



E.A.N.A. – English Area of Narcotics Anonymous

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EANA ASC Minutes
Sunday, November 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 am with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer and the reading of the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts of NA.

Quorum call: 10 out of 16; quorum attained.

ASC Chairperson	Ted S.	Present	Awakenings	Eric A.	Absent
ASC Vice-chairperson	Peter R.	Present	Back To Basics	Jeff F.	Present
RCM	Nixsy R.	Present	Circle Thursday	Duncan	Present
RCMA	Open		Conscious Contact	Open	
ASC Secretary	Alison C.	Present	Day By Day	Fab	Present
ASC Secretary-Alternate	Open		Free On Friday	Thomas R.	Present
ASC Treasurer	Jean C.	Present	Glad To Be Alive	Open	
Activities Chairperson	Haidee	Absent	In Fokus	Open	
Daily Inventory Chairperson	Ted S.	Duncan	Inside Job	Elisheva	Present
H&I Chairperson	Roberta W.	Present	Lighthouse	?	
Literature Chairperson	Eric A.	Present	New Beginning	Karina	Present
P.I.–Helpline Chairperson	Mike W.	Present	Northern Nites	Andy S.	Absent
Ad hoc	Keith M.	Present	Out Of The Dark on Park	Eric A.	Present
			Serenity Sisters	Kristyna	Absent
Archivist	Eric O.	Absent	Show Me How To Live	Open	
			Step by Step	Naomi B.	Present
			Take it or Leave it	Tammy B.	Present

Group Open Positions

Group	GSR/GSRA			Secretary/Treasurer		
Awakenings	Eric A.	Open (3 months)		Jeff F.	Open (1 year)	
Back To Basics	Haidee	Jeff F.		Stephen M.	Open (1 year)	
Circle Thursday	Duncan	Open (6 months)		Ted S.	Stanley S.	
Conscious Contact	Open (6 months)	Open (3 months)		Jenn C.	Roberta W.	
Day By Day	Fab	Open		Paul	Nixsy	
Free On Friday	Thomas R.	Open (6 months)		Josh C.	Sandra V.	
Glad To Be Alive	Open	Open		Audley	Jean	
In Fokus	Open	Open		Open (1 year)	Jean	
Inside Job	Elisheva	?		?	?	
Lighthouse	?	?		?	?	
New Beginning	Eric O.	Karina		Open	Eric A.	
Northern Nites	Andy S.	Open		Gordie B.	Open (6 months)	
Out Of The Dark	Eric A.	Amy		Bee	Brian	
Serenity Sisters	Kristyna	Karen		Elisheva	?	
Show me how to live	Open (1 year)	Open (6 months)		Joel	Open (1 year)	
Step by Step	Naomi	David		Enrico	Steven	
Take It Or Leave It	Tammy	Open (3 months)		Naomi B.	Steeve F.	
Subcommittee	Chair/Vice		Secretary/Alt	Treasurer		
Admin	Ted S.	Peter R.	Alison C. Open	Jean	RCM	Archivist
Activities	Haidee	Naomi	Sanrda V.	Carine G.	Nixsy	Eric O.
Convention	Open	Open	Open	Open		
Daily Inventory	Ted S.	Duncan	Open			
H&I	Roberta	Jeffrey B.	Open			
Literature	Eric A.	Open	Open	Open		
P.I.	Mike W.	Keith M.	Josh C.	PI Webmaster: Dean R.		
Ad hoc	Keith M.	Open	Open	PI Helpline: Sandra V.		

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS	Coordinator	Alt-Coordinator
Addington	Alison C.	Stephen Mc.
Bordeaux CCR ♂	Jeff S.	Ed W.
Fosters	Josh C.	Open
Oka	Keith M.	Arthur W.

Chair: We have an appointment at the bank on Tuesday to switch signing officers.

Vice Chair: I have nothing to report.

