

**Anchorage Area Service Committee Meeting
Minutes of March 7, 2011**

Meeting opened: 6:30 pm by Sean, Chair, with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer

Readings: Service Prayer-, Decorum Statement-, Twelve Traditions-, Twelve Concepts-, by Trusted Servants
Thank you

Roll Call – 17 of 22 GSRs present.

New Groups: None

Amendments to Agenda: None

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS (Written reports on file)

Chair: Looking forward to a very productive evening do business for the Anchorage Area of N/A. I am very excited and looking forward to a great evening please remember why were here and who we serve and thank you in advance for a sprit filled meeting this evening. In loving service SC

Vice-chair: I wasn't here last month because I was sick with influenza and didn't want to get anyone sick. Thanks for letting me be of service. ILS, Mary

Secretary: Meeting minutes were approved as amended, Out and About and Soul II Soul were present at the February meeting.

Treasurer: As of 03/21/2011 Secretary does not have a hard or electronic copy of this report

GROUP REPORTS: Written Reports on file, meeting times and dates are on the schedule

Secretary received written reports from the following groups.

1. **Burning Desire:** 30 addicts, 2 newcomers weekly, and ready to vote
2. **Clean & Serene:** average attendance 80 addicts, \$50 donation ready to vote
3. **Dynamite Thursday Night:** average 10 addicts, reading the basic text, ready to vote, have 1 nomination and 2 motions \$37.00 donation.
4. **Frozen Chosen :** \$100.00 donation, the prom is at the end of April, ready to vote
5. **Life Savers .:** \$20.00 to Area, 15-20 addicts, two nominations and ready to vote
6. **Little Girls Grow Up:** average 10-20 women, ready to vote, have \$30.00 donation
7. **Morning After:** in the special of giving and looking at what a prudent reserve is we have from the group pamphlet. _\$500.00 donation, ready to vote
8. **NA at the VA:** 12 addicts attend, \$10.00 donation and ready to abstain on all voting
9. **No More Bent Blinds :** average between 2-20 attendance, \$44.00 donation
10. **Nothing In The Windows:** growing averaging 15 members , \$11.00 donation, ready to vote
11. **Round About:** average 30-40 ready to vote, \$100 donation.
12. **Saturday Night Live:** average attendance 15 people, have positions available, ready to vote, \$15.00 donation
13. **Soul II Soul:** going strong, lots of recovery, ready to vote, \$30.00 donation, 8 1/2 by 11" paper
14. **The Gong Show:** 457 members and 42 newcomers \$40 donation March 16th is Supper W/ Speaker
15. **The NA Way :** Prepared to vote
16. **The Recovery Connections** continuing to meet using our monies for supplies and literature this month
17. **Our Gratitude Speaks:** average attendance 4-5
18. **Walk Your Talk:** 20 Plus members, looking for larger facility, ask that area chair plan meeting with all GSRs to explain the group financial structure suggested by NA. \$50 donations to both Area, ready to vote, Convention Fundraiser 04/15, one motion

The following groups were absent or did not provide written group reports.

19. **The Valley NA Nooners:**
20. **Eagle River Group:**
21. **Out and About:**
22. **Recovery First:**

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: written reports on file, meeting dates and times are on schedule

I. **Newsletter:** Never Alone newsletter meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at Alano Club from 2-3pm. Please put the word out to home groups we need committee members and any submissions on NA recovery related information. Newsletters are available at Alano Club upstairs on the bulletin board in the Never Alone manila folder and I also have some here tonight to bring back to groups. They are also available under the "link" section on the alanoclubofanchorage.org website. I have one receipt for \$15 printing costs. Still due last months printing costs. In grateful service- Amber N.

II. **Public Information:** March 7, 2011

Public Information meets each month on the Sunday following the Area meeting, upstairs here at Peggy's at 6:30 pm. All home groups are invited to have a member participate with PI.

The next meeting, Sunday, March 13th, will be a mail-out & business meeting. All those willing and able to assist will be appreciated.

PI has been invited to participate in a UAA Health Fair and is looking forward to the Annual School on Addiction Studies, May 2, 3, 4.

Joe C and Jack S went to Alaska Human Services on Thursday, February 17th and shared the NA way. The next Alaska Human Services presentation will be Wednesday, March 16th at 7 pm. This is a good opportunity share the message of Narcotics Anonymous with potential newcomers. Please let your home groups know about this service opportunity.

