

North Louisiana Area of Narcotics Anonymous ASC Minutes

March 18, 2007

- I. Opening of Meeting - Serenity Prayer led by Randy S., Area Chair (12:05)
- 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
 - Officers Absent:* None
 - Committee Chairs Present:* ASR, ASR-Alternate, Literature, Public Information, Outreach, Activities, Policy, H&I, AdHoc Website
 - Groups Present:* Care and Share, Stone Free, We Do Recover, No Name, Mission Critical, Rebels With A Cause, Noon Group, Primary Purpose, Crossroads, New Hope, Hugs Not Drugs, Pines Group, Open Arms, Women in Recovery
 - Groups Absent:* Saturday Night Live, Principles Before Personalities
- VI. Groups Petitioning Area for Membership: None
- VII. Secretary's Report:

Dear ASC Family,

I'm passing around our directory for any contact updates. My apologies to Stone Free, whose GSR requested that I snail mail a copy of the minutes to him. I emailed their copy and the group did not receive their minutes. I'm sorry, Chris.

I was contacted by some home groups asking about motions which we had to vote on for this month. There were none from the Area, but I knew we had a Regional motion considering insurance for home groups. However, the only information I had on this motion was that which was included in our minutes, so I really wasn't sure what to tell anyone other than to speak with Robert R., but by the time I was contacted, it was past groups' last meeting prior to today.

If you are having any problems reading the minutes through email, our new Outreach Chair pointed out that every time I send them out, there are not only the attachments in several formats, but also a full copy at the bottom of the email. Thanks, Cindy.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me. My full contact

information is listed in our directory.

It is a pleasure to serve our Area.

*In Loving Service,
Miles Jay Oliver,
NLANA Secretary*

Motion to accept Secretary's Report & Minutes by Sharron J., Second by Debby P.

Secretary's Proposed Budget

*Postage (at 2 stamps per envelope) = \$0.78 per addressee
27 current addressees in our Area = \$21.06 per month
12 months per year = \$252.72 per year on postage*

*Envelopes (with 1 box of 100 brown envelopes) = \$10.82
324 envelopes needed per year (4 boxes) = \$43.28 per year on envelopes*

Copies (\$20.00 per month for 27 copies) = \$540.00 per year on copies

*\$252.72 (postage)
43.28 (envelopes)
+ 540.00 (copies)
\$836.00 (total for year)**

** This budget assumes no email exists and is for the current number of addressees within the NLANA.*

VIII. Treasurer's Report:

Hello Family,

Last ASC deposits for Activities and donations \$773.04. Literature deposit made was \$522.00. Checks written total \$2,976.10, leaving a working balance beginning this ASC of \$2,309.47.

*In Loving Service,
Jody V.,
Area Treasurer*

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Debby P., Second by Mike J.

*Treasurer's Budget
Year 2008*

ASC Rent X 1 Year	Area	\$360.00
	Region	\$30.00
Receipt Book		\$6.99
Stamps		\$7.40
Misc.		<u>\$15.00</u>
		\$419.39

IX. ASR Report

I don't have anything new to report since last month. What I need today is the result of votes that I asked the GSR's to take back to their home groups. This concerns the RSC forming a website committee. I will ask for votes now. Have any groups discussed the need of insurance and help from the RSC? I will let the RSC know what groups need the insurance coverage under the RSC. I have put a motion in asking for \$300.00 check for the start-up funds of the RSC weekend. This will just be a paper trail.

*In Loving Service,
Robert R.*

Motion to Accept ASR Report by Debby P., Second by Obie P.

X. Recess at 12:30, Reconvene with Serenity Prayer led by Randy S.

XI. GSR Reports:

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

Dear A.S.C.

Collection: \$216.79; Income for group: \$249.29;

Literature Order: -\$35.13; Rent: -\$130.08;

Literature Rack: \$15.00; Expenses: \$37.68;

Donation to Area: -\$17.36; Ending Balance: 0

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Our meetings are going well. We have a few new home group members. I am grateful to be of service.

In Loving Service,

John G, Addict

B. Stone Free - GSR or Alternate: Andrew D.

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$323.56; Literature Order: \$30.00;

Expenses: \$211.97; Rent: \$153.93;

Donation to Area: \$81.12; Ending Balance: \$18.74

Group Comments:

*Dear ASC,
Meetings are going well, and our home group members are still strong in numbers. We had an average meeting attendance o 36, with a total of 2 new members.*

*In Loving Service,
Andrew Dawson*

C. Saturday Night Live - GSR or Alternate:

Absent

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$82.01; Literature Order: \$6.00;

Expenses: 0; Rent: \$65.61;

Donation to Area: 0; Ending Balance: \$10.40

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Meetings are going well. We have had a few newcomers and some visitors. We welcome everyone to come join us.

