

PASCNA MINUTES

April 06, 2019

Open Meeting: Audra

Meeting Opened: 3:00pm

Serenity Prayer: All

Reading of the 12 Traditions: Sarah A

Reading of the 12 Concepts: Linda M.

Roll Call to Establish Quorum: 15 GSRs

General Information: Audra N

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) This is a 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:

Linda M.- Surrender to Live

Review and Approve last month's Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes: Craig _____ **Seconded:** Iney _____

Passed / **Passed with Corrections** / Failed Abs-1, Yes-13, No-1

*Sarah noted at last month's area she was at the convention

*Roger objected to the minutes stating he was nominated by Albert W., and objected to written report related to vacancy for PR chair (see attachment)

ASC REPORTS

ASC Treasurer's Report- Hello all, my name is Anna and I am an addict. The balance forward for March 2019 was \$4257.49. Total March debits equal \$471.56 dollars and deposits equal \$1,043.80 dollars. The forward balance for April 2019 is \$4829.73. In loving service, Anna H. (see attachment)

RCM Report- position vacant

VRCC Report- absent; it was noted that Lovely had missed two consecutive ASC meetings.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities- Hi Family, Activities met with 4 members. We talked about the chili cook-off which was a great success. With 55 people attending. We received \$47 in donations, \$73.00 in 50/50 raffle (½ was \$36.50). We are donating \$84 plus \$150 from our check in February totaling \$234 donation back to area. Our next event is April 20th, spring into recovery picnic, 11am to 5pm, Deer Park Shelter, #1. Games, prizes, food, fun. See flyers. We are asking for \$300.00 check for supplies for the picnic that includes \$15.90 for flyers. Mid-month meeting where New Genesis meets, 6pm, April 16th. ILS, Sarah A.

H&I- There are still positions that need to be filled. H&I chairperson went to the orientation at the jail for 3 hours and looked at some video slides. We will be having one workshop on April 7, 2018 (food/free) so come and serve. H&I Chair, Ernie J.

Area Inventory- Position now open as of this month.

Public Relations/Webmaster-

Present: Burrell, Lawrence and Roger; Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. The 12 traditions were read by Burrell & Lawrence read the 12 Concepts. The Minutes weren't read as no report was given at the last Area Service. Committee will need a check in the amount of \$224.00 To purchase, 2,700 meeting list. P-COR will be hosting an event on. Date: April 17, 2019 Time: 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Place: Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666. The committee was asked to man a Public Relations Table. World Public Relations Week. June 3-9, 2019. The committee will request a check in order to host a learning day. More will be revealed. Web Master wasn't present but will E-Mail a report. Motion was made by Burrell to change the time the committee will meet. 2nd by Roger. From 1:00 O'clock to 1:30 -2:30 PM. Motion passed. Discussion concerning the Web Site was tabled as the web master wasn't present. I L S , Lawrence

Literature-

OLD BUSINESS

POSITIONS

- **Webmaster:** Mike G volunteered and voted in March 2019 PASCNA
- **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
- **Area Inventory:** no volunteers &/or nominations, position remains open---vote in April
- **Public Relations Chair** Roger R volunteered

Motion 2019-03-01 Goes back to Homegroups Yes-5, No-1, Abstentions- 5

Motion maker: Area Inventory Subcommittee – Budget Review 2nd: None needed

Motion: To make changes on the attached pages to the Financial Guidelines and Budget pages of the PASCNA Handbook.

Intent: The new budget will more quickly fund miscellaneous and more fully fund subcommittees. As this new budget will increase the overall cost to over \$1,000 Prudent Reserve has also been increased to \$1,100.

Discussion: There was a question about starter kits for new home groups. The answer was that literature will provide them – they just need to be regulated.

This will go back to the home groups. We have \$50 for storage; does it need more breathing room? Not discussing the actual numbers. This is another budget review. The current storage budget is at \$50, which covers the \$47 for the storage fee. Based on budget in policy handbook did items go up because costs went up? Response was yes, items went up because of the cost going up, this is getting very closely to what we need.

Pros: It would better serve the area if we're ready to fully fund prudent reserve and other line items that are needed to serve area.

