

12/04/2022

Ron. S opened the meeting at 4:00 pm with the Serenity Prayer Amanda B. read the 12 Traditions. Corey C. read the 12 Concepts Dave R. read the service paragraph.

Roll Call: Officers and Committee Chairs		
Chair	Ron S.	P
Vice Chair	Keith S.	P
Secretary	Shane E.	P
Vice Secretary	Juanita D.	A
Treasurer	Ron D.	P
Vice Treasurer	Laura D.	P
RCM	Sean M.	A
RCM Alternate	Mike V.	P
Activities Chair	Ron S.	P
H&I Chair	Sean M.	A
Literature Chair	Leslie D.	P
Policy Chair	Penny S.	P
Convention Chair	Corey C	P
Web Chair	Roxy M.	A

Roll Call: Groups		
Monday Newcomers	Randy T.	P Filling in
Just for Today	Aaron H.	P
Vision of Hope	Geneva D.	P
Blind Faith	A.J. R. /Brian B.	P
Only With Vigilance	Amanda B.	P
Let's Get Honest	Lamar K	P Filling in
New Horizons	Amanda B.	A
By NA Means Necessary	Pat S.	P
TGIF	Darnell H.	P
Let's Start to Live	Nate P.	P
Straight Up	Al.F	P
Work the Steps or Die	Paul K.	P
Sanity in Amity	C.J. E	P
New Beginnings-New Way of Life	Allen H.	P
Recovery First	Maryanne T.	P
Lights of Hope	Candy V.	P
Wake Up/Living Clean	David R.	P
Into the Light	Heather G.	A
We are Miracles	Tom D.	P
Attitude of Gratitude	Becky G.	P
Alive at Five	Kathy B.	P
Another Day Clean	Johnny C.	P

16 groups present; 9 for simple majority; 11 for on the two-thirds (policy).

Recognition of new groups: None.

Number of visiting members: None

Corrections to previous month's minutes: Mike V. was also in attendance at the audit in November. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Brian B., seconded by Geneva D., and unanimously agreed.

Order of the Day: Each issue will be limited to two pros, two cons, not to exceed 15 minutes of discussion. Any further discussion will be at the discretion of the Chair Allen H. motioned to follow order of the day; seconded by Aaron H. motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chair (Ron S.): We met and did the convention audit up to the last convention. Everything has been good up till 2018. We will meet soon and finish the audit up to the present time.

Vice Chair (Keith S.): No Report

Secretary (Shane E.): I am submitting a bill for \$64.76 for copies, mailings and envelopes.\

Treasurer (Ron D.): Opening Balance: \$670.00
See Attached.

GROUP REPORTS		
Group Name	Literature Order	Area Donation
Monday Newcomers	47.70	23.18
Just for Today	0.00	12.51
Vision of Hope	72.00	2.72
Blind Faith	20.20	77.10
Only With Vigilance	54.83	73.00
Let's Get Honest	73.39	40.32
New Horizons	0.00	0.00
By NA Means Necessary	39.00	0.00
TGIF	12.24	0.00
Let's Start to Live	68.25	0.00
Straight Up	0.00	0.00
Work the Steps or Die	34.70	52.90
Sanity in Amity	3.75	141.51
New Beginnings-New Way of Life	18.88	24.75
Recovery First	14.40	0.00
Wake Up/Living Clean	0.00	67.84

Into the Light	0.00	0,00
We Are Miracles	0.00	0.00
Attitude of Gratitude	0.00	0.00
Alive at Five	0.00	40.00
Another Day Clean	0.00	50,00
Lights of Hope	74.11	148.17

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities Chair (Maryanne T.): We met today with 4 members we finalized details for the spiritual breakfast. We are asking for a check in the amount of \$800.00 for food and supplies. Please come out and support our area and start the year with unity and recovery.

Web (Roxy M.): No Report

H&I Chair (Randy T.): We met today with 5 members. We are tentatively going to start a new commitment as long as we have enough forms filled out and accepted by tower health dual diagnosis unit. The other commitments are well (Haven, Adapt and Wernersville) We will be bringing copies of the form for the area next month to take back to their home groups. I am going to pass around a copy of the form to show and give you guys an opportunity to look at it. Email them directly the form for approval and once approved there is a 20-minute video you will have to watch too. Emailing them will expedite the process for approval. We are asking for \$64.09, above the \$80.00 we were giving at last area last month.

Literature Chair (Leslie D.): Literature Committee still needs help! We took in \$533.45 in sales. NAWS order is \$519.90. There will be a new lit order sheet coming out next month, please be on the lookout for it.

