

Area meeting minutes for 3.4.19

OPENING OF THE MEETING: 6:30

READINGS: Service Prayer- Chelsa

Decorum Statement- Ryan

Twelve Traditions- Melissa

12 Concepts-Coral

Vision for NA Service- Sean C

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:

ROLL CALL: 13 out of 11 groups ($\frac{1}{2}$ plus one = quorum)

NEW GROUPS TO BE RECOGNIZED: valley nooner yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain 1

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: none

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CHAIR: absent/no report emailed

VICE CHAIR: Hi family my name is Corry and I am an addict. Thank you all for being here. I have motion forms available. If you need a motion brought forward, you will need to fill out the form, and hand it in to the chair before the start of the meeting. if you have ny questions please contact me at 884-6166. It is very important we repret NA in a proffessional manner. We need to keep our voices low. Please do not be disruptive in ANY way and must treat the staff here with respect, using appropriate language and tone when speaking to them. There are other meetings going on in this building.... it is a place of business.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Corry C.

SECRETARY: My name is Marcy and I am an addict.

Good evening family. My apologies for my absence but I had a work conflict that wont allow me to make this area. Thank you Maike for stepping up and helping me serve.

Just a reminder that I need everyone to have their reports into me by the Friday following area at aascnasecretary3@gmail.com. I'm noticing not everyone attending Area is getting their reports in so if you need the email pls see Maike after the meeting.

Working with others is only the beginning of service work. NA service allows us to spend much of our time directly helping suffering addicts, as well as ensuring that Narcotics Anonymous itself survives. This way we keep what we have by giving it away.

Basic Text, “what can I do”

See you next time.

Trusted Servant

Marcy L.

TREASURER: no report emailed

RCM: absent

GROUP REPORTS:

CLEAN & SERENE: My name is Shannon and I am an addict.

C&S meets Sunday evenings (8 p.m.) at Holy Family Cathedral on 5th and G St in the basement and Thursday evenings (6:15 p.m.) at St. Anthony's on 9th Ave and Klevin.

The Thursday edition is a literature study while the Sunday edition is an open format meeting. We are well attended by NA members and newcomers. Tonight we are donating \$70.

I am prepared to vote on all action items.

ILS,

Shannon

EAGLE RIVER GROUP: GSR REPORT

The Eagle River Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Joy Lutheran Church, located at 10111 Eagle River Road in Eagle River. We have been meeting every Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Recently our attendance has been averaging about 6 addicts . We generally have at least 2 newcomers at each meeting. We also have several addicts with multiple years of clean time at each meeting.

FROZEN CHOZEN: . Frozen chosen meets Monday through Thursday from 730-830pm at the Dry Dock 8141 Briarwood downstairs. We are current with rent payments, and also have treatment centers that attend regularly. Average meeting attendance is 30-40 addicts. We have an average of 2-3 newcomers. We have service positions available, and welcome home group members. As a home group, I would like to recognize group members that have committed their time to service positions. Thank you. Our business meetings are held the last Monday of the month before area. We have \$50 to donate this month.

In loving service, Ryan.

VALLEY NOONER: present no report emailed

HIGHER GROUND: *Higher ground group meets 7 days a week at the Wasilla Alamo club from 7 to 8 p.m.*

Meeting attendance has been 15 to 30 addicts regularly.

We donated \$50 to area fir March.

In loving service,

Chelsa

Out and About: present no report emailed

WALK YOUR TALK: GSR Report for Walk YourTalk

We meet Monday through Saturday from 12-1 at First Baptist Church on 27th. Corner of Northern Lights and LaTouche

We have \$50 to donate.

We have a motion we would like to bring and a follow up motion if the groups vote yes on the original motion, #1 regarding using the Area Inventory tool .

Ready to vote as a representative of our group conscious

In grateful loving service

Maike M

907 RECOVERY: absent

LIFESAVERS: present no report emailed

SISTERS IN SOLUTION: Hello Chelsi addict

Sisters meets Sunday's at 2 pm downstairs at the Alamo club. We have all literature,

Supplies, and almost caught up on rent. We are averaging 5-15 woman a meeting and always in need of support though we are having monthly speakers that is bringing in great attendance. We have our business meeting next week and will be discussing reaching out to treatment facilities with a flyer for our homegroup. We are also working on a fundraiser for convention and will be bringing back na prom we hope to collaborate with

some other home groups so if your interested please reach out to one of us! We have no nominations this month and ready to vote on all matters.\$10 to area and nominte Joe R for activites.

Thank you,

Sasha Turnos

THE NA WAY:present no report emailed

EASTSIDE SOLUTIONS:Eastside solutions meets every Tuesday night from 6pm to 7pm at st. Innocent cathedral at 401 turpin st. in the basement. We are current with rent, average attendance is about 4 addicts per meeting right now and 1 or newcomers are consistently attending. We have service positions available, and are in need of home group members. We do not have donations at this time, but look forward to more support so we can donate in the future. We are going to abstain from all votes at this time. In loving service, Abraham.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

NEWSLETTER: Family,

I am so sorry that I couldn't be here in person to read my report.

