

North Louisiana Area of Narcotics Anonymous

ASC Minutes

June 24, 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, Secretary, Treasurer, ASR, ASR-Alternate

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

Groups Present: Care and Share, Stone Free, Saturday Night Live, No Name, Mission Critical, Rebels With A Cause, Noon Group, Primary Purpose, Crossroads, Hugs Not Drugs, Principles Before Personalities, Pines Group, Women in Recovery,

Open Arms

Groups Absent: Shipwreck Group, New Hope

- VI. Groups Petitioning Area for Membership:

Dear ASC,

“At The End Of The Road” would like to petition this service committee for membership. We have a service committee and a regular meeting place and time. We meet at the Rutherford House gym, located at 1707 Line Avenue every Thursday at 19:00 (7:00 pm). This is a non-smoking, open meeting with the format being topic discussion.

In Loving Service,

AC, GSR

NLANA voted unanimously to accept “At The End Of The Road“.

At The End Of The Road was instated as a participating member in NLANA.

Welcome, At The End Of The Road.

- 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. 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 Dave B., Second by Josh M.

Secretary's Report Accepted.

VIII. Treasurer's Report:

Hello ASC,

Last month's ASC checks were written for expenses in the amount of \$1,330.77, and income from literature was \$250.53. Income from donations and activities was \$406.00. This leaves a balance in checking of \$2,082.58. When I renewed the Post Office box, I received two keys. I will give one key to the Area Chairman.

In Loving Service,

Jody V.,

Area Treasurer

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Sllim, Second by Dave B.

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.

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$232.34; Literature Order: \$29.22;

Expenses: \$16.01; Rent: \$139.40; Donation to Lit. Rack: \$20.00

Donation to Area: \$30.00; Ending Balance: \$10.72

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Meetings are going well. Our average attendance is 32, and we had 7 total newcomers. We have a home group member celebrating one year this month. John C. on July 10th, and he will be telling his story on July 13th.

In Loving Service,

Krissy L.

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

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Dear ASC Family,

Meetings are going well. Recovery is still strong and attendance has picked up to about 20 people. No donation to Area at this time.

In Loving Service,

Keith H.

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for group: \$81.50; Rent: \$65.20

Group Comments:

Dear ASC Family,

Meetings are going well. We have a small group with lots of newcomers, which make lively entertainment.

In Loving Service,

Debby P.

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$172.27; Literature Order: \$18.60;

Expenses: \$172.27; Rent: \$91.36; Donation to Area: 27.13;

Ending Balance: 0

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Meetings are going good. Our group membership is shrinking. Heather P. is the new alternate GSR. We are donating \$27.13 to Area.

In Loving Service,

Josh M.

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

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Greetings from Monroe!

Our meeting continues to struggle although there has been some small improvement in attendance, approximately 5-6 a meeting most nights. The reality of the situation for us and the other groups in our locale is that history had been

repeating itself and once again, the NA meetings in the northeastern part of Louisiana are dying out. We have what I believe is a very good core group of perhaps 3-4 members from each of the 5 groups located in our vicinity and all of us, including the newer members that have been attending our meetings agree, we need to do something different, we need to do more than we have, and in my personal opinion, we can never do enough, or too much, to carry the message of Narcotics Anonymous. To that end, even though it may seem incredible under the circumstances, we are looking into the possibility of forming a new Area Service Committee. It seems to me that the one thing that has never occurred in the northeast is a strong sense of unity among the groups or with the fellowship as a whole. That needs to change or once again, our meetings will die out.

Several of us have been working at doing our own Outreach, PI, and H&I. We have been successful in beginning what we hope will be a good working relationship with the new and reforming groups in Bastrop and South Monroe. The initial contact to the Palmetto Treatment Center in Rayville has been made in order to attempt to cultivate the same type of relationship in the spirit of cooperation without affiliation that we already have with Southern Oaks Addiction Recovery (SOAR) so that we can not only expand our H&I efforts, but also improve our public image in this community to the point where professionals and other members of the general recovery community here will gain confidence in referring their clients to our fellowship. This unfortunately has not been the case in years gone by around the northeast and poor public relations has been one of the main reasons that Narcotics Anonymous has never grown in this locale.