Reimbursement is requested for February schedules, \$87.12, and for literature to supplement the dwindling supply on hand, \$212.25. [PI will be prepared for a PI table at the Annual School.] Attached receipts total \$299.37

With appreciation and in loving service,
susan

PI Subcommittee chair

emailed to secretary 3\7\11

III. **Hospitals & Institutions:** Our last business meeting was on February 24th with approximately 16 persons in attendance. Our next business meeting will be on March 31st, at 7pm, at the Westmark Hotel, located at 720 West 5th Avenue. We currently have a balance of \$64.00 which, \$5.00 of that was received by an NA member and the other \$59 was gathered at the NA Birthday Event. Our previous balance of \$21 was spent on Literature. We have 10 facilities that we carry the message of recovery to. Kevin H. placed our Donation Can at the NA Birthday Event and received a whopping \$59 in donations!!! Apparently, a few ladies in scantily dressed apparell helped with the cause, thank you very much ladies. Also, Angelique is stepping down as Secretary and Alecia is stepping up as our new Secretary, congratulations to Alecia!!! Thanks to Angelique for her service, she made a valiant effort! Cindy has graciously and humbly donated an H&I square in the "Rally for the Valley Quilt", thank you Cindy!!!! John T. mentioned that the Methadone Clinic would like information and/or a presentation perhaps, so maybe P.I. could make contact with them. Also, Clithroe Center has expressed the need again for a Women's H&I Meeting, and Linda G. has expressed interest in being the Panel Leader. We discussed it and it was decided that Linda would check into passing the required clearance check needed, and acquiring several women who could also be available to help with that meeting. So, it was tabled for now and will be discussed again at the next business meeting. Also, I would like to mention that Terry H. is willing to be the next H&I Chair if elected and would like to say that she has been the Vice-Chair for the past 2 terms and does many valuable services for H&I in that capacity as well as being the Panel Leader for the Cordova Womens's Center. She does much for H&I and would be an excellent H&I Chair person. Thanks to everyone on the H&I subcommittee for your selfless service. And, thanks for letting me be a part of this subcommittee, I am truly grateful. Report has been emailed to Shelly

IV. **Activities:** As of March 21, 2011 Secretary does not have a hard or electronic copy of this report

V. **Literature:**

This report covers Literature Subcommittee activity for the period January 3, 2011 to present.

Sales:

Sales from January 3, 2011 to present totaled \$615.56 as detailed below.

Lifesavers: \$ 27.66

Nothing In The Window:\$ 35.40

The Gong Show: \$173.00
Walk Your Talk: \$ 51.85
My Gratitude Speaks: \$ 23.10
The Morning After: \$ 4.50
NA Way: \$ 86.10
Dynamite Thursday Night: \$ 62.30
Roundabout: \$151.65
Total: \$615.56

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Literature:

In December 2010 the H&I Subcommittee's monthly literature allowance was increased from \$200 to \$250. Accordingly, in January 2011, I provided \$250.03 in literature to the H&I Subcommittee. (I do not collect cash from H&I.)

New Orders:

On January 21, 2011 I placed a literature order with NA World Services in the amount of \$629.28. All items ordered are received. I have books, booklets, public information pamphlets, clean time key tags and medallions available for purchase. I can also place special orders on request.

Deposits:

I deposited revenues from sales in the amount of \$295.51 on January 19, 2011. I have \$326.15 cash to be deposited. Submitted In Loving Service, Chris M.

VI. RSC REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Regional Committee Member: 3-7-2011

RCM Report to Area

1. Assembly news – please see the attached flyer.
 - a. We would like to get representation from all groups and anyone interested in learning what Region is doing or in giving direction to Region.
 - b. We need members to volunteer to host members attending from out of town who cannot afford a hotel room. Contact Doug at 244-6030 if you wish to provide a room for the weekend to out of town members.
 - c. The event will cost more than the \$450 that we requested. We will seek to make up the difference in pop and dinner sales.

2. Regional News – please see the Regional minutes from the Feb 1 meeting.
 - a. The motion to amend the Regional Guidelines, **election of officers**, passed.
 - b. The motion to amend the Regional Guidelines, **Budget Process**, passed
 - c. The Motion to hold an Assembly passed.
 - d. Bill S was nominated for Treasurer.

3. We did not have approved budget to go to the WSZF annual meeting. Robert G, our alternate RD, attended via Skype He will provide a report. ILS, Doug P

Regional Committee Member Alternate:

Regional Convention Chair:

SHARING SESSION

Walk your Talk requests a **special meeting** to discuss financial issues. This has been **scheduled for March 28th @ 630 at Peggy's**

Memorial Day Picnic, need \$ to reserve picnic and campground space.

OLD BUSINESS

- Voting on Motion to Amend Current guidelines to send 1% world/regional donation each quarter instead of monthly. 15-1-1 This motion passed

- Voting on Motion of No Confidence in the AASC Executive Secretary. 14-2-1. This motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

It was recommended by the secretary that the duties and responsibilities of positions up for nominations be read. However, others took “umbrage” at the suggestion that any nomination would not know what they were getting themselves into. Alan M asserted that reading of the duties and responsibilities would be prudent of this service body and hence the duties and responsibilities of the positions were eventually read.

