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EANA ASC Minutes
Sunday, February 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 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 17; quorum attained.

ASC Chairperson	Keith M.	Present
ASC Vice-chairperson	Haidee	Present
RCM	Nixsy	Present
RCMA	**Open**	
ASC Secretary	Alison C.	Present
ASC Secretary-Alternate	Roberta W.	Present
ASC Treasurer	Eric A.	Present
Activities Chairperson	Naomi B.	Absent
Convention Chairperson	**Open**	
Daily Inventory Chairperson	**Open**	
H&I Chairperson	**Open**	
Literature Chairperson	**Open**	
P.I.–Helpline Chairperson	Jenn C.	Present
Ad hoc	**Open**	
Archivist	Eric O.	Absent

Awakenings	Michael C.	Present
Back To Basics	Lorne B.	Present
Circle Thursday	Demetri	Present
Conscious Contact	Roberta	Present
Day By Day	Paul	Present
Free On Friday	Tammy	Present
Glad To Be Alive	unrepresented	
In Fokus	Jacques	Absent
Inside Job	Josh	Present
Lighthouse	Daniel	Absent
New Beginning	Leah L.	Absent
Out Of The Dark on Park	unrepresented	
Saturday Night Clean	Dean	Present
Serenity Sisters	Jordan	Present
Show Me How To Live	unrepresented	
Step by Step	unrepresented	
Take it or Leave it	Peter C.	Present

Group Open Positions

Group	**GSR/GSRA**		**Secretary/Treasurer**	
Awakenings	**Open** (6 months)	Michael C.	Arthur	**Open** (1 year)
Back To Basics	Lorne B.	Inby	Eric A.	**Open** (1 year)
Circle Thursday	Demetri	**Open** (6 months)	Stanley	Jeff
Conscious Contact	**Open** (6 months)	Aaron Z.	Roberta W.	Mike W.
Day By Day	Paul H.	**Open** (3 months)	Nixsy	**Open** (1 year)
Free On Friday	Tammy	**Open** (6 months)	Sandra	**Open** (1 year)
Glad To Be Alive	**Open**	**Open**	**Open**	Jean C.
In Fokus	Jacques	**Open**	Daniel	**Open**
Inside Job	Josh	**Open** (3 months)	Craig	**Open** (1 year)
Lighthouse	Daniel E.	**Open**	Demetri	**Open**
New Beginning	Leah L.	**Open** (6 months)	Ariel	**Open** (1 year)
Out Of The Dark	**Open**	**Open**	Peter C.	**Open**
Saturday Night Clean	Dean	Natasha	Jack G.	Ricky
Serenity Sisters	Jordan	Jen P.	Natasha	Daniele
Show me how to live	**Open**	**Open** (6 months)	**Open**	**Open** (1 year)
Step by Step	**Open** (9 months)	**Open**	Mercedes	Steven
Take It Or Leave It	Peter C.	**Open**	Demetri	Jenn C.

Subcommittee	**Chair/Vice**		**Secretary/Alt**		**Treasurer**		
Admin	Keith M.	Haidee	Alison C.	Roberta	Eric A.	**RCM**	**Archivist**
Activities	Naomi B.	David S.	**Open**		**Open**	Nixsy	
Convention	**Open**	**Open**	**Open**		**Open**		
Daily Inventory	**Open**	**Open**	**Open**				
H&I	**Open**	Alison C.	**Open**				
Literature	**Open**	**Open**	**Open**		**Open**		
P.I.	Jenn C.	Mike W.	**Open** (1 year)		**Open** (2 years)	PI Webmaster: Dean R.	
Ad Hoc	**Open**	Eric A.				PI Helpline: Demetri	

HOSPITALS AND INSTITIONS	Coordinator	Alternate Coordinator
Addington	Stephen Mc.	**Open** (6 months)
Bordeaux CCR ♂	David S.	Ed W.
Fosters	Josh C.	**Open** (6 months)
Onen'tó:kon (Oka)	**Open** (9 months)	**Open** (6 months)

Chair: Thank you all for being here and participating in our recovery. Welcome to the EANA Area Service Committee meeting.

I am pleased to announce that printing of the EANA ASC Guideline and the Log of Policy Motions has been completed and have been distributed today. A big thank you to all who participated in this project.

Keys for the PO box have been purchased.

After further research, we have not been able to find storage space that is less expensive than at Maison de l'Amitié. We are therefore going to go ahead and pay the rent for this year at Maison de l'Amitié.

