



CENTRAL NOVA AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

March 28, 2021

Amendments to February minutes:

Phoenix Group, Alt GSR should be Jimmy Y

Road to Recovery motioned to accept and Just for Today seconded. Minutes accepted.

AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

RCM	Jennifer M	Present
Alt. RCM	Jewlz M	Absent
Chair	John B	Present
Vice-Chair	Vacant	Vacant
Secretary	Julee A	Present
Alt. Secretary	Vacant	Vacant
Treasurer	Supriya D	Present
Alt. Treasurer	Vacant	Vacant
Activities Committee Chair	Vacant	Rep Present
Literature Committee Chair	Lisa A	Present
PR Committee Chair	Bill H	Present

HOME GROUPS – GSR’S, ALTERNATES OR REPS – ATTENDANCE

Group	Rep	Present	Report	Vote
1. 90 in 90		No	No	No
2. A New Way to Live	Rosey K	No	No	No
3. Breaking Free	Darren B	No	No	No
4. Get Honest or Die	Kevin M	Yes	Yes	Yes
5. I Can't We Can	Wade M	No	No	No
6. Just for Today	Kevin C	Yes	Yes	Yes
7. Last Chance	Greg	Yes	Yes	No
8. Liberation	Cindy M	No	No	No
9. Nature of Recovery	Matt W	No	No	No
10. Never Alone	Kelly M	No	No	No
11. Nothing to Fear		No	No	No
12. Pride in Our Recovery	Patty W	Yes	Yes	Yes
13. Road to Recovery	Angela B	Yes	Yes	Yes
14. Serenity Seekers	Robert B	Yes	Yes	Yes
15. Sharing the Message	Andrew M	Yes	Yes	Yes
16. Shelter from the Storm	Tristan	Yes	Yes	No
17. Starting Point	Daryl G	Yes	Yes	Yes
18. Strength in Numbers	Andre S	Yes	No	No
19. Survivors	Rick E	No	No	No
20. We Do Recover	Ray K	Yes	Yes	Yes
21. You Have a Choice Today	Chrissy B	Yes	No	No

GROUPS OUTSIDE HRM - GSR'S, ALTERNATES OR REPS - ATTENDANCE

Group	Rep.	Present	Report	Vote
Circle of Hope	Jimmy Y	No	No	Yes
Clean if You Want to Be Foundation Group	Keith M Jack	No	No	Yes
Freedom Group (info tbc)				
Fresh Start	Mike	No	No	Yes
Living Clean	Cathy S/Laura H	No	No	Yes
Love Life	Kyle P	No	No	Yes
New Vision	Gary P	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pathway to Peace	Georges N	No	No	Yes
Phoenix Group	Kathy M	Yes	No	Yes
Spirit of Recovery (info tbc)				
Super Nova		No	No	Yes
Taking Care of Business	Mark S	No	No	Yes
You're Not Alone	Ernie C	No	No	Yes

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The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer at 2:15 pm. The 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, Service Prayer and 'A Vision for NA Service' were read by the group. After corrections to last month's minutes were given: No errors or omissions. Minutes adopted by Just for Today and seconded by Road to Recovery.

Attendance was taken with 9 out of 9 voting Groups present and 2 out of town groups equaling quorum. Total of 11 out of 11 voting Groups.

Observers: n/a

New Group asking to be Seated:

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Committee Report: Dolores F

ACTIVITIES REPORT

March 27 2021

Good afternoon CNA

Hope all is well. Our sub-committee met Saturday March 27th at 3:00 pm on the zoom platform. We had 7 of 12 voting members present. 1 new member joining. Welcome Natasha N.

We have 3 positions open Activities Chair, Program Coordinator and Canteen Coordinator please take this back to your home groups.

UP COMING EVENT

BASEBALL STARTING MAY 16TH WEATHER PERMITTING HALIFAX COMMONS DIAMOND

#8 GAMES START AT 11:00 AM-1:00 PM CANTEEN (WATER) \$1.00 AND \$3.00 FEE TO HELP COVER THE COST OF THE FIELD. NO ONE IS TURNED AWAY. Can see or contact Peter F. the calendar of events will reflect the changes made.

We have no area contribution at this time.