*In Loving Service,
Debby P.*

E. No Name - GSR or Alternate: Obie P./Josh M.

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$258.64; Literature Order: \$127.49;

Expenses: \$11.00; Rent: \$102.02; Donation to Area: \$20.00;

Ending Balance: 0

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Meetings are growing--standing room only. Average sixty per meeting. New officers are Steffen M., Treasurer, Josh M., Alternate, Heather P., Secretary. Steffen M. three years on March 25th. Alley P. 18 months on March 13th. Thank you for letting me serve.

Obie P.

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

Verbal Report

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

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Good Afternoon.

My name is Vaughn, and I'm an addict. Our meeting is doing well. We continue to have good meetings at the prison. We still get a lot of newcomers. I guess we still have a drug problem out there.

*In Loving Service,
Vaughn.*

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

Greetings ASC,

Noon Group is a fully self-supporting, autonomous group of 11 home group members. We meet four times a week and average 26 people at the meetings. We are making a \$20.00 donation to ASC.

*In loving service,
H.B.
Noon Group*

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

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

The Primary Purpose group has been hurting for attendance. I've been announcing the meetings and our need for support. We get occasional support, but we are still hurting. We will not be donating to Area this month. Thank you for letting me be of service.

*In Loving Service,
Allan B.
GSR - Primary Purpose*

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

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Meetings are well. Attendance has been average for our group. We have had a few newcomers as well as a few birthdays. All is well, and thank you for letting me be of service.

*Daniel S.
Crossroads Group of Ruston*

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

Absent

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

Dear ASC Family,

The “Hugs Not Drugs” Group of Narcotics Anonymous continues to meet and grow in service at 1545 Line Avenue every Saturday night from 6 to 7 p.m.

Our average attendance this past month as 18, and 2 newcomers. April birthdays include:

<i>Randy E.</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>April 4th</i>
<i>Cindy W.</i>	<i>2 years</i>	<i>April 3rd</i>
<i>Sandra W.</i>	<i>17 years</i>	<i>April 11th</i>
<i>Melvin W.</i>	<i>18 years</i>	<i>April 9th</i>

After paying rent, purchasing supplies and literature, our donation to Area is \$48.36.

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

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

Dear ASC,

Pines Group is doing well. Meetings are great. Would like to see more outside support. We would like to donate \$75.00 to Area.

*Thank you for letting me be of service,
Mike J.*

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

Dear ASC,

Meetings are going well. Our noon weekday meetings are splitting at the seams. We are celebrating three birthdays this month, Stacey W., Gregory D., and Donald B. On St. Patrick's Day, we met on the riverbank and had a fish fry, a meeting, and a blast.

I have no financial report or donation at this time.

*In Loving Service,
Laura F.*

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$54.32; Supplies Cost: \$6.62;

Donation to Area: \$10.00; Ending Balance: \$37.70

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Meetings are going well. We have an average of 7 women at the meetings, with 2 newcomers this month. We have \$10.00 to donate to Area at this time.

*In Loving Service,
Stacey W.*

WOMEN IN RECOVERY GSR - STACEY W. FINANCIAL RECORDS	
FOR THE PERIOD FROM: <u>2/18/07</u> TO <u>3/11/07</u> (INCLUDE THIS INFO. IN GSR REPORT TO AREA)	
ATTENDANCE (TOTAL): <u>7 AVG</u> NEWCOMERS: <u>2</u>	
BEGINNING BALANCE (PREVIOUS BALANCE: <u>\$38.42</u>)	
INCOME:	COLLECTION: <u>\$15.90</u>
	LITERATURE: _____
	OTHER: _____
	TOTAL INCOME: + <u>\$54.32</u>
EXPENSES:	RENT: _____
	LITERATURE: _____
	SUPPLIES: <u>\$6.62</u>
	ASC DONATION: <u>\$10.00</u>
	RSC DONATION: _____
NA WORLD SERVICE DONATION:	_____
	OTHER: _____
	TOTAL EXPENSES: - <u>16.62</u>
	ENDING BALANCE: = <u>37.70</u>
	PRUDENT RESERVE: _____

XII. Subcommittee Reports

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

Dear A.S.C.,

An order was placed March 5th in the amount \$372.75. The actual cost upon receipt from Lone Star was \$368.22, leaving a credit of \$4.53 on our account.

Following an inventory of all literature on hand including the most recent

order as well as the mysterious misplaced literature just recently turned over to the literature committee, our current balance is #1,767.74.

