

North Louisiana Area of Narcotics Anonymous ASC Minutes

October 15, 2006

- I. Opening of Meeting - Serenity Prayer led by Keith S., Area Chair (12:00)
- II. Twelve Traditions, first two paragraphs of Tradition Two - Read by Randy S., Vice Chair
- III. Twelve Concepts - Read by Carolyn P., Policy Chair
- IV. Purpose and Definition of ASC - Ready by Keith S., Area Chair
- V. Roll Call - Called by Keith 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, 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:

Dear ASC Family,

My apologies for not having the minutes out within the allotted ten days. I've been having computer and internet problems, which should not affect future copies. I hope that the format made reading and voting easier for home groups, even though it also made the minutes a bit longer. I have two receipts for reimbursement on supplies: \$7.80 for stamps and \$50.76 for copies and envelopes. I had no idea copies would cost so much, but I have enough stamps and envelopes to last for at least two more ASC meetings. Finally, I am passing a list of each position and home group. Please put your email and/or physical address down in the space whether you are now or will be in that position. Otherwise, you will receive no more copies. I look forward to continued service.

*In Loving Service,
Miles Jay O.*

Motion to accept Secretary's Report & Minutes by Tony M., Second by Lisa N

VIII. Treasurer's Report:

Dear ASC,

After making deposits and paying bills, we start this ASC with a balance of \$512.17. H & I has a balance of \$1,508.36.

So far, I have taken in four prepaid registrations for Camp Recovery.

I checked the PO Box and we got Survivor's Club mail, a bill from Kings, a bill from Satellink Communications, and some copies of the NA Way Magazines, which I will pass out to all GSRs. I am asking for your help getting these passed out since I can't walk so all GSRs need to come get them. Also, if you want your receipt, please come to me to get them as passing them around has not been working well.

Also, at this time, I would like to withdraw my willingness to be elected Treasurer as I will be having some procedures done and I need to work on my self for the next year. Also, I trust Jody, and there is no one else as qualified or trustworthy then she is so please welcome Jody.

Thanks for letting me be of service. I am passing around the bank statements and my report. Please see that it ends up at the Secretary's table.

In Loving Service,
Debby

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Tony, Second by Jill R.

IX. GSR Reports:

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for group: \$271.69; Literature Order: \$66.10;

Literature Rack: \$20.00; Expenses: \$29.63; Rent: 163.03;

Donation to Area: \$37.23; Ending Balance: \$2.70

Group Comments:

Greetings Family,

I'm John and I'm an addict. Our meetings are doing well. We could benefit from more home group members. I am grateful to be of service.

*Thanks,
John G.*

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$304.35; Literature Order: \$78.42;

Literature Rack: \$10.00; Expenses: \$39.14; Rent: \$156.21;

Donation to Area: \$20.00; Ending Balance: \$0.58

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Meetings are well with Stone Free. We had an average attending

of 49 and a total of 10 newcomers. Jamie L. will be celebrating one year clean on 10/22/06, she will tell her story on 10/26/06.

*In Loving Service,
Krissy L.*

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

Dear A.S.C.

I'm Jill and I'm an addict.

The meetings have been doing well. Keith S. will be celebrating 11 years on October 28 and will be celebrating at 9:00 after the Halloween function. Robert will have 18 years in November 14 and the date he will celebrate on will be announced at the meetings. We voted on everything that was brought back to groups.

*In Loving Service,
Jill R.*

D. We Do Recover - GSR or Alternate: Robert H.

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$99.38; Literature Order: \$31.18;

Literature Rack: 0; Expenses: 0; Rent: \$79.49;

Donation to Area: 0; Ending Balance: 0

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Meetings are going well. We have had around 8 or 9 new members.

There will be no meeting Thursday, October 26, 2006.

Carl's birthday is November 11, he will have 8 years.

Debby's birthday is November 5, 2006, she will have 8 years.

*In Loving Service,
Robert H.*

E. No Name - GSR or Alternate: David N.

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$105.55 (basket), \$110.85 (literature);

Prudent Reserve: 0; Previous Balance: 0; Total: \$210.40;

Rent: \$56.42; Area Donation: \$26.61; Literature Order: \$104.85;

Literature Rack: \$5.00; Coffee: \$11.52; Ending Balance: 0

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

All is well with No Name Group. We had an average attendance of 53 people, and one newcomer each meeting. Greg B. stayed clean 19 years on October 12th. He will celebrate here on the 24th at 8:00 p.m.

In Loving Service,

David N., the younger

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

Dear A.S.C.