YIS Dolores Vice Chair Activities

Activities Report Continued:

Breaking Free – how are they financially. They are at Prudent Reserve.

Do they have an online coordinator for activities. No, they do have a programming coordinator. Are their positions filled without having to do online things. There are positions openconfirm this with Dolores

PR Chair asked if there is any event coming up so that they can have a workshop. Dolores confirmed that there is, but no details confirmed yet. More will be revealed.

April 24th is next Activities Committee Meeting

Literature Committee: Lisa A

Meeting opened at 10:47 am on Zoom with 6 of 6 voting members present to make quorum. No observers.

Reports

Treasurer: We have no Area contribution today. We're \$383.83 below our prudent reserve due to a NAWS order from March 2020 that both we & NAWS missed, possibly due to COVID minimum-manning at NAWS. We are not looking for a top-up from Area.

Bank and Cash

Opening bank	\$1007.11	Opening cash (petty cash)	\$65.00
Deposited (Mar 01)	+ 574.00	Sales: Cash (6)	+ 191.45
Postage	-\$8.94	Cheque (1)	+ 45.50
NAWS order	- 935.97	E-transfer (9)	+ <u>290.25</u>
Deposited (Mar 18)	- 964.25	Total Sales (16)	\$527.20
Bank charges	<u>-\$2.45</u>	Deposit	\$500.00
End bank	\$1,598.00	- member loan due to Mar 2020 order	
	End cash	<u>\$65.00</u>	
	Mar 18 deposit	\$964.25	
Bank and Cash total	\$1,725.95	Still to deposit	\$127.95

Accounts Receivable

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>InvoiceAmount</u>
Total Accounts Receivable		\$0.00

Expenses

Postage/Supplies	<u>\$0.00</u>
NAWS Order	<u>-\$1,554.72</u>
Total expenses	-\$1,554.72

Assets

Bank and Cash total \$1,725.95
 Inventory + 7,010.04
 Prudent Reserve - 7,500.00
 Accounts receivable reserve (net of credits) - 0.00
 Expenses -\$1,554.72
 Petty Cash reserve - 65.00
 Available Balance -\$383.73

Old Business

Elections:

Literature Report Continued:

1. Alternate Treasurer: no volunteers or nominations. Bring back to home groups.

New Business

None.

Announcements and Reminders to Groups

1. Reminder to groups/members who would like to place orders: While under COVID restrictions, orders must be emailed to literaturechaircna@gmail.com. Orders can be placed at any time and arrange pick up, delivery or mailing. If mailing, postage cost will be added to order total. Payments may be made via e-transfer to the same email.

Meeting closed at 11:17 am with the Third Step prayer. Next committee meeting: 25 Apr 2021 at 10:30 am on Zoom. ID is: 876 2256 5688. Password is: 383748.

YIS, Lisa A.

PR Chair: didn't quite understand the mix up with World. Lisa, with the beginning of the Covid shut down, we had received an order. Whether or not Rob M had received it and it slipped through the cracks, we are not sure. It was received and not paid. Dave B did do the legwork and confirmed that, without a doubt, we did receive an order and we did not pay for it.

David Breaking Free -

Public Relations Committee: Bill H

Hi ASC,

The PR Committee met today with 7 out of 10 voting members in attendance.

We went through some reports together. Our H&I Coordinator has again contacted all of the facilities that we were doing commitments at. Only one at this time is interested in having in person presentations. That is the Marguerite Centre. Our H&I Coordinator will work with Panel Leaders to get this going.

We had one PI Presentation on March 1st with Nursing Students an Ivany Campus, via Zoom. This presentation went very well.

The Committee held elections again today. We are pleased to announce that we have a new Web Servant who will be mentored into the position by our current Acting Web Servant. We still have several open positions: Vice Chair, Secretary, Alternate Secretary, Outreach Coordinator, and Panel Leader positions.

We have been able to update the 800# Freedom Voice. The message now refers people to CNA website or the Regional Website as well as our info phone #.

Yours in Service,
Bill H

One PR presentation and it was with the Nursing Students and it went very well. We held elections today and I am pleased to let you know that we have a new Web Servant. Our current Web Servant will mentor this member into the position.