In regards to the Literature Committee Budget requested by the A.S.C., it is the consensus of the Literature Committee that we are self-supporting through the sale of literature from our existing stockpile. However, there are times when the demands of the Area are greater than that of our current stockpile. In these times, we shall request any extra funds from A.S.C. to meet these demands.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for electing me your new Literature Chair, while I may not be as thankful later as I am now. I would also like to thank Moli R. and Juli S. for all their support and patience during this time of transition. I look forward to serving the NLANA, and I would like everyone to know that they shouldn't hesitate to call or ask for literature at any time, as well as any special order items that you may need. My phone number is 318-798-1222; you most likely will reach the answering machine. If this is the case, leave a number, or better yet, leave any special order information, and I will do my best to fulfill these requests in a timely manner.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

*David N. (The Younger)
NLANA Literature Chair*

Literature Budget 2007

Stockpile of \$1,800.00

As needs of Area increase, any more monies needed shall be requested in the form of a motion.

Motion to accept by Mike J.; Second by Obie P.

B. Public Information - Dave B.

Dear A.S.C. Family,

First let me say that the two new groups that "moved" to our Area have already been added to the North Louisiana web "presence" by our web slave, Keith H., and that the "Women in Recovery" and "Open Arms" groups will appear on the printed schedule when they come out next month.

We are happy to report that we finally submitted proposed changes to our subcommittee guidelines to Policy and that a yearly budget for PI has been turned into the ASC Treasurer.

We are currently developing ideas for inexpensive poster board type P.S.A.'s, and we welcome input from any and all interested members.

*In Loving Service,
Dave B.*

Motion to accept by Debby P.; Second by Sharron J.

C. Outreach - Verbal Report

D. Activities Subcommittee - Greg B.

Dear NA Family,

All is going well with Activities. I want to recognize Alley and Cammille for working so hard and doing a great job helping me and sometimes letting me do something or have a say. Our Prom was a great success. We ended up spending money instead of making money, but the primary purpose of Activities was achieved and addicts had fun, stayed clean, and got some recovery! We do have some events coming up and our plan is to at least have one event a month to keep the addict busy, out of trouble, and knowing that we get down and have fun in recovery. I have \$400 in hand for the next two events. These are March 31 Naked Birthday and the RSC on April 7th. Of course, we could use all hands we can get and service work is a very spiritual part of recovery. Alley has a budget made.

*In loving service and
conned into this job,
Greg B.
Activities Vice Chair*

Motion to accept by Debby P.; Second by Obie P.

E. Policy Subcommittee - Carolyn P., Policy Chairperson

Greetings from Policy Subcommittee!

We met once to do research on the archival records to determine if many of the policy changes were made.

We chose to go back two years--2005 and 2006--since the current Policy

was revised in 2006. Those participating were H.B., Moli, Greg, David the younger, Dora, and I. There was only one minutes missing and that was September of 2006. We could not find evidence of many of the changes that have been touted to have been voted on. The current copy is pretty much current with a few minor exceptions. We decided to deal with them after we receive the revisions from the missing subcommittees this month. After receipt of those, we will probably make a copy of the revised Policy.

We appreciate your indulgence with our wonderful hard-working committee. I am so grateful for their dedication and service.

I have been told that our current copy of Robert's Rules of Order is not up to date. I have made a couple of trips to Books-A-Million and cannot find one that is different from my copy. There ARE quicker little guides and I am willing to purchase one of those if this body thinks its necessary.

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

Motion to accept by Debby P.; Second by Mike J.

F. Hospitals and Institutions - Dora

Dear ASC Family,

H&I is going through some changes right now. We desperately need three or four new panel members. Our subcommittee had decided to take a few weeks vacation from H&I meetings after H&I Learning Day unless we can get three new people to participate in H&I--the idea behind this is to increase participation. I do not believe in pulling out of the institutions we serve is a good idea, but group conscience has decided it. I would ask you all for support. The still-suffering addict needs the NA message of recovery, and without you all's support, these people will have to go without a meeting, without a life changing message. I ask all of you to please help us.

*In Loving Service,
Dora Manea Roberts,
H&I Chair*

Motion to accept by Mike J.; Second by Debby P.

G. Convention Committee--Greg B.

Greetings NA Family,

The convention committee is going along well. Our third meeting will be held on April 1st at 2 p.m. We have four subcommittee chair positions open. They are Subcommittee Coordinator, Hospitality, Entertainment, Serenity Keepers. These positions require three years clean time.

I talked to Doug F. about the bank account and the \$300.00 check and found what we need to do to get that process underway.

