

PASCNA MINUTES

January 05, 2019

Open Meeting: 3:05pm

Meeting Opened:

Serenity Prayer: ALL

Reading of the 12 Traditions: Audra N.

Reading of the 12 Concepts: Roger

Roll Call to Establish Quorum: 17 GSRs

General Information: Lisa S.

Please turn cell phones off/vibrate; we also ask that you please respect the business meeting by not texting; if you need to have a side conversation, please leave the room; turn in donations to Treasurer (please do not give more than \$1 change); home group reports may be read during open forum then turned into the Secretary (GSR's and Subcommittee Chairpersons, please try to write as clearly as possible and remember to put reports on full size sheet of paper with your signature); the literature chair cannot accept personal checks on behalf of home group purchases. Please update the meeting list and/or GSR mailing roster as needed--if you are a new GSR please put your contact information Please clean up after yourself--we should leave the church better than we found it.

Some announcements at the request of the church (applies to ALL groups that meet at the church):

- Smoking needs to be limited to the area by the receptacle and away from the entrance. Each group is responsible for cleaning up the butts after meeting
- No firearms (concealed or not)----"GUN FREE ZONE"
- No loitering after the meeting in the parking lot
- Don't park in the middle of the parking lot or block cars in, may impede emergency vehicles if needed
- Children are to be supervised at all times
- There is NOT a public restroom---if random people wander in, we are to ask them to leave (use common sense)
- If there are any changes to the group's contact person, the church needs to be notified
- There will be periodic MANDATORY meetings with the church for ALL groups that use the facility

Welcome New GSRs: John J- Never Alone; Craig- Write to Recover; Earl- Women & Men in Recovery

Review and Approve last month's Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes: _____ Sam _____ **Seconded:** _____ Audra _____

Passed / Passed with Corrections / Failed

ASC REPORTS

ASC Treasurer's Report- Hello All, my name is Anna and I am an addict. The balance forward for November 2018 was \$3861.42 dollars. Total debits equaled \$1102.68 dollars and deposits equaled \$810.99 dollars making the closing balance for November \$3569.73 dollars. The balance forward for December 2018 was \$3569.73 dollars. Total debits equaled \$1354.62 dollars and deposits equaled \$672.47 dollars making the closing balance for December \$2887.59 dollars. Opening balance for January 2019 is \$2887.59. ILS, Anna

RCM Report- vacant

VRCC Report- No bids to host the 2020 AVCNA, thinking of appointing someone at the convention this year at the 2019 convention. Lovely

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities- We met with 5 of us. We talked about bowling event and chili cookoff. I paid for the venue for chili cookoff and supplies equaling \$99.12. We kept \$20 for more supplies and are returning \$180.88. ILS, Sarah A.

H&I- Greetings from H&I, All is well, Ernest had an unexpected trip home. Workshop went well, no new members. Discussed the Southeastern Project and notified that we are unable to carry a commitment until all other commitments are filled. Please be advised if or when asked about a commitment carried to a facility ensure the facility is unable to attend outside meetings. H&I is set up to carry meeting to facilities who can not attend outside meetings, intent, less strain on H&I subcommittee. ILS, Yvonne W.

Area Inventory- Greetings, The area inventory subcommittee did not meet last month. We started to conduct the audit as per our PASCNA policy. I would like to thank everyone who participated and plan to participate next time. We didn't finish, however because some of the documents were in storage and we needed more time. We are scheduled to complete that audit on January 15, 2019 at 6pm at the Tabb Library Study Room. Tomorrow is the Annual Budget Review. All area subcommittee chairpersons are required to attend. It will be held at the Riverside Behavioral Health Center at our usual meeting place from 12:00 until 2:00. My position will be done in April. The nominations for area inventory chair will start next month. If you're interested or just have questions please call us at 879-4883. ILS, Tim B.

Public Relations/Webmaster- Meeting opened with the serenity prayer @1:15pm. 12 traditions read by Burell, 12 concepts read by Joe B. Minutes read by Paula M. Corrections: Teddie and Burell attended the two day PR Regional Meeting. Motion to approve minutes with correction: Ray/Burell. New and Old Business: Earl L. Made 2 double fold boards for the public relations. Discussion was made on what can be presented to professionals and general publications. Earl L. was paid \$30, balance of \$50 (initially Public Relation received \$80 from area). Paula is to present to committee next month cost of all IP's needed. Joe B. (Virginia Beach) came to present to the committee about the Metro Meeting List. This committee will then do a presentation at area next month. Brief discussion on Worldwide Learning Day, possibility September 2019. Discussion of Poster Day for Williamsburg/Gloucester area. A member came in late to bring up old issue that was already discussed thru grievance. Member was given 5 minutes. Meeting was adjourned and closed with the serenity prayer.

Literature- \$890 in literature orders- report given by Teddie A.

Ad-Hoc- Met on 12/15/18; Open Meeting/Serenti Prayer; Minutes read and approved; Old Business- Motion for TACNA- held back until the decision on having convention is made. A \$20 donation will be made to First Presbyterian Church by the Ad Hoc Chair, Deborah R. Insurance (Reggie F) Yvonne W. will contact Reggie F about insurance information. Vernell H. goes over updated bid from Holiday Inn (discussed further down under new business- hotel bids) Double Tree by Hilton. New Business: Vernell H. provided bid from Holiday Inn \$1250 for rooms needed for Convention Committee and individual rooms will be \$119. The Ad Hoc committee will be requesting until June 19th, 2019 to pay \$500 deposit. The last date to give back individual unsold rooms will be on or by October 6th, 2020. One individual room will be free for every 40 rooms reserved. Next meeting, January 19, 2019. Motion was made to close the meeting by Linda M and 2nd by Yvonne W. Closed meeting with serenity prayer and clean up @1:45pm. ILS, Deborah R.

OLD BUSINESS

POSITIONS

- **Vice Chair:** no volunteers &/or nominations, position remains open
- **Vice Treasurer:** no volunteers &/or nominations, position remains open
- **RCM:** no volunteers &/or nominations, position remains open
- **Alternate RCM:** no volunteers &/or nominations, position remains open
- **VRCC Alternate:** no volunteers &/or nominations, position remains open
- **Chair:** Audra was nominated; she meets qualifications; vote in February
- **Activities:** Sarah was nominated, she meets qualifications; vote in February

Motion 2018-08-07: *See Attachment for original motion** **ROLL CALL VOTE** **Yes 8__ No 4__ AB 8__**
Motion PASSED

(was discussed at September area, voted on in October area—initially rules as “failed”, after reviewing the policy and further discussion at December Area with the PASCNA parliamentarian—the ruling by the Chair was that the motion be tabled and go back to home groups and voted on in January 2019.)

Discussion: To further define the qualifications, to give other qualified candidates the opportunity. Would remove the word volunteer from policy.

Point of Clarification: Does the current language exclude other candidates?

Pros:

1. Current language might be excluding someone that might have qualifications to be chair, because of having the vice chair first right of refusal- should be based on qualifications.
2. The word candidate actually reflects service.

Cons:

1. Question of truthfulness of motion. The current policy is that vice chair has first right of refusal, not automatically voted to chair. We have always accepted volunteers from the floor for every position.

Motion 2018-11-03

Motion Maker: Honesty 2nd by Paula M.

Motion: Voting procedures: All votes are to be counting and if there are 33% of abstentions, the motion gets discussed and sent back to groups to be decided.

Intent: Have an understanding of motions and or policy changes, and not blown off.

Amendment accepted; Motion goes to Area Inventory.

Motion 2018-12-01

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes_9 No __2_AB_5_

PASSED

Motion Maker: Honesty, 2nd by: Surrender to Live

Motion: Per concept #10, any member of a service body can petition that body for the redress of a personal grievance without fear of reprisal. The grievance process is important as well as conducting area service, so the grievance shall limited to should be 5 minutes to read, 10 minutes to discuss.

Intent: Conduct Area business to the fullest for that month meeting and then hear the grievance.

Pros from area Floor:

1. All motions should take priority over grievances.
2. A grievance time limit would allow area business to be conducted in a timely manner.

Cons from area floor:

1. Particular grievance was moved up because it was four months old.

Motion 2018-12-02

Yes 3_ No_9_AB_5_

FAILED

Motion Maker: Living Life on Life's Terms 2nd by: Living the Program.

Motion: Any work on area convention is halted until these area positions are filled: ASC Treasurer, ASC Vice Chair, ASC RCM, ASC RCM Alternate, ASC Webmaster.

Intent: Priorities are given to standing area positions before effort is given to an area convention.

Pros: None

Cons:

1. Will never happen, we have never had a full board.
2. Overly restrictive.

Motion 2018-12-03

Motion Maker: We Can Change, 2nd by:

Motion: To have ASC vote on VRCC convention in 2020.

Intent: to have PASCNA included on bid area policy is silent on issue.

