

September Area Service Committee Minutes September 8, 2024

I. 2:00 P.M. MEETING OPEN BY MONICA (FACILITATOR)

READING OF SERVICE PRAYER, TRADITIONS AND CONCEPTS.

II. ROLL CALL

Executive Body	Servants	
Facilitator	Monica C	Present
Co-facilitator	Sean F	Absent W/ Notice
Recorder	Toby	Present
Co-recorder		Vacant
Treasurer	Robin C	Absent W/ Notice
Assistant Treasurer	Joey G	Present
RCMI	David P	Present
RCMII	Karla L	Present
<u>Subcommittees</u>		
Activities	Nicole C	Present
Common Welfare	Ann Marie	Present
H&I	Tony C	Present
Literature Bank	Jonathan F	Present
Assistant Literature Bank	Sarah P.	Present
Policy	Patrick H	Present
Public Relations	Ann Marie M.	Present

Groups	Attendance
Another Chance	A
Breakfast Club	A
Clean and Free	P
Clean House	A
Courage to Change	A
DesencadeNAdos	P
Eastside	P
El Nuevo Camino	A
Far Out	P
Freedom Group	P
Here and Now	A
Hill Country	A
Just for Today	P
Just for Tonight	P
Manor Meeting Makers	P
Men at Work	P
Miracles and Solutions	P
Never Alone	P
New Beginnings	P
New Hope	A
New Way of Living	A

Non-Fiction Addiction	A
Our Gift	A
Out and about	P
Primary Purpose	P
Promise of Freedom	Closed
Regeneration X	P
Right Stuff	P
Searching and Fearless Women	A
Serenity the NA Way	P
South Austin Recovery	P
Spiritual Mechanics	P
Spiritual Seekers	P
Stay N Change	A
The Twelve Steps to Freedom	P
Tuesday at Last	P
Twisted Sisters	A
Willingness To Try	P
Young, Clean, and Free	P
Recovery at the ranch	A
More will be Revealed	A

Serenity First	September 15 th / Cristina H
38 Groups	<div> <div> Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Q O.ES,LGBT,WC,NS Go through gate, meeting is in Large building in the back. Ring bell for entry. </div> <div> Q Serenity First on South 1st Uprising Worship Center 8601 S. 1st Street, Austin, TX, 78748 LGBTQ friendly and Spanish speakers welcome. </div> </div>
Consensus is achieved with 18	

Count concluded

III. REPORTS

B. Administrative Body Reports

- **Facilitator – Monica**
 - Attended world has notes on disruptive and predatory behavior.
 1. Recognized was disruptive and apologizes.
 - Section 2,2.9 Mutual Respect
 1. Groups/bodies are working with outside entities and want to bring attention to interaction so that we remain vital in professionalism.
 - Mindful of speaking clearly so that the recorder can take accurate minutes.
 - Importance of professional communication within the ASC
 1. By taking time to introduce ourselves, explain our purpose, and acknowledge the recipient, we foster respect and ensure a positive image of the organization.
 2. Mindfulness in communication to strengthen relationships and align with the program's principles of respect and unity.

ASL Follow up

- Inquiries regarding Asl Interpretation services for N/A meetings.
 1. Megan Newton from Travis County Services for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing reached out regarding a Deaf man needing assistance attending N/A meetings regularly. Unfortunately, their office is unable to provide free services currently.

2. Shea Rolls has provided her rates and availability. She charges \$45 an hour with a 2-hour minimum and recommends using two interpreters for this type of service. She also mentioned needing a two-week notice for requests until September, after which her schedule should be more flexible.
 - **NA offers these ASL resources: Online ASL meeting: Never Alone Deaf Group of NA Please share, and email fmail@na.org with any ideas or success stories.**
 - Area inventory there are 7 key steps on this process.
 - More detail process has been emailed out.
- Questions
 - Jonathan has there been any movement on regards on the deaf member
- Asking for the check to pay the interpreting fees.
 - Passes

Report concluded 2:26 pm.