I attended the Convention meeting on March 17th and it was fruitful. They are going to start meeting every Saturday at 0900 from now until Convention. They will have a dance on Friday and a comedian on Saturday. Their registration packet contains a magnetic address book, pen, and business cards.

They had around 400 addicts counted at the last Convention. They, of course, have subcommittee meetings before each committee meeting. The Friday night speaker is Bob L., Saturday, George M., and Sunday, Gill L. Of course, they need auction items. The dinner they will be serving is Roast Beef and Shrimp Etouffee. With this being the 25th anniversary, everything is in black and silver.

They are looking into liability insurance, which they did not have the year before, if I'm understanding correctly. The cost is looking like \$750-800. They are going to rent a credit card machine from Capital One.

Their working balance at the end of the meeting was \$13,462.45, and gave \$1,000 to the hotel to hold their room block. I do have minutes from the previous meeting, which has a lot of good info. I have brought back some flyers.

Doing the best I can with what I got to work with!

*In Loving Service,
Greg B.
Alias "Buddha"*

Motion to accept by Obie P.; Second by Drew D.

XIII. Old Business

A. Motion 2007/02-11 (M)

Maker: Greg B.

Committee: Activities
Second: Obie P.
Committee: No Name GSR

Motion: \$300.00 start-up funds for RSC weekend for Saturday night function.
April 7, 2007.

Intent: To be fully self-supporting, paper trail.

For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 1
Motion passes.

XIV. Ten Minute Sharing Session

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

XVII. New Business

A. Motion 2007/03-13 (M)

Maker: Robert R.
Committee: ASR
Second: Vaughn P.
Committee: Rebels With A Cause GSR

Motion: To give the ASR a check for \$300.00 to cover the cost fro food and rent
for RSC weekend.

Intent: To put on the RSC weekend.

For: 9; Against: 0; Abstain: 0
Motion passes.

B. Motion 2007/03-14 (P)

Maker: Carolyn P.
Committee: Policy Chair
Second: H.B.
Committee: Noon Group GSR

Motion: We would like to consider having ASC on a rotation (i.e. Ruston one
month, Monroe one month, Natchitoches one month, and Shreveport one
month.)

Intent: To include all members of ASC and to promote interest in Narcotics
Anonymous in each Area.

Motion Tabled To Groups (Policy Change)

C. Motion 2007/03-15 (P)

Maker: Robert R.

Committee: ASR

Second: Vaughn P.

Committee: Rebels With A Cause GSR

Motion: The RSC to form a website committee that will not be a part of the RSC
PI Committee.

Intent: To have a better functioning Regional website.

Motion Tabled To Groups (Policy Change).

D. Motion 2007/03-16 (M)

Maker: Cindy W.

Committee: Outreach

Second: Obie P.

Committee: No Name GSR

Motion: \$25.00 for travel expenses.

Intent: To travel to Monroe and support them and travel to Many to find out what
happened to them.

For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 1

Motion passes.

E. Motion 2007/03-17 (M)

Maker: David B.

Committee: PI

Second: Sharron J.

Committee: Hugs Not Drugs GSR

Motion: For a check in the amount of \$65.16 for schedules next month.

Intent: To pay for next batch 'o schedules.

For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 1

Motion passes.

XVIII. Announcements:

- A. Cindy W. - Outreach meeting Tuesday at 6:30;
- B. Robert R. - Regarding insurance, if groups want insurance, call Robert R. at 834-1521;
- C. H.B. - Policy meeting 6:00 Thursday at Carolyn's;
- D. Moli - H&I every Friday at 6:30 until Learning Day;
- E. Greg B. - He will have more free time. If you need help, contact him. Convention meeting April 1st at 2:00. Positions available: Subcommittee Coordinator, Hospitality, and Serenity Keepers. Steffen M. celebrates three years on 25th, story on 27th. Naked Birthday Party March 31st. April 7th RSC at the Survivor's Club;
- F. Robert R. - Jill R. 11 years April 1st, celebrating April 7th;
- G. Sharron J.- Birthdays referred to in her GSR report;
- H. Next ASC - April 15th;
- I. Ending Balance - \$1,860.01.

XIX. Motion to suspend rules by Sharron J., Second by Debby P.

A. Motion 2007/03-18 (M)

Maker: Robert R.
Committee: ASR
Second: Mike J.
Committee: Pines Group GSR

Motion: To give an RSC donation of 10% of our working balance.

Intent: To support the Region.

For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 1
Motion passes

XX. New Ending Balance: \$1,674.01.

XXI. Motion to close with Serenity Prayer