



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

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EANA ASC Minutes
Sunday, July 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 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: 9 out of 17; quorum not attained.

ASC Chairperson	Keith M.	Present
ASC Vice-chairperson	Haidee	Present
RCM	Daniele	
RCMA	Christiane	Present
ASC Secretary	OPEN (Alison)	
ASC Secretary-Alternate	OPEN	
ASC Treasurer	Eric A.	Present
Activities Chairperson	Angela	
Convention Chairperson	Open	
Daily Inventory Chairperson	Stephen Mc.	
H&I Chairperson	Alison	Present
Literature Chairperson	Dean R.	Present
P.I.–Helpline Chairperson	Jenn C.	
Ad hoc	Nixsy	Present
Archivist	Open	

Awakenings	Michael C.	Present
Back To Basics	Lorne B.	Present
Circle Thursday		
Conscious Contact	Francois	
Day By Day	Paul	Present
Free On Friday	Corinna (rep)	
Glad To Be Alive		
In Fokus		
Inside Job	Crystal W.	Present
Lighthouse	Daniel	
New Beginning		
Out Of The Dark on Park	RJ	Present
Saturday Night Clean	Dean R.	Present
Serenity Sisters	Jordan B.	Present
Show Me How To Live		
Step by Step	Steven H.	Absent
Take it or Leave it	Denis	Present

Group Open Positions

Group	GSR/GSRA		Secretary/Treasurer				
Awakenings	Open (6 months)	Michael C.	Arthur	Open (1 year)			
Back To Basics	Lorne B.	Open	Open (1 year)	Alison C.			
Circle Thursday	Open	Open (6 months)	Stanley	Jeff			
Conscious Contact	Open (6 months)	François		Mike W.			
Day By Day	Paul H.	Open (3 months)	Nixsy	Kathleen			
Free On Friday	Tammy	Open (6 months)	Sandra	Open (2 years)			
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	RJ	Open	Open	Open			
Saturday Night Clean	Open	Open (6 months)	Open	Ricky			
Serenity Sisters	Jordan	Jen P.	Open	Daniele			
Show me how to live	Open	Open (6 months)	Open	Open (1 year)			
Step by Step	Steven H.	Open	Open	Patrick			
Take It Or Leave It	Peter C.	Ron		Jenn C.			
Subcommittee	Chair/Vice		Secretary/Alt	Treasurer			
Admin	Keith M.	Haidee	Open	Open	Eric A.	RCM	Archivist
Activities	Open	David S.	Open		Dean R.	Daniele	
Convention	Open	Open	Open		Open		
Daily Inventory	Steven M.	Open	Open				
H&I	Alison C.	Open	Open				
Literature	Dean R.	Open	Open		Open		
Public Relations	Jenn C.	Mike W.	Karen		Open (2 years)	PI Webmaster: Dean R.	
Ad Hoc	Open	Open				PI Helpline: Demetri	

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS	Coordinator	Alternate Coordinator
Addington	Stephen Mc.	Peter C.
Bordeaux CCR ♂	David S.	Ed W.
Foster	Open	Open (6 months)
Onen'tó:kon (Oka)	Steeve F.	Open (6 months)

Orientation of new members: Crystal received a brief orientation from the Area Chair.

Chair: I was not able to be at the entire Admin meeting this month, so I will let Haidee do most of the report today.

Regarding tools generated by Admin committee, they are tools to help groups report effectively, but groups are free to report on whatever they want; they are not required to use any forms we produce.

This room at the YMCA: we pay \$25 to use this room for the Area meeting. We pay by donation for every usage. Activities: if you want to continue having your meeting here every month, you should donate \$10 a month.

Keep in mind that some subcommittees meet at groups; H&I meets at B2B and pays the group \$10.

Haidee: \$10 is an amount that Keith came up with, but you should come to Admin meeting so that we can discuss the amount of the financial commitment. Just be aware that this is a financial commitment.

This affects the Activities and Convention subcommittees.

Vice Chair: Minutes were emailed to you earlier this week.

We had a discussion regarding what to do while there is no secretary. We didn't come up with too much, so we will be continuing in the same manner:

Temporary solution for Area minutes

1. Read minutes sent by email
2. Contact sender with any changes
3. Print out forms (e.g. open position sheet)
4. Bring to Area completed GSR report, and/or email to Keith (this helps us with data entry).

Personal recommendation: 15 or 20 people here today. If everyone shared at meetings about the positive benefits of doing service (communicate effectively, etc.) Imagine if you're not doing service and you hear 10 shares doing a month about the benefits of service; we could attract new people.

We talked about having a small storage space here at the YMCA to keep office supplies.

Self-support: Principles and Practice: we talked about the possibility of doing a presentation on that pamphlet.

I met with Activities chair and treasurer. Happy to be part of this mentorship effort.

Chairs for subcommittees don't have forms to fill out, as GSRs do. We talked about developing a form for subcommittee chairs.

Secretary: OPEN (please review minutes from your email). Please announce widely that the position of secretary is open.