We were able to update the 1-800 #

Jennifer – who is the new Web Servant. Bill – Kevin C

Group Reports:

In Group Reports, for the sake of consistency, the end balance should NOT include the group's prudent reserve or the total GSR fund.

90 in 90

GSR: Philip M Alt GSR: None
No report

A New Way to Live

GSR: Rosey K Alt GSR: None
No report

Breaking Free

GSR/Rep: Rotating monthly
No report

Dignity Group

GSR: Alt GSR:

Beginning Balance: \$ 0 7th Tradition: \$ 0 Literature Sold: \$ 0 Other: \$ 0 Total Income: \$ 0 Rent:

\$ 0 Literature Order: \$0 Other: \$ 0 GSR Fund: \$ 0 ASC Contribution: \$0

Total Expenses: \$ 0 Prudent Reserve: \$0 Total GSR Fund: 0 Ending Balance: \$ 0

Home Group Members: 5 Members at Business Meeting: 5 Average Attendance: 7

**Is your Group reopening? If so, when? No

**Is your Group continuing with a Zoom Meeting? If so, what is the ID and Password?

Yes, same information

Group Concerns: How can our area help protect vulnerable members in NA? How we do that through our group conscience?

Other Group Information: We have been sharing the area email instead of collecting our own seventh

Get Honest or Die

GSR: Alt GSR: Kevin M

Beginning Balance: \$0 7th Tradition: \$25.00 Literature Sold: \$0 Other: \$0

Total Income: \$25.00 Rent: \$0 Literature Order: \$12.00 Other: \$24.95 (Zoom account + bank fee)
 GSR Fund: \$0 ASC Contribution: \$0 Total Expenses: \$36.95 Prudent Reserve: \$24.38-
 \$11.95=\$12.43 Total GSR Fund: \$0 Ending Balance: \$0

Home Group Members: 4 Members at Business Meeting:3 Average Attendance: unknown

**Is your Group reopening? If so, when? Not at this time

**Is your Group continuing with a Zoom Meeting? If so, what is the ID and Password? Yes

ID: 799 808 741 password: cnana

Group Information: We spoke to Tricia who is our contact at the Church where we rent our meeting space. They are currently planning the future of the Church as congregation has grown. They are amalgamating three parishes into one. Tricia is not sure what the future of our meeting location would be and there was no guarantee that we would be able to resume our meeting at this location. Tricia stated she will be in contact with Jewlz once she spoke to the Ministers and we will discuss it further at that time. As of now, we will continue to meet on Zoom and will do so until further notice.

I Can't We Can

GSR: Wade M ALT GSR: Bill H

Beginning Balance: \$ 0 7th Tradition: \$ 40.00 Literature Sold: 0 Other: 0

Total Income: 40.00 Rent: \$30.00 Literature Order: \$ 62.00 Other: \$2.50

GSR Fund: \$ 0 ASC Contribution: \$0 Total Expenses: \$ 94.50 Prudent Reserve: \$64.37

Total GSR Fund: \$ 0 Ending Balance: \$ 0

Home Group Members: 4 Members at Business Meeting: 4 Average Attendance: 10

Group is open

Just for Today

GSR: Kevin C Alt. GSR:

Beginning Balance: \$0.00 7th Tradition: \$38.00 Literature Sold: \$0.00 Other: \$10.00

Total Income: \$48.00 Rent: \$23.00 Literature Order: \$0.00 Other: \$3.75

GSR Fund: \$0.00 ASC Contribution: \$21.25 Total Expenses: \$26.75 Prudent Reserve: \$150

Total GSR Fund: \$0.00 Ending Balance: \$0.00

Home Group Members: 3 Members at Business Meeting: 3 Average Attendance: 10

**Is your Group continuing with a Zoom Meeting? If so, what is the ID and Password?

Yes, 204 349 650 with no password

Last Chance

GSR: Greg M Alt GSR: Karlee D

Beginning Balance: \$10 Total Income: \$147

GSR Fund: TBD Prudent Reserve: TBD 7th Tradition: \$97 Literature Sold: \$50.50

Rent: \$ Last paid in January, waiting to hear from our church contact for an updated amount owed due to closures. Literature Order: \$91.50 ASC Contribution: \$0 Total Expenses: \$91.50

Total GSR Fund: \$0 Ending Balance: \$65.50

Home Group Members: 12 Members at Business Meeting: 5 Average Meeting Attendance: 20-25

Other Group Information: April 9th bank appointment to switch signing officers to Ed S and Tyra L from Spencer G and Doug D (from Halifax) and to find out what we have in the bank - may need a letter from area to allow us to take over without his participation.

