

## October Area Service Committee Minutes

### October 6, 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	Present
Recorder	Toby	Present
Co-recorder		Vacant
Treasurer	Robin C	Present
Assistant Treasurer	Joey G	Present
RCMI	David P	Present
RCMII	Karla L	Absent with notice
Subcommittees		
Activities	Nicole C	Present
Common Welfare	Anel	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.	Absent with notice

Groups	Attendance
Another Chance	P
Breakfast Club	A
Clean and Free	P
Clean House	A
Courage to Change	P
DesencadeNAdos	A
Eastside	P
El Nuevo Camino	A
Far Out	P
Freedom Group	P
Here and Now	P

Hill Country	A
Just for Today	A
Just for Tonight	P
Manor Meeting Makers	P
Men at Work	P
Miracles and Solutions	P
More will be revealed	A
Never Alone	P
New Beginnings	P
New Hope	P
New Way of Living	A
Non-Fiction Addiction	A
Our Gift	P
Out and about	P
Primary Purpose	A
Recovery at the ranch	A
Regeneration X	P
Right Stuff	P
Searching and Fearless Women	A
Serenity the NA Way	P
Serenity First	P
South Austin Recovery	P
Spiritual Mechanics	P
Spiritual Seekers	P
Stay N Change	A
The Twelve Steps to Freedom	A
Tuesday at Last	P
Twisted Sisters	A
Willingness To Try	P
Young, Clean, and Free	P

Group Total 38

Group Consensus is achieved with 23

**September meeting minutes approved at 2:12pm.**

### III. REPORTS

#### **B. Administrative Body Reports**

**1. Facilitator – Monica**

- Remarks on Section 2.9/2.10 on policy and showing mutual respect in the area meeting.
- Section 3.1: It emphasizes that ASC participants are encouraged to bring proposals to the body, with voting rights reserved for GSRs only.
- Section 5.2: It states that while the ASC must consider the Policy Facilitator's recommendations, acceptance is not mandatory.
- Patrick proposes the following addition to Section 14 of our Area Policy, which focuses on Finances and Accounting:
- Section 14.27 "With the exception of our annual Holiday and CTANA Anniversary, all funds received greater than \$10.00 should be in the form of a group check or money order."
- Informing that RFATX will be moving building
  - 1. Is the ASC wished to purchase storage cabinets we will discuss proposal in new business.
- George BH will be the facilitator for the group inventory.
  - 1. This is an appointment from Monica, but the input of the members has been considered.
  - 2. This appointment is not set in stone.
- **November 3, 10 – 1pm. Day of inventory.**

Report concluded at 2:20pm

**2. Co-Facilitator – Sean**

- Has not made commitments due to personal reasons.
- Elections time is coming up please announce in homegroups and in other meeting you will attend.

Report concluded at 2:24pm

**3. Recorder – Toby**

- No report to share
- No modification to last month's meeting minutes.

Report concluded at 2:24pm

**4. Treasurer – Robin**

- Pay Pal Balance as of 9/30/24: \$0
- The available amount to spend in Chase and PayPal accounts is \$5,161.01.
- Total receipts for the month of Sept 2024 were \$3148.53 including \$963.44 from Group 7th Traditions via cash, \$409.66 via pay pal, and \$1775.43 for Literature orders.
- Total expenses for the month of Sept 2024 were \$4559.10.

- I received two bills from RFATX after I closed the books for September for August and September charges for the rental of RFATX space which I paid today in the amount of \$240.00 total, so they will be on next month's report.
  - Sales Tax for the Next Quarter on October 19th for \$268.21.
  - TBRNA \$705.24 for our 3rd Quarter Donations upon approval.
  - Phone line bill was high. There was a problem with someone hacking into the system.
  - Talked to vendor about the high bill. When people call into the 800 number and there is a menu. The way it was set up and it played over and over until you hung up. We are billed by the minute. There was a high number of calls, someone would call and leave the line open.
  - We made a change to the menu, and it no longer repeats.
5. **RCM 1 – David P**
- New Proposal #5 From Patsy P.