I dropped off this month's newsletter and have gotten some submissions and ideas from other chairpersons and appreciate the involvement lately.

If you might know anyone who is interested in submitting their story, poetry or other unique writings, I'd be happy to review them!

I'm starting to get the swing of things on this committee finally so I should be able to keep them coming monthly from here on out.

ILS,

Amy U

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS: H&I meets the Monday after Area at 6:00pm at Wings and Things. We have a list of treatment centers we are serving. We will publish that in the next newsletter with the times, dates and clearance requirements for each place. Highland women's meeting is back at 2:00 pm Saturday and needs panel leaders.

In loving service,

Frank Z

907-242-6717

ACTIVITIES: The Area activities committee is moving along quite nicely for the 40th NA birthday. we have been meeting every sat at 5pm to plan the event. thus far we have sold 60 tickets with potential of about ten in Kenai. with 30 tickets for

the door. I've confirmed Nancy B. from Fairbanks for the speaker meeting. Susan will be donating the decorations. we have them. the banner is getting worked on don't have a price on that yet. The venue is roughly 350 the expenses thus far have been \$93 and we have a total before Kenai sales of 798. we anticipate 50 more ticket sales. so 150. the food budget could be around 650 To 800. we have coffee, water and sugar and creamer. The slide show is done and will be during the dinner it is 20 min long set to music. We have set the dead line for tickets for March 14th. I have contacted and dropped off fliers to all treatment centers so most of them are going to show up for the speaker meeting! in loving service JOE R.

LITERATURE: Hello family

We did \$166 in sales last month, all the funds have been turned over to the treasurer.

I placed an order for \$346.14 last month- thank you to the area for approving that so I can continue to serve the groups.

Please text your orders to 907-205-7722.

In loving service

Melissa Sanders

907-205-7722

CONVENTION REPORT: present no report emailed

AD-HOC REPORT: .AD-HOC Committee Final Report Anchorage Area, March 4 2019

To define an ad-hoc committee for those who may not be familiar with it; An Ad-hoc committee is formed to investigate a specific issue on behalf of the groups and report back with the intent of enabling the groups to make an informed decision. The Ad-Hoc committee is not a decision making body it is formed to free the groups to better do what we do at the group level without distraction.

The groups tasked the Ad-Hoc with answering the question of "why probation officers (D.O.C.), treatment centers and other organizations are not allowing their participants or clients to come to meetings at the Alano Club in Anchorage?"

To this end we formed a committee of 10 including the P.I. Chair, the H.I. Chair, members that regularly attend meetings at the Alano Club, members that regularly attend meetings elsewhere in the area and members who attend meetings in the valley. Prior to our first meeting I had one on one conversations with everyone about the task at hand and tradition 4 (group autonomy), tradition 6 (endorsements real or perceived), tradition 10 (outside issues) and concept 12(service to the groups not government) in trying to find a consensus with in the framework of the traditions on how to complete our task.

At our first meeting we listed treatment centers to contact with in the Anchorage area. In the course of the discussion we decided that just because the issue was raised at the Alano in Anchorage perhaps it could indicate an issue with all club houses including the valley.

Also discussed was the potential to create some confusion between what we were doing and the ongoing work that the PI and HI subcommittees are doing. To solve this we scripted questions to ask within the framework of the traditions. What we came up with is as follows:

1. What is your policy regarding Clients attending outside 12 step programs?
2. Are there any restrictions or limitations regarding where your clients can go?
3. If yes — document the nature of restrictions and ask for clarification if needed. We want to understand where the concern is coming from and why?

By our second and third meetings we started to get picture of what the perception is within the treatment community. Concerning D.O.C. we spoke to members who work professionally in the field and treatment centers who work closely with wellness court, probation officers and furloughed clients.

Our list included 14 treatment centers (1 of which is a halfway house), of those only 5 reported issues with club houses either past or present.

Akeela House/stepping stones-As a group they do not attend meetings at the Anchorage Alano (they do attend other outside meeting)but individually there are no restrictions.

Genesis House-reports no restrictions as a facility but the counselor who takes their clients to outside meetings has had experience with clients refusing to go in because they don't feel safe or have legal issues (restraining orders, felon contact etc.) or have been offered drugs; so as a rule he no longer takes genesis clients to the Alano.

Wisdom Traditions-Reports from clients to a counselor, over the last three years (with the exception of the women's meeting at the Alano Club), that they have been approached outside of NA meetings at the Alano Club by someone from the meetings to buy drugs. Reports no other issues with NA meetings.

Nugens Ranch-reports a one time restriction from the Alano in Wasilla but that has past as the Wasilla Alano changed some policies to protect their Environment and satisfied the concerns of nugens ranch.

Clitheroe- They are not allowed to go to the Alano Club due to the restriction that is written into the client furlough by D.O.C.. When asked if there were any specific meetings Clithero said no that it had been a build up of different things that had happened there with no specific event or happenings and couldn't go into detail.

Incidental findings as a result of our conversations with treatment centers include:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Not all treatment centers follow a 12 step philosophy and have no opinion or recommendation on if their clients attend 12 step meetings. This included wellness court and some probation officers.