Liberation

GSR: Cindy M or Louise G (Group Reps) Alt GSR: None
No report

Nature of Recovery

GSR: Matt W Alt GSR:
No report

Never Alone

GSR: Kelly M Alt GSR: None

Nothing to Fear

GSR: Steven G Alt GSR:
No report

Pride In Our Recovery

GSR: Patty W Alt GSR: Patrick M

Beginning Balance: \$ 106.85 7th Tradition: \$120.00+ Literature Sold: \$ Other: \$
Total Income: \$ Rent: \$ Literature Order: \$ Other: \$1.95 GSR Fund: \$
ASC Contribution: \$ Total Expenses: \$ Prudent Reserve: \$75.00 Total GSR Fund: \$
Ending Balance: \$ 39.90

Home Group Members: 4 Members at Business Meeting: Average Attendance: 9

**Is your Group reopening? If so, when? No

**Is your Group continuing with a Zoom Meeting? If so, what is the ID and Password? Yes

ID: 870 6977 1464, password: Pride

Other Group Information: For now, we are keeping this small amount of funds in our account for our monthly bank fees and/or towards future rental down payment.

Road to Recovery

GSR: Angela B Alt GSR: Kathleen T

There was some concern with the Group considering opening Tuesday evenings and not having much group member support.

Starting Point – looked at the last minutes and the financial report was incomplete. Could you please bring this up with your treasurer and update it at our next Area meeting? Angela – yes, for sure.

Serenity Seekers

GSR: Dolores F Alt GSR: Robert B

Did not have a business meeting this month. The treasurer for the group will send numbers to the Secretary

Sharing the Message

GSR: Andrew M Alt GSR: Joe B

Beginning Balance: \$0.00 7th Tradition: \$104.90 Literature Sold: \$92.50 Other: \$0.00
 Total Income: \$197.40 Rent: \$33.00 Literature Order: \$102.50 Other: \$0.00
 GSR Fund: \$0.00 ASC Contribution: \$61.90 (via e-trans to cnaseventh@gmail.com on 22 Mar)
 Total Expenses: \$197.40 Prudent Reserve: \$0.00 Total GSR Fund: \$0.00
 Ending Balance: \$0.00
 Home Group Members: 7 Members at Business Meeting: 5 Average Attendance: 13
 Group Concerns: We are concerned regarding why a member was recently denied access to an NA meeting (on Zoom).

Other Group Information: We are unanimous in our support of the Area guideline motion to include "Seating New Groups at the ASC." Our meeting is limited to 36 total attendees (35 + chairperson).

Shelter from the Storm

GSR: Alt GSR: Tristan K & Jeff S

Beginning Balance: \$49.00 7th Tradition: \$96.77 Literature Sold: \$ 0.00 Other: \$0.00
 Total Income: \$96.77 Rent: 150.00 Literature Order: \$ 0.00 GSR Fund: \$ 0.00
 ASC Contribution: \$ 0.00 Total Expenses: \$150.00 Prudent Reserve: \$0.00
 Total GSR Fund: \$ 0.00 Ending Balance: \$145.77
 Home Group Members: 12 Members at Business Meeting:7 Average Attendance:15

**Is your Group reopening? If so, when?

Yes, we've been open for in person meetings since Monday March 1st at 7:30pm. We hope to remain open. Hence: all members who attend Shelter must maintain social distance (2 meters), wear masks (covering the face from eyes to chin inclusive at all times during the meeting) and observe all other mandated restrictions AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON CHURCH PROPERTY BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE BUILDING).

**Is your Group continuing with a Zoom Meeting? If so, what is the ID and Password?

Yes, we will continue with our Wednesday night Zoom meetings (at 7:30pm) for the foreseeable future.
 ID: 724 677 669 No password required.

Group Concerns:

We have added a Safety Statement to our meeting format: "At Shelter the safety of our members is a priority. We have a no tolerance for predatory behaviour - if you feel unsafe at any time please speak to a home group member. Home group members please raise your hands."

