

Lake Norman Area of Narcotics Anonymous
Area Service Committee Meeting
Sunday, December 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm on Sunday, December 14, 2008.

Attendance:

Officers

Chairperson – Paula
Co-Chair – (vacant)
RCM – Absent
Alt. RCM – (vacant)
Secretary – John L.
Alt. Secretary – (vacant)
Treasurer – Carl
Alt. Treasurer – (vacant)
Outreach Chair - Absent
Outreach Co-chair – Cameron
Activities Committee Chair – Bobby H.

GSR's

Steps and Solutions – Mark F.
Our Hour – Mary
Principles Before Personalities – Floyd
Vision of Hope – Kenny
Surrender to Win – Absent
Grateful Group – George
End of the Road – Absent
Glad It's Here – Carl
Glasshouses – Absent

Previous Month Meeting Minutes

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

Twelve Concepts Study

The 12th concept was read, which states “In keeping with the spiritual nature of Narcotics Anonymous, our structure should always be one of service, never of government.” This concept reminds us that WE (the ASC) serve the groups. This represents what could be called a true democracy. A consensus of the groups is used to make decisions. This structure represents an ‘inverted’ governmental structure. In government, things start out at the top and trickle down. In NA service, things always start at the homegroup level and bubble up through Area, Region and ultimately World. What we must consider are those addicts who have not yet made it here when we are making decisions.

Officer Reports:

Chairperson

No written report was submitted. Paula asked the group if there was anything that they would like to see done at ASC during her time as Chair. GSR's should consider this and maybe even discuss with their homegroups.

Co-Chair (vacant)

RCM

No written report was submitted.

Treasurer

Carl provided the November 2008 Treasurer's Report (See *November 2008 Treasurers Report.PDF*)

Outreach Chair

Cameron and Karen reports on Outreach activities. Please see a copy of the Outreach Subcommittee minutes attached, for full disclosure. The highlights: Outreach is still trying to

get into several facilities in our area; they are ready to go with the mailing list to different facilities; the phone helpline is a go – Orientation to be held on 12/28 @ 5:00PM at Meadowlake (following the regularly scheduled Outreach Subcommittee meeting; A Learning Day is planned for March 21st in conjunction with the Activities committee.

Activities

Bobby reported that the Thanksgiving Day meetings at Principles Before Personalities was great. There was a good turnout and a lot of food. We are looking for an Area Logo for our flyers and such Entries should be presented at the Area Learning Day on March 21st. The next activities committee meeting will be on January 17th at 4:30 at the Showmars' in Huntersville. The full Activities Committee minutes are attached.

Group Reports

Steps & Solutions – Mark submitted a report. 8 homegroup members (4 new ones recently). Group is doing well. \$0 donation

Our Hour – Mary provided a written report. 12 active homegroup members. Meetings are steady and growing in numbers. \$0 donation.

Principles Before Personalities – Floyd submitted a report for Kady. 8 active homegroup members. Kady had her baby on Thursday Dec. 11th. 9lb 2oz baby boy. ☺ Floyd reported that food left over from the Thanksgiving Day celebration was donated to 2 recovery houses in Lincolnton and Hickory. \$0 donation.

Vision of Hope – Kenny submitted a written report. 18 active homegroup members. Everything is going well. Attendance is great. The group has discussed finding a new location for this meeting. More to come. \$200 donation.

Surrender to Win – GSR not present.

Grateful Group – Valerie submitted a written report. 12 to 15 homegroup members. Cameron reported that we have limited time at the Saturday meeting now. We need to be out of the church by 8:00PM when the alarm resets. Also, please remember to enter on the side entrance, not the one near the stairs. The church has asked that if we smoke, please smoke on the concrete platform near the dumpster. A canister has been placed there for your cigarette butts. \$23 donation.

End of the Road – Sal submitted a written report. 21 members. Meeting is doing well. Sal P will be celebrating 11 years clean on Dec. 12. \$0 donation.

Glad It's Here – Carl submitted a written report. 3 active homegroup members. Still 5 to 7 people in attendance at all meetings. \$0 donation.

Glasshouses – GSR not present

Elections

N/A

Nominations

- Sean Y – Nominated for Area Co-Chair – Nomination and Service Resume attached.
- Mark F – Nominated for Alt. RCM – Nomination and Service Resume attached.

Old Business

- Motion 20081109-01 – To move the \$750 Activities Fund in an account managed by the Activities Committee was approved by a vote of **4 FOR; 1 AGAINST; 1 ABSTENTION**

Open Sharing Session

- Mark brought up the fact that there seemed to be an increase in non-addicts attending our meetings. Sometimes they have spoken out of turn or gotten disruptive. It is up to the individual homegroups to approach them, however, it would be best if the individual addict was the one that approached their supporters to let them know how things are suppose to happen in our meetings. It was also brought up that we could potentially add something to our readings at the beginning of the meetings.
- Budget proposals are attached to the minutes and should be voted on by all homegroups. Votes must be brought to the next ASC (please note....the excel file has 5 tabs, not just one).
- Tomas attended our ASC. He works creating CD's of speakers. The divides any monies with the area he's working for. Also expressed his interest to reach out to other areas in service.
- The topic of our concept study was brought up and the group reached a consensus that we would continue this next year.
- Someone brought up our Area Policy document and how it needed to be updated to reflect recent changes. After a lot of discussion, Paula agreed to get the copy updated and work to transition this to the Area Co-chair if voted in. Paula to complete this update to the Policy document by January ASC.

New Business

- A motion was made by Cameron, seconded by Bobby and approved by the committee to send a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Region.

Motions

N/A

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

Next ASC Meeting is January 11, 2009 at 3:30 PM