

August Area Service Committee Minutes

August 4, 2024

I. 2:00 P.M. MEETING OPEN BY MONICA (FACILITATOR)

READING OF SERVICE PRAYER, TRADITIONS AND CONCEPTS.

II. ROLL CALL

Executive Body	Servants	
Facilitator	Monica C	Present
Co-facilitator	Sean F	Present
Recorder	Toby	Present
Co-recorder		Vacant
Treasurer	Robin C	Present
Assistant Treasurer	Joey G	Present
RCMI	David P	Present
RCMII	Karla L	Present
<u>Subcommittees</u>		
Activities	Nicole C	Present
Common Welfare	Angela O.	Present
H&I	Tony C	Present
Literature Bank	Jonathan F	Present
Assistant Literature Bank	Sarah P.	Present
Policy	Patrick H	Present
Public Relations	Ann Marie M.	Present

Groups	Attendance
Another Chance	A
Breakfast Club	A
Clean and Free	P
Clean House	A
Courage to Change	P
Desencadenados	P
Eastside	P
El Nuevo Camino	A
Far Out	P
Freedom Group	P
Here and Now	P
Hill Country	P
Just for Today	P
Just for Tonight	A
Manor Meeting Makers	P
Men at Work	P
Miracles and Solutions	P
Never Alone	A
New Beginnings	P
New Hope	A
New Way of Living	P

Non-Fiction Addiction	P
Our Gift	A
Out and about	P
Primary Purpose	P
Promise of Freedom	A
Regeneration X	P
Right Stuff	P
Searching and Fearless Women	A
Serenity the NA Way	P
South Austin Recovery	P
Spiritual Mechanics	P
Spiritual Seekers	P
Stay N Change	A
The Twelve Steps to Freedom	P
Tuesday at Last	P
Twisted Sisters	A
Willingness To Try	P
Young, Clean, and Free	A
Recovery at the ranch	A
More will be Revealed	P
29 Present/15 Not present	21 group is consensus

Count concluded at 2:15pm.

III. REPORTS

B. Administrative Body Reports

- **Facilitator – Monica**
 - Section 2,2.9 Mutual Respect
 - Mindful of speaking clearly so that the recorder can take accurate minutes.
 - GSRs if you are not getting the reports please see toby
 - 4th concept topic on service bodies.
 - I would also like to inform you about an accommodation request for the Far-Out Group in Leander. An addict who is hearing impaired has requested an ASL interpreter for this meeting.
 - They will submit an invoice next month for their services.
 - Attached, you will find their policies and rates for your review. Their standard rate is \$90 per hour with a two-hour minimum, so the total cost for this service will be approximately \$180.
 - I found an individual who is willing to provide ASL interpretation at a reduced rate of approximately \$45 per hour.
 - Reference to IP24
 - Looking for feedback
 - **Karla– Propose an ad hoc committee to address making the meetings more deaf accessible.**
 1. **Spiritual Seekers – stand aside – believes that common welfare.**
 2. **Remove proposal**
 3. **Added to common welfare**
 4. **Jonathan volunteer to help**

Report concluded 2:30pm

- **Co-Facilitator – Sean**
 - Made a couple of meetings.
 - Happy to be here.

Report concluded 2:33pm

- **Recorder – Toby**
 - No comment

Report concluded 2:34pm

- **Treasurer – Robin**

- Pay Pal Balance as of 7/31/24: \$0
- Of the \$9363.50 reconciled ending balance and \$0 Pay Pal Balance, \$0, \$1,750 is set aside for prudent reserve.
- The available amount to spend in Chase and PayPal accounts is \$7613.50.
- Total receipts for the month of July 2024 were \$3238.85 including \$1599.93 from
- Group 7th Traditions via cash, \$247.66 via pay pal, and \$1094.16 for Literature and returned funds
- from Activities of \$297.10.
- Total expenses for the month of June were \$4,141.03
- I need to make a payment for our TBRNA Quarterly Donations for April-June Deposits for 7th
- Traditions which equal \$646.73.