It was agreed by the EANA's Admin Committee members that the subcommittee meeting will be held at 6:30 on the last Tuesday of each month. Subcommittee representatives are encouraged to attend and all members are welcome to attend. Therefore, there will be no Admin meeting following each ASC; however, if a subcommittee chair or delegated subcommittee representative has an issue to discuss time will be allotted for this discussion following the ASC meeting.

Several members have approached me over the past couple of months with questions regarding a particular member's disruptive behavior at meetings (during the meeting as well as after the meeting). I would like to point out that this is not the first or last time an NA group has had to deal with this kind of issue. There is a service pamphlet called "Disruptive and Violent Behavior" that was published by NA World Services in 2007. http://na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/servicemat/Disruptive_and_violent_behavior_Sep07.pdf
I would like to encourage all of us to familiarize ourselves with this material. This is not about a particular individual. This is about becoming familiar with different approaches to these kinds of issues so that we can react in a loving and respectful manner with ourselves and our members. It is important to have frank open discussions regarding this issue in general and groups who have a perceived situation with a particular member are encouraged to find a suitable approach as to how to approach the member and establish respectful boundaries. When approached by group trusted servants regarding this issue I have encouraged them to review this material as a group and have a group conscience as to how they should proceed. I know this is not currently an issue for every group, however becoming familiar with this material can be helpful in the event that there is a disruptive or violent outburst while you are attending a meeting.

I would like encourage all of us to try to create a welcoming and supportive environment here at the area table. Admin members have agreed that orientation of new members is an important part of creating an effective and vibrant Area Service Committee. Mentoring is a vital part of effective service efforts. I would like to encourage new members to sit beside experienced members. If you do not know them use this as an opportunity to break the ice. I would also like to encourage our more experienced members to be welcoming and use this as an opportunity to keep what we have by giving it away.

Vice Chair: I will collect literature orders during the break. Eric, Keith and I are working together to make sure that everyone gets their literature orders. I am passing around a contact list. Tick one column—YES means that all members at the Area table will have access to your contact information—NO means that only Admin (Alison, Keith, Haidee, etc) will have access to your contact information.

Secretary: I would like to point out that the positions of secretary, alternate secretary, RCM and RCMA will be up in April 2011. I don't think it's too early to start announcing this.
The January minutes were distributed for approval. Amendments were requested on page 1 (Group Open Positions table) and page 6 (discussion re. motion of November 21, 2010) of the January minutes. Eric made a motion to approve the January minutes as amended. Seconded by Dean. Vote results: 6 in favour, 1 abstention. Passed.

Treasurer: Treasurer presented monthly report and then yearly literature report. A thought: perhaps it's time to think about collapsing literature account into the Area account. For a number of months, nothing came out of it other than bank fees. Eric then presented the monthly literature report. (See attachments.)
Vote on monthly treasurer report: 8 in favour, 1 abstention. Passed.
Review and approval of last year's literature report will take place at the next Area meeting.

RCM: See attachment.
The Area table voted on whether to print out RCM report in the future (meaning that the report would not be included in the minutes; it would be attached to the minutes, as was being done with the treasurer report). Vote results: 9 in favour, 1 abstention. Passed.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Not in attendance. Elections will be held next month.

Ad-hoc: Chair position is open. 2 years clean time. There was a meeting at B2B last Tuesday. We started looking over (me and 1 other person) the motion, motion by motion, are worded exactly the same. It is in progress. Ad hoc needs support. We meet on the Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at B2B location.

Convention: The final convention report (pdf file) had been emailed out to everyone. According to the report, the closing balance was $1,549.93. (This amount is similar to what we started with, so we basically broke even.) Eric opened the bank statement for the Convention bank account. The balance on the statement (over $1,600) was slightly higher than the closing balance reported by the Convention committee. Since the Convention committee was not in attendance, we could not ask them about this. It could be because some cheques haven't been cashed yet.

Daily Inventory: Position is open.