Minutes approved as written, aside from modifications requested by Alison and Haidee.

Discussion regarding treasurer reporting tool that was photocopied and distributed. Keith said that groups are not required to report anything in particular. The groups are autonomous; Area cannot require groups to report anything in particular. Tools can be provided as suggestions, but we can't tell groups what to do.

Treasurer: Financial report from June 12 to July 10.

Opening balance: \$2,980.81

Closing balance: \$3,166.56

NOTE: \$2,000 to PR

Outstanding cheques

#671 Domain name: \$28.48

#675 PR costs: \$92.54

Soon it will be time for subcommittee chairs to start thinking about next year's budget. I will be asking the subcommittee chairs for that information.

RCM REPORT-

Hi my name is Christiane. I'm the RCMA. The report is the same as last month's report.

Please see RCM report included in last month's Area minutes.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: We had our first meeting on June 26. There will be a camping trip from July 29 to 31. We will have a brief meeting before camping trip to touch base on Saturday, July 23, after the Inside Job meeting. All are welcome. August 13: waterslides event. If it rains, the event will be postponed to August 20 at St-Sauveur. Next official meeting should be on July 31, but we will be camping, so that date will be postponed. To be announced.

Information is available on private Facebook page for these events.

Vice chair, secretary and treasurer positions are open. Please announce widely.

Question: Is there a ticket for people who are coming to stay for the day but are not staying overnight? It might be a good idea to come up with an amount for that scenario.

Ad hoc: It's coming along slowly. Show up next Friday!

Ad Hoc meets on the third Friday of every month at Free on Friday from 7:00 to 7:45 pm.

Convention: I apologize for being late.

We had our first meeting on July 3. There were three of us in attendance. We didn't get to do much; we decided on a possible date: November 18, 19 and 20. I have to check for other events; I don't want it to conflict with any other NA events. I also have to check to see whether the hotel is available.

Howard will be serving as merchandising chair.

10-year anniversary of convention. It's a special landmark year. I want to do something really great. Please encourage others to get involved. We need a vice chair, programming chair, hospitality, secretary, music/DJ person, etc. Please get it out there. Service works!

Comment: Trois-Rivieres convention on November 18, 19 and 20.

Alain: this means that we will have to change the dates. Possibly the week before or week after.

Next subcommittee meeting: Sunday, August 7, at YMCA.

Question: is there any way to combine/coordinate this with EANA anniversary? Anniversary is usually at the end of October.

Keith: how about fundraisers?

Alain: I would like more people to get involved to help put on fundraisers. There will probably be a barbecue. Corn roast went well last year; we will probably do another corn roast at Jeanne-Mance.

New tentative dates for convention: November 25, 26 and 27.

Fundraising chairperson and a graphics person are also needed.

Daily Inventory: Absent.

Hospitals & Institutions: There are three open positions at H&I:

- H&I Vice Chair (1 year clean, 3 months experience in H&I service)
- Foster coordinator (9 months clean, 3 months experience in H&I service)
- Foster alternate coordinator (6 months clean, 3 months experience in H&I service)

Please announce these positions at your groups. Once again, I would ask that you put particular emphasis on Foster in your announcements, as the alternate position has been open for a number of months and the coordinator position is open as well. Some background info: Foster is a treatment centre in Saint-Philippe (on the south shore, near Candiac). A car is required to get there. H&I brings a meeting to Foster every second Monday evening.

I attended the PR subcommittee meeting on July 1 to talk about the possibility of having them provide H&I with starter kits for the Onen'tó:kon treatment facility. To their understanding, Area is mandated to supply starter kits; however, it was unclear to us whether EANA supplies starter kits just to new meetings in this area or meetings in remote communities as well. As a compromise, PR agreed to donate a two starter kits, but this will not be an ongoing thing, as their funds will run out at some point.

A motion was passed at the last H&I meeting, which I will present today during New Business.

A member at the subcommittee meeting expressed interest in holding an H&I learning day. A discussion followed: would more people come to a learning day than to an H&I meeting? When should it be held? How about involving other subcommittees, such as PR? There was a suggestion to think it over during the month and resume discussion at the next subcommittee meeting. I may be attending other subcommittee meetings and talking to other subcommittee chairs about this. Any ideas or feedback that anyone may have would be greatly appreciated.

The H&I subcommittee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Back to Basics location (on Ballantyne). The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 2. As always, all are welcome. Attending the subcommittee meeting is a great way to get involved and to gain H&I experience.

Comment: Outreach piece of the puzzle would be to provide contact information to people who take the starter kits. To give a starter kit to someone going back to a remote community with no resources or support does not make sense.

Literature: Nothing new to report. A few items on backorder. I will be submitting a new price list at the upcoming Admin meeting.

Clarification: World price, Regional price, Area price. Shipping issues, currency issues, etc.

Comment:

Groups purchase and sell literature at the group's cost.

Public Relations: Haidee: I was at PR meeting and was delegated to give the report.

The meeting was held on July 1, 2011, at 6:30 pm.