Questions:

- Ruben – We have not donated to NAWS in 2023
- Monica – We need to check the minutes, but we did.
- Ann Marie – We took the annual donation out of policy.
- Monica – any want to make that proposal to donate to world.
- Robin – I was aware the question the money given to region and the given to world.
- David – yes that's how it works.
- Ryan – Is there any reason we would make an additional donation?
- Ruben – NAWS provided many services for free because of the donations.
- Patrick – Any proposals would be a policy change towards area.

Report concluded 2:58pm

- **RCM 1 – David P**

- Proposals directed to be taken back for Group consensus.
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- Proposal from Region to the area is that the annual conference (Region Assembly) will be held from one day to two days.
 - 1. David will seek out more information to bring to the group.
- **RCM 2 – Karla**
 - EACNA will be January 16, 2025
- **Policy – Patrick**
 - No Changes
- **Literature Bank – Jonathan and Sara**
 - Balance: \$5,344.31

Balance:

IV. GROUPS

A. NEW GSRs

No new GSRs

B. REPORTS – GROUPS

Here and now/Tony

- Has asked common welfare to give a report.

Hill Country/Tom

- Attendance has grown. Tom is stepping down from GSR. Ask to keep on the list.

Miracles and Solutions/James

- Will have the anniversary September 19-21st at the holiday inn on Middle Fiskville Rd

Serenity Way/Tony

Tink L 13th of Augst will be speaking.

Primary purpose/Andy

-Double donation to church.

-10th anniversary party September 21st 6pm.

DesencadeNAdos/Andy

- Tuesday, meeting is this area and Friday's meeting is a different area. Tuesday meeting is step meeting.
- Need bi-lingual support

Manor Meeting Makers/ Stephanie

- We need more experience members to help carry the message.

Twelve steps of Freedom/Herman

- Needs support

Open Forum Discussion

Ruben – Making the area more united. Having more conversation about what we can do.

Sean – open floor up

Ann Marie – Feels there has been some bullying to the service members.

Richard – Area maybe to big. Splitting.

Sean – Area inventory

Jaime – Area inventory, workshop to talk about racism. “Dig deep and do the hard work.”

Sean – leaning towards a consensus of an area workshop.

Karla – Open workshop outside of racism, included homophobia, and sexism.

Sean – ask our RCMs to have conversation on a workshop for the area.

Ruben – We need to very focus on our workshops. Bring in the right people.

David – Willing to be involved in a workshop, asking the body to bring a specific topic to RCMs. Having realistic expectations on the area. We are responsible to the body. I want to know specifically what the area wants.

Texas – Workshop is not a good idea. Limit point of information. Put in a proposal if there is a concern.

Sean – Talk to RCMs, please volunteer.

1. V. SUBCOMMITTEES

1. **Activities – Nicole**

- Requesting \$500 for Unity Day.
- Community event on September 21st,
- Requesting \$700 for the community event, called Recovery in the park.

2. **Common Welfare – Angela**

- Presentation at Eastside on August 17th
- Presentation at Clean and Free on August 31st
- REPORT FROM SUBCOMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS:

Issue: During our last presentation. two members- active in service and in leadership positions came and caused disturbance during the question-and-answer period. Disturbance such as speaking badly of the CW members (as heard by newcomers that was made uncomfortable), Attempted questioning to discourse presentation and put members on the spot. When we responded we were yelled at, and we quickly had to diffuse and move on.

Members were reportedly left uncomfortable while other more experienced members assured them all would be ok. Since then, other homegroups have voiced concern in having a volatile situation arise because of presentation.

Request- We ask leaders and service members of this area to be respectful of the meeting place and not bring discourse to meetings. If you have concerns with the subcommittee, we ask that you come to that subcommittee meeting and discuss those concerns so that we may work together, respectfully, so that we can learn from each other and bring more experience, strength. and hope for the process.

Solution-

We will ask homegroups that request our presentation to have us do so after the meeting so that no meeting time may be affected. We are doing what has been asked of us by the groups we serve. Area asked us to create this subcommittee, and we work hard to do the best we can as we care about Narcotics Anonymous, and we want to be sure that we can be a welcome place for all addicts seeking recovery.