This is our responsibility as members to take up this work no matter how limited our resources may be. We cannot allow that to either deter or to weaken our resolve to carry the message to the still-suffering addict. I was delighted to receive an invitation to help with an upcoming workshop, one of several, that will concern "Our Public Image" if for no other reason that is always a major concern for us as a fellowship and a matter of life and death to our groups in northeast Louisiana. If we can unify groups here while tackling this issue to the best of our ability, well, needless to say, it will be then that we see NA begin the new growth spurt so long overdue around here.

To accomplish this task, we need support, and the last thing we need to do is break away from the North

Louisiana Area, rather I feel it will be crucial to us to stay connected with the fellowship as a whole through the relationship we have with this ASC. To that end, I would like to ask anyone and everyone who has an interest (which ought to be all of you!) to brainstorm ideas, write them down, and present them to Daniel, myself, and this service body for consideration. All of this is in the "idea stage" at the moment, but make no mistake, whichever course we take, we will be making our best efforts to move forward, and soon. As many of you know, I moved last month, and the dust has finally settled I think and all of my contact information has been updated and included in this report. Oh, before I forget... We have a number of celebrations coming up. Josh T. celebrates one year this coming Saturday on June 30th (re-scheduled from an earlier date). Kim G. has her first year on July 13th, Greg H. will have three years on July 21st, and God-willing, I will see 15 years on July 29th.

Thank you all and good night!

In Loving Service,

Dave B.

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

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

No Report

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

Greetings ASC,

We are a completely self-supporting and autonomous group of 13 home group members. We average 35 people at three meetings a week. We are currently making a \$10.00 donation to Area.

In loving service,

Doug V.

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

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

The Sunday night Primary Purpose Group of Narcotics Anonymous is still plugging along with three home group members. Our group was offered the opportunity to move to a different facility with the thought of both increasing membership and income to further provide for the needs of recovering addicts. After a group conscience was taken, we decided to stay at 308 E. Texas. We would appreciate the support of the membership to help keep this Area's only textbook study a viable option for those in need.

In Loving Service,

Allan B.

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

Group Comments:

Verbal Report

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

Group Comments:

Dear ASC--

Our meetings are going well, and our new Tuesday morning meeting has had a better than expected attendance. We extend a special invitation to everyone to come join us. After paying rent and ordering literature, we are making a \$20.00 donation to Area.

In Loving Service,

Mariann M. GSR

P.S. Miles O. will be celebrating 2 years clean July 16th.

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

Hello Family,

Greetings from Hugs Not Drugs. We are doing well.

Things are going well at Hugs Not Drugs group. We have had attendance ranging from 18 to 45 and had a total of 20 newcomers this month.

At our last meeting, we elected new officers. Myself as GSR, Brian V. as GSR-Alternate, and David W. as Treasurer. We also added a round-robin topic to be on the fifth Saturday of months with fifth Saturdays. We are placing an order for \$79.66 worth of literature so we will be unable to donate to the Area this month. Laurie S. Of Lake Charles will be sharing her experience, strength, and hope on Step Seven on July 7th.

Please come and visit our group and share your recovery with us at 6 pm - 7:30 pm every Saturday.

In Loving Service,

Melanie S., GSR

Hugs Not Drugs

M. Pines Group - GSR or Alternate: Sllim

Dear ASC,

All's well. We're donating \$100.00 to Area.

In Loving Service,

Sllim

N. Open Arms Group - GSR or Alternate: Stacey W.

Dear ASC,

Greetings from the Open Arms Group in Natchitoches, this month has been a wonderful time. We have seen good meeting attendance, especially at our noon meetings. Last Saturday, several addicts met at the bowling alley to share their experience, strength, and trash talk on the lanes. This Saturday, Keith S. from Shreveport visited our group and spoke to us about the second and third steps. I apologize for not making more of an effort to get the word out about this, as usual, we dragged our feet until the last minute in preparing for this and I was late in sending the flyer out. This coming Saturday, we have two members celebrating their birthdays, Dan B. and Stormy M.