Cons:

Motion 2019-03-02 *PASSED* Yes-9, No-1, Abstentions-2

Motion maker: Area Inventory Subcommittee – Budget Review 2nd: None needed

Motion: To make budget review semi-annually instead of quarterly. That a budget review will be held in January and July of each year and whenever a majority of GSRs vote to hold a special budget review.

Intent: To allow inventory subcommittee to spend less than 1/3 of its time reviewing and proposing budget changes. To save on cost of an almost continuous update to the budget paper/copies when miscellaneous funds are available and would be available sooner anyway. Budget is stable now so continuous review is time-consuming and unnecessary.

Discussion: Very few changes have been made since last review. If there was ever a need for one, it could be called upon. How was it decided to propose semi-annually? The subcommittee proposed the time frame.

Pros: It would be easier for us to meet if it was semi-annually.

It would save money; clerical money.

Cons: If it's a new money motion, could it be addressed before budget review (motion has clause to address that

NEW BUSINESS

POSITIONS

• **Public Relations:** position open as of end of business PASCNA February meeting

***VRCC:** position open as of end of business PASCNA April meeting

*question raised regarding information from Ad Hoc committee, and when it will be on the website. Information will be on the website prior to next area. Secretary will get information to Webmaster.

Open Forum (30 minutes):

*June 23rd, Surrender to Live will be having it's annual picnic at King-Lincoln park. 9:30 meeting, cookout to follow.

Group Reports

Nature of Recovery: Hi family, Attendance is steady between 55 and 75. We are still sharing the message of Hope and the promise of freedom. April 7 Ron L will celebrate 17 years and April 28 James H will celebrate 10 years. Burrell P. clean date is May 28 (26 years) and Lester J clean date is May 28 (3 years). They will celebrate June 2. Literature- \$166.04, Donations \$35.96, Total \$202. ILS, Nature of Recovery

Living Life on Life's Terms: Hello from living life on life's terms group. Our meeting continues to grow and effectively carry the message of recovery to the newcomer. May 11, 2019 Lisa S. celebrates 30 years, May 18, 2019 double celebration, Thayne 12 years and Adam H. 1 year. We have a \$50 donation and no literature order. ILS, Don S.

Saturday Night Alternative: Good afternoon, Sat. night alternative is a homegroup that meets every Saturday at 6:00pm, 514 Armistead Ave, Hampton, VA. We have two addicts celebrating the principles of NA, Denise K. 20 years 4/20/19, Thurman G. 12 years 4-13-19. Submitting loving, Shanequa L.

Surrender to Live: Hello everyone, Meeting doing well. Tomorrow Darlene celebrates 22 years, 9:30am. Linda M new GSR. Loving service, Linda M.

No More Excuses: Hello family, No more excuses continues to carry the message. Our literature order is \$167.10. Area donation is \$22.00, This is my last month being GSR. Thanks for allowing me to serve. ILS, Deborah R.

We can change: We continue to carry the message and welcome newcomers. Attendance is steady, but donations are nominal. \$15 donation made. We are considering doing guiding principles study. More will be revealed. ILS, Roger R.

Change I must or die I will: Meeting continues to carry the NA message. Group averages 15 addicts per meeting. Area donation \$50. Literature order \$30.30. Group will be hosting a speaker jam and dance, on May 25, 2019. Speaker 12-5pm, Dance 8-11pm. First Presbyterian Church, 514 Armistead Ave, Hampton, VA. ILS, Lawrence

Write to Recover: Good afternoon family. Write to recover meets Sundays from 3:00 to 4:15pm at Mary Immaculate Hospital's community health resource education center in Newport News. Our donation to area is \$5 for April, and we spent \$5 on literature. Meeting attendance has risen over the past month. We've averaged seven attendants per meeting, and we have two home group members. It is a great space to work steps, please spread the word. ILS, Craig W.

Close Meeting Motion to close by Linda M., 2nd by Lawrence

Please help put chairs away and clean up.

