

**Anchorage Area Service Committee Meeting
Minutes of April 4th, 2008**

Chair, Rick M, opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer at 6:30 p.m. The Twelve Traditions were read by Josh, the Twelve Concepts by Howie, the Service Prayer by Alan M and the Decorum Statement by Joe C

Roll Call – 13 of 17 GSRs were present.

New Groups:

Amendments to Agenda: none

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

Chair: written report

- Thanks to Sean and Sandy for Area last month, met with both in order to better facilitate the meeting
- Orientation Adhoc has done a fabulous job
- Want to thank everyone who worked on the orientation adhoc committee with the IP, and the learning day which was great
- Its nice to see the unity and the fellowship at work looking forward to more with the 2 upcoming events
- 3 new meetings in the last couple of months
- 6th concept, Group conscience is the spiritual mean by which we invite a loving God to influence our decisions.

Vice-chair: written report

- Anchorage Area is alive and well
- Happy to be a part of this executive committee
- Looking forward to a year of staying humble and serving the anchorage area

Secretary:

There were no amendments to the minutes

Treasurer: Josh, electronic

Current balance of 2214.95

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Information sent electronic, secretary has cut and pasted into the minutes

Public Information Chair Report
Country Kitchen, 346 E. 5th Avenue
6:00 p.m. April 7, 2008

Hello Family,

I am an addict whose name is Daphne.

We have had several PI Subcommittee meetings since our last area meeting.

Topics discussed and planned:

The Learning Days event was held on Saturday, March 29th, 2008 at Freedom Frog, 3rd and Cordova, at the John Thomas Building from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. There were about 40 addicts in attendance throughout the day. It was great to see addicts listening and learning how to live a life without drugs. It was also great to see a lot of recovering addicts signing up for service work in PI and H&I.

Phone lines are going well. It was nice to see addicts wanting to do service work pertaining to phone lines.

Health Fairs – Susan has volunteered to be the contact person for Health Fairs. Anyone interested, please call Susan at 333-3462. Thank you to all who attended Learning Days and signed up for service work at the upcoming Health Fairs.

Alaska Human Services – Thank you to all addicts for sharing your experience, strength, and hope at Alaska Human Services.

34th Annual School on Addictions is approaching quickly, May 5th-7th, 2008. We will be presenting on May 7th, from 10:00 to 12:30. The title of our workshop is The Missing Link for Hospitals and Institutions. There will also be an Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on May 5th, 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel. We will have several PI Subcommittee meetings prior to this event. I would like to ask for \$95.00 for an exhibit table for three days. We will be setting up our table Sunday evening from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All presenters in the PI panel will not have to pay a registration fee.

We need someone to volunteer to sit at the exhibit table on Monday, May 5th and Tuesday, May 6th. I will be at the table on Wednesday, May 7th.

Monday, May 5th, 2008, from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6th, 2008, from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7th, 2008, from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Daphne

The Open NA Meeting will be taking place at the same time as Area next month. I may or may not be here. I will have a report present.

We have asked Ross to make us a banner. Thank you, Ross!

We will also be doing a mailout this month.

Money spent in March: \$64.63 for Learning Days

\$85.13 for April schedules

\$80.00 – banner

\$229.76 – total for the months of March and April, 2008

Next PI Subcommittee meeting will be April 13, 2008, at Country Kitchen, 346 E. 5th Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There will be more PI Subcommittee meetings scheduled at the meeting on April 13, 2008.

I will be passing out a schedule for everyone to make changes where needed.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

In loving service,

Daphne

Hospitals & Institutions: Kevin, written

- All presentations are going well, literature is in order and the learning days went well
- Thanks to the fellowship for allowing me to be of service, grateful

Entertainment: absent, *Catelyn was voted in under old business and gave the following report*

- Thank you for allowing me to serve, looking forward to the next year
- Looking to put on an event each month, hoping for group and individual participation with a event contest, looking for fresh ideas
- Memorial day picnic preparation has started it is at valley of the moon
- Wants a rolling seed money of \$500.00

Literature: Dave L delivered the written Josh has written

Newsletter: written, Howie,

Back in business first copy out in March and have heard great feedback. Happy be of service

Adhoc Orientation Sandy, electronic, secretary cut and pasted in its entirety

To: Anchorage Area, From: Sandy P., 4/7/08-electronic report sent via email to your secretary, hard copies available. Hello! This is my final Anchorage Area serving as ad hoc chair for the New Service Orientation IP Committee. I am honored serve the groups of the Anchorage Area and to have served with an amazing committee. About 15 -20 folks participated in our 4 meetings and via emails. I'd like to acknowledge with a special thank you: Laura, Debbie, Daphne, Donna, Wayne, the *magnificent* Howie...also, a special thought for 1 newcomer who is "out there now" but gave us some valuable input at our first meeting, that helped our IP's direction please allow a moment of silence here to hope she can make it back to us alive. (pause)

