

**Anchorage Area Service Committee Meeting
Minutes of January 2009**

Opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer at 6:32 p.m. by Sean C., Chair.
Readings: Service Prayer, Joe, Decorum Statement, Daphne, the Twelve Traditions, Shelly, the Twelve Concepts, Kathy.

Roll Call – 13 of 19 GSRs present.
New Groups: None
Amendments to Agenda: None

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS (Written reports on file)

Chair: I would like to start by apologizing to my vice chair for not giving her a heads up I was going hunting during last month's meeting I apologize and if I need to not be here you will definitely know about it. Glad to be back I love NA and will do my best to be your chair.

Vice-chair: First and foremost, I would like to thank Kathy W. for stepping up and making an agenda and also informing me that the chair would be absent at the last meeting. I would also like to thank the entire service body committee whose tolerance and flexibility allowed for a successful and short meeting last month. I hope that Sean had a wonderful vacation.

Per discussions from November, re: groups and meetings. It would be prudent in the future to ask if when coming to Area for the 1st time if one wants to participate as a group with the responsibilities of showing up at Area w- voting privileges or if they are a meeting. It is also important to get more information than we have currently been getting. Meeting location and email for forwarding minutes is not adequate information. A contact number is needed so they may be contacted on a monthly basis to determine if they are still meeting.

It is also time to readdress taking certain groups off of the roll call for being voting members of Area. These groups include Recovery Connection-absent since 9/8/08, WTSODMF- absent since 9/8/08. I know that Joe C is looking into Recovery Connection, however, I don't know if anyone is in contact with WTSODMF. Also, if The Gong Show and Windy Changers do not show up tonight they will need to be contacted about being taken off for February's roll call.

It has taken many many years for our Area to become forward thinking, re: the last two motions that support forwarding monies to region and world. I am looking forward to the positive consequences of such proactive actions.

Also, being that it is January, it is time to start looking forward towards March and April, which brings elections of subcommittee chairs and possible changes to the Area Guidelines. So it is perhaps time to brush up on the Guidelines, Traditions and Concepts.

Secretary: December Meeting Minutes – The NA Way motion to approve, Morning After 2nd. 13 approved

Treasurer: Our checking account has a current balance of \$5,046.74. We collected \$529.00 in 7th tradition group donations at last month's Area. There are no outstanding literature invoices to be paid at the moment. I have a Subcommittee Financial Report attached in PDF format for subcommittees to use in reporting their financial activity to the Area Treasurer in a manner that is consistent and easy to share with groups and others interested in the management of Area's resources. A copy of the most recent Literature subcommittee financial report is attached. Beginning in 2009, a PDF version of our bank account statement will be included with the Treasurer's report. Please see attached for your reference.

GROUP REPORTS (Written Reports on File)

Clean & Serene, GSR Joe C.: Clean and Serene continues to meet at Holy Family Cathedral downtown, Sunday at 8 pm. We have between 60 and 70 addicts attending. We have no motions today. Clean and Serene donates \$40.00 to Area.

Soul-2-Soul, GSR LouAnn P.: 6-10 addicts per meeting. Meeting going great. \$25.00 to Area.

Out and About, GSR Wiley R.: Meets every Friday @ the Alano Club from 7:30 – 9:00pm. For the month of December 2008 we had 219 in attendance of which included 7 newcomers and 1 visitor, averaging 43.8 addicts at each meeting. We celebrated 76 years, 11 months and 10 days between 10 addicts. We have total income of \$129.75 for December 7th tradition. Our rent was \$64.50. Our supplies and cake was \$17.99. Our ASC donation is \$25.00 at this time, and our literature orders is \$170.00 leaving us with a balance in our check book of \$63.30

The Morning After, GSR Terry S.: The Morning After Group meets 9:30 to 10:30 am on Sunday mornings at the Sunrise Grill on the Old Seward Highway. We had no place to meet last Sunday so had no business meeting. \$100.00 to Area.

