

# North Louisiana Area of Narcotics Anonymous ASC Minutes

November 19, 2006

- 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, ASR
  - Officers Absent:* ASR-Alternate
  - Committee Chairs Present:* Literature, Public Information, Activities, Policy, H&I, AdHoc Website
  - Committee Chairs Absent:* Outreach
  - 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, New Hope, Principles Before Personalities, Hugs Not Drugs, Pines Group
  - Groups Absent:* None
- VI. Groups Petitioning Area for Membership: None
- VII. Secretary's Report:

Verbal Report Given

Motion to accept Secretary's Report & Minutes by Wade P., Second by Krissy L.

## VIII. Treasurer's Report:

*To: ASC Family*

*Since last meeting the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer have been put on the bank account and the bank, at our request, will require two signatures on all checks. Per the bank's requirement, I have obtained an EIN number from the IRS and will replace Lisa's social security number on the account with the EIN number. This brings our account in compliance with state and federal law. This will also require us to either file for tax exempt status or file state and federal taxes.*

*I went to the IRS and obtained the information if ASC wants to file for tax exempt status. This will cost between \$350 and \$500 depending what our income is over the last*

year. ASC, please address this issue with the groups so I know how to prepare.

Debby, the past Treasurer, turned over the checkbook and past bank statements with the exception of the last year's bank statements. I am sure this was an oversight. I attempted to call Debby, but was unable to get her. So, I went to the bank and got copies of last year's statements, which cost \$12.00. I paid for this and would ask ASC to reimburse me the \$12.00.

The report that Debby gave me was that H&I had \$1895.36 and ASC was - \$78.64. When I reconciled the last bank statement, I showed one check that had not cleared: #2024 for \$57.06 written to Region on 12/19/05. I had Lisa, former Treasurer from two years ago, audit the books. This gave ASC an independent audit to start off this Area.

Camp Recovery received several checks and I deposited them (total \$200.00). Tony called and asked for this money for expenses and I called the Chair (Randy S.) and he authorized that I issue check #2139 for \$200.00 to Tony. After Camp Recovery, I received money from Camp Recovery of \$2,157.40 in cash and \$1,802.00 in checks, which I also deposited. The money from checks has not all cleared as of this ASC. I would recommend we not count this money until it has cleared our account. This is good banking practice and responsible money management. Per our Area's past policy at least 1/2 of the profit of Camp Recovery is sent to Region. This is \$1,078.70 cash deposit and \$902.00 from check deposits for a total of \$1,980.70. Please instruct me how much to write the check for, or do you want two checks written.

H&I needs to order literature. Their budget for October is \$125.00 and \$125.00 for November, totaling \$250.00 at the end of this ASC.

Also, expense for the Answering Service is \$14.68 and Survivor's Club rent is \$30.00.

As Treasurer, I am suggesting each subcommittee submit a budget for the year so we may project our spending for the year. This is responsible money management. Camp Recovery is Area's income for the year, with the exception of group donations, so we must budget our money. Group donations are not enough solely to support Area at this time. So remember, be responsible for the money we receive.

*In Loving Service,  
Jody Villavicencio*

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

#### IX. GSR Reports:

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for group: \$415.83; Literature Order: unknown;

Literature Rack: \$20.00; Expenses: \$32.18; Rent: \$249.50;

Donation to Area: \$75.00; Ending Balance: \$41.85

Group Comments:

*The meetings are going well. I am grateful to be of service. An anonymous person donated \$100.00 to the basket on 11/6.*

John G.

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$333.38; Literature Order: \$47.32;  
Literature Rack: \$15.00; Expenses: \$70.53; Rent: \$184.43;  
Donation to Area: \$15.00; Ending Balance: \$1.10

Group Comments:

*Dear ASC,*

*Meetings are good for Stone Free. We had a total of 16 newcomers and 45 average attendance. Chris B. will have one year clean on 12-5-06, and will tell his story on 12-7-06.*

*In Loving Service,*

*Krissy L.*

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

*I'm Jill and I'm an addict.*

*The meetings have been doing well. Keith S. celebrated his 11 years on October 28 and Robert will be celebrating his 18 years clean on December 9, 2006. We will be paying rent and give to the literature rack.*

*In Loving Service,*

*Jill R.*

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$99.78; Literature Order: \$43.95;  
Literature Rack: 0; Expenses: 0; Rent: \$73.42;  
Donation to Area: 0; Ending Balance: 0

Group Comments:

*Dear ASC,*

*Meetings are going well. We have had several newcomers and we gained two home group members. We had two birthdays last month. Next month, Gary will have two years. I am not sure which day he will celebrate it.*

