

# North Louisiana Area of Narcotics Anonymous

## ASC Minutes

July 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 H.B., Policy 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, Secretary, Treasurer, ASR, ASR-Alternate

*Officers Absent:* Vice Chair

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

*Groups Present:* Care and Share, 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, New Hope, At The End of The Road

*Groups Absent:* Stone Free, Rebels With A Cause

VI. Groups Petitioning Area for Membership:

***None***

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. Bear in mind that information that is incorrect here will result in officers and groups not receiving their minutes in a timely manner. Please be sure that this returns to me by the end of the day.*

*It is a pleasure to serve our Area.*

*In Loving Service,*

*Miles Jay Oliver,*

*NLANA Secretary*

Motion to accept Secretary's Report & Minutes by Doug V..., Second by Melanie S.

***Secretary's Report Accepted.***

VIII. Treasurer's Report:

*Hello ASC,*

*Deposits from donations and Activities was \$403.75. Deposits from Literature was \$445.38. Checks written last ASC were: Survivor's Club rent, \$30.00; check for Activities, \$408.68; check for Outreach (travel), \$50.00; check for Literature, \$856.13. This leaves a balance in the checking account of \$1,586.70.*

*The post office box received a NAWS newsletter and pamphlet called "Reaching Out" for H&I, which I will give to the H&I Chairperson.*

*In Loving Service,*

*Jody V.,*

*Area Treasurer*

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Josh M., Second by Melanie S.

***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.

Verbal Report Given

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

Absent

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

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

*Dear ASC Family,*

*Meetings are going well with attendance steadily growing, and we are adding new home group members. No donation at this time.*

*In Loving Service,*

*Keith H.*

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for group: \$75.23; Rent: \$45.60; Literature: \$27.93

Group Comments:

*Dear ASC Family,*

*Having new meetings. Seeing new people coming in.*

*In Loving Service,*

*Mark B.*

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

Dear A.S.C.

Donation to Area: 20.00

Group Comments:

*Dear ASC Family,*

*Meetings are going great. We have \$20.00 to donate to Area.*

*In Loving Service,*

*Josh M.*

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

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

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

*On Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*

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

Absent

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

*Greetings ASC,*

*We are a completely self-supporting and autonomous home group of 12 home group members. We average 35 people at three 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 textbook study is still here. We still have three home group members, and we are still supported primarily by newcomers. We would appreciate the support of any member still willing to offer additional experience, strength, and hope.*

*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,*

*Meetings are going well and slowly growing. We have added some new home group members, including a newcomer. Miles O. will be having a two year birthday tomorrow, the 16<sup>th</sup>, and will be celebrating at the Saturday morning meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup>. After paying rent, we will donate \$20.00 to Area. Just a reminder of our new Tuesday morning meeting at 8:30 A.M. Come join us!*

*In Loving Service,*

*Mariann M. GSR*

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

Dear A.S.C.

Literature: \$18.29; Donation to Area: \$27.00

Group Comments:

*Hello Family,*

*Things are going well. We wish to thank all that have shared their experience, strength, and hope this last month, especially Laurie L. on step seven.*

*I will be celebrating one year on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and sharing on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Come share with us.*

*In Loving Service,*

*Melanie S., GSR*

*Hugs Not Drugs*

M. Pines Group - GSR or Alternate: Sllim

Verbal Report.

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

*Dear ASC,*

*Greetings from the Open Arms Group in Natchitoches. We continue to have good attendance at our noon meetings, but have seen a slight decline at our evening meetings. This Saturday, a group of us plan to meet and study the traditions as they apply to being self-supporting, as this has caused some disagreements over the last few months. On the 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Abdullah R. is celebrating 18 years and Mary B. will celebrate 24 years. We have a \$25.00 donation at this time.*

*In Loving Service,*

*Laura T.*

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

*Dear ASC family,*

*The women's group is still going strong. We have two new home group members and four newcomers this month. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, Linda J. will be celebrating one year in recovery. We have \$10.00 to donate at this time.*

