

Lake Norman Area of Narcotics Anonymous  
Area Service Committee Meeting  
Sunday, May 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm on Sunday, May 11, 2008.

Attendance:

**Officers**

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

**GSR's**

Steps and Solutions – Absent  
Our Hour – Karen  
Principles Before Personalities – Absent  
Vision of Hope – Kenny  
Surrender to Win – Absent  
Grateful Group – George  
End of the Road – Absent  
Glad's Its Here – Carl  
Glasshouses – Absent

**Quorum was not met.**

**Previous Month Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the April minutes was made by Kenny, seconded by Carl. Minutes were approved.

**Twelve Concepts Study**

The fifth concept was read which states “For each responsibility assigned to the service structure, a single point of decision and accountability should be clearly defined.” Karen brought up that this was why groups were not allowed to create their own posters to hang in the community. That’s why we delegate this to PR, because it carries with it a great responsibility. If we make these responsibilities very clear from the start, it can help us clear away any doubt. This concept is why we have written policy and procedures to follow, so there are clear indications of responsibility.

**Officer Reports:**

Chairperson

A report was not submitted.

Co-Chair

A report was not submitted.

RCM

A report was not submitted.

Treasurer

Jamie provided the April 2008 Treasurer’s Report.

Beginning Area Fund Balance: \$753.37

Credits (Donations): \$545.00

Debits (Expenses): \$225.00

Ending Area Fund Balance: \$1,073.37 (plus Area Event Fund: \$500.00 & Prudent Reserve: \$300.00)

Ending Bank Balance: \$1,873.37

### PR Chair

Karen was able to give an update on the first combined meeting of the H&I and PR subcommittees. There were no written reports from the chairs. Karen has been appointed the single secretary for both subcommittees. Web site information has been updated and the site has officially moved to GoDaddy. We still need feedback from members on content and design. The new combined subcommittee will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 4:00 PM at Meadowlake beginning in the month of June. A poster day is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> to concentrate on the Statesville area. Volunteers to meet at the Shoney's off exit 50 of I-77 for breakfast and orientation at 9:00 AM. Karen also added that there will be a Regional Subcommittee Service Day coming up in Fort Mill on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The day will include learning sessions for all subcommittees of Narcotics Anonymous. The event will take place at St Phillip Neri Catholic Church, located at 292 Munn Road in Fort Mill, SC (see attached flyer for directions and specifics of the event).

### H&I Chair

A written report was not submitted. Kyle mentioned that the meeting at the new homeless shelter in Statesville was to begin on May 13<sup>th</sup>. This meeting would be taken in every Tuesday at 7:30 PM and the trusted servant for the month of May is Gary V. Please contact Kyle or Gary if you're interested in going along. It takes 90 days clean to go in and 6 months to speak on the panel. H&I has officially pulled out of the CARE facility in Concord. Kyle also reiterated the desire for all homegroups to send a representative to the H&I/PR meeting. This way the homegroups can be better informed of what is going on across both of the subcommittees.

### Activities

A report was not submitted.

## **Group Reports**

Steps & Solutions – GSR not present.

Our Hour – Karen provided a written report. 8 active homegroup members. Meetings are steady. Thanks to all who came to celebrate with Sally J (18 months) and Dian B (6 months). This kind of support helps keep members wanting to come back. Karen H will celebrate 15 years on June 10. \$30 donation.

Principles Before Personalities – GSR not present.

Vision of Hope – Kenny submitted a written report. 14 to 16 active homegroup members. All is well. Attendance is really good. We have a large number of newcomers. Our 1:00pm Wednesday meeting needs support. \$0 donation.

Surrender to Win – GSR not present.

Grateful Group – George submitted a written report. No changes. Meeting attendance is good. 12 to 15 active homegroup members. Speaker and eating meeting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. \$150 donation.

End of the Road – GSR not present.

Glad Its Here – Carl provided a written report. All is well. 10 to 12 at each meeting. 3 active homegroup members. \$0 donation.

Glasshouses— GSR not present.

### **Nominations**

There were no nominations. John L asked about making secretary role official. Will submit nomination form and resume at next ASC.

### **Old Business**

No old business was brought before the committee.

### **Open Sharing Session**

- There was some lengthy discussion around the holiday meeting. It was suggested that you send a representative, or at the very least your report, if you're unable to attend the ASC. Cameron stated that it would be better if he didn't have to attend ASC on Father's Day. Since Father's Day falls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, June should not give the same issue as May. It was suggested that we think about updating Area policy to reflect holiday schedules.
- Jamie brought up a few topics, including the desire to investigate moving our Bank Account to a different bank. Also, there should be some checks and balances in place in the Treasurers position (i.e someone schedule payments, another person to make the payments). Jamie will investigate our options and come back to the committee with suggestions.
- Cameron shared that he was very upset with some comments he was hearing about his homegroup. Some people struggle to stay clean, and the trash talking about different homegroups needed to stop. It's not right for people to say "Oh, you don't wanna join that group, they all relapse." When we hear others speaking in this manner, we should speak up and stop it. We need to be each other's eyes and ears in this fellowship. We owe it to the newcomers! This needs to be taken to the homegroups and discussed.
- It was also brought up that some relapsers were not being made to feel welcome when they come back to the fellowship. We should all remember: **"AN ADDICT, ANY ADDICT, CAN LOSE THE DESIRE TO USE AND FIND A NEW WAY OF LIFE."** Many feel that our focus has shifted away from our primary purpose, which is to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. Another shining example of this is when a newcomer picks up a white chip and only 1 or 2 people hug them, but let someone pick up 15 yrs. and the entire room gets up. We also tend to forget that newcomers need someone to talk to after the meetings. We are responsible for our own recovery, but we are also responsible for carrying the message and reaching out to newcomers who may be scared at their first meeting.
- Jamie also mentioned that we should consider our motives for pulling out of the CARE facility and starting a meeting in a homeless shelter. There was a lot of discussion on the topic and the consensus was that we should not stop something in it's infancy just because a few people have said it's not really H&I work. The topic is still open for discussion in future ASC meetings.

### **New Business**

No new business was brought before the committee.

### **Motions**

No motions were made at the meeting.

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

**Next ASC Meeting is June 8 , 2008 at 4:00 PM**