-In regard to speaking with individuals:

There have been times in the past where issues were brought to the area for all to hear. A group would volunteer to talk to that addict and handle the concerns. Discussion would spread of the situation and persons involved causing a game of telephone. This leads to misinformation, victim blaming, shaming both parties and possibly making it unbearable to come back. One of the reasons we came to ask for help in 2022 was to find a different approach than sending out a crew or not addressing these concerns at all. These concerns are the number 1 issue at World Services. There are workshops and pamphlets from all over the world figuring out what to do. Our approach has been finding a way to work through group conscience, compassion, and diligence to have a subcommittee that has made the commitment to bring our experience strength and hope to learn and take in from other areas what they have learned and help apply to situations brought in for support. All addicts are welcome, predatory behaviors are not. Please note we do not force these conversations, if someone is not open for discussion that is their prerogative.

Request:

We ask that members give us a chance to answer your questions and concerns. A chance to hear your thoughts and input. There has been more than one occasion that members with concerns relating to our subcommittee come with an instant disband request. This is like concerns voiced over time of what we may do as a committee. We don't kick people out or shut them down. We work to encourage solutions and inclusion. Please reach out and talk to a member if you would feel more comfortable. We want to hear from the area.

Richard/Willingness to try – Proposal to ASC. To make a change to common welfare policy.

Common Welfare will get the opportunity to change its own policy.

3. **H&I – Tony C**

- As many of you know at present, we have 14 facilities we bring meetings to. We are in the process of adding 2 more.
- At the end of each year the COORDINATORS for those facilities are open for electing a new coordinator.
- With the SPIRIT OF ROTATION in mind **please consider stepping up** for one of the facilities. (see attachment) You must be present at the subcommittee meeting the **last Sunday of October or November** to qualify yourself.
- **Requirements:** Attend monthly subcommittee meeting either in person or virtually the last Sunday of each month at 3:30pm. Give report. Order and pick up literature. Discuss needs within the area., etc. 90-minute meeting max.

2. NEW FACILITY needs coordinator and volunteers:

NEW ENTRY - 1808 Webberville Rd, Austin
Flexible meeting times for you to choose from:

M 6pm

T 6pm

W 1130am

Th 1030am OR 6pm

Sat 9am

You must go to a 15-minute orientation with the administrator Capreisha (832-882-2684 ext. 172)
She is available the 1st or 3rd Thursday of each month
9am or 6pm
Fill out paperwork, copy of DL required.

This is a commitment so do not volunteer to coordinate if you cannot attend subcommittee and be available for the time slot you choose (only 1 for right now)

Willow Springs – only one person showed up at the meeting. Tammy will start going out there to bring a meeting.

Willing to orientation on Zoom on appointments basis.

Asking for reimbursement, \$21. Approve.

4. Public Relations – Ann Marie

- Outreach
 - Out and about was visited in July. It was noted that they were carrying a clear message and following traditions. They need support.
 - Our Facilitator's request to visit Promise of Freedom and Courage to Change have not yet been able to be fulfilled.
- PI
 - PR partnered with HI to visit a facility in Giddings to provide information and a possible meeting. The visit did not result in establishing a meeting at their location but was an opportunity to provide information. Progressing with a detailed process regarding making contacts with other organizations for presentations.
 - Exploring the following ideas:
 - Donating Basic Texts to libraries and a possible fundraiser to do
 - Pharmacy cards
 - Retrieving previously used media ads.

Please email pr@ctana.org one week prior to the area for any future meeting schedule requests as we order them as needed.



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Requesting approval of approximately \$100.00 for sound equipment for the DJs for the rave.

Phone Line

Please know, our phone line facilitator will no longer be serving in this position next year. Please start announcing so that we may be able to fill the position during the next elections. We are experiencing an individual or individuals harassing the volunteers of the helpline. Two volunteers have quit without notice because of the abuse and one volunteer responded in kind and informed me. I'm trying to figure out the number of the perpetrator and block him from phone.com if I'm able. More will be revealed. Any suggestions welcome. There are two alternate shifts available.

Friday 8am-12pm

Saturday 6-10pm.

If interested please, contact Patrick at the information provided below.

Patrick H.

Phoneline Coordinator

512-844-7959

phoneline@ctana.org

No Elections

Next meeting: September 8th, 2024, at RFATX.
Proposals must be made by August 31st, 2024.
Meeting adjourned at.