April 6, 2019

From: Roger R. GSR, Voting Inventory/PR Member

To: Peninsula Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous (PASCNA)

Re: Erroneous/Incomplete Deposition/Affidavit of PR Nominee sent to Groups

At the March 2, 2019 Area Service Committee (ASC) meeting, I was nominated for PR Chairperson. Policy Handbook Article 3 Section A ***"Nominations 1. An upcoming vacancy for ASC positions should be announced for two consecutive months prior to the vacancy."*** March was the second month. PR term starts April. Acting chair Tim B. was asked ***"Isn't the election now?"*** Tim incorrectly said no, next month. The election was to be held in March.

The March 2019 minutes from Secretary Jenn A. Included a ***"Discussion"*** a deposition affidavit with errors, omissions and false info. This new policy bypassed homegroup approval. **A draft affidavit must be sent to all parties for review and corrections. No draft sent.**

It is only fair and just my clarified affidavit is sent in minutes (attached) My concerns are: Did our founders envision service bodies putting personalities first? What are we showing our future leadership? Open ASC with Traditions & Concepts then do business like they don't exist? Sabotaging me is sabotaging the community PASCNA is responsible to serve.

NA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

The principle of service, critical to the application of our Eleventh Tradition, is not a passive principle. To be of maximum service to the still-suffering addict, we must energetically seek to carry our message throughout our cities, towns, and villages. ...We must take vigorous steps to make our program widely known. The better and broader our public relations, the better we will be able to serve. Tradition Eleven, It Works: How and Why
Page 1 PR Handbook

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress."

In Loving Service,


Roger R.

March minutes had an unauthorized affidavit of my PR interview with false, incomplete information. This is corrected, factual version. Corrections in bold. Roger R.

OLD BUSINESS Public Relations Chair Roger R. Nominated himself FALSE – ALBERT W. NOMINATED ME

Discussion:

Dave: Would you represent the group conscience or your own agenda?

Roger: There is a handbook for world services. **THE WSO H&I & PR HANDBOOKS ARE USED WORLDWIDE TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY AND CONTINUITY FELLOWSHIP WIDE. ACTUALLY ARE DUTIES.**

Addict: Would You be diplomatic?

Roger: I would like to see day to day matters brought to home groups. **HAVE NON DAY TO DAY MATTERS GO TO GROUPS AS THEY ALWAYS SHOULD HAVE.**

Addict: How would you respond if facility said "no"? Answer – Accept and move on

Roger: If we could get a presentation to a school, I think we would be more proactive. . It would be good to proactively request presentations in schools, get them young. This is who we are, what we do and don't do. if you ever need us here's how to find us. If one life is saved it's worth the effort.

Is it up to PR to wait for facilities to request info? An addict mentioned that being proactive violates the tradition "based on attraction, not promotion". If you call schools and ask if we can come and give a presentation, that's promotion. Addict: Are you willing to wait for people to call you? **Roger: No, I would be proactive. In NA, this is what we do. **Correction – Answer - I have researched it, being proactive is encouraged and routine.

Addict: If there were no sub-committee members, how would you go about conducting business?

On our website we have the **PR CHAIR** contact name and number **AS SPOKESPERSON FOR AREA** the issue was never voted on to how the name and number on the website. On a case by case basis and it's not in policy, and it's not a day to day matter, it would be brought to the homegroups to discuss. **BROUGHT TO GROUPS TO DECIDE PER 2ND CONCEPT**

Roger: If there is only the PR chair present, it would be brought back to the homegroups.

Addict: You've stated, there are some things you would like to do; if they don't agree, are you willing to take group's conscience over your own agenda? Are you willing to surrender your opinion to the group's desire?

Roger: I would bring that to the group area if there were discrepancies. **IF IT WERE PR DUTIES COMMITTEE REFUSED IT WOULD BE SENT TO GROUPS FOR A FINAL DECISION.**

Addict: Do you understand that the handbook to service is a guide, and that groups **AND AREA** have the right to autonomy? Do you understand that area is above region, region is above world – all literature is suggested. Inverse pyramid – addict is at the top.

Roger: **OMITTED – GUIDING PRINCIPLES 4TH TRADITION IN SERVICE SECTION STATES "It is important for us to remember that while our groups are autonomous, service bodies are not"**

Addict: Are you willing to not conduct business outside of that sub-committee if you disagree with their decision?