Income for group: \$83.27; Literature: 0; Expenses: \$75.00
Rent: \$60.00; Donation to Area: \$15.00; Ending balance: \$64.97

Group Comments:

Greetings from Monroe. Meetings are going well despite low attendance, quality has far out shadowed quantity to be sure in the past month. We had a total attendance of 120 with seven newcomers. Our beginning balance was \$56.70, income of \$83.27, expenses were \$75.00, including a donation of \$15.00 to the A.S.C. Ending balance of \$64.97

*In Loving Service,
Dave B.*

G. Rebels With A Cause - GSR or Alternate: Carl W.

Dear A.S.C.

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Meetings are going very well. We have had a big jump in attendance, as the warden has required everyone on work release to attend at least three meetings a week: one religious meeting and two self-help meetings, either AA or NA. So, our attendance has jumped from 25-35 to around 90-100 people. We could use some more participation from members in the area.

*In Loving Service,
Carl W.*

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

Dear ASC,

We are a completely self-supporting and autonomous group of 11 home group members. We average 33 people per meeting four times a week. We are making a donation of \$20.00 to Area.

*In Loving Service,
H.B.*

I. Primary Purpose - GSR or Alternate: Lisa N.

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$66.86; Literature Rack: \$5.00
Expenses: \$15.54; Rent: \$40.11

Donation to Area: \$5.38; Ending Balance: 0

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Our study of steps and traditions is going well. Our group

would like to see spiritual principles posted in the meeting area. WSO claims that there are no defined principles and that each area should define them. We are making a proposal for adoption. Our rent receipt reflected \$10.00 less than we paid last month, and we are requesting correction. Also-there has been no literature in the literature rack all month.

*In Loving Service,
Lisa N.*

Memo

From: Primary Purpose

To: Literature Chairperson

It has come to the attention of our group that while we donate \$5.00 each month to the literature rack, for our primary purpose --to carry the message-- there has not been any literature in the rack for the entire month. The rack as been almost empty at each meeting.

We are once again donating our \$5.00 for the literature rack, but please be on notice that we will not continue to donate this amount if the rack is not filled with literature.

*Thank you,
Primary Purpose*

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

Group Comments:

Dear ASC,

Our treasurer is out of town; therefore, I have no figures for the past month. Attendance is averaging about 10 people each meeting. There are a lot of new people coming in. As well as a lot of people picking up various key tags for lengths of clean time. Nothing new is going on, just carrying the message the NA way.

*Thanks for letting me be of service,
Daniel S.*

K. New Hope - GSR or Alternate: Sarah F.

Dear A.S.C.

Income for Group: \$35.42; Literature Order: 0

Expenses: 0; Rent: \$30.00; Donation to Area: \$5.00

Ending Balance: \$0.42

Group Comments:

We had ten newcomers with a total of 56 attending for the month. We expect to pick up attendance as the cold weather moves in. Thanks for letting me be of service.

*In Loving Care,
Sarah F.*

L. Principles Before Personalities - GSR or Alternate: Jody V.

Hi Family!

Our meeting is a topic meeting with an average of 4 in meeting attendance. Our donation to the area is \$10.00 after rent and literature purchase of \$8.43.

*In Loving Service,
Jody V.*

M. Hugs Not Drugs - GSR or Alternate: Cindy W.

Dear ASC Family,

All is well with "Hugs Not Drugs". We have one meeting a week with good attendance of 15 or more with 2 or 3 newcomers each meeting. We elected a GSR alternate, Cindy W. We are bringing a donation to the area of \$38.00. After literature, rent, and donation to the area, we have an ending balance of \$0.00.

*In Loving Service,
Cindy W.*

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

Dear ASC,

The Pines Group is doing well. We would like to donate \$50.00 to ASC.

*In Loving Service,
Mike J.*

X. NLANA Ad Hoc website committee - Keith H.

No report at this time.

XI. ASR Report

Hi Family.

I'm an addict named Brian.

I attended Region last weekend in Lafayette. There were eight Areas in attendance.

Our Area was approved to hold the Regional Convention for 2008. There are a few kinks to be worked out about the contract and David N. (the younger) is working on that. We need to bring our nomination for convention chair in December. The 2007 convention reported that the hotel they had selected has filed bankruptcy, and they are working on canceling the contract we have with them and finding a new hotel.