Hospitals & Institutions:
I did not end up placing the literature order of $51.50 of French IPs and booklets for Bordeaux, so I will be placing it this month along with an order of English IPs and booklets. The total comes to $113.00.
Please announce that H&I is looking for trusted servants. There are six open positions at H&I:

- H&I Chair (2 years clean, 1 year experience in H&I service)
- Secretary/treasurer (9 months clean, 3 months experience in H&I service)
- Addington alternate coordinator (6 months clean, 3 months experience in H&I service)
- Oka coordinator (9 months clean, 3 months experience in H&I service)
- Oka alternate coordinator (6 months clean, 3 months experience in H&I service)
- Fosters alternate coordinator (6 months clean, 3 months experience in H&I service)

Peter C. came to the H&I meeting to run for the position of Addington alternate coordinator. We could not vote him in as we did not have quorum, so I delegated him to the position for the month of February. This points to the need for more support at H&I.
A coordinator and an alternate coordinator are desperately needed for Oka. There is no one filling those positions at this time.
The H&I subcommittee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Back to Basics location (on Ballantyne). All are welcome to attend.
Keith and Roberta pointed out that we won't just throw you into a position—new trusted servants are mentored. Once you attend two subcommittee meetings, you can vote at the meeting.

Literature: Position is open.

Public Information: Jenn's first meeting as Chair of PI/Helpline was held on February 11, 2011, at 6:30 pm (normally the first Friday of the month) at the Conscious Contact location.

All positions were open.

Elections:
- Mike W. was elected as Vice-Chair
- Dean R. was reelected as Webmaster
- Demetri V. was elected as Helpline Representative
- Patrick L. was elected as PR Representative

Open Positions:
- Secretary (1 year clean)
- Treasurer (2 years clean)
- Alternate Helpline Rep. (1 year clean)

We made a plan to set up an online group where we could interact over the coming weeks, as we each look into areas that we are particularly interested in seeing PI reach (high schools, radio, CLSCs, etc), so that at our next meeting we can start to develop a game plan from a more informed perspective.

Next PI/Helpline meeting will be held on March 4, 2011, at 6:30 at the Conscious Contact location (Sun Youth Building).

Admin: 15 minutes allotted to giving of donations, submitting motions, etc.
Recess, reconvene and quorum: 10 minutes.
Meeting reconvened at 12:02 pm. Serenity prayer.
Quorum call: 9 out of 17; quorum attained.

Old Business: No old business.

Special Business: Reading of the "Disruptive & Violent Behaviour" service pamphlet.
A member requested that GSRs not announce that we workshopped this pamphlet during their GSR reports.
A lengthy discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of announcing this information during a GSR report.
Some members felt that our discussions should not be kept secret; others felt that announcing this information would exacerbate the situation.
It was agreed that this pamphlet should be made available to all groups.

Elections: No one was elected.

New Business:
Motion #1): Made by Paul, seconded by Roberta. Effect to guidelines: none. MOTION: To have Area donate $10 as well as a Basic Text, a Step Working Guide, and a Just for Today book to the Day by Day group. INTENT: To pay our rent and refurbish our literature stock. FINANCIAL IMPACT: $100. It was clarified that the requested literature would not cost more than $55, so the financial impact of this motion would actually be about $65. Vote results: 6 in favour, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions. Passed.
Motion #2): Made by Nixsy, seconded by Tammy. Effect to guidelines: none. MOTION: To hold another Service System Structure workshop by the RCM following the March 13 Area at 2:00 pm. Pizza (cheese, vegetarian, all dressed) to be provided to participants. INTENT: Open to all members to help familiarize with upcoming discussions at the CAR and possibly affecting NA as a whole.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Please bring printouts of service structure pamphlet given today. Pizza $40 to $60 (depending on attendance) and printing costs. Vote results: 7 in favour, 1 opposed, 1 abstention. Passed.

Group Statistics
Donations: $280.76
Attendees: 680
Newcomers: 22
Literature Orders: $155.85

GSR REPORTS

Awakenings: Monthly attendance was 122. The group needs a GSR with 6 months clean. Awakenings is doing well. We have made small changes to the format. Tuesday is step reading and Thursday is tradition reading. Now, traditions will be once a month instead of every Thursday, and Just for Today will be read and discussed on Thursday for the remaining three weeks.

Back to Basics: Monthly attendance was 99. There were 3 newcomers. Area donation of $35. Literature order of $8.10. The position of treasurer is open; 1 year clean required. Haidee will be celebrating 6 years on March 15. We are pursuing the group inventory on the second and third Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 pm. There was a proposal to create the position of H&I representative at Back to Basics (a person who would attend the H&I subcommittee and report back to the group), but the group conscience was not to create that position at this time.

Circle Thursday: Monthly attendance was 53. There were 3 newcomers. Area donation of $50. Literature order of $29. The group needs a GSRA with 6 months.

Conscious Contact: Roberta is secretary of Conscious Contact. Format change: steps 1 to 12 are being read from the *It Works: How and Why* instead of just steps 1 to 4. The meeting room has now been permanently changed to the same room as Monday night.

