

Anchorage Area Service Committee Meeting
Minutes of ~~October 2~~, December 4, 2006

Chair, Christine B, opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer at 6:30 p.m. The Service Prayer was read by Terry Sa., the Twelve Traditions by Ross B., and the Twelve Concepts by Heather.

Terri H called roll, with 11 of 14 GSRs present.
There were no new groups.
There were no amendments to the Agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS ... *written reports are filed with original copy of minutes.*

Chair: No written report, Christine noted that Area will be on the second Monday in January due to the holiday.

Vice-chair: Terri announced she would be meeting with subcommittee chairs immediately following the AASC meeting (which she did). She then read the Second Concept: "The final responsibility and authority for NA service rests with the NA groups." (Please see Second Concept attachment)

Secretary: November minutes approved. Nick asked all members to turn in written reports and motions and again passed around a contact list. (Please see Motion Form attachment)

Treasurer: Charlotte announced her resignation – she is moving out of town. Josh W. was appointed treasurer pro tem by the Chair (see New Business below)

GROUP REPORTS ... *written reports are filed with original copy of minutes.*

Clean & Serene: Donated \$75 to AASC.

Soul-2-Soul: Absent

The Frozen Chosen: Donated \$50 to AASC and \$25 to WSO. The group discussed moving its meeting into the kitchen room for all meetings. Dinner and a meeting by Geoff and Caitlyn in December and by Richard in January.

To the Point: Good attendance with lots of outside support. Ross B. is the new GSR.

The Gong Show: Absent

Saturday Night Live: Donated \$10 to AASC.

Out and About: Absent

Third Way: Donated \$50 to AASC. Group members discussed the study questions from the First Concept at their business meeting; thanks to Terri H. for the suggestion.

The Morning After: Group members discussed the First Concept at their business meeting. Meetings are averaging 20-25 addicts. Donated \$150.81 to AASC.

Dynamite Thursday Night: Attendance is good with several regular newcomers and treatment centers attending. Donated \$3.53 to AASC.

Round About: Donated \$100 to AASC. Attendance steady and strong.

NA at the VA: Meeting had 114 addicts attend in November. Donated \$30 to aASC.

Lady's Night Out: Donated \$19 to AASC. The meeting is struggling and would like other groups to be aware and announce that LNO meets on Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., at 611 W. 47th Ave.

One Day Today: Group initially had a nomination for Convention Committee chair, but after discussion withdrew the nomination.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Information: Provided new schedules. Announced upcoming Basic Text review (12/10). Is giving ongoing presentations at Alaska Human Services. Noted that information has been requested by Anchorage WIC office. Phone line working well. Promoted sales of convention CDs.

Hospitals & Institutions: Had a good turnout at the last subcommittee meeting. All presentations are going strong. Still looking for a few women to carry the message at Hiland Mountain.

Entertainment: The Fall Festival occurred, with a small turnout. The Thanksgiving Narathon had a good turnout for the initial meeting, after which attendance was sparse. The Christmas Narathon (see attached flyer) will therefore be limited to a 24-hour period starting at 6:00 p.m. on December 24th with a Chinese auction. The first meeting will be at 8 p.m. with meetings following on every even hour, and the last meeting at 6 p.m. Christmas Day. Ross B. has the sign-up sheet for addicts who want to chair a meeting. An accounting of recent events was provided to the treasurer.

Literature: Sales for the month of November were \$898.35.

Newsletter: None published; positions still vacant (nominations may be brought at any time for this position)

ARSC REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Regional Committee Member: Absent

Regional Committee Member Alternate: Position is vacant

Regional Convention Committee Chair: Position not yet filled (see New Business below) so nobody attending. The Convention Committee minutes of November 2 were discussed and provided to the secretary. The convention treasury has \$12,152.49 after bill were paid (though it was voiced that might not be an accurate accounting yet). The Hotels and Hospitality bill was \$14,766.80. Registration recorded 144 names and the Newcomer Fund was \$1,273.

OLD BUSINESS (all votes recorded as for/against/abstaining)

- 1) Vote on Geoff V. for Convention Committee Chair – 10/0/1 – Geoff voted in.
- 2) Vote on Out and About's motion to have the Alaska Region NA join the Asian Pacific Forum– 1/6/4. The motions failed.
- 3) No nominations were brought for any vacant Area or Region position.
- 4) Vote for Ron L for Regional Treasurer – 7/0/4 – Ron voted in.

NEW BUSINESS (all items are to go back to groups and to be voted on in January)

- 1) Third Way nominated Josh W. for AASC Treasurer (Qualifications: Has been literature representative and GSR for Third Way group; is currently and has held position of treasurer for Third Way for almost two years; has just been elected assistant treasurer; has met with outgoing treasurer and become familiar with all procedures and requirements of the position).
- 2) Third Way made a motion to waive the clean time requirements for Josh W. to allow him to be AASC Treasurer. Motion was seconded by NA at the VA.
- 3) The Morning After group brought a motion to have the ARSC PI start a statewide outreach plan with a timeline and budget, seconded by Dynamite Thursday Night.
- 4) The Morning After group brought a motion to have ARSC earmark \$2,500 for the purpose of outreach by the ARSC, seconded by Dynamite Thursday Night.
- 5) Clean and Serene brought a motion to have the Alaska Region NA increase the convention seed money from \$4,500 to \$6,000. Motion seconded by To the Point. The intent of the motion is: (To allow) Merchandise Subcommittee to buy sale items earlier, more competitively, and in greater quantity. The convention merchandise sold out last year. The seed will also fund additional auction items. Increasing the convention seed simply reduces cash flow stress ahead of the convention.

The above four motions and one nomination will all be voted on at the January 8, 2007 AASC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:40 p.m.

Next AASC meeting: Monday, January 8, 2007

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Second Concept: The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups.

The groups have final responsibility for and authority over the service structure they have created. By fulfilling their responsibility to provide their service structure with the conscience, ideas, people, and money it needs, the groups also exercise their authority. Conversely, the service structure must always look to the groups for support and direction.

Discussion Questions:

1. Does your group have any way of letting your area committee know whether it's meeting your needs? How?
2. Does your group's GSR regularly take part in ASC meetings? Do you regularly contribute to the ASC? Do these things give your group any say about the way NA services are administered? How?
3. How frequently is your group consulted on service matters by the ASC? The RSC? The WSC? Do you want to be consulted more often? Less often?

What does the Second Concept say to our service boards and committees? Does your group believe that message is heard and understood by our service structure? If not, what can your group do about it?