*In Loving Service,*

*Stacey W.*

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

*7/15/07 Many Shipwreck Group of N.A.*

*1) Cody has resigned as GSR. The Shipwreck Group elected that the GSR-alternate, Lorenda A., be GSR and an alternate elected at a later date.*

*2) The group has added a Monday night step study. Our new meeting schedule is as follows:*

*Monday - 7 pm*

*Tuesday - 7pm*

*Thursday - 7 pm*

*Friday- 7 pm*

*Saturday - 7 pm*

*Please change your records to reflect this change.*

*3) On Wednesday, July 18, 2007, the Shipwreck Group will be taking an out-of-town trip to regain possession of our ship wheel. Hopefully, we will have at least 10 members in attendance so that we will*

*also gain possession of Leesville's symbol.*

*4) There is no treasurer's report at this time.*

*In Loving Service,*

*Lorenda A.*

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.*

*We are doing well.*

*In Loving Service,*

*AC*

XI. ASR Report

*I am an addict, my name is Robert.*

*The next RSC weekend will be in August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Covington, Louisiana. I need for the subcommittee chairs who cannot attend the Saturday of the RSC weekend to give myself or David N., the ASR-alternate, a brief report from their committee so it can be given to the regional committee chairs. I am to give some type of report, but it would really help if area chairs could give information to share with the region.*

*The Regional Outreach committee, in cooperation with the North Louisiana Area Outreach committee will put on a GSR workshop August 11<sup>th</sup> in Monroe, Louisiana. I have submitted a motion for \$150.00 for travel expenses to the RSC weekend and another motion to give an RSC donation of 10% of our balance at the end of business today.*

*In Loving and Grateful to Serve,*

*Robert R.*

Motion to accept ASR Report by Melanie S., Second by Laura T.

**ASR Report Accepted.**

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

XIII. Subcommittee Reports

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

*Dear A.S.C. Family,*

*I placed an order with LRSO in the amount of \$856.13. We are out of the Self-Acceptance IP, but we will have plenty in a few weeks. I apologize if this causes any inconvenience. I would also like to thank the ASC for approving the literature motion in regards to orders being turned in by first recess. At this time, I would like to remind everyone that if you haven't already turned your order in, to please do so by first recess.*

*I also have continually addressed the issue of mass quantities of loose change. It is understandable*

*that you may have a few dollars in change, but let's be reasonable when it exceeds a couple of dollars. Everyone's help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.*

*In Loving Service,*

*David N. (The Younger)*

*NLANA Literature Chair*

Motion to accept by Doug V.; Second by Melanie S.

**Literature Report Accepted.**

B. Public Information - Dave B.

Verbal Report by Dave B.

Motion to accept by Melanie S., Second by Floyd

**Public Information Report Accepted.**

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

*June 2007 Outreach Report*

*I am an addict named Cindy. I am sorry I am unable to be in attendance at this ASC as I must work, and I would like to thank my vice chair for filling in for me. I need to inform the ASC that on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, my purse was stolen from my car with \$50.00 of Area Outreach funds in it. I was the single point of accountability for these funds, and as such, I feel it is my responsibility to replace the money. As I cannot return the \$50.00 to the Area, I will be traveling to outlying groups with my own gas. I will not be requesting any more funds for travel from this ASC until I have returned \$50.00 worth of valid travel expense documentation to this Area for visits to outlying groups. I would like to apologize to the groups for my lack of good common sense that allowed the theft to occur. If the solution my higher power has led me to is not acceptable to the Area, I am open to any suggestions from this ASC, any of its individual member groups, or individual members.*

*I visited Open Arms in Natchitoches this past Thursday using my own gas. I have provided my vice chair with a statement to return to our Treasurer for her documentation purposes to account for \$20.76. I arrived at this figure as follows: using 308 East Texas as the starting point, it is 151.34 miles round trip, my car averages 20 miles per gallon, \$2.75 a gallon for gas.*

