

Anchorage Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes of April 2009

Opened the meeting at 6:30 pm with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer by Sean C., Chair.
Readings: Service Prayer Wiley, Decorum Statement Daphne, the Twelve Traditions Debbie, the Twelve Concepts Susan

Roll Call – 15 of 16 GSRs present.
New Groups: Gong Show
Amendments to Agenda: None

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS (Written reports on file)

Chair: No Report

Vice-chair: No Report

Secretary: March Meeting Minutes – 0 amendments.

Treasurer: Our checking account has a current balance of \$6,352.98. We collected \$748.55 in 7th tradition group donations at last month's Area meeting. A \$63.53 check was written to NA World Services for our 1% World donation for March. A \$63.53 check was written to Alaska Region for our 1% Region donation for March. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, In loving service, Eileen R.

GROUP REPORTS (Written Reports on File)

Clean & Serene, GSR Joe C.: Clean and Serene continues to meet at Holy Family Cathedral Sunday at 8 pm – 9pm. There are 50 – 60 addicts attending and we generally have from 3 – 5 newcomers every meeting. We are ready to vote on all nominations and motions. Clean and Serene Donates \$50 to Area.

Soul-2-Soul, GSR LouAnn P.: Soul to soul meets Monday and Wednesday from 7-8 pm at 408 N Hoyt. Meeting attendance is great between 8-12 addicts per meeting. We are ready to vote ILS, Lou Ann P.

The Frozen Chozen, GSR Nick H.: The Frozen Chozen is doing well. We meet from 7:30 to 8:30 at the Dry Dock. 30-50 addicts are attending regularly. Rent is paid and literatures in on hand. Catelyn won the Icicle award for her service as entertainment chair, thank you Catelyn. All matters are prepared to be voted on. The Frozen Chozen is donating \$50.00 to Area.

To the Point, GSR Geoff V.: Meets every Sunday 7-8pm. The speakers were great with the NA message of strength and hope. This past Sunday the meeting was 'in house' the facilitator has been under the weather. There continues to be the resident members of the fellowship and a few members of the general fellowship that are willing to show that it works and enjoy the fellowship at the Sunday meeting. The Point's rent is paid, literature on hand and is able to donate \$20.00 to the Anchorage Area this month. We have \$118.00 in reserve and anticipate having to procure another \$40.00 in literature/tags this month. The point will be having "workshops" on the Sunday before Area for the foreseeable future. We will mix up the topics to workshop and look forward to the fellowships involvement. To The Point is prepared to vote on the items before this service body. We do not have any nominations for Area-Sub-Committee chairpersons at this time. At the Groups Service – Spike.

Saturday Night Live, GSR Jeffery W.: Meets Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8 at the Alano Club. 8-15 addicts weekly in attendance, \$35.00 to Area. New meeting Monday, Wednesday and Friday 12-1 4-6 addicts per meeting.

Out and About, GSR Wiley R.: Meets every Friday @ the Alano Club from 7:30 – 9:00pm. For the month of March 2009 we had 186 in attendance of which included 9 newcomers and 0 visitors, averaging 37.2 addicts at each meeting. We celebrated 46 years, 10 months and several days between 18 addicts. We had a total income of \$153.00 for March 7th tradition and \$14.95 literature income. Our rent was \$80.50. Our supplies and cake was \$35.90 and \$50.00 basket expense donated to ARCNA XXV

Entertainment event. Our ASC donation is \$25.00 and literature order will be about \$134.10, which will leave us with a balance of \$29.03. We are prepared to vote this evening.

The NA Way, GSR Susan S.: The NA Way [formerly the 3rd Way] meets every Saturday evening at 7pm, downstairs in Central Lutheran Church on the corner of 15th Av and Cordova St.

This is a 1½ hour meeting [7-8:30p] without a break, *except* on the Saturday *before* the Area meeting which is a one hour speaker meeting [7-8p]. The NA Way business meeting follows the speaker meeting. Rent is paid through April. the NA Way has a \$100.00 donation for Area this month. Reserve is available to purchase needed literature and supplies. Two notes for the convention committee: ONE: Narcotics Anonymous suggests trusted servants have a working knowledge of the Traditions and the Concepts. Accordingly, all NA events and activities should carry a clear NA message. TWO: The NA Way would appreciate Convention committee meetings being announced and posted on the website [akna.org.] PURPOSE: So members wishing to attend can be fully informed. The NA Way members reached consensus and are prepared to vote on the motion and nominations. The NA Way does not have a nomination for the Literature sub-committee chair position. Jeff B will be attending Area as the new GSR for the NA Way. I had no idea there would be as many lessons for me to experience as there have been throughout my tenure as GSR. I genuinely thank you all ... as tis said, "more will be revealed" and I a very grateful! tis an honor to be of service Susan S. the NA Way GSR.

