

AASC Minutes for June 2016

OPENING OF THE MEETING: Alan M @ 630pm

READINGS:

Service Prayer- Wayne

Decorum Statement- Marie

Twelve Traditions- Eric

Twelve Concepts- Victorious

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:

ROLL CALL: (½ plus one = quorum) 18/20 groups

NEW GROUPS TO BE RECOGNIZED: None

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: Remove Better Life Group and No More Bent Blinds from quorum

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS: Reports submitted are included here.

CHAIR-Alan M. No Report.

VICE CHAIR: Doug P. Vice Chair Report June 6, 2016

I want to thank the Subcommittees for all their work.

- Activities – Best Memorial Day picnic that I can recall. I also want to acknowledge the Bingo Fund Raiser. Wonderful committee there.
- PI -- I appreciate the work by our Public Information committee. They are really getting a handle on the I Ps. I feel like PI Chair is growing in enthusiasm and vision. Solid if not large committee there.
- H&I – I really appreciate what Michael P is doing. I feel there is a steady hand at the helm of what is currently a little boat in a sea of lots of demand. Michael is a solid and his steadfast attracts volunteers. Michael is announcing the H&I opportunity at all the meetings.

I want to discuss using google groups to improve our communication whether we go with the GSF or not. I plan to start something this week. It is not complicated. I am remiss not having started it already.

In loving service,

Doug P.

SECRETARY: Melissa C Thank you Maike for covering me last month. Please continue to email reports to aascnasecretary3@gmail.com

In Loving Service, Melissa C.

TREASURER:. Reports attached to email

GROUP REPORTS: Secretary received reports from the following groups, unless otherwise noted

CLEAN & SERENE: Doug \$0 (has a \$75 donation but didn't bring to area) Clean and Serene Report June 6, 2016 Clean Has \$75 To donate this month. Both The Sunday Meeting at Holy Family And the Literature Study Meeting at Saint Anthony's On Thursday Are doing fine. We Lost our Saint Anthony Key and Saint Anthony Kindly replaced it; we are grateful to Saint Anthony. We are on the 12Th Tradition This Thursday, So we are having a conversation whether to resume with Step 1 Next week or read the Basic Text. We Will decide on Thursday June 16Th . Our Group is represented at both PI And the H&I subcommittees. We Lack representation at the Activities Committee currently

- We care about Activities, But we are just stretched thin. We Have four home group members. The Saint Anthony Literature Study Could use some support. It Is the east most meeting in town and serves the Mountain View area. We Are ready to vote on motions and elections. We Have a Literature Motion To introduce. Doug P

EAGLE RIVER GROUP- Michelle Z. \$15 The Eagle River group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Joy Lutheran Church located at, 10111 Eagle River Road in Eagle River Alaska 99577. We meet on, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday's from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Eagle River group has \$15.00 to donate to area. We are prepared to vote on all issues. Blessed To Serve. Michelle Z

FROZEN CHOZEN: Wayne- \$20 Wayne, GSR for Frozen Chosen, we meet Mon.-Thur., 7:30pm-8:30pm. We are located behind Skateland, between the Old & New Seward Hwys. close to Dimond Blvd. We are willing & able to vote on all matters. I have \$20.00 to donate to Area. Thank you for letting me be of service. Sincerely, Wayne.

GONG SHOW: Peter \$20 Peter addict,
The gong show meets 6-7p.m. upstairs at the alano club mon-thurs. We have a text study meeting on Monday, a tag mtg. On Tues. and a popsicle stick mtg. on Wednesdays. Our attendance is averaging 10-15 with some newcomers regularly. We are stocked up on literature and supplies. Rent is paid and we are ready to vote. We have a \$20 donation this month. In loving service,
Peter P.