Other Group Information:

We now have two Alternate GSRs (Tristan K and Jeff S). Tristan will attend the March Area Service meeting, and I write reports. Tristan does not have audio Zoom ability at this point, but can respond to questions through text and the Chat function with incredible speed and accuracy! Thank you Tristan. Our rent is currently paid until the end of March 2021. Our financial report remains incomplete (though more complete than it was) at this time. We have established our cash balance at \$145.77. We are awaiting a meeting between our treasurer and our landlord which should determine if we will be granted a retro-active discount for the month of February 2021. Our meetings did not take place in person during that month, but our rent to March 31 2021 had already been paid. The outcome of this meeting will significantly clarify our financial situation.

Announcements: None this month.

JFT – understood that the All Nations Church capacity was 20 people. Is this still the case. Tristan – I had also heard that but I am not sure.

Breaking Free – I heard you say that your group has a zero tolerance for predatory behaviour. Do you have a plan for this and if so, what is the plan.

Breaking Free – what does zero tolerance mean? I only just joined the group and I don't want to assume without consulting with the group.

PR Chair – do you have any reason to believe that you have a different max capacity than I Can't We Can Group who meets in the same space. I Can't We Can is permitted to have 25 people. Tristan will ask the group to be sure.

We Do Recover – when do you think you will be able to come to Zoom and have audio capacity?
Tristan – I have audio capacity now. The automated reading is the audio.

Starting Point

GSR: Daryl G (Rep)		Alt GSR: None	
Beginning Balance: \$ 92.81	7 th Tradition: \$ 114.10	Literature Sold: \$ 0	Other: \$ 0
Total Income: \$ 114.10	Rent: \$ 25.00	Literature Order: \$ 79.50	Other: \$ 1.95
GSR Fund: \$ 0	ASC Contribution: \$ 0	Total Expenses: \$ 106.45	
Prudent Reserve: \$ 100.46	Total GSR Fund: \$ 0	Ending Balance: \$ 0.00	
Home Group Members: Several	Members at Business Meeting: 4	Average Attendance: 20	

**Is your Group reopening? If so, when? – Reopened February 26/21

**Is your Group continuing with a Zoom Meeting? If so, what is the ID and Password?

Zoom will continue on a Month to Month basis for now

Other Group Information: New Meeting space is great / Meeting well attended

Strength in Numbers

GSR: Nick B Alt GSR: Adam B

Beginning Balance: \$227.21 7th Tradition: \$76.15 Literature Sold: \$20.00 Other: \$0
 Total Income: \$96.15 Rent: \$75 (March, April, May paid) Literature Order: \$30.00
 Other: \$0 GSR Fund: \$0.00 ASC Contribution: \$218.36 Total Expenses: \$105.00
 Prudent Reserve: \$100.00 Total GSR Fund: \$0.00 Ending Balance: \$0.00
 Home Group Members: 5 Members at Business Meeting: 5 Average Attendance: 27

**Is your Group reopening? If so, when? We are open in person

**Is your Group continuing with a Zoom Meeting? If so, what is the ID and Password?

No zoom

Announcements:

Aaron G - tonight March 28th 3 years

Rob C - April 18th - 9 years

Survivors

GSR: Rick F Alt GSR:

No report

We Do Recover

We do Recover

GSR

March 1 - 24 2021

Alt. GSR

Rep. Ray K

Beginning Balance: 0	7 th Tradition Income: 147.92	Literature Sold: 17.40
Total Income: 165.42	Rent April: 80	Literature Order: 0 Other: Supplies 20.00
Total expenses: 102.50	Ending Balance: 62.92	ASC Contribution: 64.42
Bank Balance: 160.00		
Average Attendance: 16		

Hi Family,

Things are going well. Lots of people are out to our meetings. We are looking for group members that are committed to a group.