While here, I would like to get information on getting a start-up kit for a new group that has started at the local detention center.

We have a \$25.00 donation from our group 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:

Hello ASC family,

Things are still going steady at our meetings. We had one newcomer. Some of our members have been in contact with the Cane River Girls' Home, and are going to assist them in starting a meeting. We have a \$10.00 donation at this time.

In Loving Service,

Stacey W.

P. Shipwreck Group - GSR or Alternate:

Absent

Q. New Hope Group - GSR or Alternate:

Absent

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

Report under VI

XI. ASR Report

I am an addict, my name is Robert.

I attended the RSC weekend with David N. (the elder). The Alexandria Convention Committee returned a check for \$13,000.00 and at the August RSC

will give another check for \$229.00. The 2008 Convention Committee was given a check for \$5,900.00. The regional Outreach committee along with the help of the North Area Outreach committee is in the process of getting clearance applications for Bayou Dorchese. So that members can go to the correctional facility. This would be the only way that the Rebels With a Cause group can meet. I have had several people interested in getting involved with this meeting. The regional Outreach Committee is going to put on a GSR workshop sometime in August in the North Area. The regional Treasurer report on insurance quote to insure all the meetings in the region, and it would be \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance and would be \$2,700.00 a year. It was referred to Incorporation for review. The Incorporation voted in three brand new board members and they are Ray M., Keith S., and Carol M.

In Loving Service,

Robert R.

Motion to accept ASR Report by Josh M., Second by Doug V.

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 for June with LSRSO in the amount of \$260.00. This order has replenished our current stockpile, and with no input from the ASC on ordering any specialty merchandise for the holidays, I will continue to replenish what is sold unless directed to do otherwise.

In Loving Service,

David N. (The Younger)

NLANA Literature Chair

Motion to accept by Krissy L.; Second by Melanie S.

Literature Report Accepted.

B. Public Information - Dave B.

Verbal Report by Dave B.

Motion to accept by Krissy L., Second by Mariann M.

Public Information Report Accepted.

C. Outreach - Cindy W.

Dear ASC Family,

Outreach committee had a lot of support at our subcommittee meeting on Tuesday. We began planning a workshop to be held in conjunction with the region in August.

Our travel expenses were \$16.68 to visit Crossroads Group in Ruston, and \$35.00 to visit New Path 2 in Bastrop. The entire community would

like to thank Matt D. for letting us use his car for the trip to Bastrop.

We are asking for \$50.00 to visit Natchitoches and West Monroe.

We are requesting \$50.00 for a group starter kit for the "At The End of The Road" group, as they meet the requirements set forth in guidelines and are petitioning the area for membership.

Outreach is requesting to receive meeting lists from PI on a quarterly basis, as groups that do not belong to the Area have asked us for them. Our chairperson spent \$11.00 of her own money to have copies of the meeting list made for "Clean and Serene" group. She will not be requesting reimbursement for this expense, she just wants Outreach to have access o meeting lists without having to buy them.

Outreach is also requesting that the meeting list be corrected for New Path 2 in Bastrop-- the NA meeting started at 3:30, not at 3:00. The meeting that was held at 3:00 was a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous, which does not belong on our meeting list.

In Loving Service,

Sonny T.

Outreach Vice Chair

P.S. We have written requests from two groups on file requesting starter kits. The second group requesting a starter kit will be able to send representative and report at the next ASC.

Motion to accept by Krissy L.; Second by Melanie S.

Outreach Report Accepted.