Policy Chair (Penny S.): The Policy Committee met today with 2 members present. We will have a policy workshop on Saturday February 18, 2023 – location is yet to be determined. We will have flyers at the next ASC meeting. We encourage everyone to attend, especially if you are new, even if you are not new and are unfamiliar with policy. It is a function of the Policy Committee to hold a yearly workshop on ASC guidelines and voting procedures in February or March (when ASC positions change) for all ASC members.

Convention Chair (Corey C.) Convention met with 19 members present. We filled the following positions: A & G Chair & Vice Chair, H & H Vice Chair, Registration Chair & Vice Chair, Serenity Keeper Chair & Vice Chair, Programs Vice Chair. We have selected members for Vice Chair of the Convention and Treasurer for the Convention that are present today at area.

Open positions – Vice Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Secretary, CI Chair, Vice CI Chair, Merchandise Vice Chair, Guidelines Vice Chair.

We discussed the allegations against Fundraising Chair. I personally met 1 on 1 with him and reviewed the charges with him. He would like to make a 10th Concept redress at this area. His report is enclosed.

Still unable to access funds have reached out to previous Chair several times to switch names on account. Plan to review time - line and review archives for next month.

We await the results of the area audit.

RCM (Sean M.): Good afternoon, Reading Area,

I attended the Regional Service Committee Meeting on Saturday, November 12 the, 2022 in Jim Thorpe, PA. The region conducted business for six hours. 12 out of 16 areas were present for most of the business meeting. A few vacant positions were filled, including Secretary, Vice Policy Chair and Public Relations Vice Chair. There are still several vacant positions at the regional level. The Regional mail has been received. The mail is in the names of the current RD, Kathleen M., & RDA, Megan A. The mail will now be forwarded to the RDA going forward. There are no regional motions to be taken back to groups to be voted on this month. The next MARLCNA will be in January 2023 (third weekend in January) 1/20/23-1/22/23 at the Wyndham in Lancaster (the previous Lancaster Host). The CAR (conference agenda report) is currently available on NA.org to view and/or download. It was made available in late November. There are 25 motions in the 2023 CAR. 12 World Board motions and 13 Regional motions. The CAT (conference approval track) will be available on NA.org in late January 2023. There will be no printed copies of the CAR & CAT this year. This is probably due to the rising costs of printing materials such as ink and paper. Members are encouraged to download the CAR & CAT on NA.org. At this time, the World Board believes that they will have CAR and CAT workshops at MARLCNA via ZOOM. The RD and RDA team are looking at hosting a CAR/CAT workshop in Allentown in February. If the Reading Area desires a workshop locally then please let Mike or I know, and we'll see if the Delegate team can work it into their schedule. A survey will be in the CAR this year. The survey will help set priorities for recovery literature, service materials, and IDTs (Issue Discussion Topics). The results of this survey will help delegates select Issue Discussion Topics and prioritize IPs and service materials to work on in the cycle ahead. Any member can go to NA.org and complete these surveys as an individual member. The surveys are located at www.na.org/survey. Let your voice be heard. Primary Purpose Packages have been given to the RCMA. Every Area in the Region was given 5 PPPs. The way this body distributes them is up to it. I would suggest doing a drawing from a hat or basket. On that note, the MARLCNA committee inquired of RCMs as to whether any areas would be open to making a monetary donation to the MARLCNA committee for newcomer packages. Would this body be open to making a donation to MARLCNA to make more newcomer packages available for MARLCNA 2023? If so, the donation can be given to Mike today and one of us can deliver the check to the MARLCNA Treasurer. This would have to be decided today, as the conference is only a month away. Furthermore, the Delegate team attended the NEZF meeting in October. There are currently 8 zonal forums in the United States. There is talk about all 8 zones working together on projects, or, as they call it, a collaboration of zones. Does this area support a

collaboration of US zones? Or would more clarification be needed before the area supports an undertaking such as this. I would suggest the Delegate team get more information of zonal forums before supporting this endeavor. The Delegate Team will be hosting a virtual meeting for any member of NA who has burning questions about NAWs, Region or the Northeast Zonal Forum/Collaboration of Zones. They will be holding the meeting on 12/11/22 at 2 PM. I will be there. If you want to attend, then email me and I will forward the ZOOM ID and Password to you. I will also provide these credentials below:

ZOOM ID: 570 972 5149

Password: 683681

The next region will be held virtually on January 14th, 2023. Go to the Regional website if you are interested in attending to see what Region is all about. Regional Website is below:

<https://www.marscna.org>

Vice RCM (Mike V.): In addition to what the RCM reported the groups need to be aware that literature prices at WSO will be increasing by 12% for books and medallions (bronze). The increase will take effect on January 1st, 2023. The new order form is posted on the NA.org website.