*The rest of our subcommittee report will be delivered by Sonny T.*

*In Loving Service,*

*Cindy W.*

*July 2007 Outreach Report*

*Dear ASC Family,*

*In recent weeks, the Outreach committee has been active in carrying the message to the addict that was incapable of making a meeting, through*

*the “meeting on wheels” program. This was met with enthusiasm from other addicts, and participation exceeded expectations. Outreach extends thanks to those that aided in carrying the message.*

*A visitation was made to the “Open Arms” group in Natchitoches, LA on 7-12-07. Since I was unable to make this meeting, I am at a loss as to the result of that meeting.*

*An agenda has been agreed upon for the upcoming G.S.R. workshop on August 11<sup>th</sup> in Monroe, LA. Flyers are available.*

*In Loving Service,*

*Sonny T.*

*Outreach Vice Chair*

Motion to accept by Melanie S.; Second by Doug V.

**Outreach Report Accepted.**

D. Activities Subcommittee - Alley P., Vice Chair

*Dear ASC Family,*

*The 4<sup>th</sup> of July party was a blast. We had a lot of support and a really good time. We managed to raise \$482.30 in auction, donations, and 50/50 money. After paying Survivor’s Club \$30.00 in rent, we are turning over \$452.30 to Area today.*

*Our next activity will be “A Day At The Beach” on August 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 4 PM at Cypress Black Bayou.*

*Our next Activities Subcommittee meeting will be July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at 308 East Texas Street. With the planning of Camp Recovery right around the corner, and the 3 other activities between, we can use all the help and support we can get. I hope to see you all there.*

*Thank you for allowing me to 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,*

*Policy subcommittee met once since the June ASC meeting. The meeting was chaired by the vice chair in the absence of the chairperson. We discussed motion 2007/06-34 (P) -35 (P) and 2007/06-37 (P). Motion 2007/06-34 (P) -35(P) was withdrawn. 2007/06-37 (P) cannot be*

*accepted as written since ASC cannot dictate subcommittee's responsibilities\*.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*H.B., Policy Vice-Chair*

*\*A motion could be made to change policy and set up a special subcommittee to arrange Camp Recovery.*

Motion to accept by Melanie S.; Second by Stacy

**Policy Report Accepted.**

#### F. Hospitals and Institutions - Dora

*Dear ASC Family,*

*H&I is doing well at this time. We had a subcommittee meeting this Friday. The support and passion for H&I was impressive. We can always use more support at Brentwood Hospital. If anyone is interested, please see me after the meeting.*

*In Loving Service,*

*Dora Roberts,*

*H&I Chair*

Motion to accept by Melanie S.; Second by Stacy

**H&I Report Accepted.**

#### G. Convention Committee Report PRN/FYI

*Dearest Lovely ASC Fellows and Fellers,*

*All is going okay with the convention subcommittee. As of this time, we are not in "dire straits" to get things done. Although, it was disappointing not being able to hold a meeting on the third due to unable to obtain quorum. Also, we decided to postpone the one on the 14<sup>th</sup> due to some folks working, people wanting to come in from Alexandria, and a dingle-berry old fat bald man playing hooky in the hospital. Our next meeting will be held here on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM. The business at our next meeting should consist of filling open positions (consisting of Vice Chair, Hospitality, and Entertainment), looking into budgets for each committee, collecting more themes (looking at August to finalize), and looking at what we need to do now and what we need to look forward to. Fun, fun, fun. Remember we are in this together, we are doing this for the addict who suffers. We need to put aside any differences, bring the fellowship back together, and most importantly, to support Greg's disability fund. On that note, we received \$5, 900.00 from the convention.*

*Some are sicker than others,*

*Sick but serving,*

*Greg B. - Buddha*

*P.S. Thanx for your help!*

XIV. Old Business

A. Motion 2007/06-35 (P)

Maker: Cindy W.

Committee: Outreach

Second: Melanie S.

