

***Alaska Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous XXVIII  
Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2012***

Opened 2:06 PM: Serenity Prayer

Twelve Traditions: Catelyn S.

Twelve Concepts: Kathy W.

Roll Call – Chris M. – Executive Committee only

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Amendments to the Meeting Minutes – None – Allen M. motioned to approve.

### **Executive Committee**

**Chair Report – Rick M.:** Hi Family My Name is Rick and I'm an addict. Thank you all for participating in the convention committee for 2012. I am very excited to see so many people show up to help and get involved in service. I have received lots of positive feedback from many of you. Last week after our meeting I hung out and participated in the entertainment and fundraising committee. It was awesome to see 11 or 12 addicts working vigilantly together in unity to expedite our first fundraiser. Thank you Catelyn and all who participated you all did an awesome job! Hopefully today all our subcommittee chair positions will be filled and we can move forward with the fun part of our planning. I wanted to share something I read from our literature that reminds me of why I love N.A. It is in regards to unity. Unity is not uniformity. Unity springs from the fact that we have unity of purpose-to recover, and to help others stay clean. We can't impose our ideas of unity on others or confuse unity with uniformity. In fact a big attraction of the NA program is the absence of uniformity. Unity springs from our common purpose, not from the standards imposed on the group by a few well-meaning members. A group that has the unity which springs from the loving hearts of its members allows each addict to carry the message in his or her unique way. I thank my higher power and you my brothers and sisters for allowing me to serve. ILS Rick M.

**Vice Chair Report – Chris M.:** I have little to report. My primary function is to attend sub-committee meetings. I will try to the best of my ability to make as many as I can. Work will sometimes keep me away. Please notify me if you have any questions. I am here for your assistance and guidance only not to micro manage your sub-committees.

**Secretary – Kathy W.:** Email will be the method of distribution of meeting minutes and agendas. I would ask that all sub-committee chairs to come prepared by printing off an agenda as well as provide me with a written report at each meeting. If you do not have a written report, please email the report as soon as possible. If the report doesn't get emailed in a timely manner I will request a copy at the next meeting. There will be a sign-in sheet at every meeting. This will be used for voting eligibility questions and will be attached to each meeting's minutes.

**Treasurer – Terri B.:** Meet with the prior treasurer and will make a time to go to the bank. I shared budget information from a prior convention with the Vice Chair and Chair. I will put together a system for tracking money and will be accountable to the fellowship.

## **Sub-Committee Reports**

**Entertainment & Fundraising: Catelyn S.** – Hello everyone! Everything is perfect. All plans are pretty much in place. We will be meeting for some fine details and will be asking for a budget at the next meeting. Depending on the outcome tonight we will be setting a permanent date and time for our meetings. Thanks for letting me be of service. Catelyn. Treasurer asked how much money was needed to put the event on. \$300.00

**Hotels and Hospitality: Vacant**

**Convention Information: Vacant**

**Registration: Vacant**

**Arts & Graphics: Vacant**

**Programming: Vacant**

**Merchandise: Vacant**

## **Old Business:**

1. Nominations:
  - a. Merchandise - None
  - b. Convention Information – None
  - c. Hotels & Hospitalities – None
  - d. Programming – None
  - e. Registration – None
  - f. Entertainment & Fundraising – None
  - g. Arts & Graphics – None
2. Executive Committee will adjourn to decide Sub-Committee Chairs
  - a. Merchandise - Tammy Mc.
  - b. Convention Information – Isaac H.
  - c. Hotels & Hospitalities – Tony L.
  - d. Programming – Lori H.
  - e. Registration – Charlotte D.
  - f. Entertainment & Fundraising – Catelyn S.
  - g. Arts & Graphics – Dave L.

## **New Business**

1. Voting – Chris M. explained from the convention guidelines voting members of the committee. Members that aren't on the committee but attend meetings regularly are eligible to vote. This is subjective so we will have a sign in sheet. If a member that shows up to one meeting and wants to vote will not be considered eligible. Sub-committee voting should follow Roberts Rules of order.

## **Questions:**

Attendance: How many times will this committee allow a sub-committee chair to be absent? What are the expectations of this committee? It was suggested that the sub-committee chairs should not miss more than 2 meetings in a row and that life happens. A phone call or message to say that you wouldn't be able to attend would be appreciated. Discussion insured to ensure the committee that if a critical sub-committee wasn't following through then that sub-committee would be replaced. In short there is no clear answer to the questions and that they would be addressed if needed in the future.

Entertainment asked if they should bring their detailed plan for current and upcoming events to the next meeting. The answer was yes. Entertainment was having a meeting directly following this meeting.

Meetings will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 2:00pm at Peggy's. If this looks like it isn't going to work for everybody then a new date and time will be chosen.

## **Announcements:**

1. Next Meeting January 29, 2012 @ 2:00pm @ Peggy's
2. Fundraiser – February 10, 2012 Flyer is attached
3. Please bus your own dishes

Motion to close by Deirdre at 2:47pm.