Nominations and Elections: Nominations and elections were not opened.

Vice Chair of area: - Brian B. volunteered for Vice Chair of area. I have three years and 8 months clean. I have a NA sponsor who has a NA sponsor. I have a home group. Currently treasurer of activities. I run a business; I've never misappropriated any NA funds. I'm currently working on the steps.

Vice Chair of area: - Geneva D. volunteered for Vice Chair of area. I have 18 years 1 month and 6 days. GSR of Vision of Hope has a sponsor who has a sponsor. Have 8 sponsees at present moment this is my 4th time writing on my steps. Traditions and concepts. Have been Treasurer, chairperson alt GSR and GSR and am willing to serve At present moment I am POA of four individuals who I care or and I'm responsible for the money, paying bills making life decisions for them.

Secretary: - Amanda B. was nominated as Vice Secretary. I currently have 10.5 month clean and when the position turns over God willing, I will have a year + clean. I have a NA sponsor I work NA steps attend NA meetings regularly. I have held a NA position previously. I count and deal with money on a daily basis at work. I am willing and able to perform the duties of this position.

Treasurer: Ron D. Volunteered for Treasurer position. I have a NA sponsor, homegroup and I have finished my 11th step. I have 9yrs and 9 months clean. I have never misappropriated NA

funds. I have served as GSR, Policy Chair, Web Chair, Regional Policy vice – chair Area Chair and vice chair.

BACK TO GROUPS FOR A VOTE

Recount of groups with a group conscience: 16 groups present; 9 for simple majority; 11 for two-thirds (policy).

Old Business:

Response from Allen H. to the convention chair.

To the convention committee and the Reading Area of Narcotics Anonymous Service body. I Allen H.am stating my case regarding last month's Area. All the accusations that were hurled at me. I believe personally,

Number 1). The fundraiser committee did its job it was instructed to do to the best of its ability. Every fundraiser event was a success. Food was not given away, wasted. Food was not wasted. No one can predict how many people will show up from one event to the next More people showed up to the Reading area event than the Pottstown event, all food that was left over was given to the committee members.

Number 2). I never used NA funds to purchase gasoline from BJ's. That is a total lie and I'm calling it as it is – A lie!!!

Number 3). No money was taken, \$38.71. If the chair had read the report and listened when it was given, they would have seen the error in judgment sometimes communication can be interpreted the wrong way.

Number 4). I never made a deal with an NA member for them to get the donation to the church to be used for their home group rent. The money went to the church per check given and not to any home group.

Number 5), I never told anyone they could get into the event for free they all knew it was a fundraiser event with a \$5.00 donation.

Number 6). I feel that none on the fundraiser committee was telling the committee how to run the event. We are willing servants we do not govern.

I just wanted to state my case, I did not appreciate what the outgoing chair brought to the table last month. In the eyes of some I was guilty with no proof or found suspicious. I would like the accuser to bring their proof instead of the unjust accusations I have never used NA funds for my own use,

In closing I can't believe I have that much power or control to cause people to step down from their positions and then hear them place the blame on me,

In Loving Service

Allen H.

Fundraiser Chair

P.S. The incoming chair and I have had a discussion on these issues, and I am still willing to serve as fundraising chair if the Convention Committee and area would have me do it.

Rebuttal of Incident 1.

Fundraiser events are held the second Saturday of each month. Fundraisers committee meeting is held third Sunday of each month at which time budget was presented to committee guidelines it needs to be updated or convention committee meeting needs to be changed to combine timeline requirements....

Incident 2.

All monies were given to the chair or treasurer right after the event, for they were at the table at the end of all events So I don't know why Chair would say such a thing. I addressed the \$38.11 in my fund raiser report. The current amount is \$38.71 which is accounted for in the report.

Incident 3.

I already addressed that in my statement there was no overspending, we stuck to the budget we asked for, and no one can predict from one event to the next how many people will show up, so we make an estimate from one event to the next.

Incident 4. I have no control over the ink on the receipts. All receipts I submitted are true and honest receipts.

As far as pointing the blame on the fundraiser committees for people resigning, that is observed.

Area Business/Housekeeping Motions:

- A. Regional Motions: None
- B. Non-Policy Motions: None.
- C. Policy Motions: None

New Business: None

Emergency Business: None.

Final Treasurer's Report: Closing Balance: 1,165.73

See attached.

Next ASC meeting will be held on Sunday, January 8th, 2023 at EDI, 1300 Hilltop Road, Leesport, PA 19533. Subcommittees at 2:00 pm and area at 4 pm.

We closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 6:12 p.m.

In loving service,

Shane E.

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