Tonight we have a final draft of the Service IP that has mistakes, but is perfect by definition of the way HP wanted it. I am grateful to the newcomers who showed us what we need to explain and what we take for granted. I am grateful to Howie and his amazing gifts with Publisher, I am grateful to the people who disagreed with me and helped me take my hooks and my will out of this IP. I am so humbled at what a loving higher power can do through us. A few folks who used to (? ☺) steal, lie and be so destructive came together in love for Narcotics Anonymous and listened to the direction of a higher power to make this IP –I hope you can see or feel how much love for our fellowship and those who serve it is in this IP. We tried to balance the information needed with the Area not telling the groups what to do. We tried to consider the tools you need to navigate Robert's Rules of Order while recognizing what really matters: the connection to HP, how to fulfill our primary purpose to the addict who still suffers, and keeping in mind in service that we are a spiritual fellowship. Unity, kindness, honesty, compassion, and just plain being loving matter more than getting bogged down in fine print. As a committee we practiced how you hear a loving higher power in times of

dissent—through a group conscience. Many of us had a spiritual experience working together and I for one had one of my best service experiences ever. One note from the mama bear: if you have compliments about the IP please tell a member for the ad hoc, if you have “suggestions”/criticism please tell me.

We appreciated being invited to participate in the Learning Days event. It showed me that our fellowship is hungry for more “cliff notes” versions of the guides to H&I service, local service and other lengthy guides few ever tend to dig into.

What this ad hoc and Area has accomplished: This IP, Approval by the ASC to provide any committee member who requests a Guide to Local Service with a copy. The groups approved that our Lit Chair keep 5 or an amount deemed appropriate in stock and have some at Area from here out. The groups also passed that the Area Secretary has several copies of the Guidelines available at Area for new folks or those just needing a copy. I have 20 copies here tonight if anyone needs one—or I will leave them with your secretary.

New/final matters:

I am requesting that this Area reimburse me the \$40 beyond my initial budget tonight for copies of this IP that Howie made. Receipt attached for Treasurer.

The only remaining items I can remember that came out of our Area Inventory (from the groups) that are our final suggestions tonight are:

1. That at Area events when possible the Administrative Committee and Sub-Committee Chairs be introduced—not for “glory” or to embarrass them –just so that we can get to know them better ☺
2. That one Area Administrative Committee member come to Area a half hour early each month and is available to welcome and do a mini-orientation (perhaps with the IP?). Your chair seems very receptive to this idea and it may help to put it on the Area schedule or announce it for awhile to get the word out.

Thank you!

In Loving Service,

Sandy P., 338-6167, ansjp@uaa.alaska.edu

p.s. I sent this to my NA contact list and we have already had requests from 3 states to adapt this for their Area’s use and a suggestion that World publish it. FYI.

ARSC REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Regional Committee Member: written,

R.C.M. REPORT 4-07-08

The regional meeting was held 3-25-08 at 7:30 via telephone. In attendance were Robert of Juneau, Kristy of Kenai, Davina of Fairbanks, Doug of P.I., Alan of Anchorage and Anna S.

The treasurer was not present however Doug reported the approximate bank balance as 10,175.00.

I reported the two new meeting that were added to the schedule and gave our CAR tally to the RD alternate. The regional chair asked “I would like to pose each of you a couple of questions and hope that you will take time to share them in your areas and get back to the regional committee next month with answers.

1. What is working really well in your area at this point in time? (example: H&I? meeting attendance up? Good outreach to newcomers? Are great activities being hosted?)

Please list 2 activities that are going well in your area.

2. What are the 2 biggest challenges facing your area?? (example: meeting attendance low?, no support for service committees?) Please list 2 challenges in your community/area

I am hoping that in the next 10 months we can identify some common challenges and brainstorm some ways that the region can address them. I also want us to identify some successes and see if we can share with each other how it happened and try to replicate that success across the region. “

Fairbanks reports that all is well, Blow out planning in full swing and more will be revealed soon. The convention is coming along, registration is available on line and early enrollment is encouraged.

Kenai has nothing new to report the dates of the campvention will be Aug., 22-24 at the same camp ground off deville rd. call Kristy with Questions.

Juneau reports that meeting attendance has been up slightly, they have a campout planned for the week end of April 5th with cabins dinner, breakfast etc. A C. A. R. workshop will be held at the camp out.

The R.D. alternate reports that both he and Tony L. are registered for the WSC. Robert has completed reservations for himself at wsc. Wsc will only pay half of his lodging. 518.62 needed for the balance. Nine nights @ 110 plus tax

During the sharing session we discussed Roberts Hotel bill and the CAR motions. Discussion regarding expenses for Robert: **it was decided by those in attendance that since the new motions have not been voted and approved, we are not bound by them and therefore we will cover the \$518.62 to reimburse Robert G for the trip to WSC.**

Old business discussed:

- Motion 1:
"The Anchorage area motions that region fund for the total cost of sending one regional delegate to the next world conference."
Clarification- That region spend no more than the cost of one persons airfare and lodging.
 - Fbks is voting this month
 - Kenai area meeting April 10th

Not ready to vote at this meeting on these issues. Carry forward to next meeting
- Motion 2:
"The Anchorage area motions that region develop an operating budget."
Clarification- That region have a budget that allows them to judge upcoming expenses, plan for future needs and make donations."
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 - Kenai area meeting April 10th

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The next meeting is scheduled for April 22@ 7:30. We will meet telephonically or in Anchorage we will meet at AKeela admin office multi-purpose room at 4111 Minnesota drive. The R.D. and R.D. alternate go to the WSC on the 25th so this will be the last chance to discuss the CAR.