Yours in loving service,

Ray K

You Have a Choice Today

GSR: Chrissy B Alt GSR: None

GROUP REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE HRM

Circle of Hope

GSR: Jimmy Y Alt. GSR:

No report

Foundation Group

Submitted by Jack A, Secretary

Pathway to Peace

GSR: Alt GSR:
No report

Phoenix Group

GSR: Kathy M Alt GSR: None

Beginning Balance: \$0 7th Tradition: \$ 18.60 Literature Sold: \$46.50 Other: \$

Total Income: \$ 65.10 Rent: \$9.30 Literature Order: \$ 0 Other: \$ 0

GSR Fund: \$ 0 ASC Contribution: \$ 300 Total Expenses: \$9.30 Prudent Reserve: \$ 0

Total GSR Fund: \$ 0 Ending Balance: \$ 55.80

Home Group Members: 7 Members at Business Meeting: 5 Average Attendance: 10-12

**Is your Group reopening? If so, when? Sunday Night is open and online

**Is your Group continuing with a Zoom Meeting? If so, what is the ID and Password?

Yes Friday Night as well as Sunday both meetings start at 7pm

ID: 724 7095 3247 PW: 123 (same ID and PW for both nights)

Group Concerns: There is a member who attends both fellowships who approaches members of NA after this specific meeting trying to persuade them to come to a non-narcotics anonymous “group” meeting to work the “steps” I have been to an in-person meeting when someone was sharing inappropriately... things that should be discussed with a sponsor... I would like some feedback as to what I’m allowed to do in this situation not being my ‘home group’ and not being a member of that group... the chair person for whatever reason doesn’t put a stop to it nor does any other ‘home group’ member... am I, as a narcotics anonymous member, allowed to voice anything? Cheers!

Other Group Question: Can we have a workshop on how to chair/host a meeting preferably on zoom due to covid?

Super Nova

GSR: Wanda F Alt GSR: None
No report

Taking Care of Business

GSR: Mark S Alt GSR: None
No report

Talking Circle

GSR: Mark S Alt GSR: None

Mark S called the Area Secretary and confirmed that they have moved locations. They are now at Viola’s Place. Literature purchases have been out of pocket

You’re Not Alone

GSR: Ernie C Alt GSR: N/A

EXECUTIVE REPORTS**Regional Committee Member (RCM): Jennifer M**

Type in Jennifer's report

Vice-Chair Report: Vacant**Area Chair:** John B

No report

Treasurer's Report: Supriya D**Treasurer's Report**

March 1-29, 2021

OPENING BALANCE: \$1,620.61 (Prudent Reserve \$1,250 +370.61)**INCOME**

ASC Member and Group Contributions: \$1,337.53

Plus Opening Balance: 1,620.61

Total Income: \$2,958.14

EXPENSES:

Cellphone: \$56.98

Bank fee: 4.95

Insurance premium reserve: 120.00

Freedom Voice: 10.87

Total expenses: \$192.80

Total Income \$2,956.64

Total expenses: - 192.80
\$2,763.84Prudent Reserve: - 1,250.00

Closing Balance \$1,515.34

Dave B – thank you Supriya. Two things, opening balance currently says PR. Can you please change it to P Res as PR makes me think of Public Relations. Also, up top it says the PR is \$1250. Below it says a different number. Supriya and John - \$1250 is correct amount.

Alternate Treasurer's Report: Vacant

OLD BUSINESS:**Motions from last month:****Motion #2**

Maker: Area Executive

Secunder: N/A Position: N/A

Motion: Insert the following guideline, as Article IX, in the Central Nova Area Service Committee Guidelines. In doing so renumbering “Article IX: Standing Committees” to Article X and repeating the renumbering for all following articles. Article to be inserted:

Article IX: Seating New Groups in Central Nova Area**Section 1:**

A new group will be seated at ASC upon request by a member of that group at any regular ASC meeting where quorum has been established, provided they meet the following six requirements:

[A Guide to Local Services in NA (*pg 25*) describes an NA group using six criteria (based on our traditions)]

1. All members of a group are drug addicts, and all drug addicts are eligible for membership.
2. As a group, they are self-supporting.
3. As a group, their single goal is to help drug addicts recover through application of the Twelve Steps of Narcotics Anonymous.
4. As a group, they have no affiliation outside Narcotics Anonymous.
5. As a group, they express no opinion on outside issues.
6. As a group, their public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion.

Section 2:

Any new group seated at the ASC will have its meeting listed on the CNA website immediately. They will have their meeting listed in the printed meeting list at the next printing, which is available at the next scheduled ASC meeting.