Secretary: I neglected to write down the treasurer's report in the October minutes, so the November minutes will have two months' worth of treasurer's reports. My apologies. Are there any corrections for the minutes of October? I am circulating a contact information list for you to update (email address, phone number, position). Keith: The cheque from Tali is at the P.O. Box. Alison: I'm not able to go to the P.O. Box, as I work during the post office's hours of operation; if an alternate secretary is elected, mail-checking responsibilities will fall to that person. Nixsy has the key and checks the P.O. Box periodically.

RCM: No new news. The next Regional meeting will be in late November 2009. I would like to hold a workshop at the next Area, and at subsequent Areas, of about 15–20 minutes in length. I got a list of topics from Regional, but I don't have the topics with me. Keith: perhaps a workshop every second month would be better (the months where there is no RCM report, because the report takes up a good 10 to 15 minutes by itself). Nixsy: The first workshop could be held at the January Area meeting. Roberta: What would be the format of these workshops?

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Mary Ellen represented the Activities subcommittee in Haidee's absence.

Thanks to everyone who showed up to last night's event.

Total equity for Activities subcommittee: \$308.75 (Assets: bank account \$25.25; petty cash \$64.15; approximate value of supplies \$16.89; photocopy card value \$2.46; Area funding \$200).

The Activities subcommittee meeting minutes of October 30, 2009, are as follows:

Present: Haidee, Carine, Mary-Ellen, Nixsy, Sandra, Mercedes, Naomi and Martine

Treasurer's report:

- *Went to bank to deal with issues concerning bank card. Have another appointment next Friday, hopefully all will be settled.*
- *Do not cash check from Area until their checks stop bouncing.*

EANA's anniversary preparations:

- *Area approves budget and accepts potential loss of \$325*
- *\$255 projected ticket sales; \$192 cash collected from Mary Ellen, \$63 outstanding.*
- *There is enough cash on hand to pay the band (\$300) and the balance of the rent for the location (\$175). However, without being able to cash the AREA check & with the low ticket sales, we can only buy candles for the cakes, plates, & utensils. We cannot buy decorations, beverages, munchies.*
- *Questions and concerns about cake-off portion of event:*
 - *Is it a competition? Members vote for best looking and best tasting cake. Prizes to be given to cakes with most votes; "I'm a winner" button to be given to all bakers.*
 - *Nixsy agrees to be in charge of voting procedure*
- *Questions and concerns about meeting portion of event:*
 - *Chairperson? Sandra will advise Micheline that committee believes she should chair.*
 - *Cake presenter? Committee agrees people with 30 days or less should get up and bring out cakes.*

- *Band portion:*
 - *Special needs? Lights*
 - *Possibility of asking Bill*
 - *Jewelry? Committee decides that jewelry selling at the event is not appropriate*
 - *Ticket sales? Carine in charge.*

Dec 31st – New Year's Eve event

- *Location secured: Take it or Leave it location (5:30 pm to 12:30 am)*
- *\$200 for location*
- *Free event*
- *Encouraging people to make/bring food for potluck*
- *Meeting/open mic/music*

Ski day trip?

New proposal brought to the table by Mercedes: Winter Hike Activity:

- *Snowshoeing: Ste-Adele-de-Howard (lots of trails)*
- *1 hour drive from Montreal; 5 hour back and forth across lake*
- *Flyer and signup sheet; Open to kids*
- *February 6, 2010 (potential date)*
- *Weather permitting otherwise plan B: Bowling day activity*

Elections:

- *Naomi was elected Vice-Chair for Activities committee*

Concerns

- *Martine believes a woman's retreat is inappropriate because it excludes the men and expressed a desire for a co-ed retreat.*
- *Haidee described the general idea for the retreat was to have it co-ed with some shares/workshops designed as women-with-the-women & men-with-the-men. She noted that a location was not found during the summer. At this point, due to our preoccupation with EANA's anniversary & the New Year's party, we could not turn our attention to planning a retreat until January 2010. Therefore, due to a combination of a lack of human resources and a location the retreat has been cancelled.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Next Activities meeting: November 27, 2009 @ 6:30 pm

Ad-hoc: No progress this month, unfortunately. Myself and the other person working on this project have been very busy.