- **Co-Facilitator – Sean (Not present with notice)**
- **Recorder – Toby**
 - No report

Report concluded 2:29pm

- **Co -Treasurer – Joey**
 - Chase Ending Balance per Bank statement as of 8/30/24: \$8,321.58
 - Pay Pal Balance as of 8/31/24: \$0
 - Of the \$8321.58 reconciled ending balance and \$0 Pay Pal Balance, \$0, \$1,750 is set aside for prudent reserve.
 - Total receipts for the month of August 2024 were \$2130.60 including \$1069.41 from
 - Group 7th Traditions via cash, \$411.53 via pay pal, and \$649.66 for Literature orders.
 - Total expenses for the month of August were \$3672.52, Ck#4557 \$500 for Nicole C for Unity Day, \$39.13 for phone.com, Ck# 4560 Tony C. 21.33 for Stamp reimbursement, ck# 4559 Nicole C \$700.00 for Recovery Awareness Event, \$1496.83 for literature order, \$646.73 for TBRNA Quarterly Donations for April-June Deposits Extra Space Rental fees of \$149, Phone lines \$33.75, RFATX \$120 for H&I, ASC, PR, Activities, and Storage room fees.

- Asking for payment \$540 to Communications by Hand for 7/29/24's sign language coverage for one of our meetings,

Report Concluded 2:32pm

Questions:

Report concluded

- **RCM 1 – David P**
 - Upcoming events at <https://tbrna.org/event/summer-2024-regional-service-committee>.
 - Information provided by the Regional Delegate Team.
 - There's a membership survey included in my email. Take a look at that.
 - Report attached in email. Lots of good info in there.
 - 3. Information and meeting dates of Regional Subcommittees.
 - Can be found on website.
 - 4. Administrative business decisions conducted by the Region.
 - New Secretary and AD.
 - Tink from CTANA, new for NC new Recorder.
 - Deb from Hill Country is new AD.

Report Concluded 2:31pm

- **RCM 2 – Karla**
 - Ditto to Chris.

Report Concluded 2:32 pm

- **Policy – Patrick**
 - Monica wants to change ad hoc to task group.
 - Report concluded 2:34pm
- **Literature Bank – Jonathan and Sara**
 - Beginning Inventory: \$5,370.56

- NAWS ORDER

NET order \$2060.48
Less Discount -\$123.53
Shipping \$
TOTAL \$1936.95

IV. GROUPS

A. NEW GSRs

Just for tonight has a new GSR – no name was mention

Miracles and solutions have a new Assistant GSR - Bobbie K

B. REPORTS – GROUPS

Daniel – Primary Purpose – Sat 7pm

September 21 10th anniversary 6pm

Tangie- 12 steps to freedom – sat 7:30pm to 9pm

We need support/please come out

Tony – 7:15pm – Serenity the NA way

Lisa M will be sharing her story

Toby Regeneration

Tony – Here and Now – 7:30pm

This wed common welfare will be after the meeting.

James- Miracles and Solutions

September 19th at homegroup 2-7pm. 20th and 21st at the 6000 Middle Fisk rd. for the remaining anniversary

Clean and Free – Max

Moved the meeting up 15 minutes

Interjection from Joey

We cannot accept personal checks.

Open Forum Discussion – None

Old Business – Area Planning Tool

Nichole – is there any record on how much time there is set.

Monica – The planning tool is in the report. Observed on last month in a smaller area and that are brought in another facilitator from another area. What we try to establish is what are we doing right and what can we improve? That area broke out into groups

Ruben – we did one at the zone, it was lengthy, but it was fast. One thing we address was racism. If you start on a weekend and bring the questions to the group and bring back to process to get some information.

Monica – the first part is gathering information, take this document [area inventory] to the groups and communicate this in the group conscience.

Christian – how do we submit that to the area?

Monica – scan responses and include in the emailed report.

Travis – is this something we can take with us back home. Can someone from the body can reach out to the members who left and ask them to participate.

James – This is part of the area inventory? How do we address this?

Monica – first part we just gathering information.

Texas – point out the last two pages on Monica report for the inventory.

Ruben – we can reach out to our HR panel or world for the help on this.

New Business –

Question from Richard

There was a group that closed to location, should there be a task group that should help.

Stephanie – Tom from outreach did attend that meeting to help.

Monica – if someone wants help please come ASC

Subcommittee Reports

1. Activities – Nicole

- Received \$500 in funds from Area.
- Received \$36 from 7th Tradition donations.
- Spent \$349.75 on food and facility.
- Returning \$186.25 to Area next ASC. Our next event, Recovery Awareness, is on track and slotted for Sept. 21st. We are attending the BIGTEXAS, Rally for Recovery, hosted by RecoveryATX and Communities for Recovery in the Park at Fair Market (1100 E 5th St). This is a night event, 5p-9p. Look for a flyer in the coming week for more details. It will come from Activities (me) or Anne Marie (PR). This is a busy weekend for multiple area NA events so all we ask is that you announce this in your meetings even though other events are going to be happening.
- Please continue to announce our survey in meetings whenever possible. Here's the link (again) for the survey in case you'd like to send it out to individuals:
- <https://take.supersurvey.com/QV3V5ZR0J>
- Seeking a co-chair
- Activities is meeting last Saturday at Recovery ATX @ 11:30pm

Report Concluded 3:30pm

2. Common Welfare – Ann Marie

We met on September 4th and there were 7 present-

Thank you to the members that came to the subcommittee meetings

and have worked on the requests from the area.

- ASL - members from our subcommittee have been reaching out to those well versed in the ASL interpreter community. We have reached out to multiple sources to discuss pricing options. With little response. Travis county offers this service for free, but all services available are being utilized at this time. We have hope that Travis Co. will have more slots available in the coming year and will keep checking. We have learned that a level 3 interpreter is needed for this service, and they often want interpreters per meeting so they don't get fatigued. The pricing goes up on weekends. It may be more beneficial to use an agency vs an individual because individuals will require 1099s and won't have back up if they can't make it. Agencies have a system and can take care of the overhead in these scenarios. We are looking at an approximately \$1300 a month budget to do one meeting a week. Would this be something that our area would be open to allowing in the budget.

- Area wide inventory- We are partnering up with PR and would like to coordinate the area wide inventory in late October and propose to bring in an experienced member of service in NA from another area to assist in this process, Lee P. has 37 years clean and has over 30 years of experience in all levels of service. He has been a part of at least 3 area wide inventories in 3 different areas. This will be an event proposed to be held at RFATX.

Old business- I brought Richard's request of adding "not interfering in relationships" to the subcommittee's policies and it was turned down.

QUESTIONS

Joey – is there a reason why Travis County can't provide interpreters at this time?

Carla – they are not organized

Monica – I will not be available to be POC for communications by hands.

Carla – interpreters must be level 3 to work with communications by hands.

Ann Marie – has reached out to Texas resources.

Joey – maybe reaching out to integral care.

Angela – talks about the area inventory, may takes time, please take back groups.

Texas – Do we need to make formal proposal from the group to start the process from common welfare?

Angela – Questions we want the open questions.

Example:

Ann Marie – like this done before elections.

Texas – Stand aside – would like to bring the broad questions to group and back to area and not form.

Carla – I need clarification.

Angela – clarification, please take back general questions.

David – Do we want to take this back and then ask common welfare to take over the inventory

Angela – taking the answers and extracting this information from the group and bring that together to make the inventory more focused. This will be a lengthy event and bring in the experience

Texas – No proposal each GSRs fills out the inventory and bring it back to the Area

Report concluded 3:45pm

3. **H&I – Tony C**

- PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD AT ALL MEETINGS - TDCJ Orientation / Application can be done on line. We need females only to apply at this time for the HALBERT UNIT which meets the 3rd Saturday of each month in Burnet. We want to have as many women as possible qualified to make sure we can rotate those who are willing to be of service there.
- The subcommittee will be announcing that at the end of the year ALL coordinator positions will be open.^[L]_[SEP]For many of us that have been coordinating the same facility for multiple of years, we would like the opportunity to go to another facility as a change of pace and to encourage the spirit of rotation.^[L]_[SEP]Sunday October 27th we will have a consensus or VOTE OF CONFIDENCE for our next H&I Facilitator as I will be stepping down. If interested in

the FACILITATOR position you must be present at that subcommittee meeting either in person or on zoom.

- The person chosen must be present at both November and December ASC to qualify themselves for this body in November and chosen by consensus in December.

Spread the word please.

- We need a coordinator for Willow Springs in Bastrop which meets the 2a & 4th Thursday at 7pm. We do not currently have anyone willing to volunteer at that facility and are in danger of dropping this from our list. Please spread the word at your home groups.
- I have oriented about 8 volunteers via zoom from home for H&I. So please continue to announce this at your home groups.
- H&I Literature order submitted today was for \$2,035.32. I will submit our 2025 budget at next ASC.
- Today I am requesting the CTANA credit card number and info so I can reserve our camping sites for the Our CTANA spring campout which needs to be booked at least 6 months in advance. As always, I will bring receipts at next ASC.

Report concluded 3:50pm

4. **Public Relations – Ann Marie**
 - **Please refer to Ann Marie notes**

***[I cannot find the written report]**

No Elections

Announcements

November is when we will qualify. December are the elections.

Rubi – How do I start a new group?

Stephine – Freedom group/ Salvation army will attend

Meeting adjourns at 3:50pm



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Next meeting: October 6th, 2024, at RFATX.
Proposals must be made by September 31st, 2024.