*In Loving Service,*

*Debby W.*

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$196.94; Literature: \$75.30;  
Expenses: \$12.25; Rent: \$94.73; Donation to Area: \$20.00  
Literature Rack: \$5.00; Ending Balance: \$1.91

Group Comments:

*Dear ASC,*

*Our meetings are great and attendance is growing. We*

*average 53 members per meeting, with three newcomers. David N. will celebrate two years on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December, and will share the following Tuesday. Thank you for letting me serve you.*

*Obie P.*

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

Group Comments:

*Greetings from Monroe. The past month has been a little rough on our groups as two of our trusted servants relapsed, leaving several positions vacant including two Treasurer positions, a GSR position, and an H&I panel leader. Needless to say, we have been doing a lot of damage control the past week. Unfortunately, neither group will be making a donation to the ASC this month. We are confident the things will settle and straighten out by the next ASC.*

*In Loving Service,*

*Dave B.*

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

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

*Dear ASC,*

*Good morning family. Our group is doing well. We have an average of 60 people at our Sunday open meeting, and about 6-10 at our book study on Saturday. Thank you for your loving support.*

*In Loving Service,*

*Vaughn P.*

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

Dear ASC,

*We are a completely self-supporting and autonomous group of 12 home group members. We are averaging 37 people per meeting four times a week. Rodney is celebrating six years on 11-20-06. He will be sharing his experience strength and hope on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>. We are making a \$20.00 donation to Area.*

*In Loving Service,*

*H.B.*

I. Primary Purpose - GSR or Alternate: Lisa N., Wade P.

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$50.97; Literature Rack: \$5.00

Rent: \$30.58; Ending Balance: \$10.39

Group Comments:

*Dear ASC,*

*Our meetings are going well, but could always use support!*

*DO NOT FORGET IT IS THE LITERATURE STUDY!!!*

*In Loving Service,  
Lisa N., Wade P.*

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$200.02; Literature: \$24.40; Rent: \$177.15

Donation to Area: \$10.00; Ending Balance: \$327.64

Group Comments:

*Dear ASC,*

*Meetings are doing good. Attendance is averaging about 10 people per meeting. We've had about three newcomers. Also, Shannon S. celebrated his 9<sup>th</sup> birthday in September. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.*

*Daniel S.*

K. New Hope - GSR or Alternate: Dave B.

Group Comments:

*Greetings from Monroe. The past month has been a little rough on our groups as two of our trusted servants relapsed, leaving several positions vacant including two Treasurer positions, a GSR position, and an H&I panel leader. Needless to say, we have been doing a lot of damage control the past week. Unfortunately, neither group will be making a donation to the ASC this month. We are confident the things will settle and straighten out by the next ASC.*

*In Loving Service,  
Dave B.*

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

*Hi Family!*

*I will be stepping up to GSR of our group following election of Jody V. to Area Treasurer. Our group is doing well and we now have four home group members with average meeting attendance of five to six members. We will be purchasing literature for newcomer packets and making a donation to Area of \$20.00, leaving us a reserve of \$4.77. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.*

*In Loving Service,  
Mariann M.*

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

*Dear ASC Family,*

*The "Hugs Not Drugs" group of Narcotics Anonymous is growing. More and more people are attending our meetings and deciding to make us their Home Group.*

*We meet every Saturday at 6 pm to 7:30 pm at 1545 Line*

*Avenue in the Mid-Cities Plaza building, Suite 180.*

*After paying rent, buying literature and supplies, our donation to Area is \$21.66.*

*In Loving Service,  
Sharron J.*

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

*Dear ASC,*

*Pines Group is doing well. We have a couple of new home group members. Floyd G. will have one year on the 20<sup>th</sup> and will be telling his story at the Pines on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We would like to donate \$50.00 to the Area.*

*In Loving Service,  
Mike J.*

X. ASR Report

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

*I don't have anything to report that was not said in the last report in October. The convention chair will have to be voted in at February R.S.C. I will need a check for \$150 for the A.S.R. and the A.S.R. alternate to attend the R.S.C. in New Orleans. I did give both of the donation checks from the Area to the R.S.C. Treasurer.*

*In Loving Service,  
Robert R.*

Motion to Accept ASR Report by Debby, Second by Krissy L.