The Morning After, GSR Debbie S: The Morning After Group meets 9:30 to 10:30 am on Sunday mornings at the Sunrise Grill on the Old Seward Highway. Attendance 15+ addicts, you may purchase food coffee if you like but it is not a requirement. We have no new business and are ready to vote on all nominations and or old business \$71.00 to Area.

Dynamite Thursday Night, GSR Alan M.: Dynamite continues to meet at St Mary's from 6:30 to 7:30 on Thursday nights. Attendance has been great and our home group membership continues to grow.

All of our expenses have been met. We are buying books and supplies and we have 10.00 to pass on to area. We have no new nominations at this time and are prepared to vote. In loving service, The Dynamite Thursday Night group

Round About GSR Cheryl I.: Meets Monday – Saturday 12-1 and Sunday's 12:30-1:30 at the Alano Club. 30-5- average daily attendance, rent is paid daily, we have supplies, we have literature, we have \$150.00 for area, we vote yes to all nominations.

NA at the VA, GSR Mike M.: I'll be at the Meeting next month. NA @ the VA is trying to get someone to commit to the GSR position. I, fortunately, am employed by the Department of Veteran Affairs @ the Domiciliary, so I cannot attend the in house meeting secondary to a conflict of interest. Meaning residents would be less likely to speak truthfully with an employee sitting in the meeting. UNDER NO SURVELANCE AT ANYTIME, RIGHT. Plus it puts me in an awkward position should the resident choose to bear news of relapse, for example, I would be stuck in between the principle of anonymity and my duty to do what is clinically, the most therapeutic for the veteran. If some one does not step up forward and become the GSR, I may propose that the NA @ the VA become a H&I meeting. Of courses it would first have to be approved at both ends of the table. What do you think? I am going to help Allan with this new ADHOC committee as a new service committee

One Day Today, GSR Ellsworth: Donating \$20.00 to Area. Group supports waiving clean time for Jeff to e H&I subcommittee chairperson. Group has no further nominations for open AAS/ARSC positions.

Eagle River Group, GSR David P.: Eagle River Group meets Fridays at the Joy Lutheran church building in back from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. We've had 10 to 12 addicts per week with 1 – 2 new comers each week. We have literature in stock for sale and our rent is paid. We have \$7.00 in loving service for area. Frank Z alternate GSR

Recovery First GSR, Corbett Q.: Recovery First meets every Sunday at Girdwood Community center from 5:45 to 6:45. We have literature and our bills are paid. We are ready to vote on subcommittee nominations. Recovery First has \$20.00 to donate to Area. ILS Corbett

Walk Your Talk, GSR Tony L.: Walk Your Talk meets Monday through Friday 12 -1 at 13th and E around the back and at the top of the stairs. Our rent is paid, we have literature on hand and supplies. We are donating \$30.00 to Area this month. We are ready to vote.

The Gong Show Rob T.: The Gong Show meeting still meets at 3101 Spenard, Monday through Friday 6-7 pm, a step study on Monday, Wednesday is a popsicle stick topic meeting. Meeting attendance is 20-30 people. Joshua G. has filled the secretary position. Still seeking other positions, group members are covering those positions, such as coffee maker and chair. We currently have \$150.00 in reserve which most of it will be going to supplies shortly. Group made amotion that if area wanted todonate half of the

\$70 towards three basic texts for step study meeting we would be most grateful currently have only one, which makes it a little hard to have a step study meeting. There are no motions currently from the group as far as area nominations. No donation to Area.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (Written Reports on File)

Public Information: Hello Family. I am an addict whose name is Daphne. On 3/15/2009 we had a PI subcommittee meeting. 3 addicts attended. We completed a mail out and discussed having names on the labels for whom we sent our info to. However, contact info and tact names may change often. We would also like to request \$150.00 for our table at the school of addiction. Please reimburse Susan for the \$150.00. School of Addiction will be held May 4 -6 2009. Setup will be May 3rd 4-8:30pm. Anyone will to give back what was so freely given to them, please contact Susan. I gave the secretary a list of all items and PI info etc. that will be given to the next PI Chair. I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as the PI chair for the last year and a half. Money spent in March for stamps was \$52.00 and \$7.71 for envelopes. Schedules for April \$76.16 total of \$136.37. Next PI subcommittee meeting will be held April 19, 2009 at 6:30. Note the time change and date due to Easter. Thank you for allowing me to serve Daphne.

Hospitals & Institutions: H&I is going well, we meet the last Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at the Westmark on 5th. We had a medium turn-out at our learning days. Doug in my opinion has come close to perfecting the learning days layout and it all went smooth. NA and the sub-committee chair greatly appreciate this addict for giving back and expecting nothing in return. Learning days cost \$204.21 John T.