D. Activities Subcommittee - Greg B.

Hello Fellow Warm Bodies of the ASC,

All is going well with Activities. We had the picnic at Columbia Park on June 16th, which had a great showing and fellowship. We spent \$206.87 and had \$93.13 left over and received \$84.00 in donations and are returning \$177.13. I thank everyone that helped put this off, especially the VC Alley and our cooks, Floyd and Obie. Our next event is on July 4th and we are asking \$300.00 for start up as per our budget. It starts at 5:00 PM. Our next Activities meeting is on July 24th at 6:30 PM. We also had flyers printed out to have at the 2007 Convention and thereafter for the Camp Recovery retreat, and I need to be reimbursed \$108.68, which also includes tote boxes to keep Activity items in. Receipts are enclosed, no batteries included.

Mostly a title head.

Definitely a bald

Head.

In loving service,

Greg B.

Activities Vice Chair

P.S. I done forgot about the NA picnic at Columbia Park on June 16th, and we need \$300 start-up.

Motion to accept by Krissy L.; Second by Stacy

Activities Report Accepted.

E. Policy Subcommittee - Carolyn P., Policy Chairperson

Verbal Report.

Motion to accept by Melanie S.; Second by Stacy

Policy Report Accepted.

F. Hospitals and Institutions - Dora

Dear ASC Family,

H&I is doing great. We have all the support we need for the institutions that we bring the NA message of recovery to.

I do have a note that there has not been a subcommittee meeting since the H&I Learning Day. Due to my personal struggles and problems, I have failed to properly inform people of the time and place of subcommittee meetings. I plan to have a meeting this Friday at 6:30 PM, which I will announce every night starting Monday. Please help me by announcing this H&I subcommittee meeting at your respective home groups.

In Loving Service,

Dora Roberts,

H&I Chair

Motion to accept by Stacy; Second by Daniel S.

H&I Report Accepted.

G. Ad-Hoc Committee - Barry Chairperson

All of the figures given in this statement of prices are based off an average car receiving twenty miles per gallon of gas used at an average price of \$3.00 per gallon of gas bought.

105 Peterson Street miles price

Many, Louisiana 158.28 \$23.74

1501 White Street 136.88 \$20.53

Ruston, Louisiana

400 Elm Street 249.96 \$37.49

Bastrop, Louisiana

400 MLK Drive 151.34 \$22.70

Natchitoches, Louisiana

317 N. 2nd Street 196.56 \$29.48

Monroe, Louisiana

607 Beauregard Street 197.76 \$29.66

Monroe, Louisiana

214 Reagan Street 193.54 \$29.03

West Monroe, Louisiana

This Ad-Hoc Committee would like to thank Jarod Z. for the time he spent researching this matter.

Motion to accept Ad-Hoc Report by Sllim, Second by Krissy L.

Ad-Hoc Report Accepted.

H. Convention Committee Report PRN/FYI

Hello to Y'all NA folk,

As most of y'all know, because I see'd ya there, that we had a great convention. The biggest thing that went a'rrey was allowing addicts to serve themselves at dinner. Needless to say, we ran out of food. That is because we addicts is gluttonous. Well, we discussed this and other things such as how the subcommittees should be utilized. When I was at the RSC, we received a check for \$5,900.00, excluding the \$600.00 we received for Pre-Registration and T-shirts. I believe that gives us approximately \$7,300.00 to do business with. We do still have openings for VC, Entertainment, and Hospitality open. And, of course, need all the help we can get. We are still looking for convention themes. Our next meeting is Saturday, July 14th at 2:00 P.M. Y'all come on down, ya hear?

Not quite pulling out my hair yet.

In Loving Service,

Greg B.

XVI. Old Business

A. 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.

For: 11, Against: 1, Abstain: 3

Motion Passes.

B. Motion 2007/05-26 (P)

Maker: Barry W.

Committee: Hugs Not Drugs Group

Second: John G.

Committee: Care and Share GSR

Motion: Move the Shreveport-Bossier meeting location of the North Louisiana Narcotics Anonymous Area Service Committee from 308 East Texas in Bossier City to one of the Rutherford House facilities in Shreveport. (Exact meeting location to be finalized prior to the next ASC).

