

North Louisiana Area of Narcotics Anonymous ASC Minutes

May 20, 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, Secretary, Treasurer, ASR
Officers Absent: 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, New Hope, Hugs Not Drugs,
Principles Before Personalities, Pines Group, Women in Recovery
Groups Absent: We Do Recover, Open Arms
- VI. Groups Petitioning Area for Membership:

Shipwreck wants to show its willingness to join in Area. We have a regular meeting place and a steering committee.

Coty B., GSR

NLANA voted unanimously to reinstate Shipwreck Group.

**Shipwreck Group was reinstated as a participating member in NLANA.
Welcome back Shipwreck Group.**

- VII. Secretary's Report:

Dear ASC Family,

I'm submitting a motion and receipt for reimbursement of mailing expenses of \$14.40 and \$29.22 for reimbursement of an ink cartridge.

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 Krissy L.
Secretary's Report Accepted.

VIII. Treasurer's Report:

Hello ASC,

Last month, we had a returned check for \$27.77. The bank charge was \$20.00, which caused a deduction of \$47.77 from our checking account. Kiss Group closed and donated \$103.61 to Area. I paid Policy \$70.00 out of this money for Group copies of Policy, which left a deposit of \$33.61. Literature deposit was \$372.81. Check written for Literature order was \$347.22. Deposit from donations was \$164.17. Final balance was \$2,726.62.

Projected expenses this month were \$93.05 for King's Answering Service, \$29.80 for Pager (Aquis), Survivor's Club rent \$30.00, UPS \$65.26 for schedules, mailbox rent \$80.00, RSC expenses \$150.00, Activities \$300.00. Projected expenses for the month \$748.00, plus Literature order unknown.

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

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Sllim, Second by Krissy L.
Treasurer's Report Accepted.

IX. Post Office Box Report:

Verbal report given.

Motion to accept Post Office Box Report by Doug V., Second by Krissy L.
Post Office Box Report Accepted.

X. GSR Reports:

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for group: \$283.00; Literature Order: \$22.51;
Rent: \$165.01; Literature Rack: \$10.00; Expenses: \$29.00;
Donation to Area: \$43.48; Ending Balance: \$13.00

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Our meetings are going well as usual. We took in money and distributed it accordingly.

In Loving Service,

John G.

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$255.61; Literature Order: \$59.42;

Expenses: \$16.35; Rent: \$148.57; Donation to Lit. Rack: \$15.00

Donation to Area: \$20.00; Ending Balance: \$13.05

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Stone Free is going well. Our average attendance is steady at 36, and we had a total of two newcomers this month. We are donating \$20.00 to the Area, and ending balance is \$13.05.

In Loving Service,

Krissy L.

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

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Meetings are going great! Attendance has increased a little to about 15, and income is also up. No donation at this time.

In Loving Service,

Keith H.

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

Absent

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$132.66; Literature Order: \$17.22;

Expenses: \$49.70; Rent: \$67.59; Donation to Area: 0;

Ending Balance: 0

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Our meetings are going good. Obie P. resigned from GSR, so I am the new GSR for No Name. We didn't get much money this month, so we have no donation for the Area.

*In Loving Service,
Josh M.*

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

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Verbal Report Given.

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

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Dear ASC -

I am thankful for you letting me serve the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous in the capacity of GSR for the last three years. I have a list of volunteers already okayed by the prison, and contact number for anyone who would like to be the GSR.

I will be going to the prison tonight and next week. There are also some applications in the briefcase.

*In Loving Service,
Vaughn.*

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

Greetings ASC,

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We are a completely self-supporting and autonomous of 13 home group members. Our meetings are averaging 35 people. We did drop our Wednesday meeting due to lack of support. No donation for 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,

Our group has survived another month. We had a visit from the Outreach Committee, which was very much appreciated. We still have three home group members, and always welcome more, but in the meantime, we appreciate any support we can get.

*In Loving Service,
Allan B.*

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

Group Comments:

Group Absent.

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

Group Comments:

Greetings Area--

Our group is slowly growing and doing well. Starting in June, we will be adding a meeting on Tuesday morning at 0830 AM at the Kingston Road Baptist Church. Jody just celebrated a birthday, "27" years clean. After paying rent, we will be donating \$10.00 to Area this month.

*In Loving Service,
Mariann M. GSR*

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

Dear ASC Family,

Greetings from Hugs Not Drugs. We are doing well.