Proposal for TBRNA Policy regarding behavior based on CBDM, Concepts of Service,

and TBRNA Policy

1. Mutual respect is the expected standard of conduct during the Regional meeting.
2. Some important concepts regarding conduct are:
  - A. Remarks must be confined to clarifying and understanding the proposal.
  - B. We cannot repeat what's already been said during the proposal discussion.
  - C. Proposal discussions will be closed by the Facilitator.
  - D. Another member's motives may not be attacked.
  - E. To speak, please raise your hand to be recognized by the Facilitator.
  - F. Refrain from speaking adversely about an idea that is not pending.
  - G. Refrain from speaking against your idea.
  - H. If the Facilitator interrupts, you must yield the floor.
  - I. You must not disturb the body.

J. A time limit on a particular subject may be implemented by the Facilitator with the consent

of the regional body.

I reviewed the current TBRNA policy. I did not see anything that references behavior. Since we

are Discussing Disruptive and Predatory Behavior, I believe it would be appropriate to suggest

this verbiage to the policy.

**1 RCM wanted this to go back to the groups, this was 20% of 7 RCMs present**

2. New Proposal #7 From Michael C from Tom K's report.

Propose that the food allowance for travel be up from \$50.00 a day to \$75.00 a day.

From Tom's report: I noticed Ruben's food receipts for all three days of SZF exceeded the \$50/day food allowance. In today's financial climate I think the Region should consider increasing the allowance.

Current Wording: Food allocation for travel out of the Region to represent TBRSC is \$50.00 maximum per day for persons approved before travel. We shouldn't require servants to eat bologna sandwiches.

**2 RCMs asked for this to go back to the Groups.**

**- Questions**

The area will take back proposal to the groups

6. **RCM 2 – Karla not present**

7. **Policy – Patrick**

- o Attached a revised policy in the area email

Report concluded at 2:45pm

The 7th tradition will be collected during our ASC meetings. The money will be given to the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer to be placed in the general fund.

**Literature Bank – Jonathan and Sarah**

- Asking for money for three lockers the amount of ???

Joey - do we have the space for lockers?

Mike - Lockers can fit

Robin - we should not spend the money

Christian - who has the access to the storage unit?

Robin, Ann Marie, Sean has access

Sara – we cannot transport

Stephanie – This look lose it would be hard to transport.

Sara – two lockers will be \$440

Monica – Adjust proposal to approve two lockers

Area passes the proposal at 2:41pm.

**IV. GROUPS****A. NEW GSRs**

Andrew – New Hope

**B. REPORTS – GROUPS**

Anel – courage to change

Asking GSR to announce at groups that the group is changing dates to Wednesday at 7:30pm at RFATX after they move.

Remain candlelight.

First meeting OCT 16 @ 7:30pm.

Mike – Just for tonight

Will be dissolving, did so to give C2C room to meet

Tangie – 12 steps to freedom

Going out GSR, Brandi will be the new AGSR

New time from 7:30 to 8:30pm

Arnold – Freedom to change.

Donated \$130 to world.

Maggie – Another chance

27<sup>th</sup> anniversary 16<sup>th</sup> of November @ noon. In Killeen. Would like participation from AREA.

Tony – Here and Now

Start locking the door. Sign on the door to knock. After 7:30.

Bobbie – Miracles and Solutions

Decided to turn the inventory report next month.

**Open Forum Discussion –**

**Qualifying George**

- Qualification laid out by George.

### **Questions**

**Tony – what is the workshop going to look like?**

**G – 3 hr. process**

**1 set hr. brainstorming. How can we improve services? Three sections in the inventory we want a broad brainstorming. We will list the ideas. Then we will vote.** Turn in back over to the area. Once there is a clear consensus. The area will take over from there.

Christian – after that. We will take that back to groups.

G – no that is the end of the workshop. We don't need to over think this process.

Travis – remarks on George and endorses.

Tony – Hybrid meeting. How will this work with the small groups

G – need to plan on this. If there are a small group on zoom, then they can be on their own break out room.

Travis – is this open to all members.

G – we want to encourage all that doesn't usually their voice.

Maddie – what is the workshop on?

G- we use the word inventory because our use to the steps, it's an improvement tool.

**November 3, 10 – 1pm. Day of inventory.**

**Monica – is the area in consensus that George will facilitate the area inventory?**

**Group consensus at 3:11pm**



**Old business – Area Inventory****New business – Policy Proposal****Proposal made by Patrick H**

**After reviewing our CTANA Policy. I would recommend and propose the following paragraph be re-added to our CTANA Policy. This is in accordance with the following from our current Policy:**

***3.1. ASC participants can bring proposals to the body. Only GSR's can vote.***

**Also from Policy:**

***5.2 The ASC must consider, but is not required to accept, the recommendation of the Policy Facilitator in its deliberations.***

**I would recommend and propose the following under Section 14 of our Area Policy under Finances and Accounting:**

***14.27 "With the exception of our annual Holiday and CTANA Anniversary, that All funds received greater than \$10.00 should be in the form of a group check or money order." This is verbatim from our previous Policy except for the following: "With the exception of our annual Holiday and CTANA Anniversary."***

**Supporting point of information from Patrick**

Accepting cash is not, obviously, accompanied by the same issues, however there are several negatives involved with its acceptance:

Making change is time consuming, subject to error, and requires the Lit Bank to have a cash box with a reasonable amount of cash to make change,

Holding and depositing that large amount of cash carries a risk of loss, both by accidental and criminal means.

Accepting cash similarly exposes the GSR carrying the funds, and the Home Group, to similar risk and temptation.

This proposal can be construed our concept 11.

Monica – You are only proposing only Money orders and home group checks? What are the requirements for the treasure?

Remarks on hearing that it's difficult to get money orders.

Patrick – reads the requirements on the treasure's duties.

Monica – we entrust the treasurer to make deposits, and they can use the ATM to make deposits.

Discussion-

George C. - This is the way It was for years. If you want to change the amount to make sence then go ahead. You want to make it easy for the lit bank. I don't see where it's a major problem.

Travis – money is a consistent thing in most recovery formats. It's the GSRs responsibility either way. It important to the process.

Richard – a GSR left because the area. Moves to a BLOCK. 5<sup>th</sup> tradition and primary purpose.

Until we have a serious discussion about this issue. We make it hard for the newcomers.

Monica – you are using the first concept and 5<sup>th</sup> tradition.

Travis – isn't this the serious a discussion.

Jennifer - HEB will take debit cards and cash, at least most will take cash, they are 65 cents

Joey – use PayPal. Last month we had \$900 in cash. We should not be walking out of here with that much money. Does not agree with holding on that much money.

Robin – money orders can be stopped in case of thief. Will be willing to spend time at the bank.

Stephanie – we can't use PayPal for lit orders.

Doug – what about Venmo?

Justin – zelle

David – the purpose of the proposal is the help lit bank, and treasure. We are trying to keep the body to serve ourselves and the body to serve area.

**Patrick – 14.27 “With the exceptions of CTANA PayPal Portal, the annual Holiday Book Drive, and CTANA Anniversary, as well as our Area 7<sup>th</sup> tradition that All funds received greater than \$10.00 should be in the form of a group check or money order.**

**Proposal passes at 3:43pm**

**November 3, 2024 2:20 pm amended**

**14.27 “With the exceptions of CTANA PayPal Portal, the annual Holiday Book Drive, and CTANA Anniversary, as well as our Area 7<sup>th</sup> tradition that All funds received greater than \$30.00 should be in the form of a group check or money order.**

## **V. SUBCOMMITTEES**

### **1. Activities – Nicole**

Our next event, Learning Day, is in the planning stage, targeted for Nov. 3rd or 10th. We are going to attempt a Talent Show, inviting NA members with any sort of talent they'd like to share along with introducing each of our area subcommittees. The possibility of having a chili cook-off has also been talked about for fund-raising purposes... Once we are able to secure a location and a date, I'll reach out to each subcommittee, and I'll generate a flyer and send that via email for CTANA Area members to announce at meetings.

Our Recovery Awareness event at Recovery in the Park went well. We spent \$300 of our \$700 dollar budget. I'll be returning \$400 to Area today.

Planning has also begun for our Holliday Party. We're bringing in a guest speaker from Georgia and planning to have a silent auction, raffle, ugly sweater contest, and door prizes. Stay tuned for more information next month! Save the Date is on the CTANA calendar with more info. Once a flyer is generated, we'll make that available asap. Also, we have requested the liability certificate from region required by the venue for this event and are waiting to hear back on that.

Thank you to those who have been announcing our survey in meetings. We are still receiving responses. Please continue to announce in meetings whenever possible. The feedback we've received so far is already helping us a lot!

Here's the link (again) for the survey in case you'd like to send it out to individuals:

<https://take.supersurvey.com/QV3V5ZR0J>

-Requesting \$850 in funds for Learning Day, today. The budget was set for \$850.

-Requesting \$1000 in funds for our Holiday H&I Party, today. The budget was set for \$1000.

-Returning \$400 in funds from our Recovery Awareness event, today.

-Returning \$141.70 in funds from our Unity Day event, today.

### Discussion

Robin – Area cannot meet that request.

Christian – what is the prudent reserve for?

Patrick – it does not stipulate.

Mike - \$850 for the learning day? why?

Nichole – main is for the venue, some for A&V. Learning Day is for area.

Mike – how many people go?

Nichole – we decided to separate from the anniversary.

David – Discuss from the treasure handbook. The money in NA should carry the spirit.

Tony – can we combine the function with the holiday function?

Joey – money you need now for travel?

Nichole – the survey is giving us really good feedback.

Meeting goes into a bunch a questions

Nicole – we will make considerations.

- Discussion has gone into being prudent and not holding the fund in fear.

Amended the amount to \$650

Group consensus at 4:11pm.

Report concluded at 4:11pm

## 2. **Common Welfare – Anel**

- o Met on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, with 9 ppl in present.
- o Working on structured talking points.
- o Happy to be part of the area inventory

Report concluded at 4:12pm

## 3. **H&I – Tony C**

- PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD AT ALL MEETINGS - TDCJ Orientation / Application can be done online. 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.
- Del Valle Jail needs some help. Anyone willing to either do an in person OR virtual meeting Tuesday mornings at 9am please let me know. It would be one Tuesday / month.
- We need a coordinator for Willow Springs in Bastrop which meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7pm. Please spread the word at your home groups.
- ALL coordinator positions will be open for re-election. 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. 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 anyone is interested in the FACILITATOR position you must be present at that subcommittee meeting either in person or on zoom to qualify yourself.

- 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.
- I received a request for an H&I meeting at COMMON GROUNDS Transitional Center at 2101 E. Ben White Blvd.

After meeting with Micki the facility administrator, we both agreed that an actual NA meeting would better serve the needs of this community. They are requesting a literature rack or at least IPs to have available.

CTANA used to have a meeting there many years ago called WE CAN. I am hoping that someone would be willing to start that back up again.

I remember in the past the meeting started off slowly like most but the few times I went there were about 15-20 in the room.

Meeting days/time preferred: Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. 7p-8p.

There is a space to keep coffee pot and literature secure between meetings.

Contact number for Micki the administrator is 512-784-4123

- H&I Literature order submitted today was for \$1,594.63. I will submit our 2025 budget at next ASC.
- Next Regional H&I meeting on zoom November 3rd at 7pm.
- TDCJ.org is where to get orientated for the TDC facilities.



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4. **Public Relations – Ann Marie**

**No nominees for co-recorder.**

Next meeting on November 3, 2024  
Meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm.