

Lake Norman Area of Narcotics Anonymous
Area Service Committee Meeting
Sunday, April 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm on Sunday, April 13, 2008.

Attendance:

Officers

Chairperson – Kathy
Co-Chair – Absent
RCM – Chris S.
Alt. RCM – Absent
Secretary – (vacant)
Alt. Secretary – (vacant)
Treasurer – Jamie F.
Alt. Treasurer – Carl
PI Chairperson – Rick
Alt. PI Chair – (vacant)
H&I – Kyle
H&I Alt. Chair – Cameron
Activities Committee Chair – Robin

GSR's

Steps and Solutions – Gary
Our Hour – Karen
Principals Before Personalities – Ted (Kady)
Vision of Hope – John L (for Kenny)
Surrender to Win – Absent
Grateful Group – Cameron
End of the Road – Sal
Glad's Its Here – Carl
Glasshouses – Kevin

Previous Month Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for the March 2008 were approved with one correction to change the reference to “power” of the RCM in the concept study to “authority”.

Twelve Concepts Study

Read and reviewed the Fourth Concept with members attending the ASC March meeting. Fourth Concept states “Effective leadership is highly valued in Narcotics Anonymous. Leadership qualities should be carefully considered when selecting trusted servants.” This concept focuses on qualities we should look for in the trusted servants we elect into service positions in Narcotics Anonymous. It was brought up that this study could not have come up at a better time, since we are coming up on nominations for new trusted servants. According to the Area Inventory, one area that we lack in is getting more people involved in the service structure and that we should strive to do so, but at the same time we should think long and hard before making nominations. Resumes are one good way to gauge someone’s responsibility and desire. All these should be considered in selecting trusted servants who are willing to perform the duties of the position they are elected to fill. Final topic for thought: “Sponsorship is the key to service.”

Officer Reports:

Chairperson

Kathy submitted a written report thanking all those who were in attendance at the Area Inventory. She stated that this was an important event for our area. Allowing us to look at things we have done this past year and to focus on way to help foster unity in this Area.

Co-Chair

A report was not submitted.

RCM

Chris S. submitted a written letter. He attended the CRSC meeting in Rock Hill on April 6th. A new area has been added to our region. The area is in lower Charleston, SC and is called the Port City Area. They currently have 9 homegroups and 5 H&I facilities.

Treasurer

Jamie provided the March 2008 Treasurer's Report.

Beginning Bank Balance: \$2,020.06 (minus Area Event Fund: \$500.00 & Prudent Reserve: \$300.00)

Beginning Area Fund Balance: \$1,220.06

Credits (Donations): \$375.00

Debits (Expenses including NADATL and Hope Floats): \$841.69

Ending Area Fund Balance: \$753.37 (plus Area Event Fund: \$500.00 & Prudent Reserve: \$300.00)

Debits Not Cleared: \$829.57

Ending Bank Balance: \$2,382.94

PR Chair

Rick submitted a written report. In the report, Rick stated some concerns over the merging of H&I and PR in midterm. He stated that the PR subcommittee had several projects concerning the website, phone lines and poster days that it was working on. A presentation will be given to the 5th Street Shelter in Statesville on April 27th by himself and Cameron.

H&I Chair

Kyle reported that there was a good turn-out for the H&I meetings on the 2nd Thursday at the Ada Jenkins Center. He strongly encouraged each homegroup to send a designated representative to the H&I meetings so that information can be sent back to the homegroups. This can be any member of the homegroup and there is no clean time requirement. Cameron suggested, and it was agreed that we should give a donation to the Ada Jenkins Center for rent for the H&I subcommittee meetings that were held there. Also, there is a Regional Service Day coming up on June 14th in Fort Mill and an H&I Regional Learning Day in Spartanburg on May 31st.

Activities

Robin submitted a written report. He reported that the second annual Hope Floats Adhoc committee met on March 30th and is moving right along with the plans for the event which will be held on July 13th. Vito will be the speaker. Food will be catered by Mia Famiglia. Kyle and Rick were selling tickets. 125 tickets @ \$25. T-Shirts will also be available this year for \$10. Please contact Kyle (980.254.6851) or Rick R. (704.421.5880) for tickets.

Chris S. reported that the NA Day At The Lake event will be held at Ramsey Creek Park on August 9th. An upcoming subcommittee meeting for this will be announced soon.

Group Reports

Steps & Solutions— Gary submitted a written report. 5 homegroup members. Still growing in attendance and many thanks for the support. \$0 donation.

Our Hour— Karen provided a written report. Meetings are steady. Sally J. will celebrate 18 months clean on May 3rd. Supporting the event fund by placement of donation jar at the meeting place. \$0 donation.

Principles Before Personalities – Kady provided a written report. Newcomer numbers have risen this month and the group continues to grow. Phil will celebrate 21 years clean on April 17th. Ted N. will celebrate 3 years clean May 8th. Both with eating/speaker meetings. \$0 donation.

Vision of Hope – John L. provided a written report in Kenny’s absence. All is well. Meeting attendance is good. Our Wednesday 1:00 pm meeting needs support. GSRs please remind your homegroups. \$200 donation.

Surrender to Win – GSR not present.

Grateful Group – Cameron & George provided a written report. George attended with Cameron for the Grateful Group. Meeting attendance for Tuesday meeting is declining. Thursday and Saturday meetings attended well. Speaker meeting continuing the 3rd Saturday of every month. Next speaker meeting is next Saturday the 19th of April with an eating meeting to begin at 5:00. Thanks to other groups in our area for supporting us. Cameron to provide donation to Jamie in the next 2 weeks.

End of the Road, Statesville – Sal provided a written report. Group doing well. Leigh B will celebrate 2 years on April 20th. \$0 donation.

Glad Its Here – Carl provided a written report. Still good, about 10-12 people showing up per meeting. Eating meeting was a success. \$20 donation.

Glasshouses – Kevin provided a written report. Meeting is growing. Average of 10 to 14 at each meeting. Getting great support from outside areas. Considering changing one of the meetings to book/literature study due to rise in newcomer attendance. \$0 donation.

Nominations

There were no nominations.

Old Business

Results of the Area Inventory were made available to all GSR’s. Should be taken back to the homegroups and reviewed.

Carl reported that he had checked and there was no need for the Area to obtain additional insurance for the Hope Floats event.

Karen shared that she felt the Area Inventory was an excellent exercise and should allow us to set goals for our Area based on the results.

Open Sharing Session

- Chris S. reported some other information from the CRSC not in his written report. He stated that LNANA is rated 3rd in donations to the region. Also, that North Carolina region has split off from the Carolina Region. A vote needs to come from the homegroups in order to vote the North Carolina Region in at the WSC. Chris also stated that all homegroups should vote on the 2008-2009 Regional Budget package (John L. has copies for everyone) and bring that vote back to one of the two following ASC’s. The changes are noted here for quick reference:
 - Treasurer – Change Professional Fees from \$800 to \$1200
 - Treasurer Emeritus – Standardized Travel from \$30 to \$50

- RD – World Service Workshop Travel from \$400 to \$600
- AD – World Service Workshop Travel from \$400 to \$600
- Literature Review – Increased Lit from \$150 to \$500, Change RSO copying from \$1450 to \$1800
- Policy – Increased Supplies from \$50 to \$70
- PI – Increase 800 line from \$1,200 to \$1,800, Lit from \$250 to \$480, Web hosting \$75, RSO Copying and Printing from \$100 to \$300, Booth Shipping from \$250 to \$500
- Admin Ops – Increased RSO Postage from \$50 to \$500. Increased RSO copying and printing from \$150 to \$500
- SEZF – Changed wording to Trusted Servants/RCMs, changed Printing/Specific Projects from \$500 to \$200
- CRSO – Changed Air Conditioning/Heat to \$300; Property Tax from \$360 to \$380; Decreased Insurance and Bond from \$1,100 to \$800; Increased Payroll 3% to cover COLA. Increased Credit Card Fee From \$4,000 to \$7,000; Decreased professional expenses from \$1,000 to \$500; Increased software from \$950 to \$1,500
 - O&F Lit Sales – Travel from \$600 to \$1,000, lodging from \$1,500 to \$2,000, meals from \$800 to \$1,200
 - COSG – Lit from 180,000 to 220,000; Added 10,000 for Conv. Lit Sales; Freight in from \$8,640 to \$5,000; Freight out UPS from \$15,000 to \$12,500

Anyone wishing to attend the Southeast Zonal Forum with Chris S, please let him know.

Finally Chris stated that LNANA needs to decide if they are interested in leaving the Carolina Region to join the North Carolina Region. No formal discussion was really held around this specific topic, but is good to bring back to the homegroups.

- Cameron brought up the fact that his understanding was there was no problems on the horizon with the merger of H&I and PR. Rick's only objection to this was doing this during midterm of officers. The primary reasons for combining the two bodies is being able to better serve the area, and they are having a hard time getting people to server as separate committees. The committees will meet in a combined form on Sunday April 19th at Meadowlake at 4:30 during the regularly scheduled time for the PR subcommittee meeting.

New Business

No new business was brought before the committee.

Motions

One "Housekeeping" motion was made at the ASC.

1) MOTION. Motion made by John L. seconded by Cameron on Sunday April 13, 2008. To raise the Area Event Fund to \$750. Intent: To allow for ease in planning events in this area. No amendments.

VOTES: 16 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions.

There was a motion made to close the meeting and it was duly seconded.

Next ASC Meeting is May 11 , 2008 at 4:00 PM