Nominations:

- Lifesavers brings forth the nomination of **Terry H as H&I Sub Committee Chair**, she was not available to accept this nomination
- Lifesavers brings forth the nomination of **Chris M as Literature Sub Committee Chair, this nomination falls,**
- Dynamite Thursday night brings forth the nomination **Rob T for the Activities Sub Committee Chair**, Rob accepted this nomination
- Frozen Chozen brings forth the nomination of **Melissa for the Activities Sub Committee Chair**, Mellissa accepted this nomination
- **Rob T Qualifications:** clean 13 years, attend a variety of NA meetings on a regular basis, have a sponsor and working knowledge of the NA Steps and Traditions. Served as a GSR for the Gong Show 2 times, Have attended some area activities subcommittee meetings recently in aim the past to obtain some knowledge of how it works what evens are being planned and how hey are put on or executed.
- **Melissa’s Qualifications:** clean since 02/04/2010, have a sponsor and work the 12 steps, helped with recent and various activities including b-day celebration, have personal motivation and drive to carry out the position, have been GSR for 6 months, working on traditions w/ sponsor
- **Alan M is nominated for Alternate Area RCM**, Alan accepted the nomination
- **Alan M. Qualifications:** clean since 02/17/1991 have a sponsor, work the steps, 20 years active in service at the group, area and regional level, including one term as the Anchorage Area RCM and two terms as Alternate RCM
- No more Bent Blinds nominates **Amber for Newsletter**, Amber accepts this nomination
- **Amber’s Qualifications:** Newsletter chair since 10/2010 Clean 20 months. Have a sponsor and work the steps with her. Have the newsletter available thru PDF for email distribution. Created a template in order to allow for a smooth transition. Clean time was waived for original nomination and would need this to be done again.

Motions:

Walk your Talk brings forth a Motion: it was given to the Area Chairperson, it was put on the Agenda, however, only 20 copies of the Agenda were made as stated by the Area Chair “not everyone shows up” Hence, the Secretary did not receive a copy of this motion, therefore is unable to accurately report it. The motion was 2nd by Soul II Soul, discussed and then withdrawn as another group made a similar motion.

Dynamite Thursday Night brings forth a Motion: This motion was 2nd by Soul II Soul

The Anchorage Area cease all spending with the exception of the Help Line, Meeting Schedule Printing and storage unit (under contract?) until such time that there is a prudent reserve in the Anchorage Area bank account that is equal to three months average expenditures.

Intent:

2nd Concept: The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups. The groups have final responsibility for and authority over the service structure they have created. By fulfilling their responsibly to provide their service structure with the conscience, ideas, people and money it needs, the groups also exercise their authority, Conversely, the service structure must always look to the groups for support and direction.

Dynamite Thursday Night brings forth a Motion: This motion was 2nd by Morning After

Remove the secretary from the position for failure to fulfill the duties of the position in accordance with the guidelines removal of officers section 2 item (i)

Intent:

Secretary

Article VII Removal

Section 2

1. Executive Officers, Standing Subcommittee Chairpersons, RCM, Alternate RCM, Alternate Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer may be removed for non-compliance, including the following.

- a. Failure to fulfill the duties of the position.
- b. Two or more absences without responsible coverage.
- c. Failure to uphold the Twelve Traditions.

Section 3

1. Removal for noncompliance requires the following.

- a. A motion to remove the member from office for non-compliance.
- b. The motion is sent back to the groups for their consideration prior to voting.
- c. A two-thirds majority vote on the motion by the AASC voting members present.

Little Girls Grow Up brings forth a motion:

Move that the Clean time requirement be waived concerning Amber running for the service position as the Newsletter Sub Committee Chair. This motion was 2nd by Frozen Chozen

Intent: the motion allows Amber to run as the Anchorage Area Newsletter Subcommittee Chairperson, She meets all the criteria except comes up a little short concerning the clean time requirement.

Frozen Chozen brings forth a motion:

Move that the clean time requirement be waived concerning Melissa running for the service position as the Activities Sub Committee Chair. This motion was 2nd by Nothing In the Windows

Intent: the motion allows Melissa to run as the Anchorage Area Activities Subcommittee Chairperson, She meets all the criteria except comes up a little short concerning the clean time requirement.

- Jeff is pro tem as H&I sub committee chair
- Susan is pro tem as P&I sub committee chair
- Chris M is pro tem as Literature sub committee chair

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

- Rob T for the Activities
 - Melissa for the Activities
 - Alan M for Alternate Area RCM,
 - Amber for Newsletter
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- The Anchorage Area cease all spending with the exception of the Help Line, Meeting Schedule Printing and storage unit (under contract?) until such time that there is a prudent reserve in the Anchorage Area bank account that is equal to three months average expenditures.
 - Remove the secretary from the position for failure to fulfill the duties of the position in accordance with the guidelines removal of officers section 2 item (i)
 - Clean time requirement be waived concerning Amber
 - clean time requirement be waived concerning Melissa

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Area meeting is April 4 2011 @ Peggy's 6:30 p.m.
- Special Session (Finances) March 28th @ Peggy's 6:30 p.m.
- April 9th GSR Assembly Free- Central Lutheran Church 1420 Cordova Street
- April 9th Mexican Dinner \$7.00- Central Lutheran Church 1420 Cordova Street
- April 15th Cajun Fundraiser- Central Lutheran Church 1420 Cordova Street, poker \$20.00, dinner, \$10.00 and other games- Walk Your Talk sponsored Event
- April 30th Annual Prom- Free- Crosspoint Church 1920 W Dimond Blvd # 1, Frozen Chozen Sponsored Event

Motion to close