We also held elections for service positions. Our own Tony M. will move

from Vice-Chair into the Chair position. Albert from New Orleans was elected Vice-Chair, Ray M. from Lake Area elected Treasurer, our own Cindy W. as corresponding Secretary, I am the A&F Chair again, Colinda C. is the 2007 convention chair, Paul P. H&I Chair, our Robert R. is Outreach Chair, and Rodney H. from New Orleans is PI Chair. Policy is open for nominations and Literature Newsletter is also open for nominations.

I have brought flyers for upcoming functions around the region and will place them on the bulletin board. The next RSC will be in New Orleans, the first weekend of December. Our ASR will need to bring a yearly report to give to the R.D. to send to World.

The \$150.00 you gave me to attend RSC I gave to David N. (the younger) so he could attend region and present our convention bid. Thank you for allowing me to be your ASR last year. It is a privilege to serve this Area.

*In Loving Service,
Brian V.*

Motion to Accept ASR Report by Tony M., Second by Sarah F.

XII. Break/Reconvene with Serenity Prayer, led by Keith S.

XIII. Subcommittee Reports

A. Literature Subcommittee - Juli S., Literature Chair

Dear ASC Family,

Our balance before last ASC was \$516.11. Last ASC's orders totaled \$445.82, bringing our balance to \$961.93. I placed an online order for \$475.85, bringing our working balance to \$486.08.

for Apparently, the Lone Star Area is still having problems getting orders out since their move, because I placed an online order Wednesday morning, which should have gone out the same day and reached me by Friday, but as of late last night (Saturday), they still had not even changed my card the order. I'm assuming that if they haven't processed payment yet, they haven't sent the order out either, and I can't say for sure when they will, because when I call all I get is a machine.

*I did not receive the order I had placed before last ASC, but I am currently out of **Basic Texts and Step Working Guides**.*

*Thank you for letting me be of service,
Juli S.*

I received a note from Primary Purpose, attached, concerning the Literature Rack

and lack of literature. I re-iterated the importance of Literature Rack donations, and stressed that \$5.00 only buys about 20-21 pamphlets, and our average monthly donations total \$20-\$25.00, which buys about 80 pamphlets. The Literature Committee is sad to see the Literature Rack so empty, but we have no control over that and asked groups to reconsider their average monthly donations.

Motion to accept by Jill R., Second by David N.

B. Public Information - Joe V., PI Chair (report presented by Terry M.)

Dear ASC,

Not much to report. I have around 200 meeting lists. It is time for the meeting list to be updated. I will pass around paper. If there are any changes, please list them. I am turning in a motion for \$23.93 for reimbursement for meeting lists.

I have the phone numbers and addresses of STAY IN TOUCH and KINGS ANSWERING SERVICE, they deal with our pagers, to pass along to new P.I. Chairperson. Also, I will be passing along the Shreveport pager. I will be glad to help the new P.I. Chairperson any way that I can.

I would like to thank the Area for letting me be of service

Joe V.

Motion to accept by Tony M., Second by Cindy W.

C. Outreach - Robert R., Outreach Chair

I'm an addict and my name is Robert.

I attended the World Wide Workshop in New Orleans. I missed the Friday evening workshop because I did not arrive until 12:30 A.M. Saturday morning. The workshop weekend was incredible. The weekend consisted of round table discussions. The round table consisted of eight people and this included a facilitator and a recorder. The eight people would discuss the problem and solution and how we word the two statements. Then the recorder would post it on the wall. The facilitator of the workshop would ask each round table facilitator to read their sheet out loud to groups.

There were less than a hundred people in attendance. The people were from as far away as California, Michigan, and New York. The board members really care about the problems we faced with the A.S.C.'s and the groups. We discussed such topics as building stronger home groups, leadership in our service system. The one thing that was talked about the most was mentorship. The problem with some people who take service positions is that they don't have any kind of agenda to follow and the former chair people do not show them how to perform their duties. The reason you see more people work on conventions is because they have an agenda and in the end they see it completed. When it comes to service commitments, there is usually not an agenda and never a completion in

the one year term.

I would like for the areas of this region to have workshops like we had in New Orleans. I am going to type all of my notes and give them to the A.S.C. to keep in archives.

*In Loving Service,
Robert R.*

Motion to accept by Tony M., Second by Sarah F.

D. Activities Subcommittee - Tony M, Activities Chairperson¹

Motion to accept by Cindy W.; Second by Krissy L.

E. Policy Subcommittee - Carolyn P., Policy Chairperson

Oral report given.

Motion to accept by Cindy W.; Second by Jill R.

F. Hospitals and Institutions - Terry M., H&I Chair

Dear ASC,

I would like to thank everyone for letting me be of service during the last year. I would like to ask all GSR's to try to get their home group members involved in some type of service work, be it H&I, P.I., or Activities. Our Area is in dire need of help in these areas.