Convention: Position is open.

Daily Inventory: The Daily Inventory is well on the way to being an issue ready for print. We have received submissions and while there is room for more, we expect to have it printed and ready for the GSRs to bring back to their groups for the next Area meeting. We have ink that costs \$6.50 per cartridge already in stock and will present a bill for the ink used as well as paper once we purchase paper. With your consent, we will print about 300 copies total with quantities varying by meeting size. Because this will be home printed and not commercially done, we will be able to print more if needed at minimal extra costs. We ask all GSRs to communicate the fact that this is a newsletter by addicts for addicts and that this is a great way for recovering

addicts to express themselves. We at the DI hope that addicts reading submissions by other addicts can learn things about themselves and others. Thank you for letting us serve. Duncan and Ted, your DI team. The email address for DI submissions is dailyinventorymontreal@gmail.com. The secretary/treasurer position is open. Our subcommittee meets on the third Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at the Circle Thursday location.

Hospitals & Institutions: My term as chair is up, and the vice chair position is open this month as well. So we are in need of a secretary/treasurer with 1 year clean, a vice chair with 1 year clean, a chair with 2 years clean, and an alternate coordinator for Fosters with 9 months clean. Please be sure that GSRs are announcing these positions at the meetings. H&I meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Back to Basics location (on Ballantyne North) at 6:50 pm. Other than that, all is well. We have a literature order of \$170. There is no bound literature in the order, just pamphlets, etc. We haven't placed a literature order in a while. Vote on H&I literature order: 9 in favour. 0 opposed. 1 abstention. Passed.

Literature:

E.A.N.A. Literature Subcommittee Account

Acct. # 101-090-9

Period: Oct. 9/09 to Nov. 9/09

Date	Description	Cheques & Debits	Deposits & Credits	Balance
9-Oct-09	Opening Balance			\$397.95
19-Oct-09	Deposit		\$708.75	\$1,106.70
20-Oct-09	Cheque 038	\$149.43		\$957.27
21-Oct-09	ITEM RETURN UNPAID	\$558.75		\$398.52
22-Oct-09	ITEM RETURN UNPAID FEE \$7.00			\$391.52
26-Oct-09	Deposit		\$182.00	\$573.52
2-Nov-09	Monthly Fee	\$3.75		\$569.77
9-Nov-09	Closing Balance			\$569.77

Outstanding deposit (from Area treasurer): \$558.75

Outstanding account fee (to be approved by Area table): \$7.00 (due to Area cheque not passing)

My position will be open in February 2010. All other Literature positions are open.

Public Information: I received news from Region that \$2,500 is coming to us. We are going to make immediate plans of what to do with the money (newcomer outreach, etc).

Voice mailboxes have been activated on the helpline. There is one for H&I and Admin as well. If we want to activate those boxes, someone from those subcommittees would have to come to PI and work out the details.

Admin: 15 minutes allotted to giving of donations, submitting motions, etc.

Recess, reconvene and Quorum: 10 minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 11:05 am.

Quorum: 10 out of 16; quorum attained.

Old Business: No old business.

Elections: Roberta was nominated as H&I Chair. Roberta accepted the nomination. PASSED.

Open positions at Area: Alternate Secretary, Convention Chair, RCMA.

New Business:

Motion #1): Maker: Jean C. Seconded by: Eric A. That Area pay for some basic literature for the Glad To Be Alive group. Financial impact: Not to exceed \$75. Voting results: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 2. Passed.

Treasurer:

Last month: Opening balance: \$1,849.09. Group donations: \$40. Expenses: \$55.86. Closing balance: \$1,833.23. This month: Opening balance: \$1,833. Group donations: \$380. Expenses: \$423.18. Closing balance: \$1,790.05. Nixsy: \$500 donation to World? Jean: why don't we wait until the \$2,500 comes in? Last time this year, we had about the same amount of money, but then in January, we were short funds. Keith: have we ever received a final treasurer's report for the Convention? I think they should be contacted to give us a report, because it has been six months, and that's unacceptable.