HIGHER GROUND: Marie \$100 Written Report

CLAIM YOUR SEAT: James \$0

James addict,
I am the GSR for claim your seat. We meet every day of the week at the anchorage Alano club. Sunday-Thursday we meet at from 930pm-1030pm and Friday and Saturday we meet from 11pm-12am with game night on Thursday after the meeting. Our business meeting is held on the Wednesday prior to area at the village inn on Spenard at 7pm. Our meeting attendance varies from 10-20 addicts seeing a few newcomers at most meetings. We currently are stocked up on keytags and have some literature. Ready to vote on all matters. No money to donate at this time ILS,
James and the claim your seat meeting

LIFESAVERS Viva \$53 Lifesavers it's a small group of dedicated addicts that meets Monday Wednesday and Friday from 2ish to 3ish, everybody is welcome to come to our meeting before the meeting at New Sagaya on 13th Ave around 1:15ish. We love and welcome all newcomers after all they are the focus of our primary purpose. We would love to have additional home group members. We are financially solvent, are ready to vote on all matters, and we have a \$53.00 donation for this month and last month. In loving service.

Viva

THE MEETING ON THE CORNER: Sid \$20 Written Report

MORNING AFTER: Mike L. \$43 Morning After has elected Mark H. as Temporary GSR; and it reports as follows: We meet at Peggy's on Sunday 10 AM to 11 AM; we are donating \$43.50 to AREA; we are ready to vote on all Motions and candidates; we are averaging some 5--10 each Sunday; Mike L. is resigning as GSR, as he is leaving soon for an extended absence from the State. --Mike L. (Ex-GSR for Morning After Group)

NA AT THE VA: Duffy \$30 Written Report

THE NA WAY: Charley \$0 written report

OUR GRATITUDE SPEAKS: Keith \$88

OUT AND ABOUT: Chris \$10

ROUNDAABOUT: Victorious \$0

SISTERS IN THE SOLUTION: Nichole \$9 Written Report

UNITY, ACCEPTANCE, ADDICTION: Grant \$20

WALK YOUR TALK Maike \$50 Donation

We meet Monday through Saturday from 12-1 at First Baptist Church on 27th. Corner of Northern Lights and la Touché Our attendance has improved ... We have potluck lunch on Wednesday please join us. Bring a dish or just enjoy. We have a donations of \$50.00 to make.

We are ready to vote In grateful service, Maike

907 RECOVERY: Morgan \$10 Written Report

BETTER LIFE GROUP: Absent

NO MORE BENT BLINDS: Absent

VALLEY GSF: Absent

1/8th of Hope: Absent

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: All submitted reports are included.

NEWSLETTER: POSITION OPEN

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Chris M verbal report

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS: Michael P. Our last H&I meeting was a success. Victorious S. has volunteered to be the panel leader for Hiland Mountain. Anthony B. has become the panel leader for Genesis House. Also, we are requesting \$100 for literature ILS, Michael Parker

ACTIVITIES: Rob T. See please attached report.

LITERATURE: Erik M verbal report

CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT: Dave L. Not Present

RCM REPORT: My name is Arlene; I'm an addict.

AK Region Service Committee still has the following positions still open at the Regional level with the following clean time requirements as follows:

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| 1. Vice-Chair | 7 years, 1 year of Regional service |
| 2. Treasurer | 5 years, 2 years Regional or Area level service |
| 3. Public Information | 5 years, 2 years Area level service |
| 4. Literature | 5 years, 2 years Area level service |

Would very much appreciate eligible service members to step up and participate.

Our Regional Chairperson asks all Groups to review the Regional draft guideline changes and open for comment. Also would like all the Groups to verify the Regional phone list by Area accuracy. One last item to change the Regional Secretary email from Susan S. to Summer K.

The next ARSC meeting is Jun 25th, 2016, 2 pm at the Golden Heart Fairbanks Blowout, in person or telephonically.

Teleconferenced

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Kenai Men of Kenai had their 1st annual Men's Retreat in May 1 to 3, 2016. Many events have happened so far, according to Facebook posts, it looks like all were well attended, but I don't have any details. Check akna.org website for more upcoming events. That's all I have. In loving service, Arlene L. Anchorage Regional RCM

Sharing Session

ADHOC Area Committee- There will be a walk through of the BP building 9as a new location for Area) 6/15/2016 from 630-830pm 1014 Energy Center Court. Jen B.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion from GSF to rotate area and GSF meetings Yes-4 No-7 Abstain-7 Motion doesn't pass

Motion to waive area service requirements for Jenn B, Victorious for activities and Nick B for Newsletter Yes- 11 No-1 Abstain-6

Activities Chair Vote

Jenn B Yes-12 No-1 Abstain- 5

Victorious Yes-3 No-8 Abstain-7

Newsletter Chair Vote

Nick B. yes-13 No-0 Abstain-4

Congratulations to the new Chairs!