Intent: Tradition 1: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on NA unity. Tradition 3: The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using. Tradition 6: An NA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the NA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, or prestige divert us from our primary purpose. Concept 1: To fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose, the NA groups have joined together to create a structure which develops, coordinates, and maintains services on behalf of NA as a whole. Concept 2: The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups.

For: 1; Against: 11; Abstain: 1

Motion Fails.

C. Motion 2007/05-31 (P)

Maker: Carolyn P.

Committee: Policy Chair

Second: None given.

Committee: None given.

Motion: To adopt NLASC guidelines revised May, 2007.

Intent: Concept 1: To fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose, the NA groups have joined together to create a structure, which develops, coordinates, and maintains services on behalf of NA as a whole.

For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 3

Motion Passes.

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

XIX. Ten Minute Sharing Session

XX. Five Minute Break for Submission of Motions.

XXI.. New Business

A. Motion 2007/06-32 (M)

Maker: Cindy W.

Committee: Outreach Committee

Second: Melanie S.

Committee: Hugs Not Drugs GSR

Motion: To provide \$50.00 for a group starter kit for "At The End of The Road".

Intent: Concept 1; Concept 5; Concept 3.

For: 12; Against: 0; Abstain: 1

Motion passes.

B. Motion 2007/06-33 (M)

Maker: Cindy W

Committee: Outreach

Second: Melanie S.

Committee: Hugs Not Drugs GSR

Motion: Travel funds to visit New Hope in West Monroe and Natchitoches \$50.

Intent: Tradition 7

For: 14; Against: 0; Abstain: 1

Motion passes.

C. Motion 2007/06-34 (P)

Maker: Cindy W.

Committee: Outreach

Second: Melanie S.

Committee: Hugs Not Drugs GSR

Motion: To remove from format of the ASC #16: 10 Minute Sharing Session.

Intent: Concept 7; Concept 9; Concept 8; Tradition 9; Tradition 1.

Motion withdrawn by Maker.

D. 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 referred to Policy for review.

E. Motion 2007/06-36 (M)

Maker: Cindy W.

Committee: Outreach

Second: Laura T.

Committee: Open Arms Group GSR

Motion: To obtain \$50.00 for group starter kit for Natchitoches Detention Center/Open Arms group in

Natchitoches.

Intent: Concept 1

For: 14; Against: 0; Abstain: 1

Motion passes.

F. 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 referred to Policy for review.

G. Motion 2007/06-38 (M)

Maker: Greg B.

Committee: Activities

Second: Josh M.

Committee: No Name GSR

Motion: To get \$300.00 for July 4th.

Intent: Start-up funds.

For: 13; Against: 0; Abstain: 2

Motion passes.

H. Motion 2007/06-39 (M)

Maker: Greg B.

Committee: Activities

Second: Josh M.

Committee: No Name GSR

Motion: To reimburse Greg B. for flyers and equipment purchased for Activities \$108.68.

Intent: To be fully self-supporting.

For: 15; Against: 0; Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

I. Motion 2007/06-40 (M)

Maker: Dora R.

Committee: H&I

Second: Krissy L.

Committee: Stone Free GSR

Motion: To receive monies for H&I literature in the amount of \$363.00.

Intent: To help H&I carry the message.

For: 14; Against: 0; Abstain: 1

Motion passes.

XXII. Announcements:

A. Outreach July 10, 2007 at 6:30, call Cindy W. for information;

B. Robert R. has Regional meeting lists;

C. Tony has flyers for Longview function on July 7th, Agape function on July 2nd;

D. Greg announced July 4th party at 5:00, Convention meeting on July 14th at 2:00, and Activities meeting on July 24th at noon;

E. Next meeting will be July 15th at noon;

F. Ending balance is \$1,593.70;

XXIII. Motion to close with Serenity Prayer at 02:10 p.m.