Section 3:

A newly seated group is eligible to request a Literature Starter Kit (*see Literature guidelines for a list of contents*) providing:

1. The group has established a regular meeting day/time/location.
2. The group has established at least the following officers: GSR and Treasurer.
3. One month of regular held meetings with a group report submitted to Area containing attendance, number of home group members, finances, and location.

Intention:

To provide clear guidelines both to the ASC and new groups on how a new group is seated at the ASC. These guidelines follow the “Guide to Local services”, 12 Traditions and 12 concepts.

Since this is a guideline change the GSRs need to take it back to the groups. We will vote on this at the next Area.

For:

Breaking Free – we got together as a group and discussed it. Decided to pass the motion as a group with the word drug or without the word drug. With one member feeling the words “drug addict” is

Motion #2 continued:

important when identifying and sharing. When I first came in, if I did not hear the words “drug addict” I am not convinced that I would have stayed.

Dave B – the word drug must stay in. We are quoting our literature. If this body decides to remove the word drug, if this were a proposal, a block would be put in place here. I am concerned.

Against:

Diane V – it’s about seating a group. If we move the word drug from this article it means any addiction from any group can be seated

Not for or against.....Jewlz M – my concern with anything in general would be inclusivity. Things that have been done in the past, and we have evolved, may not be inclusivity. If we would like to be a group of inclusivity 100 years ago, maybe this is not what is needed today.

Ray K called for the question

We have to take a vote on this motion as it is written.

7 Voted in favor 1 Voted against 1 Voted to Abstain

Motion Passed

Vacant Positions Nominations:

Vice Chair

No nominations or volunteers

GSRs bring back to Home Groups

Alternate Treasurer:

No nominations or volunteers

GSR bring back to Home Group

Alternate Secretary

No nominations and no volunteers

GSRs bring back to Home Groups

Activities Committee Chair

No nominations or volunteers

GSRs bring back to Home Groups

OLD BUSINESS

CONSENSUS BASED DECISION MAKING:

The Executive have not made any new progress on this. We will continue to strive to move forward with this. We would like to update our Guidelines before we insert anything to do with this. More will be revealed.

OPEN FORUM: 5:00 to 5:30

- Dave: for the NA fundraiser and etransfers for that, by etransferring to the States, the individual is incurring more cost. Perhaps we can have them etransfer to cnaseventh@gmail.com and add info in the notes section of the etransfer. This will avoid all extra fees.
- David: this pains me to have to share this...it has come to my attention that a recent group has decided too not allow certain members to not attend. I feel, I empathize with these members feelings and situations, but my main concern is my main idea of NA. NA is free of judgement; it does not matter what you have done in the past. We have always welcomed any addict. NA does not concern itself with any outside issues. From my understanding of all that I have read, we stick to that because that is where our greatest energy is put. The message is carried to an addict, any addict. The unconditional love I received in the rooms when I arrived and, the power of example is why I managed to get what I have today....the life I have today. I am glad that this has come up. It is something that needs to be addressed. We need to come up with a different way to address it rather than refusing the addict.
- iPhone (Katie B): I just had a letter that I had written and I am going to read it. I would like to make it known that I feel this applies to both Shelter and Dignity. The member read their letter
- Diane: I appreciate the Traditions. I understand that this is not about past behaviours and judgement. Tradition 11 is about attraction. How attractive is it for our new comer to be constantly preyed upon. We all call each other Family...would we want our family members treated like this? We cannot turn a blind eye. We all know. I have sponsees that come to me and have complained that they have been preyed upon. If you know you do not feel welcome and you know that members do not feel safe at certain meetings, why attend that meeting? There are loads of online meetings. I am in favour of creating an ad hoc meeting to come up with suggestions on how to move forward. The thing is lives can be lost. Women do not come back. It is others also but, my attention has been drawn to the women. It is time that we keep our membership safe and secure.
- Julie S: Diane said a lot of what I wanted to say. When people talk about past behaviour, it is in the past. But it is current behaviour that we are concerned with. We are trying to get the men to help the men. Saving this one guy and not the 50 women who left and didn't come back doesn't make sense. The main thing is safety.
- Dave B: they are not following the traditions and we close the group. Or, they are members and we listen. The solution is that this group that identifies as a "special interest" group. "This

type of addict only”....there are women’s groups that I don’t go too. By identifying as a special interest group, it gives advance notice that perhaps that member may not be able to attend it.