NEW BUSINESS:

Clean and Serene brings a motion for literature- please see motion attached to email. Note- Friendly amendments were made to strike the word "it's" from first sentence in item one. Also, to scratch what is in parenthesis in item one. Also to scratch the 3rd and 4th bullet points under "Intent" Amendments were voted on and passed.

Invitation for Sub Committee Nominations

Alt Secretary- Open

Alt Treasurer- Open

Recap of Action Items:

Motion from Clean and Serene

Announcements

Walk through of BP Building for new Area Meeting location 6/15 from 630-830pm 1014 Energy Center Court

Next Area meeting July 11 630pm at Peggy's

Motion to close

June 6, 2016

TO: Anchorage Area NA Group

FROM: Frank Z.

RE: June Treasurer's Report

This past month, I balanced our books; I paid phone service 82.40, and the rent for our storage unit of 92.00. We have a Bank Balance of \$2804.36.

Frank Z

Literature Motion

Clean and Serene makes a motion that the Literature subcommittee adopt the following practices:

1. That Literature subcommittee bring its literature stock to the Area meeting for sales. Literature subcommittee can continue to deliver literature but this simplifies distribution since the literature subcommittee and the groups attend the Area subcommittee. (in case the GSF motion passes, then Literature subcommittee would attend the GSF too.)
2. Literature will not make orders from NAWs that are under \$500. For all but special orders, we get 15% off from NAWS when we buy in bulk over \$500. (15% generally pays for the freight cost. 15% of \$500 is \$75.)

Intent of the Motion:

- i. The intent is to better serve the groups and the Literature subcommittee by making sales more convenient.
 - Generally groups have a meeting soon before Area so the groups can figure out their literature order while they are deciding their 7th Tradition.
 - This is a convenient arrangement because both the Literature subcommittee and the groups attend the Area meeting
 - This is pretty common practice in other places.
 - In the case where the Literature subcommittee hands over literature sales receipts to the treasury, this is convenient because the groups, literature, and treasurer are all at the meeting.
- ii. The intent of the 2nd part is based on prudent use of funds.
 - The 11th concept says that “NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly”. Paying an extra 15 % is not responsible.
 - From March 2015 to Feb 2016, our Area bought \$5460 worth of literature, which is approximately \$455 per month. In other words, Area can buy \$500 worth of literature almost once per month.

May 21, 2016

Anchorage GSF

Agenda

Serenity Prayer

Service Statement

Concepts

Meeting:

1. How do we move a motion along in a timely manner if we are going to go 2 months between meetings?
2. What about announcements and other communication? Can we improve communication by using Google Groups.
3. Is this a “top down” structure, promulgated from NAWS? Discuss this.
4. Discuss the Local Service Board (executive committee and Subcommittee chairs) meeting separately from the GSF when the Area does not meet. This is so in the NAWS “SSP model”. Provisionally, this is included in the draft motion to alternate GSF and Area (attached).
5. Do we collect 7th Tradition at the GSF? If so then the Treasurer needs to go to the GSF.
6. Continue discussion about who should go to the GSF.
 - a. Should Anchorage GSRs go to the Anchorage GSF? Should an Anchorage GSF representative go to the Valley GSF?
 - b. Valley GSRs should go to the Valley GSF. Should the Valley GSF representative to Area go to the Anchorage GSF?
 - c. Should Area V. Chair or Chair go to the Anchorage GSF? And to the Valley GSF?
 - d. Should RCM go to the GSF?
7. How do we separate the “Service Improvement” (herein called “planning”) meetings from the “Group Support” topics? Area improvement is fertile ground for growth, but we neglect group support at our peril. “Building Strong Home groups” is important to anyone who belongs to a group, particularly any that are struggling, and there are a number of those.

Group Support Forum – Notes

May 21, 2016

The agenda (attached) of this GSR was a continuation of “Alternating GSF with Area Committee Meeting”, which we held last month.

Present:

Mike Meeting on the Corner
Lou Ann Round About
Susan S the NA Way
Frank Z Area Treasurer
Michelle Z Eagle River
Doug P Clean and Serene
Mike L Morning After
Keith (absent) but his feedback is included.
Our Gratitude Speaks

We opened with the Serenity Prayer, and read the Concepts and Vision for NA Service.