*In Loving Service,
Terry M., H&I Chair*

Motion to accept by Lisa N.; Second by Jill R.

G. Website

Verbal report given. Our website address is www.nlana.lana.org

Motion to accept by Tony M., Second by Sarah F.

XIV. Old Business

A. Motion 2006/09-20 (policy motion)
8 in favor; 4 against; 1 abstentions

¹ Report to be sent out separately.

Motion fails

B. Election of Officers:

1. Vice-Chair

- A. Tony M. and Steffen M. tie in GSR vote.
- B. Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary will have to meet to discuss and break the tie.

2. Literature Chair

- A. Jill R. withdraws from position
- B. Jill R. nominates Carol; Second by Krissy L. (accepts, states willingness, and qualifications)
- C. Lisa N. nominates Tony M. (declines)
- D. Lisa N. nominates Carl (declines)
- E. Motion to close by David N., Second by Sarah F.
- F. Carol is new Literature Chair

3. Public Information

- A. Dug V. declines previous nomination
- B. Dave B. is new PI Chair

XV. Ten Minute Sharing Session

XVI. Break for Twenty-Five Minutes for Administrative Committee Tie-Breaker Discussion; Reconvene at 2:20 P.M.

XVII. New Business

A. Motion 2006/10-21 (Activities paper trail)

Maker: Tony M.
Committee: Activities Subcommittee Chairperson
Second: Cindy W.
Committee: Hugs Not Drugs

Motion: To give the Activities Subcommittee \$363.81 in start-up funds that were set aside at the September, 2006 ASC for securing the Camp Recovery campground. (These were the funds generated by the NLANA Unity Day 2006).

Intent: Tradition 1: To promote NA unity; Tradition 5: To carry the message to the addict who still suffers; Tradition 7: To be fully self-supporting.

For: 14; Against: 0; Abstain: 0
Motion passes.

B. Motion 2006/10-22 (Secretary reimbursement)

Maker: Miles O.
Committee: Secretary

Second: Jill R.

Committee: Saturday Night Live GSR

Motion: Secretary requests \$58.56 for reimbursement of monies spent on copies of minutes, stamps, and envelopes (receipts have been given to Treasurer).

Intent: To reimburse Area Secretary.

For: 14; Against: 0; Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

C. Motion 2006/10-23

Maker: Lisa N.

Committee: Primary Purpose

Second: Jody V.

Committee: Principles Before Personalities

Motion: To use memo section on each Area check that is written.

Intent: Acceptable general accounting procedures.

For: 13; Against: 0; Abstain: 1

Motion passes.

D. Motion 2006/10-24

Maker: Lisa N.

Committee: Primary Purpose

Second: Jody V.

Committee: Principles Before Personalities

Motion: Posting of spiritual principles in meeting area.

Intent: To carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

Motion withdrawn.

E. Motion 2006/10-25

Maker: Joe V.

Committee: Public Information

Second: David N.

Committee: No Name GSR

Motion: Reimbursement of \$23.95 for meeting lists.

Intent: Distribution of meeting lists.

For: 14; Against: 0; Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

F. Election of Vice-Chair

Tony M. is new Vice-Chair.

G. Nominations for 2008 Convention Chair

1. Keith S. nominated by Tony M., Second by Miles O. (declines)

2. Greg B. nominated by Brian V., Second by David N. (accepts)
3. Nominations are open to groups in the Area.

XVIII. Announcements:

- A. Tony M. announced the Halloween Party on October 28, 2006 and Camp Recovery November 11-13, 2006;
- B. Dug V. announced Carolyn P. celebrating 20 years October 15, 2006 at 5:30 on Line Avenue;
- C. David N. announced Greg B. celebrating 19 years October 24, 2006 at 8:00 at 308 E. Texas;
- D. Robert R. announced Keith S. celebrating 11 years October 28, 2006, after the Halloween Party;
- E. Jill R. announced Robert R. celebrating 18 years in November, unknown story date;
- F. JAMIE L. WILL BE CELEBRATING ONE YEAR CLEAN OCTOBER 26, 2006 AT 8:00 AT 308 E. TEXAS!!!!;
- G. Debby will be celebrating 8 years on November 7, 2006 at 8:00 at Koala Club;
- H. Carl will be celebrating 8 years on November 14, 2006 at 8:00 at Koala Club;
- I. Next ASC will be November 19, 2006 at noon at 308 E. Texas.

XIX. Motion to close with Serenity Prayer, 2:50 P.M.