CLSC project (information kit). Last month, Patrick saw a social worker and left an information kit.

Information kits cost \$5 to \$7 to create. He was energized and encouraged to continue.

Helpline Facebook ad: good progress. 550,000 ads. 90 clicks. Cost so far: \$50 (half of their budget).

I talked to the subcommittee chair about creating a subcommittee form that could be used to submit a report to Area.

Two starter kits donated to H&I.

Next PR meeting will be held on August 5, 2011, 6:30 pm at Conscious Contact location.

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

Recess, reconvene and quorum: 10 out of 17; quorum attained.

Old Business: No old business.

Elections:

ASC Secretary: No one nominated. Position is still open.

ASC Alt. Secretary: No one nominated. Position is still open.

Convention Vice Chair: Alain nominated David. Christiane seconded the nomination. David accepted. David gave brief service resume. Elected.

Convention Treasurer: No one nominated. Position is still open.

New Business: Maker: Hospitals & Institutions Subcommittee

Effect to guidelines: policy change

MOTION: That the gas allowance for Oka be raised to \$40 per month.

INTENT: To reduce gas expenses for the Oka coordinator and alternate coordinator. The Oka facility is located in Kanehsatake and is 55 km from NDG. This means that the coordinator drives approximately 110 km for every meeting. The Oka facility is significantly farther away from Montreal than the other facilities that H&I goes to, and the current reimbursement of \$20 does not come close to covering the gas expense.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$20 per month.

In favour: 10. Opposed: 0. Abstentions: 0. Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

GSR REPORTS

Awakenings: I don't have group information with me. Apologies. I can send it by email.

Back to Basics: 96 attended. 4 newcomers. Alison was elected as treasurer. \$13 literature order. \$95.00 Area donation

Circle Thursday: Not in attendance.

Conscious Contact: Haidee delegated to deliver report.

Day by Day: GSRA 3 months. Treasurer 1 year. Group needs support. There was a break in last month. Latch was twisted; not sure how it was done. Our filing cabinet was outside. This occurred two weeks ago. Monthly attendance was 33. There was 1 newcomer.

Free on Friday: Monthly attendance of 73. There was 1 newcomer. No Area donation. \$124.50 literature order. Sandra was elected as treasurer. GSRA with 9 months needed. Anniversaries; Keith M. August 5 5 years, Ord July 22, 22 years.

Glad to be Alive: Not in attendance.

In Fokus: 25 attendees. 2 newcomers. We're still marching forward. All positions are open.

Inside Job: Attendance was 68. We had 6 newcomers. No Area donation. \$11.85 literature order. We have no treasurer. At last business meeting, we changed it to a pet-free meeting. We need support. Attendance is low.

Lighthouse: New location. Near Vendome metro. 5220 Sherbrooke (Marlowe entrance). 24 attended, 1 newcomer. Area donation of \$5.

New Beginning: They will be reopening 7:30 pm Thursday evenings at Trinity Church (same place as Lighthouse). 5220 Sherbrooke.

Out of the Dark: Monthly attendance was about 30. Secretary and GSRA open.

Saturday Night Clean: 90 attended, 5 newcomers. GSR and GSRA needed. Clean time requirements may change after our next business meeting. Jesse elected as secretary. New location great; Monkland and Harvard.

Serenity Sisters: 66 attended. Secretary open in a month's time. \$14.25 literature order. Area donation of \$50.

Show Me How To Live: Not in attendance.

Step by Step: Paul took literature order back to group.

Take it or Leave it: 159 attended. There were 6 newcomers. \$43.75 donation. All positions are filled.

CELEBRATIONS!!

Michael C. – 1 year – July 10 – Take It or Leave It

Christina – 1 year – July 10 – Take It or Leave It

Eric A – 4 years – July 10 – Take it or Leave it

Mark P – 6 years – July 10 – Take it or Leave it

Ted S – 14 years – July 14 – Circle Thursday

Ord M. – 22 years – July 22 – Free on Friday

Paul – 16 years – July 29 – Free on Friday

Keith M. – 5 years – August 5 – Free on Friday

Lorne B. – 17 years – September 6 – Back to Basics

Questions and comments:

Thanks to everyone who stepped up and helped out.

The same!

Great to serve here. Everyone is more than welcome at the Lighthouse.

Our group needs support (Day by Day).

Discussion re. printing expenses now that there is no secretary for the time being. Paper being handed around: \$0.15 per piece of paper is too much to pay.

Good meeting. Thanks.

Comment: If everyone took the time to find another person in the program and do service in an area that suits them. Word of mouth and one-on-one is a great way to get people involved. If we always talk about how much help we need, it makes this sound like a hard place to be.

Spread the word re. camping! We want attendance.

Please try to have exact change when submitting literature orders.

Please take camping flyers home with you.

Great to have so much participation and such high attendance at a July Area meeting. Thanks everyone!

The next Area meeting will be held on Sunday, August 14, 2011, at 10:00 am at the YMCA downtown. The meeting closed at 12:30 pm with a circle and a prayer.