XII. Subcommittee Reports

A. Literature Subcommittee - Carol M., Literature Chair  
Written report submitted by exiting Chairperson, Juli S.

*Dear ASC Family,*

*Our working balance before last ASC was \$486.08. Last ASC's orders totaled \$451.14. Orders since last ASC totaled \$16.00, bringing the working balance to \$953.22. This amount does not include a check I received last month from Area for the H&I order. I did not cash this check because it only had one signature. I didn't know if my bank would take it, but I know that Area checks require two signatures, and if it was rejected, I would be charged a fee.*

*I also received a check from Mission Critical that was made out to the Area which, of course, I was unable to cash.*

*I am turning in the total amount of \$953.22, which includes the Mission Critical check. I am also turning in the H&I check to be voided, because it was made out of me and as everyone knows, we have a new*

*Literature Chair. I would like to ask everyone to please be as patient with her as you were with me as she steps into this position. It takes a little while to get into the routine, but I'm sure she'll do a great job.*

*Thank you for letting me be of service,*

*Juli S.*

Motion to accept by Mariann M., Second by Debby

XII. Break at 12:30 for 15 Minutes

XIII. Subcommittee Reports (cont'd.)

A. Public Information - Dave B., PI Chair

*Greetings A.S.C. Family.*

*The PI Subcommittee met on October 29<sup>th</sup> with eight members in attendance. We are currently updating the schedule, compiling a professional mail-out list that includes Ruston and Monroe, in addition to Shreveport and Bossier. Keith H. has been updating the new Area website, all members are encouraged to check it out and give us feedback. We are also in the process of developing a contingency plan, reviewing the subcommittee guidelines, compiling a 12-Step Call list, as well as reviewing our yearly budget. Last month, a request was made to all GSR's to update their groups info for the schedule. 10 filled out the info. We would like to make this request once more, so if you missed it last month, please enter your group's info on the yellow sheet being passed around. Thank you.*

*In Loving Service,*

*Dave B.*

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

B. Outreach - Absent

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

*Dear ASC*

*On Thursday, November 16, Activities had a subcommittee meeting at 9:00 p.m. at which time we voted on the position of Activities Vice-Chair. Alley P. was nominated by Greg B., David R. second, all in favor for the vote. Alley P. gladly accepted.*

*On Friday, November 17, we had a wiener social at 7:00 p.m. We*

raised \$134.25, with \$30.00 of that going to the Survivor's Club for rent. Leaving a total of \$104.25 going back to Area.

On Saturday, November 25, we plan to have a Thanksgiving pot luck dinner at 4:00 p.m. at 308 E. Texas. Activities will have a subcommittee meeting following ASC today to discuss the details.

In Loving Service,  
Alley P.

Dear ASC

Camp Recovery went very well and it was a blessing for me to be a part of. Our start up funds were \$763.40. Plus what was brought in from the campout and auction, which gave us a total of \$3959.40. New balance being \$3196.00.

We are making a motion to set aside the \$400.00 to reserve the campsite for next year. We know it will be wonderful. Thank you for letting me be of service.

2157.40	--cash
<u>18902.00</u>	--checks
3959.40	--deposit made
<u>763.40</u>	--(400.00 + 363.40)
3196.00	
<u>400.00</u>	--to reserve next campground
2796.00	

1398.00 => Split to ASC

1398.00 => Split to Region

Motion to accept by Sharron J. Second by Obie P.

D. Policy Subcommittee - Carolyn P., Policy Chairperson

- Suggestion made that all GSR's sit at the table for more efficient vote counting. This took place immediately.

*POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 2006  
CAROLYN P, CHAIR*

*REVIEW COMMITTEE: MOLI, H.B., CAROL, CINDY*

*All the adopted motions have been incorporated into the document. We have worked tirelessly every Thursday to do this. Most of our questions or recommendations concern the financial guidelines.*

1. *We recommend a review of the financial guidelines budget format of all subcommittees and officers. Our in depth review revealed that some are budgeted way too little, and others too much. There is no order to the budgeted amounts.*

2. *The recent budget increase for H&I brought their yearly budget from \$1500 per year to \$3300 per year. H&I has \$1508 earmarked in the treasury held by ASC. PI is currently budgeted \$1200 per year. This money is divided among meeting lists, phone lines, postage, literature, and supplies. According to PI guidelines on page 22, 200 copies of the meeting lists are to be printed every two months for H&I. H&I has more than adequate funds to copy its own meeting lists.*

3. *This committee feels special interest fundraisers for particular subcommittees create inequity in the financial guidelines. One subcommittee currently has more designated funds in the treasury than the entire ASC. This is an imbalance.*

4. *Although traditionally done, nowhere in the body of the current policy are the provisions for reimbursement for travel and lodging for the ASR to attend RSC except as listed in the financial guidelines (P. 24). Neither does it address the Outreach Chair or H&I Chair. Policy needs to be stated explicitly under subcommittees' responsibilities to reflect current practices.*

5. *When does the fiscal year begin? Does it begin in November when officers take office or in January, the calendar year?*

6. *The finished document will be typed and copied by January, 2007--of course, that is our projection.*

*In Loving Service,  
Carolyn P.*

- Discussion revealed that a financial audit takes place prior to Area's fiscal year, which would begin in November, roughly November 15 each year.

Motion to accept by Vaughn; Second by Carol M.