NA Way, GSR Susan S.: The NA Way (formerly the 3rd Way) meets every Saturday evening at 7pm, downstairs in Central Lutheran Church on the corner of 15th Avenue and Cordova Street. This is a 1.5 hour meeting (7-8:30) except on the Saturday BEFORE the Area meeting. That Saturday is a one hour speaker meeting. The NA Way business meeting immediately follows the speaker meeting. The NA Way members reviewed and discussed the format changes that were put in place last month. A few minor 'tweaks' are being made; overall, The NA Way is happy with the results sought: stronger recognition of new comers and more opportunity for all members to share. During December 60+ folks attended each meeting. NA Way is delighted to have representatives attending H&I, PI and Entertainment sub-committees and to have an active Literature representative in addition to a treasurer and GSR. Rent, increased to \$100.00 per month, is paid through January. Group members feel the rent is reasonable. Supplies and literature are stocked; reserves are available to purchase more literature, as needed, throughout the month. NA Way has \$75.00 to donate to Area this month. A request for Special Event Liability Insurance has been presented to NA Way by Central Lutheran Church. NA Way is prepared to discuss this matter tonight.

Dynamite Thursday Night, GSR Debbie S.: All is well at our little meeting. The church was locked up last week so we moved our meeting to the Kaladi Brothers on Brayton and met anyway. We have everything we need our rent is paid we bought 4 new books tonight and have 5.00 dollars for area.

Round About GSR Cheryl I.: Meets Monday – Saturday 12-1 and Sunday's 12:30-1:30 at the Alano Club. Meetings have maintained 30-45 participants. All supplies are good, rent is paid. We are donating \$550.00 to Area this month.

One Day Today, GSR Ellsworth: Donating \$20.00 to Area.

Eagle River Group, GSR Michael F.: Not Present

Walk Your Talk, GSR Jenna S.: Meets Monday through Friday 12-1 at 13th & E. We have an average of 10-12 addicts that attend our meeting. Our rent is paid and we have literature available. We are donating \$30.00 to Area.

The Frozen Chosen, GSR Nick H.: The Frozen Chosen is doing well. We meet from 7:30 to 8:30 at the Dry Dock. 30-50 addicts are attending regularly. Rent is paid and literatures in on hand. The Icicle award went to Steve for his service at the Christmas Narathon. Thanks Steve. The Frozen Chosen is donating \$50.00 to Area.

To the Point, GSR Geoff V.: Meets every Sunday 7-8pm. We've been graced with great speakers through the month of October. Teddy (Texas), Jack and Nate; all shared their strength and hope with the fellowship. The resident fellowship continues to number around 12 and we have had 4 to 6 members attending on Sundays. It is hoped that with the re-introduction of speakers we can continue to interest members to demonstrate to the residents that there is another way to live – outside of the disease; not in the disease. Our rent is paid and we have literature on hand. We are prepared to vote on any nominations and the motions before us tonight and we blessed to be able to donate \$50.00 to the Anchorage Area this month.

The Gong Show: Not Present

Saturday Night Live, GSR Michael C.: 20-40 weekly, May be starting a new meeting a week. No donation to Area.

NA at the VA, GSR Mike M.: NA @ the VA still meets every Sunday from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Attendance is down from the monthly average; however attendance by the residents remains strong. We are donating \$26.00 to Area.

WTSODMF: Not Present

Recovery First GSR, Corbett Q.: Recovery First meets every Sunday at the Girdwood Community Center from 5:45 to 6:45. We have had a couple of newcomers this last month, we have literature, and our bills are paid. We have \$25.00 for Area.

Recovery Connection: Not Present

Windy Changers: Not Present

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (Written Reports on File)

Public Information: Hello Family. I am an addict whose name is Daphne. I would like to thank Susan for attending the PI subcommittee meeting held on 12/14/08. Susan has completed and sent in all paperwork needed for NA to present at the school on addiction in May. However, received an email from Susan today, and we have not been selected to present. We will be updating mailing the list and doing a mail out in January (this month). I am sending around the NAWS maintenance sheets. I ask that GSR's please make sure that all meeting info is correct. If any information is incorrect, please write correct info down. We will make sure that all information gets updated. Alaska Human Services is doing well. Alano Club IP rack and Lake Otis and Tudor IP rack has been filled, also Dry Docks. Took inventory of IP's and submitted it to the treasurer and is on file with the secretary. We spent in December: \$7.71 for envelopes and \$1.50 for copies of NAWS and \$76.16 for schedules. Next PI sub-committee meeting will be January 11, 2009 at 6:00pm at Peggy's everyone is welcome.