Thank-you as always for the opportunity to help carry the message,
Alan M.

Regional Committee Member Alternate: Position vacant

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

Clean & Serene: Lots of addicts and recovery \$25

Continues to meet at HFC, donate 50 bucks to area. And ready to vote on all motions

Soul-2-Soul: Meeting attendance is consistence with 6-16 addicts per meeting and we have a \$25 donation to AASC

The Frozen Chozen: We are doing great, 30-50 addicts attending regularly; we are donating 50 to AASC and \$25 to world

To the Point: We have an average of 13 clients and 5 visitors coming to the meetings. We've been having a lot of support and a different speaker every Sunday. We are donating \$20 to AASC

The Gong Show:Low attendance 6-8 per night in need of people for service positions- at this time there are none. Behind in rent X7 days=\$70. Would like to be advised by appropriate person as what to do about the situation.

Saturday Night Live: Meeting continues to unfold exactly as they should and we have a\$15 donation to area

Third Way: We have about 50 members each Saturday, rent is paid, supplies and literature are fine and we have a \$100 for AASC this month. We are ready to vote on all action items and have no nominations for open positions.

Roundabout We are averaging about 45 people with an average of 8-10 newcomers. Our supplies are good, rent is up to date and our donation this month is \$200. We are also having a pizza meeting on April 16th.

Out and About written Attendance is steady nothing to donate. Ready to vote we will have our meeting 04/11/08 in spite of the St. Patrick's function. We are averaging 5-7

The Morning After: written, 25-40 people we are reaching out to other meetings...giving away free white books, donating 73 to Area....sponsoring a free event on Friday

Has a motion to submit under new business

Dynamite Thursday Night: Attendance is steady @10-15. Our take this week was \$2. Our box was hambergered by a hobo so we are restocking our supplies. We have nothing to give to Area

NA at the VA: absent

One Day Today: Donates \$20 to area and ready to vote.

Eagle River Group: We are averaging 5-7 addicts a week. All service positions are open. We could use all the support we can get and we have \$15 to support AASC.

WTSODMF: still averaging 6-12 men on a regular basis, ready to vote and have \$50 for AASC.

Walk your talk Ready to vote and have a \$40 donation to Area

Recovery first 4-5 average attendance no donation have literature and bills are paid

SHARING SESSION

No business is conducted during the sharing session; rather items of concern are raised and opened for discussion. These may later become an item of business with some action taken, therefore recorded in the minutes at that time.

New Business

PI chair requested reimbursement, treasurer wrote a check

Motions:

1. walk your talk submits the following motion

For AASC to take responsibility for the 4X4X4 storage unit with the 8 boxes of NA archived material and 2 boxes of T-shirts that was rented by Bill Simpson on March 24th for \$42 per month.

(He took the materials out of his garage where they have been stored for many years and no longer accepts responsibility for them. If AASC does not want to rent the storage they need to coordinate the removal with Bill prior to the next month rent due)

Intent: Bill S no longer wants to be responsible for Area Service Archives

2nd by WTDMMF

Votes: yeas-11, nays-0, abstained 3, this motioned has passed

2. Morning After Group of NA submits the following motion

Be it moved that the Regional Guidelines be amended to reflect the following change in the duties of the Regional Secretary to read as follows:

1. Keeps accurate minutes of each RSC Business meeting. Types and Distributes copies of the minutes to all members of the RCS no later than fourteen days after the RSC meeting (Posting on the Regional Web Page is not readily available to all members.)

Intent: The intent of this motion is to change the time from for distribution of minutes from thirty days after the RSC meeting to fourteen days. It has been the case that meetings are held on a monthly basis if necessary in order that pressing regional business be addressed in a timely manner. The old guidelines were set up for a quarterly meeting schedule. Having thirty days to distribute minutes does not lend itself to the event of a monthly meeting schedule.

It is important to have the minutes available in advance of the meeting so that the agenda can be created and distributed with enough time to distribute to the areas and groups in participation for their consideration prior to the Regional meeting.

2nd by Ill way

This motion has gone back to the groups

Old Business

Area and Region Nominations

Voting history

Area Entertainment Chair: Catelyn, 14 for, this was unanimous

AreaH and I Chair: John T 12, Ross 2

Area Public Information: Daphne 14 for, this was unanimous

Area Literature: Dave 14 for, this was unanimous

Regional Vice Chair: Corey C. 14 for this was unanimous

Group motion Dynamite Thursday Night

To form the convention now

14 ayes, this was unanimous and passed

Caitlyn has Entertainment report, written it was included in the sub committee reports.

Action items

Motion: to change to regional guidelines regarding secretary duties

Move to close