Regarding the cheque to Literature that was returned, the bank made a printing error on our chequebook; the account number was one digit off, so all of the cheques that were written from that chequebook bounced. The situation has been corrected; the bank has issued us a new chequebook and Jean is in the process of trying to obtain reimbursements for the NSF's.

Group Statistics

Donations: \$

Attendees:

Newcomers:

Literature Orders: \$

GSR REPORTS

Awakenings: Not in attendance.

Back to Basics: Stephen will be taking 2 years on December 1. Group celebration on November 10. Haidee elected as GSR. We are looking for a treasurer with one year clean.

Circle Thursday: Our monthly attendance was 42. There was 1 newcomer. We are looking for a GSRA with 6 months. We are placing a literature order of \$35.50.

Conscious Contact: We are looking for a GSR and a GSRA. We're getting a good number of newcomers, but we encourage everyone to come down; pretty quiet meeting. It would be nice to see more people there. We read steps 1-4 from It Works How and Why.

Day by Day: We need support. The group is doing well. GSRA is open.

Free on Friday: Monthly attendance was 260. There were 4 newcomers. We are looking for a GSRA with 6 months clean. We are making a literature order of \$38.00 and an Area donation of \$150. Anniversaries: Ed will be taking 16 years on December 18, and Rick will be taking 1 year on December 18.

Glad to be Alive: Attendance is approximately 30. We got the facility to lower our rent because it was too much for a small group. Open positions: GSR and GSRA.

In Fokus: Attendance is about 8 to 10 per meeting. Group inventory will be presented at the next business meeting. Open positions are GSR and GSRA.

Inside Job: The alternate secretary position is open; clean time requirement for that position is one year. Other than that, we're doing well. Monthly attendance was approximately 65. We had seven newcomers, all from treatment facilities. Thank you for the literature.

Lighthouse: Not in attendance.

New Beginnings: New treasurer is Eric. Attendance approximately 8 per meeting. Good recovery. At least 2 newcomers.

Northern Nites: We had 16 in attendance in the month of October and paid our rent for the year, there were no newcomers and we faced some challenges, we have no Area donation this month.

Out of the Dark: Approximately 80 in attendance. 5 newcomers. No literature order. No open positions. Great group. Come on by!

Serenity Sisters: Meeting attendance is increasing; we have gone from about 5 per meeting to about 12 per meeting. Attendance was 50 and there was one newcomer. No open positions. Everything is going well.

Show Me How To Live: The group will celebrate its second anniversary on December 3, 2009. Everyone is invited. Joel G. was elected secretary. We need a treasurer with one year, a GSRA with 6 months, a GSR with one year, and an alternate secretary with 6 months. There are about 30 attendees per month; it's a small group. No Area donation.

Step by Step: Attendance of 103. It's an amazing group. No open positions.

Take it or Leave it: Anniversaries: Naomi will be taking 6 years on November 8, Thomas will be taking 1 year on December 6, and Jean-Philippe will be taking 2 years on December 20. The group's 25th anniversary will be held on November 22. It will be a potluck, so feel free to make or bring something to eat. Tammy was elected GSR. We need a GSRA with 3 months clean. We still have the step writing group from 6:15 to 7:15 pm (women/men separate).

CELEBRATIONS!!

Naomi B. – November 8 – 6 years – Take It or Leave It
Stephen Mc. – December 1 – 2 years – Back to Basics
Ed W. – December 18 – 16 years – Free on Friday
Ricky – December 18 – 1 year – Free on Friday
Jean-Philippe – December 20 – 2 years – Take It or Leave It

Questions and comments:

Congratulations to Roberta.

Thanks to everyone for serving.

I'm happy to see some new faces at the Area table.

Where can I get a copy of the guidelines? Answer: On the website.

- Next Area meeting will be on December 13, 2009, at 10:00 am at the YMCA downtown.