- Jewlz M: in no one do I ever condone violence or threat against anyone. As a person who survived domestic abuse, this program shows me how to work the program and utilize principles. Thanked Katie for her vulnerability. Agrees that if her perpetrator appeared in a meeting, they have the right to recovery. It is for me to work through this.
- Jennifer read the letter from another member.

Open Forum extended for 10 minutes: Just for Today Motioned and Sharing the Message Seconded

- Ray K: a couple things, getting back too doing Zoom at Area but it would be great to get back to in person Area. It may create some unity. It hurts me to hear that this is going on. I am here to help anyone. I know what it feels like to go to a meeting and be attacked. For the last 4 years that I have been back, I have not been attacked. I accepted what happened in the past and moving forward. It is important that we keep talking about it.
- Bill H: I have been around for a long time and involved in a lot of things. No one has come to me to ask for help. I am not sure what I would have done but, I sure would have tried. I am prepared to volunteer to be on an ad hoc committee. I would do my best to help resolve.
- David C: I love the idea of having a group that comes right out and says that they want to help people who feel victimized. I think it is a great idea that people can go and have a safe place. If there is a person there who has victimized in the past, I would hope that the group members would pull this person aside, have a mature conversation and offer them a drive to another meeting.
- Chair: There is a motion coming up suggesting an ad hoc committee be created. Also, in our Concepts, members can bring concerns to Area to respond. The group that we specifically are talking about, the group is not here to respond. Myself and Jennifer will speak with the group directly to get a response.

GROUP CONCERNS (as addressed by the RCM, Jennifer M)

- Sharing the Message questioning why a member was denied access to a meeting. The Chairperson and I will be speaking with these members. Would this be ok with Sharing the Message? Responded yes.
- Shelter from the Storm will be putting in an addition to your preamble. Was this a group concern or an fyi? Yes, he will go back to the group to discuss and report back to Area in April.
- Strength in Numbers and concern about a member who is in hospital and changing signing authorities. As far as Andre knows, it is two. Along with the cheque to get signed, I would have a letter for the bank stating what is needed. As well, I would add a 3rd signing authority. Any other points to add to this...? John, get the person to sign the letter stating what the intentions are and adding a third.
- New Vision feels the word “drug” should be dropped from the motion/article. Voting has already taken place (see above in minutes).

New Business:Maker: Area ExecutivePosition: N/ASeconder: N/APosition: N/AMotion:

Create an ad-hoc committee focused on helping to create safer spaces in our meetings for all members. This committee would offer support and suggested guidance to groups (that choose to partake) to help create safer spaces. This support could look like but not be limited to: workshops, some suggested guidelines on safe spaces that groups could choose to adopt in whole or in part, creating pamphlets that can be given to members on ways to be safe and how to foster a safe environment, etc

This committee would run for one year from its formation

Chairperson: Kate A (Previously Kate H) would be willing but is also happy to just be a participant if another person may be a better fit. (Kate had in the past served in many positions including PR Chair, Webservant, GSR, etc)

Background:

Kate A is able to speak to this motion at area and offer some of the background + context on why this New Motion Continued:

Is an important step for our area. We know that there are many people who have found NA to be a safe space and that is wonderful, but there are many people who have not found NA to be a safe space (and have in fact experienced trauma as a result). As an area it would be good to see us find ways to be a safer space for all without violating our traditions or concepts. We truly believe this will aid us in carrying the message to the still sick and suffering addict.

Kate A spoke on the motion

Dave B**add this caveat that this committee reports to this Area monthly. John added

6 Voted in Favor (Unanimous as we are at 6 of 9 voting groups after groups left)

Motion Passed

Kate A has volunteered to Chair this ad hoc Committee. John asked if there are any objections...no objections. Congratulations Kate and, thank you for your service.

Breaking Free motion to close and We Do Recover seconded this motion.

Meeting closed at 6:10 pm. with the 3rd Step Prayer

Next Area will be April 25th at 2:00 pm. on Zoom

Yours in Service,

Julee A, Area Secretary