thanks for your support,
Dora M.,
H&I Chairperson*

No motion to accept.

XIII. Old Business

A. 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.

For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 2

Motion Passes

B. 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.

For: 12; Against: 0; Abstain: 0

Motion Passes

C. 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.

For: 12; Against: 0; Abstain: 0
Motion Passes

D. 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.

For: 12; Against: 0; Abstain: 0
Motion Passes

E. Election of Officers

1. Literature Chair

- A.C., Stone Free G.S.R. nominated David N., the younger;
- Second by Jill R., Saturday Night Live;
- David N. accepted nomination, stated willingness and service background;
- Motion to close nominations by Debby; Second by Jill

***Standing nominations are Obie P. and David N., the younger
These nominations are tabled to groups for vote***

2. Outreach Chair

- Mariann M., Principles Before Personalities GSR nominated Steffen M.;
- Second by Jill R., Saturday Night Live GSR;
- Steffen accepted nomination, stated willingness and service background;
- Sharron J., Hugs Not Drugs GSR nominated Cindy W.;
- Second by Jill R., Saturday Night Live GSR;
- Cindy accepted nomination, stated willingness and service background;
- Motion to close nominations by Mariann; Second by Dave

***Standing nominations are Steffen M. and Cindy W.
These nominations are tabled to groups for vote***

XIV. Ten Minute Sharing Session

XV. Break at 1:07, reconvene at 1:20

XVI. New Business

A. Motion 2007/01-01 (M)

Maker: Carolyn P.

Committee: Policy Chairperson

Second: H.B.

Committee: Noon Group GSR

Motion: To reimburse Moli R. for input of new policy revisions, as tech. We request \$50.00

Intent: In accordance with Tradition 8; NA should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

B. Motion 2007/01-02 (M)

Maker: Dora M.

Committee: H&I Chair

Second: Debby W.

Committee: We Do Recover GSR

Motion: To receive \$200.00 travel funds so that the Area H&I Chair can plan the H&I Learning Day with the Regional H&I Chair, Paul. FYI-Expenses will be reimbursed by the RSC, so this is just so that Dora will not have to fund this travel herself.

Intent: To be fully self-supporting and to carry the message.

For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

C. Motion 2007/01-03 (M)

Maker: Alley P.

Committee: Activities Vice-Chair

Second: Sharron J.

Committee: Hugs Not Drugs GSR

Motion: To give Activities \$300.00 start-up funds for Prom on February 17, 2007

Intent: To be fully self-supporting.

For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

D. Motion 2007/01-04 (M)

Maker: Robert R.

Committee: A.S.R.

Second: Mariann M..

Committee: Principles Before Personalities GSR

Motion: To ask the A.S.C. for \$150.00 for travel to the R.S.C. weekend in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Intent: To represent this Area at Region.

For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

E. Motion 2007/01-05 (M)

Maker: Robert R.

Committee: A.S.R.

Second: Mariann M.

Committee: Principles Before Personalities GSR

Motion: To give an R.S.C. donation of 10% of the working balance at the end of business today.

Intent: To support the R.S.C. with a financial donation so they can carry the message to the still suffering addict.

For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

XVII. Announcements:

A. RSC is February 4th;

B. Vaughn has applications for the meeting at the prison;

C. Activities Subcommittee meeting Tuesday, January 23rd;

D. Carol M. is still in the hospital, please see Jill R. for information;

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

F. Next ASC Sunday, February 18th at noon;

G. Ending Balance at close of meeting: \$2,008.54
- 200.85 (check to Region)
\$1,807.69 (final balance)

H. Back to Groups: Outreach and Literature Chair vacancies

XIX. Motion to close with Serenity Prayer by Sharron J., Second by Debby W. @ 1:39