Entertainment: Thank you everyone for this wonderful year of service. I enjoyed it very much and now I have a better understanding of what our NA traditions are all about and what they are for and why we have them Thank You! This is my final report. Last month we turned in all the money we had received including the seed money! We did make a final decision that was a matter of time restraint to put down a deposit for the solstice weekend campout of \$250.00 and with that our commitment is over. Thank you all sooooo much it really is a blast!!! We would like to make a suggestion that because of the availability limitations and deposit time crucial that maybe it should become the prior committees responsibility to lock in the camp site for the next chair person as this would be quite a big help and give us more options to try new places and keep things exciting for the fellowship! We did have a house keeping question through about can we donate things to region of their events as a group conscience without having to bring it back to area for their vote??? In loving Service, Partying like NA Rock Stars, Catelyn.

Literature: Absent.

Newsletter: Newsletter is going well. We have had a positive feedback with regards to printing the newsletter monthly and after Area. I have to work out kinks with regards to making sure all groups get copies. We will mail newsletters to Girdwood, keeping within our budget. I have turned in a receipt for \$72.80 for copies. Sadly we will no longer be printing b-days in newsletter, replacing it with "Favorite NA Quotes". Had a blast serving over the past year as newsletter Chair. In loving service, Howie W.

Ad Hoc Liability Insurance Committee: General Liability Insurance Report As I indicated at past meetings this issue would bring more questions before we can get to the answers. The accompanying transmittals are an indication of what we as an Area will have to be at peace with. The NA bulletin does encourage 'Regions' to move towards liability protection yet the level of that protection will need to be determined and the comments from Allan (a lawyer from the Chesapeake/Potomac Region) should be weighed. What is the level of risk that our particular meetings present to individuals in the Fellowship (burns due to coffee, twisted knee at a dance?) Injuries that may happen due to the facility setting (clipping on ice, roof collapse etc...) are items that fall under the Facility's policy intents. The policy providers for the Facilities that we rent from, it is in their nature, will try to limit their exposure. We do pay rent for our meetings and we should expect to have the protection that any group or individual receives in renting from a facility. We will need to incorporate (this limits liability exposure to the Insurance co.) this may not be a prohibitive cost depending on how we go about it. I have gotten a 'ball park' quote from a local insurance underwriter and they believe a million in coverage will cost around \$3,300.00 a year (\$275.00 per month). We still need to define what we are asking coverage for; are we covering meetings, meetings and entertainment functions, meetings, entertainment, conventions, workshops, indoor events, outdoor events, etc. There is an additional cost to any policy, if we intend to provide coverage for service officers.

The Fellowships Servant – Spike Special Thanks to Allan M. & Anne H.

Ad Hoc Planning Tool Committee: No report emailed as suggested... May 16th Planning Tool Workshop 12 for and 1 abstaining.

RSC REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Regional Committee Member: No report emailed as suggested.

Regional Committee Member Alternate:

Regional Convention Chair: My name is Arlene and I'm an addict. Our convention committee met on Thursday, April 2nd at 6:30pm at Peggy's Restaurant. All sub-committee chairpersons were present. Everything is moving a little slower than I like, but as it should be. Entertainment had their 1st event Saturday April 4th, 2009 4:30-7:30 pm at Change Point Church. It was a total success for the amount of time our Entertainment Chairperson had to put it together. Our next event is a game night event on May 1st after the Popsicle Stick Meeting from 9pm- 1am at 3rd and Cordova, 2nd floor. Check the akna.org webpage for a flyer. The hotel has not been selected yet, as we are still working on a better deal. More will be revealed. The theme and logo contest was picked. Our next committee meeting is May 11th 2009 at 6:30 pm Peggy's Restaurant. All addicts and your sponsees interested in serving on any sub-committee, or are already serving, are encouraged to attend. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Arlene L., ARCNA XXV Chairperson

SHARING SESSION

- Tony L. spoke to Jeff's qualifications for H&I.
- Joe had concerns regarding clean time waiving
- Doug – discussions wanted on nominations
- John – re Jeff's qualifications, however it can be a bad habit to get into waiving clean time
- NA way brought up the Saturday Regional event and blurring the NA message. Tony is going to talk to the Convention Chair about following traditions
- Windy Changers off the Schedule
- Tony L. said PI World has availability to be available

OLD BUSINESS

- Anchorage Area Nominations:
 - Public Information – Susan S, 12-1-1.
 - Hospitals and Institutions Jeff, 12-1-1.
 - Literature – No Nominations
 - Entertainment – Terry S., 14-0-
 - Newsletter – Howie, 14-0-0.
 - RCM – Doug P. 14-0-0.
 - Alternate RCM – Debbie S. 12-1-1

NEW BUSINESS

- Walk Your Talk Motion to donate 3 basic texts and 10 introductory guides to The Gong Show for their Step Study Meeting, not for re-sale. Clean and Serene 2nd 14-0-0 (Housekeeping Item)
- Entertainment – Area Stuff to region for fundraising 13-0-0 (Housekeeping Item)

ACTION ITEMS: (Recap session of items going back to the groups for consideration)

- Need Literature Sub-Committee Nomination.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 4/25/ Frozen Chosen Prom at Viking All
- The NA Way meeting will still meet on 4/25
- Motion to close from Walk Your Talk