***Motion maker pulled motion**

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 2019-01-01

Motion Maker: Tm B

Second: Dave M., Living the Program

We move that: The area direct the area inventory subcommittee develop a new voting policy based on consensus based decision making and the working policy of another area or region that already uses this process that will be brought to the area and ultimately to the groups for adaptation into our policy to replace the existing voting policy.

Intent: To bring our area in better support of our concepts. To replace the current confusing policy with a clearer policy that already is working.

Discussion: Recommended by world, CBDM is widely used all over the world, and is based on coming together; if 3 people vote yes, 4 people vote no; it wouldn't pass; 2 workshops were held on CBDM already.

Allows us to meet needs of group. Last area we actually did some CBDM.

Proposed Amendment: to hold 2 additional learning days on CBDM, accepted by motion maker.

Motion 2019-01-02

Motion Maker: We can Change, 2nd by Nature of Recovery

Please see attachment for this motion, discussion is also noted here:

Discussion: We just spent 30 minutes to discuss CBDM, are we not as an area trying to simplify voting procedures? We're trying to get to a simple vote, not a pissing contest. A battle of words is not going to get us further along.

Cons: I'm not sure what the motion is.

Original intent if there were too many abstentions, is that there are homegroups that don't understand the motion. We just want to chop the feet off and say if you abstain you don't care about the vote.

Motion 2019-01-03

Motion Maker: No more excuses, 2nd by Surrender to Live

Motion: All motion makers attend area. If the motion maker is not present the motion dies, if motion maker is not at area after second month.

Intent: To effectively conduct area business.

Discussion: Motions go on month after month because motion makers leave. This is the way this used to be. If you make a motion, and not here two months, the motion dies.

Pros:

1: Helps to conserve area time.

2: Accountability

Cons: none noted.

Group Reports:

Let's Get spiritual, "Michale P. GSR, pooler45@gmail.com, Deborah Celebrate 1/10/19, Ben, Michelle, Hayward

A Gift Called Life: Our homegroup is still meeting regularly. We are always in need of more attendance. Lisa celebrates 3 years 1/13/19, Nadine K celebrates 30 years 1/27/19, Darlene celebrates 27 years 2/17/19.

Saturday Nite Alternative: Saturday Nite alternative is doing well. Attendance is up and we continue to carry the message of hope and freedom from active addiction. The celebration for this month are Jan. 26, Billy J 25 years@ Saturday Night Alternative, ILS, Denise K.

No More Excuses: No more excuses continues to carry the message every Saturday at 10am @ 10 Matoaka Lane. Literature order \$50.74, group donation \$25.06. ILS, Deborah R.

Nature of Recovery: Attendance is steady between 55 and 60 and all is well. We are still sharing the message of hope and the promise of freedom. We will conduct our annual group inventory in February. Literature: \$55.50, Donations: \$45.50, Total \$100.00. ILS, Nature of Recovery.

Closer to Home: The Gloucester community continues to grow with newcomers showing up every week. We now have 5 meetings in Gloucester which are on the meeting sheet. Thank you again to our surrounding area for yalls support when our meetings were slack, but all are still welcome. So take a nice stroll over the bridge and come see us one evening. ILS, Sam B.

Living Life on Life's Terms: Our home group is doing well and we are having good regular attendance. All is well at the group level. ILS, Adam H.

We can Change: We continue to carry the message and welcome newcomers. Attendance is ok but donations are nominal. We didn't meet on Tuesday 12/25 or 1/1/19. Area donation \$10.00. ILS, Roger R.

Write to Recover: write to recover is a fairly new meeting that meets Sunday's from 3-4:15pm at Mary Immaculate Community Health and Resource Center at 2 Bernardine Drive. Attendance has been small but consistent. We have two home group members who attend regularly. Attendance has ranged between 3 and 8 members, with 2 newcomers attending regularly. Our donation to area this month is \$5, and we spent \$22 on literature. We have donated \$5 per month for the last three months in the spirit of the seventh tradition. The meeting needs support. Please announce at your home group. ILS, Craig W.

Surrender to Live: The surrender to live homegroup is doing well. As we continue to carry the message of hope, we are constantly having members sign up to be part of the homegroup. We averaged 55-60 in attendance for the month of December. Celebrations for the month of January are as follows: Jan 6, Cleo, 27 years; Jan 13, Vincent, 7 years; Jan 20th, Allen, 7 years. We have a literature order of \$84.76 and an area donation of \$42.24. ILS, Audra N.

POSITIONS

Reminder: Area Inventory Subcommittee Chair- nominations begin in February 2019

Open Forum (30 minutes):

Close Meeting

Please help put chairs away and clean up.