We are an autonomous and self-supporting group that meets at 1545 Line Avenue every Saturday at 6 pm. We follow a rotating meeting format with the first Saturday being open discussion, second Saturday being step study, third Saturday being topic discussion or birthday celebrations, fourth Saturday is Tradition Study, and if there is a fifth Saturday, it is open discussion. All meetings are open and non-smoking.

Since the last ASC, average meeting attendance is 20 people per meeting. We had five newcomers over the past month. We have added new home group members and continue to grow.

We bring a donation of \$20.62 to the Area. We are presenting two motions for new business.

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

M. Pines Group - GSR or Alternate: Sllim

Dear ASC,

All is going well. Support is always welcome if you're in the Pines area on Monday, Wednesday, or Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Steffen will be

telling his story May 28th.

*In Loving Service,
Slim*

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

Dear ASC,

Open Arms is celebrating two birthdays this month on the last Saturday, Algernon and Tammy. We will also be planning a step workshop in the near future to cover steps two and three. Our noon meeting attendance has been growing with an average of 25-30, and we've gained a few newcomers. We have \$25.00 to donate at this time.

*In Loving Service,
Stacey W.*

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

Dear A.S.C.

*Income for Group: \$12.00; Expenses: \$11.87;
Donation to Area: \$10.00; Ending Balance: \$41.23
Group Comments:*

Hello ASC family,

Our women's group has changed our meeting time from 7:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M., and our attendance has gone up from 5-7 to 10. We had one newcomer this month, and \$10.00 to donate at this time.

*In Loving Service,
Stacey W.*

XI. ASR Report

I am an addict, my name is Robert.

The learning day went really well. We made just enough to pay all of our expense, but were unable to return any of the seed money to the region. I have learned a great deal of experience from the regional chair and others who spoke at the workshop. The regional Outreach committee has offered to put on a GSR workshop in any area that would like to have one in their area. So, if this area would like to have one, please let me know. The region can help with this workshop. The RSC weekend will be held the second weekend in June, at the River Cities Clubhouse in Alexandria. I am submitting a motion for \$150.00 travel expenses for myself and David N. (the elder) to the RSC weekend. I am also submitting another motion for the Area to give the RSC donation. That is 10% of our working balance, at the end of the business

day.

*In Loving Service,
Robert R.*

Motion to accept ASR Report by Krissy L., Second by Doug V.
ASR Report Accepted.

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

XIII. Motion to suspend order to reinstate New Hope Group by Doug V., Second by Laura.

*G.S.R. Report
Group Name: New Hope Group
G.S.R. or Alt: Kim G.
Date: 5-20-07*

Dear A.S.C.

*Income for Group: \$74.67 Literature: 0
Expenses: Rent: \$30.00
Donation to Area: \$20.00 Ending balance: \$24.67*

Group Comments:

New Hope wants to show its willingness to join the Area. We have a regular meeting place and a steering committee.

*In Loving Service,
Kim G.*

New Hope Group Welcomed Back to NLANA

XIV. Motion to go back to Regular Format by Doug V., Second by Barry.

XV. Subcommittee Reports

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

Dear A.S.C. Family,

An order was placed for May in the amount of \$335.37, with an additional \$11.85 added to cover last month's order discrepancy, bringing the total to \$347.22. This leaves us no outstanding balance with LSRNA.

The Literature Subcommittee has discussed gradually stockpiling

Narcotics Anonymous-related gift items to be adequately supplied for the Christmas holidays, possibly having a Santa's workshop sale at November's A.S.C. If there is enough interest in this, we will start doing so beginning with June's order.

Finally, it is the goal of this subcommittee to adequately provide literature to those who need it, when they need it. If you need any literature throughout the month, please feel free to call me (318-798-1222).

In Loving Service,

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

P.S. We do not have a change-counting machine. Please be mindful of this when placing a literature order or making donations.

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

Literature Report Accepted.

B. Public Information - Dave B.

Verbal Report by Dave B.

Motion to accept by Doug V., Second by Krissy L.

Public Information Report Accepted.

C. Outreach - Cindy W.

Dear ASC Family,

I am an addict named Cindy. I brain-farted at last month's ASC, and didn't put in a motion for travel expenses, so we didn't make it to Ruston as promised. Our subcommittee is looking to get over there soon.

I have a copy of Shipwreck Group's phone list and meeting schedule, so that the Area Public Information sub-committee will have something in writing, and can now update the Area meeting list to reflect changes in Shipwreck's meeting schedule that are months old.

This subcommittee has elected Sonny T. as its vice-chair.