Day by Day: Monthly attendance was 30. There was 1 newcomer. No Area donation. No literature order. The group needs support. Open positions are treasurer (1 year clean) and GSRA (3 months clean). Nixsy will be celebrating 6 years clean on April 2. Sam will be celebrating 18 years on April 9.

Free on Friday: Monthly attendance was 162. There were 2 newcomers. Area donation of $150. Literature order of $33. The group needs a treasurer with 1 year clean, an alternate secretary with 1 year clean, and a GSRA with 6 months clean. David S. will be celebrating 2 years on March 4. All is well.

Glad to be Alive: Not in attendance.

In Fokus: Not in attendance.

Inside Job: Monthly attendance was approximately 75. There was 1 newcomer. No Area donation. Literature order of $85.75. The group needs a treasurer with 1 year clean, a GSRA with 3 months clean and an alternate secretary with 6 months clean. Craig will be celebrating 1 year clean on March 19. The group is getting quite a few people from treatment in attendance. More female support at the group would be appreciated. Trusted servants with leadership qualities are needed.

Lighthouse: The meeting is really struggling. There are 2 or 3 people at most. The group does well in the summertime. Technically, Demetri is not secretary because he was never voted in, but he is opening the meeting, closing it down, paying rent, etc. The group has a GSR; he is not here. Lighthouse needs support.

New Beginning: This meeting is temporarily closed. The group no longer has a meeting location. The group is not shutting down—it is simply temporarily closed until a new location is found. The group might be looking at Thursday night at the YMCA, but more will be revealed.

Out of the Dark: Monthly attendance was 16. There were no newcomers. No Area donation. The group needs a treasurer with 2 years clean, a GSR with 9 months clean, and a GSRA with 6 months clean. Rent is paid. The group is still struggling. Please come out. I am secretary by default, not by election.

Saturday Night Clean: Meeting is going well with average attendance of around 17 per meeting (73 for the month of January). We have no prudent reserve, so we're starting to get low on a few items. We are just making rent. Ricky was elected as treasurer.

Serenity Sisters: Monthly attendance was 42. There were 2 newcomers. No Area donation. No literature order. All positions are filled. No upcoming clean time anniversaries. Our group is strong and growing.

Show Me How To Live: Alain is no longer the GSR for Show Me How To Live. Please announce that this meeting needs support.
Since there have been a number of meeting changes recently, Nixsy recommended including an addendum to first page of meeting list to read something along the lines of "Meeting times and locations subject to change. Please call helpline to verify."

Step by Step: Not in attendance.

Take it or Leave it: There were 10 newcomers. Area donation of $45.76. No literature order. The position of GSRA is open (6 months clean time required). Steeve F. will be celebrating 18 years on March 13. Peter reminded everyone of step writing groups (men and women).
A member had submitted a flyer regarding a yoga class at the Take It or Leave It location. This member should have the group approve the flyer before submitting it to Area. To be distributed at Area, it would have to be voted on at Area. So it would have to be approved by the group and approved by Area, and groups are still not obliged to keep it on the table.

A member had also submitted a flyer to Area requesting donations of fruit for a fruit salad on his clean time anniversary night. A motion was made to remove the fruit salad flyer from the Area distribution table. Made by Josh, seconded by Tammy. Motion was withdrawn by Josh in order to re-read the traditions.

CELEBRATIONS!!

David S. – 2 years – March 4 – Free on Friday
Mike W. – 5 years – March 11 – Conscious Contact
Steeve F. – 18 years – March 13 – Take It or Leave It
Haidee – 6 years – March 15 – Back to Basics
Craig – 1 year – March 19 – Inside Job
Alison C. – 4 years – March 27 – Take It or Leave It
Nixsy – 6 years – April 2 – Day by Day
Sam – 18 years – April 9 – Day by Day

Questions and comments:

- Thank you for your guidance and direction.
- Thank you to Nixsy for a clear report and being willing to give the service workshop again.
- Thank you to Nixsy.
- Thank you.
- Dean: Homework for Admin: find the “one group, one vote” motion in the Area minute archives.
- I apologize for coming in late.
- I’m starting to understand things at Area and have fun. Thank you to everyone for taking over literature.
- Thank you.
- Thank you all for coming and staying.

The next Area meeting will be held on Sunday, March 13, at 10:00 am at the YMCA downtown.

The meeting closed at approximately 1:25 pm with a circle and a prayer.