More than one facility was looking for better support for in-house meetings (the Dom, Cordova house) and The midtown half-way house for women want a meeting brought into them. (The H.I. Sub-committee is aware and needs support)

It is clear in the treatment community that NA is not affiliated with any one club house, church or facility that we rent meeting space from.

Questions that emerged from our discussion for the GSRs to take to the groups to consider:

1. What defines a meeting versus a group in the Anchorage Area? (tradition 4, The NA guide to local service and the Anchorage Area guidelines).
2. How can we better support the groups that are carrying a clear NA message of recovery?
3. How do we define what is an outside issue (none of our Business), and what is our business as a fellowship striving to carry a message of recovery to a suffering addict?
4. Keeping in mind that Area is a service body and not a governing body (concept 12) what are the limits of group autonomy?

Thank you for allowing me to serve the area in this capacity, its been humbling and inspiring to be apart of a diverse committee that really demonstrated what can happen when we join together in the spirit of unity. Everyone involved has been invested and committed to what we were doing and everyone contributed to this report. It has brought a real sense of connection to our fellowship and to my recovery.

In loving service, Alan

Sharing Session: Chris M : After listening and being a part of the ad-hoc committee he saw how important it is for PI and H&I to do out reach at treatment centers, PO officers, churches, club houses etc and need support. Our NA reputation is important, It is good to be reminded and encouraged.

Shannon: Stated Subcommittee meetings are at odd times and are hard to make the meetings because of the time.

Alan M: People need to Support PI and H&I not just by attending the meetings.. If you cant make the subcommittee meeting call the sub-chair and ask how to be of service. You can still do service. Phone numbers are on schedule..

Alec: Reminded everyone to email convention report updates to web servant.

Sasha: shared need to focus on groups at alano club who are working to carry the message. Alano saved her life. Her homegroup Sisters in Solution are making flyers for treatment centers.

Corry: Reminded/asked all members to be aware of how they represent NA in public.... language especially how we treat staff at meeting places etc.

ad-hoc: Committee report was read. 0 questions. Encouraged GSRs to bring to groups and discuss. please see questions at end of report.

Joe R,: needs storage locker combo.... help.... Alan to assist.

Old Business: Need Public Information subcommittee nominations

New Business:

:Motion #1

Walk Your Talk would like to make a motion that Area conduct an Area Service Inventory using World Service Inventory tool

Some examples of what the Inventory could bring up:

Area to do a GSR Learning Days

Ask Area to form an Ad-hoc Committee to find out why Treatment Centers and Parole Officers ban their clients from attending meetings at the Alano Club.

Do a Guidelines Learning Days

Have a Concepts and Traditions workshop

Motion #2

We motion that Area form an AdHoc Committee to identify how to best or most effectively conduct an Area inventory using the NA World recommended Area Inventory Tool and how to implement the results.

Rational- To help groups who may be unfamiliar with the tool use the tool to identify and communicate their needs and give suggestions on how to implement the results.

Walk your talk nominated Frank Z for H& I and Melissa S for literature

H&I Qualifications Frank Z

Hi,

I have been A patient/client/inmate of hospitals and institutions and have a passion for this service. I have a sponsor in narcotics anonymous and I am a sponsor in narcotics anonymous. I have worked the 12 steps numerous times and I'm on step 9 now. I have been involved with H&I ever since I got clean on 1-28 2007. I've been a GSR for my Home group and served all other positions there. Beside helping on H&I sub-committe, I've helped on the activities committee the newsletter committee convention committee. I was the past area treasurer. I am able and willing to be the H&I chair.

Literature Qualifications Melissa S. Hello family

I have 9 years clean as of February 4.

I have been GSR for home group

Group Treasurer

Activities chair

Convention entertainment chair

Area secretary two terms.

And literature chair for the past year.

I have a sponsor, sponsees, and am currently working the 12 steps and have working knowledge of the 12 traditions.

Sisters in the solution nominate Joe R for Activities.

Joe R qualifications

I have 11 years clean. I am currently pro teemed as the activates chair. Group level service work includes GSR coffee maker set up clean up of meetings speakers jams. coffee maker. treasure service for NA includes chair for entertainment for convention. helping various events for NA over my 11+ years Dj ing events helping set up and clean up events. I work well with helping set up venues and working with the community for NA events. Ive been on activates comitte now for 6 months and helped with all events we have had. currently planning the 40th Birth day program . I am able to make it to area now that I only work part time. I'n loving service Joe R.

Recap of action items: Ad-Hoc committee submitted final report please read in minutes under AD-HOC report. Please take back questions from ad-hoc report to the groups for discussion. Read motions #1 & #2 and take back to groups for discussion/voting along with subcommittee qualifications for voting at next area. Need nomination For Public information subcommittee. Represent NA respectfully in public. Participate in PI and H&I in any way.

Next area meeting is 4.01.19 at 6:30pm at BP energy center 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage AK 99508

Announcements: NA Birthday 40th SAT March 16th at Lady of Quadaloupe 3900 Wisconsin St Doors open at 5. Contact Joe R with any questions H&I needs a new panel leader @ HMCC asap. Covention Fundraiser May 4th

Motion to close: