



Area Service Committee

September 10, 2023

2:00 p.m. – Meeting starts

Service Prayer, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts read

2:05 – Attendance taken:

Facilitator – Monica C. – present

Co-facilitator – Sean F. – present

Recorder – Alex F. – present

Co-Recorder – NONE

Treasurer – James M. –present

Co-Treasurer – Cristina D. –present

RCM I – Cleto M. – present

RCM II – David P. – present

Policy Chair – Tim S. – present

PR Facilitator – Ann Marie M. – present

H&I Facilitator – David A. – present

Common Welfare Facilitator – Angela O. – present

Activities – Kevin B – present

Lit Bank – Richard – present

2:17 – Previous minutes approved

2:22 – Discussion of new policy regarding proposals (as of last month)

Alan E – wording is ambiguous, can we update to be clearer?

Facilitator postponed that topic to New Business

Ann Marie M – pointed out that PR's motion from last month needs to be in Old Business, Facilitator agreed to include it there.

2:27 – Facilitator confirmed that bank account was updated per policy to reflect Recorder, Co-Facilitator, Recorder, and Treasurer as authorized signers.

2:28 – Reminder that all subcommittees must submit proposed budget prior to October ASC. Final budget as passed will be included in November minutes.

2:29 – Reports

- 1) Co-Facilitator – Sean F. – please make announcements in meetings! Report approved.
- 2) Recorder – Alex F – minutes already approved
- 3) Treasurer – James M

Question from Tisha R - \$0 set aside for H&I and PR?



- Point of information from Monica – the minutes from the November 2022 ASC where H&I budget is decided show that the Area did not approve the \$12,000 budget. There is no note that, as Monica remembers, the subcommittee was tasked with a rebuttal budget; she remembers it was \$5,000, but the minutes after that ASC do not reflect anything else about that budget. As such, the \$12,000 budget from 2021 remains in effect.
- Available funds as of August was \$8800, per Treasurer. Prudent reserve is \$1750 (additional to the \$8800)

Continued discussion:

Ann Marie – was unaware that PR budget was dwindling or gone. Can they request funds for reimbursement? → yes

Tisha – Does that mean that there is or is not budget available?

Treasurer – because budget was not approved, it wasn't set aside this year. They can ad hoc request for reimbursement, but no budget has been set aside.

David P – Where does it say in policy that we use the last year's budget? IF that is the budget, have they used up the \$12000 already?

Facilitator – That does not exist in policy. But because no budget was approved, whatever budget we have should carry forward.

David – There is no budget, since it's not in the policy. We will be sure H&I is funded, but none is in effect right now. Also, have they spent \$12,000 yet?

Treasurer – The money that has been so far allotted to H&I has come from last year's fundraiser

Policy Chair point of information – ALL budget requests are submitted in October, voted on during November ASC. Therefore, earmarking funds is not allowed by Policy.

Facilitator – We have been earmarking funds (but not calling it that) for a while as an area.

Treasurer – there was never an approved budget, so there were no other H&I funds available than the ones from last year's fundraiser.

Alan – If there is already a policy, why isn't it followed? And can we move on?

Kent – Shouldn't the numbers from the budget be in the year's policy?

David A – Says he was told that the number slot on the report that was used was specifically Holiday Function party money. Treasurer confirmed that that is separate from the H&I/PR budget.

Monica – There needs to be an internal audit after December ASC and before January ASC per policy when there is a change in the office of the treasurer, so that is upcoming.

Treasurer also confirmed that taxes have been timely filed.

- Report approved after discussion.



- 4) RCM I – Cleto – Ruben attended Region, presented 7 pg report. Cleto received email from Liz (regional lit review) – there is a deadline (3/21/24) for survey re: H&I basics. His report has the link to the survey. All can participate. Southern Zonal Forum will also have a PR training/workshop on 9/16/23. Region PR committee meeting is 9/19/23 online. Report approved.
- 5) RCM II – David P – If anyone wants to be the chair of TBRCNA 2025, they can submit a statement of willingness. There is already one nomination. Region prefers transfers by Zelle, which we already do.

### 3:07 new groups and group reports

- Freedom Group – Alan – new group, hosting area birthday night, have been added to website
- 12 Steps to Freedom – Stefan – asks that members announce their new meeting at other - groups
- Turnaround Taylor – Richard – looking for a new place to rent
- Searching and Fearless Women – Jessica – hybrid meeting at RFATX
- Another Chance – Madi – September 23, they will have Oldtimer Speaker Jam
- Out and About – Tif – varying attendance, looking for consistent support
- Courage to Change – Susanne – attendance low, would love support
- Regeneration X – David A – has candlelight + meditation meeting last Sunday of every month
- New Way of Living – Leonard – having a fish fry next Saturday in Marble Falls
- Spiritual Seekers – Texas – open birthday nights
- Hill Country – Tom – meets Thurs at 8, attends every month and has asked for support but hasn't gotten it
- Just for Today – Mark – M-F noon at RFATX, needs trusted servants!
- Never Alone – Richard – twice daily, needs chairpeople for F/Sa/Su 5:30 p.m. meetings
- Serenity the NA Way – Tony – this Tues, speaker with 41 years
- Men at Work – Mike – Thurs 7:30-9, lots of attendance
- Young, Clean, and Free – Tyler – needs support (9 pm)
- Desencadenados – Danny – Tues meeting is bilingual, considering adding Wednesday night Spanish meeting. Has changed format to welcome people who can't write/read. Birthday night is this Friday.
- Stay and Change – Kent – needs homegroup members! Is reading Basic Text cover to cover.
- Spiritual Mechanics – lots of newcomers, good attendance
- Primary Purpose – Daniel – 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary BBQ Hoedown on 9/23/23 at 6 p.m., there will be a speaker + cobbler.
- Wild With Flair – James – has both online and in-person meetings
- Miracles and Solutions – Everett – 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary was successful
- Tuesday at Last – Diane – meets RFATX on Tues
- New Hope – Christina – tiny candlelight meeting on Tues
- Right Stuff – Alex – doing well



- Clean and Free – Andrea – she takes area notes to meetings and announces groups that need support
- Recovery on the Ranch – Mark will be attending Area for this meeting next month – meets on Wednesdays
- Nonfiction Addiction – Cleto – two treatment centers last week, only 2 homegroup members. **Needs support!** (especially to provide potential sponsors for treatment center attendees)

3:39 – Old business

1) Reinstatement of Rhythm of Recovery

a. Questions for Michael (GSR)

- i. David – The phrase “our website” implies that there is an affiliation between facility and NA as a whole, which is directly part of the concern, especially if that website is potentially selling substances (i.e. kratom) → “Convince me you’re not affiliated with the facility”
- ii. Alan – Is kratom being sold in the same facility? Answer: No.
- iii. Kent – website still shows Kratom
- iv. Texas – which texts are used at your meeting? “The NA book. And Just for Today.”
- v. Stephanie F – Is the meeting held at Cherokee Recovery Village? Yes.
- vi. Alan – **blocks** proposal of reinstating group based on Tradition 6.
  1. Ruben – has anyone even been out there?
  2. Poll was taken, consensus reached on block → proposal blocked.
  3. Ruben – Now it falls to PR to perform outreach. Ann Marie agreed to visit and report back.  
→ PR will report back, and if Rhythm of Recovery wants to be added, they can affirmatively request again to be added to the schedule.

2) Ann Marie – Revisiting proposal that ASC vote before removing any meeting from the schedule

- a. Doug – what was the previous policy?
  - i. Previously, PR would make that decision autonomously
  - ii. Follow-up question – wouldn’t ASC taking that decision on make ASC take longer? Shouldn’t PR be trusted with that decision?
- b. Diane – Shouldn’t it just be for sure in the minutes?
  - i. Stephanie – it was in the PR report for that month, just not the minutes... Is their report and vote invalidated just because it wasn’t included in those minutes?
  - ii. Ann Marie – visit took place in 2022, prior to her tenure – she asked the subcommittee, was provided with the information from the prior reports, and they made decision.
- c. Tom – clarification that other meetings are doing similar things, and we should have given them a chance to try. Facilitator noted that the proposal at hand is just



whether PR should be able to make that decision, or whether ASC should vote on removing groups.

- d. Doug **blocked** proposal, but did not have associated tradition/concept violation. Changed to assent with reservation, but emphasized belief that PR *should* have that level of autonomy – it's not an area issue.
  - e. Tim – noted that there is a pattern of people blocking if they don't like something. Blocking is "a last choice," since enough stand-asides can defeat a consensus.
    - i. Point of information – 4 choices (assent, assent with reservation, stand-aside, and block), not 2 (agree/disagree)
  - f. Doug ultimately stands aside. Ruben encourages PR to re-word proposal to align with CBDM → changed from "ASC vote" to "ASC consensus"
  - g. Policy change PASSED. ASC vote now required to remove meetings from schedules (following PR report).
- 3) Monica – proposes that those bringing New Business submit those proposals for Old Business next month.

#### 4:13 Subcommittee reports

- PR – Ann Marie – partnered with Activities for Recovery in the Park event. Very successful, lots of interest and engagement, good networking. Asking for reimbursement of \$189.49 (1/2 of total cost). Approved.
- Activities – Kevin – Unity Day successful. Will return \$385.80 (left-over of \$500 budget) to Treasurer ASAP. Asking for reimbursement of \$189.49 for Recovery in the Park expenses. Needs member support. Focus right now is Holiday Book Drive. Approved.
  - o Assent with reservation noted by Richard B, who wants us to be careful spending on things that "don't directly carry the message" (*i.e.*, donuts and cold brew).
- Common Welfare – There will be an anonymous survey requesting topics for the Common Welfare workshop on 11/8/23. Next meeting moved to 9/18/23 .
- Literature Bank – Richard – Lit needs help on day of area starting 12:30 p.m. It's easier if groups pay by money order than cash for lit orders. Lit bank closes once orders are filled on day of area. 2<sup>nd</sup> half is spent on inventory. Needs approval for H&I order (\$3062.18) (per David A, projected to last 3 months). Approved.
- H&I – David A – will re-send proposal in report for next month. Major change is that you can sponsor someone in a facility and still go to that facility, (be careful not to show favoritism.) Several facilities need co-coordinator support: CTTC (female preferred), University High, Recovery Unplugged (female preferred), Willow Springs, New Hope Ranch.

#### 4:30 Elections

- Co-recorder – no volunteers/nominations
- Assistant lit bank – Sarah P volunteers. Policy read by Tim S. Questions given to qualify applicant. Jonathan F also volunteers, also received questions from the body. Robert Mitchell also volunteers.
  - o Note, no cleantime requirement currently in policy



- Tim expressed concern of having someone with one year handling thousands of dollars, Ruben objected that they are willing to serve where no one else previously was.
- Agreed that Literature Bank can use all 3 volunteers for support.

Next ASC scheduled for 10/1/23. Any proposals should be submitted 5 DAYS PRIOR (or before) (deadline 9/25/23) to Area at [asc@ctana.org](mailto:asc@ctana.org) to be included in New Business.

4:47 Adjourn.

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ATTENDANCE:

GROUP	Present?	Present at 3:34
Another Chance	Y	Y
Austin Powerless	N	N
Clean and Free	Y	Y
Clean House	N*	N
Courage to Change	Y	Y
DesencadeNAdos	Y	Y
Desire to Stop Using	N*	N
Eastside	N*	N
Far Out	N	N
Free at Last	Y	Y
Freedom Group	Y	Y
Here and Now	Y	Y
Hill Country	Y	Y
Just for Today	Y	Y
Just for Tonight	N	N
Living Clean	N*	N
Men at Work	Y	Y
Miracles and Solutions	Y	Y
Never Alone	Y	Y
New Beginnings	Y	N
New Hope	Y	Y
New Way of Living	N*	N
Non-Fiction Addiction	Y	Y
Our Gift	Y	N
Out and About	Y	Y
Primary Purpose	Y	Y

Regeneration X	Y	Y
Right Stuff	Y	Y
Searching and Fearless Women	Y	Y
Serenity the NA Way	Y	Y
Spiritual Mechanics	Y	Y
Spiritual Seekers	Y	Y
Stay N Change	Y	Y
Turnaround Taylor NA	Y	Y
The Journey Continues	N*	N
The Twelve Steps to Freedom	Y	Y
Tuesday at Last	Y	Y
Twisted Sisters	N*	N
Why We Stay	N*	N
Wild with Flair	Y	Y
Young, Clean, and Free	Y	Y

\* = Also not present last month

Eastside – Per Monica, still active

New Way of Living – Per Cleto, they are active, just not attending area

Twisted Sisters – per Alan, they do meet, but don't have a GSR

Desire to Stop Using, Living Clean, and The Journey Continues can be removed.