

Lake Norman Area of Narcotics Anonymous  
Area Service Committee Meeting  
Sunday, August 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm on Sunday, August 10, 2008.

Attendance:

**Officers**

Chairperson – Paula  
Co-Chair – (vacant)  
RCM – (vacant)  
Alt. RCM – (vacant)  
Secretary – John L.  
Alt. Secretary – (vacant)  
Treasurer – Jamie F.  
Alt. Treasurer – Carl  
Outreach Chair - Kyle  
Outreach Co-chair – Cameron  
Activities Committee Chair – (vacant)

**GSR's**

Steps and Solutions – Absent  
Our Hour – Karen  
Principles Before Personalities – Kady S.  
Vision of Hope – Kenny  
Surrender to Win – Chris S.  
Grateful Group – George  
End of the Road – Sal  
Glad It's Here – Carl  
Glasshouses – Jerry

**Previous Month Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the July minutes was made. Minutes were approved.

**Twelve Concepts Study**

The eighth concept was read, which states “Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.” Communication throughout NA is key to our survival. There must be clear communication channels from the Area level to the homegroups and from the homegroups back to the Area level. Communication to the homegroups is the responsibility of the GSR. GSR's should be bringing their alternates to the ASC. If there are homegroups not participating in the ASC, then the Area Service Committee must find out why and try to bridge the gap in this breakdown of the service structure.

**Officer Reports:**

**Chairperson**

Paula gave a verbal report. She asked that during the ASC that we need to be concise and get to the point. If we wander off topic it is her responsibility to keep us on track and she will do so. It is also our responsibility to hold her accountable for keeping the meeting under control.

**Co-Chair**

A report was not submitted.

**RCM**

A report was not submitted.

### Treasurer

Jamie provided the July 2008 Treasurer's Report (See *July 2008 Treasurers Report.PDF*)

Jamie also provided a detailed report from Hope Floats along with copies of credit card receipts from purchases he made with his personal credit card (See *Hope Floats Report.PDF*)

### Outreach Chair

Kyle reported that all was well. The H&I meetings at the 5<sup>th</sup> street shelter are well supported by our area. There has, however, been poor turnout from the people staying at the shelter. We will continue to take the message or Narcotics Anonymous to them. There will be a poster day on Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> (See *Poster Day.PDF* attached) concentrating on the University area. Meet at the Bob Evans off exit 18 of I-77 (Harris Blvd at Hwy 21) at 9am for orientation and breakfast. H&I and PR are always looking for support from the homegroups. All homegroups should be sending a representative to the Outreach committee meetings. For H&I it takes 90 days to go into the shelter and 6 months to share. Kyle announced that the Outreach committee would be visiting all homegroups to do orientations and educate people on the importance of what Outreach is doing in our Area.

### Activities

A report was not submitted.

## **Group Reports**

Steps & Solutions – GSR not present.

Our Hour – Karen provided a written report. 7 active homegroup members. Meetings are steady. Brent C will celebrate 11 years on August 17. \$0 donation.

Principles Before Personalities – Kady provided a written report. 10 active homegroup members. Continuing to have great attendance (15+). No schedule changes. \$0 donation.

Vision of Hope – Kenny submitted a written report. 25 +/- active homegroup members. Everything is going well. Attendance is great, except for our **Wednesday 1:00PM meeting still needs support**. GSR's, please announce in your meetings. Wednesday 1:00 meeting needs support to chair the meeting starting at the end of this year. GSR's please announce. \$0 donation.

Surrender to Win – Chris S. submitted a written report. 4 active homegroup members. Attendance is steady. Group needs support in the form of homegroup members. \$100 donation.

Grateful Group – George submitted a written report. No changes. Tuesday meetings are topic discussion. Thursday is Step Study from the Basic Text. Saturday is meditation study with an eating/speaker meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. 12 to 15 active homegroup members. \$0 donation.

End of the Road – Sal submitted a written report. 16 members. Meeting is doing well. "Ba-humbug." \$50 donation.

Glad It's Here – Carl submitted a written report. 3 active homegroup members. All is well. About 7 to 8 people lately. Some newcomers. \$0 donation.

Glasshouses— Jerry submitted a written report. 5 active homegroup members. Group is doing well, however it needs support with sponsorship from the area. \$0 donation.

### **Elections**

The following officers were voted in by the homegroups:

Carl W – Area Treasurer

### **Nominations**

There were no nominations at this ASC.

### **Old Business**

No old business was brought before the committee.

### **Open Sharing Session**

- The topic was brought up that there is no committee or person currently updating and maintaining our Area Policy document. A meeting was scheduled by the Area Secretary for Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM at Meadowlake. All GSR's should announce this in their homegroups and get involved in helping update policy as well as making suggestions for changes to existing policy.
- Cameron brought up the fact that there is way too much silence in our meetings. We need to share our experience, strength and hope in the meetings! Homegroup members should be sharing in their homegroups. All GSR's need to take this back to the homegroups. Come up with some new ideas to promote sharing (i.e. ask for those with under 30 days to share first, then under 60, etc...and open it up after 1 year). Things like this give the newcomer a chance to share and ask questions and give time for the experienced members to answer them.
- A request was brought to the committee to change the time of the ASC meeting since we were doing the concept studies. A consensus was reached to have the meeting moved to 3:30PM. Same time. Same location. GSR's please remember this.

### **New Business**

- A challenge was issued to all members attending the ASC to bring someone with them for next month's meeting.

### **Motions**

No motions were brought to the committee.

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

**Next ASC Meeting is September 14, 2008 at 3:30 PM**