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

*Dear ASC,*

*H&I is doing well and all the institutions have faithful participants to sit on our panels. I would like to also let everyone know that H&I needs support. I need cooperation from the fellowship in the way of ideas or participation in H&I panel presentations. Please see me after the meeting if you have any questions. On a positive note, those who have*

*committed themselves to H&I have shown a strength and dedication not their own, and I am grateful for that.*

*In Loving Service,  
Dora R., H&I Chair*

Motion to accept by Jill R., Second by Obie P.

F. Additional reports from late GSR's submitted at this time.

### XIII. Old Business

- A. No nominations for Convention Chair submitted.  
Greg B. was standing nomination and will step in as Convention Chair.
- B. Clarity of voting practices for all motions on the floor was made. Policy motions require a 2/3 vote from the total number of voting participants. There are four ways to vote: (1) FOR/IN FAVOR, (2) OPPOSED, (3) ABSTAIN, (4) DO NOT VOTE. A vote to ABSTAIN is counted as a non-favorable vote. Therefore, it counts against the motion and not within the 2/3 vote FOR/IN FAVOR.

### XIV. Ten Minute Sharing Session

### XV. Break for Ten minutes

### XVI. New Business

- A. Motion 2006/11-27 (M)  
Maker: Alley P.  
Committee: Activities Subcommittee Vice-Chairperson  
Second: Mariann M.  
Committee: Principles Before Personalities GSR

Motion: To set aside for reserve campsite for next year Camp Recovery - \$400.00

Intent: To be fully self-supporting.

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

- B. Motion 2006/11-28  
Maker: Robert R.  
Committee: ASR  
Second: Krissy L.

Committee: Stone Free GSR

Motion: To give Robert Roach a check for \$150.00, so that the A.S.R. and the A.S.R.-Alternate can attend the R.S.C. in New Orleans the first week in December.

Intent: To represent this Area at Region.

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

C. Motion 2006/11-29 (M)

Maker: Jody V

Committee: Treasurer

Second: Mariann M.

Committee: Principles Before Personalities GSR

Motion: Please reimburse \$12.00 for banking statements for last year's account. Copies of previous year.

Intent: To be fully self-supporting.

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

D. Motion 2006/11-30 (P)

Maker: Jody V.

Committee: Treasurer

Second: Mariann M.

Committee: Principles Before Personalities GSR

Motion: ASC to file for tax exempt status from IRS, and to issue check for filing fee. This check would be reimbursed if ASC does not qualify. This amount would be contingent on yearly income. If yearly income is less than \$10,000.00, check would be \$350.00. If more than \$10,000.00, check would be \$500.00.

Intent: To be compliant to IRS standards.

Motion tabled to groups.

E. Motion 2006/11-31

Maker: Cindy W.

Committee: Hugs Not Drugs GSR-Alternate

Second: Obie P.

Committee: No Name GSR

Motion: That the funds raised by the H&I fundraiser be placed in the Area account for Area use (as H&I has a budget and receives money from Area).

Intent: Concept 11 - manage funds responsibly.

Motion withdrawn.

Area Chair requests that H&I decide what to do with the money.

F. Motion to suspend order for the following two motions, submitted after the beginning of new business, to be dealt with at November ASC by Jill R., Second by Sharron J.

In Favor: 10; Opposed: 1; No Vote: 1  
Motion Passes

G. Motion 2006/11-32

Maker: Robert R.

Committee: ASR

Second: Sharron J.

Committee: Hugs Not Drugs GSR

Motion: Give \$1398.00 to RSC Convention Committee

In Favor: 11; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 1  
Motion Passes

H. Motion 2006/11-32

Maker: Robert R.

Committee: ASR

Second: Gillian R.

Committee: Saturday Night Live GSR

Motion: To give 10% of the working balance from the Area checking account to Region as a donation.

Intent: To support Region financially.

For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 1  
Motion Passes

## XVII. Announcements:

A. Carol still working on Literature orders;

B. Hugs Not Drugs ice skating gathering at 7:30 p.m. October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.;

- C. Robert R. requests committee reports for RSC;
  - D. Jill R. announced Robert R. celebrating 18 years December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 p.m. at 308 E. Texas Street;
  - E. PI meeting after ASC;
  - F. Monroe needs support;
  - G. Activities meeting November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at 308 E. Texas Street;
  - I. Floyd G. celebrating one year November 29<sup>th</sup> at Pines Treatment Center at 8;
  - J. Recap: Motion #30 back to groups;
  - K. Financial Recap: Preliminary Working Balance: \$1396.20 with 10% to Region: \$139.62, Donation to Region: \$1398.00 from Camp Recovery.
- XIX. Motion to close with Serenity Prayer, 2:48 P.M.