I will be in attendance at the June RSC in Alexandria, at which time I will be speaking with the Regional Outreach chair about holding a GSR workshop in our geographical area.

*In Loving Service,
Cindy W.
Outreach Chair.*

Motion to accept by Josh M.; Second by Krissy L.
Outreach Report Accepted.

D. Activities Subcommittee - Greg B.

Dear ASC Family,

All is well as can be expected with Activities. We are putting on activities once a month as promised. Some of the activities' attendance have been better than others, and some haven't really made money or so much money. Although, those that have attended have had a good time, and a place to go which is the main purpose of Activities. At the RSC, we did make around \$168, and at the Toga Party, we made \$101.82. We made \$38 on the raffle and \$108.82 in donations. We paid \$30 for rent and \$15.00 for best Toga.

I want to bring something up at this time in which I am hesitant to do so. There seems to be some dissention and gossip going on in the fellowship here lately. Some of it stems from a conflict between the entity that manages this building and some of the groups who attend. I believe we need to address this situation so we can be a cohesive unit and be there for the addict who still suffers.

*Doing the best with
what I got to work
with,
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 Sllim.; Second by Laura
Activities Report Accepted.

E. Policy Subcommittee - Carolyn P., Policy Chairperson

Hello Family,

We finally have copies of the revised Policy guidelines today.

We will issue them to all the Administrative Officers, Subcommittee Chairs, and GSRs.

This committee, consisting of Moli, H.B., and myself, with occasional input from a few drop-ins, has worked very hard every Thursday to make this document as accurate as possible.

We will continue to revise as policy motions are passed so that it will not be a monumental task.

We are not sure about this issue: We believe that procedure for possession of the guidelines should rest with the current ASC participants. When leaving your present office, it is your responsibility to pass the copy given to you to the next elected person. In the case that you vacate your position before your term is finished, and there is no replacement, the copy should be given to the Vice Chair of ASC, since he or she is the overseer of all subcommittees, and he or she will pass the copy on when the vacancy is filled. Extra copies will be held by the Policy Chair; however, it will be extremely cost-prohibitive to keep large stockpiles of the guidelines to the ASC. It will be your responsibility to keep the copy in your possession until you pass it on.

We don't know if we need to make a motion concerning this procedure and add it to the next revision. It would certainly avoid confusion about disbursement. Addicts like to have clear directions and it would eliminate getting bogged down at ASC arguing over how it is to be done. We seek direction from the Chair on this question.

We have cleared some grammar mistakes, punctuation marks, and repeating. We have tried to be as uniform as possible for easy reference. This document is the truest copy we can get of the wishes of ASC through passing policy motions.

We hope that never again will we have to search the archives for non-existence passes. As it is now is as near as we can be on current policy. We are not presenting it today for debate, but rather for order as we proceed with the business matters of NLASC.

We are asking for reimbursement for copies, and the many, many man hours of the input tech, Ms. Moli.

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

Motion to accept by Krissy L.; Second by Doug V.

Policy Report Accepted with one Abstention.

F. Hospitals and Institutions - Dora

Dear ASC Family,

H&I is doing awesome. GOD has blessed us with more support recently. I want to thank all the enthusiastic support that H&I has received, especially at STEPS detox. The still-suffering addict has much needed help from all our members who have graciously given of themselves.

It is encouraging to see our members support the addict still-suffering. More support is needed as H&I always could use help. I have seen a miraculous change in the support give to STEPS detox and I would like to see the same growth in support for Brentwood and Doctor's Hospital.

Also, I am requesting some funds for coffee at STEPS.

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

Motion to accept by Doug V.; Second by Krissy L.
H&I Report Accepted.

G. Convention Committee Report PRN/FYI

Hello fellow Mousekateers, I mean Conventioneers,

All is good with the convention committee. All is going as planned so far. We have a checking account and a P.O. Box. We have ordered 50 tee shirts at \$484.36, and have flyers in the works to take to this year's convention. We still have some positions open: Vice-Chair, Hospitality, and Entertainment. We also need more theme ideas and people to volunteer under some of these committees. Our next meeting is on June 3rd at 2 pm. Y'all come visit us, ya hear?

*Semi Kinda Sorta
Willing to Serve,
Greg B.*

XVI. Old Business

A. 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 nine months.)

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

For: 4, Against: 6, Abstain: 2

Motion Fails.

B. 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.

Motion Sent To Groups For Vote

XVII. Ten Minute Sharing Session

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

XIX. New Business

A. Motion 2007/05-21 (M)

Maker: Miles Jay Oliver
Committee: NLANA Secretary
Second: Josh M.
Committee: No Name GSR

Motion: Reimburse Secretary \$14.40 for postage expenses and \$29.22 for a printer cartridge. Total: \$43.62.

Intent: To be self-supporting

For: 13; Against: 0; Abstain: 0
Motion passes.

B. Motion 2007/05-22 (M)

Maker: Doug V.
Committee: Public Information
Second: David B.
Committee: Mission Critical GSR

Motion: A check for \$65.16 to print meeting list for June ASC.

Intent: To be completely self-supporting.

For: 13; Against: 0; Abstain: 0
Motion passes.

C. Motion 2007/05-23 (M)

Maker: Robert R.
Committee: ASR
Second: Keith H.
Committee: SNL GSR

Motion: To give the ASR and the ASR-alternate a check for \$150.00 to attend the RSC weekend in Alexandria. It will be the second weekend in June.

Intent: To represent this Area at Region.

For: 12; Against: 0; Abstain: 0
Motion passes.

D. Motion 2007/05-24 (M)

Maker: Robert R.
Committee: ASR
Second: Sllim
Committee: Pines Group GSR

Motion: To give an RSC donation of 10% of Treasurer working balance at the end of business today. (This is a paper trail.)

Intent: To support the RSC with financial donation.

For: 12; Against: 0; Abstain: 0
Motion passes.

E. Motion 2007/05-25

Maker: Barry W.
Committee: Hugs Not Drugs Group
Second: Slim
Committee: Pines Group GSR

Motion: Establish a fact-finding committee to investigate the ramifications and projected costs associated with having the North Louisiana of Narcotics Anonymous A.S.C. rotate meeting locations to group localities in a manner that represents groups participation in the A.S.C. as a whole. These costs include, but are not limited to, travel expenses for the administrative committee and subcommittee chairpersons in addition to projected costs for all affected groups.

Intent: Tradition 7: Every NA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. Concept 7: All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes. And, Concept 11: NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly.

For: 9; Against: 0; Abstain: 2
Motion passes.
Barry W. will be chair of this ad-hoc committee.

F. 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.

Motion goes back to groups for vote.

G. Motion 2007/05-27 (M)

Maker: Cindy W.
Committee: Outreach
Second: Doug V.
Committee: Noon Group GSR

Motion: Reimburse Sonny T. (Outreach Vice Chair) \$22.00 for travel expense to visit Shipwreck (receipt given to Jody).

Intent: Fully self-supporting.

For: 13; Against: 0; Abstain: 0
Motion passes.

H. Motion 2007/05-28 (M)

Maker: Cindy W.
Committee: Outreach
Second: Doug V.
Committee: Noon Group GSR

Motion: \$50.00 for travel expense advance to visit Ruston, Bastrop.

Intent: Fully self-supporting.

For: 13; Against: 0; Abstain: 0
Motion passes.

I. Motion 2007/05-29 (M)

Maker: Greg B.
Committee: Activities
Second: Allan B.
Committee: Primary Purpose GSR

Motion: To obtain \$300 start-up funds for NA Picnic at Columbia Park.

Intent: To have fun and hopefully make a little money.

For: 12; Against: 1; Abstain: 0
Motion passes.

J. Motion 2007/05-30 (M)

Maker: Carolyn P.
Committee: Policy Chair
Second: Barry W.
Committee: Hugs Not Drugs GSR

Motion: To reimburse for copies of revised policy:

\$7.59	5-15-07	Office Depot	diskettes for policy
\$2.18	5-16-07	UPS Store	initial copy of policy
\$75.00	5-20-07		input technician
\$70.00	5-17-07	UPS	copies

Balance of \$84.27 (\$70.00 previously paid) (total of \$154.23)

Intent: To provide ASC participants with revised policy.

For: 13; Against: 0; Abstain: 0
Motion passes.

K. 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.

Sent to Groups.

XX. Announcements:

- A. Steffen M. story 5/28 at Pines at 8:00;
- B. Heather P. telling story 5/29 at 8:00;
- C. Josh 6/16 one year;
- D. June 16th Columbia Park: NA picnic;
- E. Convention Memorial Day weekend;

F. John G. one year 5/21;

G. Calendar posted at 308 E. Texas for announcements;

H. Copies of policy given to everyone with signatures;

I. Next ASC will be June 24th at Noon;

J. \$1,548.72

- 154.00 (donation)

\$1,393.85 (ending balance)

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