1. What about getting motions passed? There was a discussion about approving “urgent” motions. For instance we do not have an Activities Chair and we need to waive service requirements for the nominees (and vote on a nominee.)

Point was made that most motions are not very urgent but things come up that are urgent that require a vote of the groups.

Lou Ann suggested that the Chair could call a special meeting. Going further, the Chair could take a straw poll at the Area meeting if members would support a special meeting prior to vote on such and such a motion, which gets around the Chair just deciding what is urgent or not. Brief “special meetings” could be before the GSF.

2. There were concerns regarding changing the nature of the GSF and Area.

Susan shared that the GSF is currently small and anyone can contribute and be listened to. “Area” is a bigger platform and it will be more difficult for members to speak up; Area can be more intimidating and GSF will lose some its intimacy.

Doug responded that yes some of the intimacy of a “small” meeting would be lost, but that more voices would bring more ideas, and make for a better understanding or conscience. Members are more likely to show up to a Monday meeting because they are used to it.

Michelle shared that there is something about the Area meeting every month that fosters something, such as unity and respect, or just consistency, that may be lost if Area does not meet monthly.

Response was that we would not lose that intangible by alternating GSF and Area monthly. The Groups should send a GSR (or at least a group member) to represent at the GSF, which would maintain the sense of community and continuity.

3. Doug summarized a conversation he had with Keith because Keith raised good points. Keith felt that the 2015 experiment with the GSF alternating with Area (June and July 2015) was a “failure” primarily because we had problems collecting the 7th Tradition. Doug disagreed saying that groups that generally donate 7th tradition *do* save their 7th and donate it when Area reconvenes. And revenues are down in July and August anyway because attendance drops off a bit in summer. The root of the money problem in 2015 was that “our” bank account was so low because Activities was inactive. And if Area had to, it could collect 7th at the GSF.

Trying to get at Keith’s general opposition to the motion, Keith feels that we have been making progress at Area lately because Area is meeting monthly. Literature had been such a problem for a while and we spent a lot of Area meeting time on it, but we resolved it and now we are moving on. Why change it.

4. Communication: Doug introduced the idea of Google groups. Doug reported that he has a courtesy membership to the Dallas Area Google groups. Doug has been getting subcommittee chair reports, treasury reports, GSR group reports, notices of events (including GSF, Area meeting, service planning meetings, speaker jams, etc.), and requests for help in a few cases such as at an activities dance. Doug does not understand the administration end of it but he has been looking at Google groups on You Tube.

In his discussion with Keith, Doug brought up the idea of a Google groups to bolster communication. Keith liked that and said he could get on board with alternating Area and GSF if we implemented the Google groups.

5. Who should go to the GSF?

Mike and Lou Ann were pretty sure that the GSRs (or at least someone from a group if not the GSR) should attend the GSF. Lou Ann said that way the GSRs know what is going on. No one voiced any opposition to this.

We did not talk about the need for others to go to the GSF.

6. Other comments

- “There will be some confusion about what is meeting each month”; is it the GSF or the Area? Doug responded that we could develop a 12-month calendar alternating green and yellow for the months when the GSF and Area met. Also, Dallas Area has a calendar with three meetings the meet quarterly and they do it that way.
- We could use “Blackboard” instead of Google Groups. There are probably other tools out there.

7. Why bother with the GSF.
 - Doug replied to this. The best reason for the GSF is that it is a discussion based forum. Discussion is limited to the Sharing session at Area, or in the course of a motion. Both are very limited because the fellowship won't tolerate a long area meeting.
8. Mike suggested that at each GSF, the facilitator pose "Is there any issues that any group has?"

Follow Up:

The following were agenda items that we did not address.

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2. What Area officers should go to the GSF? Chair, V. Chair, Secretary?
3. How do we select a Facilitator?
4. How do we separate the "Service Improvement" (herein called "planning") meetings from the "Group Support" topics? Area improvement is fertile ground for growth, but we neglect group support at our peril. "Building Strong Home groups" is important to anyone who belongs to a group, particularly any that are struggling, and there are a number of those.
 - Doug – the more I think about this, I believe we should go to a quarterly system of meetings: Area, Planning, and GSF. That way GSF is for groups support only.