Hospitals & Institutions: We meet the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Westmark Hotel on 5th & G Street. We have had a great turn out thank you all for the service work. Clithroe Reflection is close to starting a meeting and all other H&I meetings are going well. We are working with Regional H&I and Newsletter on some story. And more will be revealed. Financial report submitted to the treasurer and on file with the secretary.

Entertainment: Thank you for everyone who supported the Narathons they went well! I apologize for not having the exact numbers but I have given the treasurer the numbers and it is all on record with her. I had forgotten tonight was area and had to do my report from work if you have any questions you can ask me after the meeting or check with the treasurer! Thank you again to all those who chaired and shared during the last two events! We are now meeting at 1:30 on Sunday after the meeting at the Alano Club! We are happy to say that even with much of the fellowship being confused about the 2 b-day events we are doing our best to help them understand what is happening and to clear things up best we can! The next event is the 29th Birthday celebration for NA as a whole. It will be on February 13th at 7:00 at 15th and Cordova at the Central Lutheran Church. Cost is 10.00 at the door we are happy to say that Cathy M. is still coming and we will be having a karaoke jam singing and dancing so no one should feel left out. We have fliers out for everyone to please take to their groups to pass out thank you.

Literature: I took an inventory of all NA merchandise in my home. I have brought copies of this inventory for all Area Executive members. It is 5 pages long at the bottom of each page is a dollar amount which is the value of the merchandise on that page. On page 5 is a total of all 5 pages and represents the total value of all merchandise that I have. On December 3, 2008 the total was 42,479.16. I also included a 6th page that is a list of all merchandise that I have sold this month. The total value of that is \$353.55. I have 355.55 cash. I also gave H&I 92.59 worth which leaves a grand total of \$2031.02 in merchandise in my possession. I also have \$107.00 from the Thanksgiving Campout, for a total donation to Area of \$462.55. Written inventory on file with the secretary.

Newsletter:

Once again the newsletter is going strong. We are looking to reach out more to the other Areas in Alaska and so we have talked with Regional H&I and Area H&I. All of this is just talk right now and nothing is set in stone. If anyone has any feedback regarding this thought, please feel to let me know. We spent

\$45.60 on copies for the newsletter. Thanks to all. Meeting time change, 2nd Tuesday at 8:45 each month following the Frozen Chosen meeting.

RSC REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Regional Committee Member: There is nothing new at the Alaska Region. Anna S. is stepping down as regional chair and the position will be open. I am the only nominee at this time, the next regional meeting will be held on Tuesday January 6 at 7 pm, please give me a call for more info. (My # is on the schedule). Christine B. Has scheduled an outreach meeting for February 7th at 1 pm at 3rd and Cordova, They are looking for a different room that will accommodate a teleconference to enable Fairbanks and Kenai to participate. Call me or Christine for the exact time and location. The regional H and I committee has scheduled their next meeting for January 29th at 6 PM (1 hour prior to the area H and I meeting) at the West mark hotel (same location as the area meeting).

Regional Committee Member Alternate: Absent, no report

Regional Convention Chair: My name is Arlene and I'm an addict. Thank you for allowing me to be of service as your next chairperson for the Alaska Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous XXV. I'm very excited about being a part of this special event that marks a quarter of a century of celebration of recovery for us. We had our first executive meeting on December 4 2008 to select our executive committee. We have flyers at this Area meeting, for GSR's to distribute to their home groups. This is to announce Sub-committee selection on January 24, 2009, 2 pm at 3rd and Cordova – 2nd floor. Please submit requirements and qualifications in written form and please announce this event at all meetings for anyone who is interested in serving on the convention committee and meets the requirements. I look forward to a great year and a great committee and a great 25th convention.

SHARING SESSION

- 100 more schedules to be ordered when a mail out is done.

OLD BUSINESS

- Literature Audit Finished and reported

NEW BUSINESS

- Roll Call list cleaned up as per the guidelines

ACTION ITEMS: (Recap session of items going back to the groups for consideration)

- Announce Gong Show Meeting at your home groups
- Ad Hoc Committee – Insurance Liability – Geoff V.
- New meeting Wednesday's at noon in the small room of the Alano Club. Women only step study.
- Convention Committee Meeting Fliers

Motion to close Susan at 7:30 pm