Committee: Hugs Not Drugs GSR

Motion: That Outreach be provided meeting lists on a quarterly basis. Quantity = 100 every two months.

Intent: Tradition 7. So members of this committee no longer have to provide funds to copy meeting lists for groups requesting them.

**Motion had been referred to Policy for review. Motion Withdrawn.**

B. Motion 2007/06-37 (P)

Maker: Keith H.

Committee: Saturday Night Live GSR

Second: Allan B.

Committee: Primary Purpose GSR

Motion: That Camp Recovery adhere as closely as possible to the same structured schedule as last year.

Intent: Because the emphasis of Camp Recovery was on being a twelve-step retreat last year, it is now poised to become a major Regional event. It is very difficult to schedule workshops on each of the 12 Steps during the short time available to us over the weekend without being forced to hurry through them without giving them the respectful consideration they deserve; therefore, any major changes to the format such as turning Friday night into a campfire meeting instead of beginning the workshops that night makes the campout as a whole less effective.

**Motion had been referred to Policy for review. Discussion from H.B., Policy Vice Chair, revealed that the Policy subcommittee feels it is inappropriate to delegate to Activities how to manage an Activity. H.B. stated that a motion can be made to remove an Activity from the subcommittee and brought under the eye of a separate subcommittee.**

**Motion Withdrawn.**

XV. Ten Minute Sharing Session

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

XVII.. New Business

A. Motion 2007/07-41 (M)

Maker: Miles Jay Oliver

Committee: NLANA Secretary

Second: Melanie S.

Committee: Hugs Not Drugs GSR

Motion: To reimburse Secretary \$27.72 for copies and postage on June, 2007 minutes.

Intent: To be fully self-supporting.

For: 14; Against: 0; Abstain: 1

Motion passes.

B. Motion 2007/07-42 (M)

Maker: Doug V.

Committee: Public Information Vice Chair

Second: David B.

Committee: Mission Critical GSR

Motion: One time increase of meeting lists from 1000 to 1500.

Intent: To better serve the Area with meeting lists.

For: 15; Against: 0; Abstain: 1

Motion passes.

C. 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 referred to Policy for review.**

D. Motion 2007/07-44 (M)

Maker: Robert R.

Committee: ASR

Second: Keith H.

Committee: Saturday Night Live GSR

Motion: To give the ASR and the ASR-alternate a check for \$150.00 to attend the RSC weekend on August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Covington, Louisiana.

Intent: To represent the North LA Area at the RSC.

For: 15; Against: 0; Abstain: 0

Motion Passes.

E. Motion 2007/07-45 (M)

Maker: Robert R.

Committee: ASR

Second: Melanie S.

Committee: Hugs Not Drugs GSR

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

Intent: To support the RSC with financial donation.

For: 15; Against: 0; Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

F. 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 referred to Policy for review.**

XVIII. Announcements:

A. Activities will meet July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30;

B. Learning Day in Monroe on August 11<sup>th</sup>;

C. Day At The Beach August 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM at Cypress Black Bayou;

D. August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 next Convention meeting;

E. There is a new group meeting Tuesday 7-8 PM, text study, see flyers;

F. Melanie S. is celebrating one year on August 28<sup>th</sup> at Hugs Not Drugs;

G. Miles O. is celebrating his two years on August 28<sup>th</sup> at Principles Before Personalities;

H. David N. (the elder) is celebrating six years on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at Care and Share;

I. Abdullah R. and Mary B. will be celebrating 24 and 18 years respectively on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at Open Arms;

J. AC will be celebrating three years on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM;

K. HB will celebrate two years on July 29<sup>th</sup>;

L. Sonny T. will be celebrating four years on August 14<sup>th</sup>;

M. Sandra will be celebrating one year on August 6<sup>th</sup>;

N. Next ASC will be August 19<sup>th</sup> at noon;

O. Our donation to region is \$97.48 with an ending balance of \$877.28.

XXIII. Motion to close with Serenity Prayer at 13:22 p.m.