Roger: I would feel that it would be something that would need to be brought to area. The group should make the final decision on it. Addict: whose idea was the flyer? I'm on H&I, this wasn't brought to the committee, not brought to the home group. This is bullying kind of – permission should have been sought, before you commit the action. You brought this up, you made these flyers on your own – before you even brought it to area.

Roger: Last month I mentioned it, so I showed a draft to H&I. **WERE YOU HERE LAST MONTH? NO** This should have been done at the committee level, but he is able to bring this to area.

NOTE **MANY MEMBERS HAVE A MISCONCEPTION ON GROUP vs AREA ATTRACTION NOT PROMOTION. SEE ATTACHED PR INTRODUCTION LETTER. WE NEED A PROPER, THOROUGH LEARNING DAY/WORKSHOP FROM THE PR HANDBOOK & PR BASICS IP Roger R.

H&I COMMENT – ANY NA MEMBER CAN ATTEND ANY ASC WORLDWIDE AND RAISE ANY ISSUE RELATING TO ANY GROUP OR SERVICE BODY. JUST CAN'T VOTE OUT OF YOUR AREA.

B. Monthly Budget

Current Monthly Budget Total

\$ 1,055

	MONTHLY BUDGET	CAP
ESCROW ACCOUNT	\$ 165	\$ 525
LONG TERM COMMITMENTS (2)	\$ 50	\$ 50
MINUTES (ASC SECRETARY)	\$ 100	\$ 300
MISCELLANEOUS		\$ 1,100
PRUDENT RESERVE [SUSPEND SEE (5)]	\$ 85	\$ 105
RENT (1)	\$ 50	\$ 50
STORAGE	\$ 50	\$ 50
TREASURER (ASC TREASURER)	\$ 100	\$ 1200
ACTIVITIES SUBCOMMITTEE	\$ 280	\$ 400
HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE (3)	\$ 20	\$ 25
AREA INVENTORY SUBCOMMITTEE	\$ 30	\$ 30
LITERATURE SUBCOMMITTEE	\$ 130	\$ 295
PUBLIC RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE (4)	\$ 5	\$ 10
VERIZON		

(1) Rent for the following:

Monthly \$75 ASC/Activities/Public Relations
 Quarterly \$30 H&I/Area Inventory

(2) Long Term Commitments consists of:

Post Office Box (Quarterly \$107)
 Travel expenses for the RCM and VRCC chair and their alternates \$35 each.
 Travel expenses for up to 10 GSR's to the GSR assembly at \$25 each.

(3) H&I Budget to be used as follows:

\$200 Literature (Budgeted Monthly may use funds up to cap for Literature)
 \$30 Clerical (Monthly)
 \$60 Workshop including refreshments (Quarterly)

(4) Public relations:

\$250 Meeting Lists (Quarterly) Check written to printer.
 \$45 Clerical (Monthly)

(5) Suspend when below \$500 per Treasurer Duties Section 5D2h of this Area Handbook

(6) All excess funds will be added to Prudent Reserve if below Cap before donating to CARNA.

(7) Ad Hoc committee may use \$25 each month for committee expenses from miscellaneous.

(8) "Literature may be ordered this month and picked up next month. No budget. Literature on hand will be kept in Inventory until it is depleted by sales and then there will be no Literature Inventory."

PASCNA CHECK REGISTER

DATE	ITEM #	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
3/2/2019	3146	H&I SUBCOMMITTEE	RENTAL	\$60.00
3/2/2019	3147	JENN A	SECRETARY NOTES	\$15.02
3/2/2019	3148	RODNEY F	LIT SUBCOMMITTEE	\$5.85
3/2/2019	3149	ANNA H	TREASURER NOTES	\$11.00
3/2/2019	3150	VERIZON	PHONEBILL	\$3.63
3/2/2019	3151	WARWICK UCC	RENT	\$75.00
3/2/2019	3152	AMERICAN CLASSIC STORAGE	STORAGE RENTAL	\$47.00
3/2/2019	3153	TIM B	POLICY CHAIR SUPPLIES	\$25.00
3/2/2019	3154	NAWS	MARCH LIT ORDER	\$229.06

MARCH 2019 BALANCE FORWARD: \$4257.49

3/2/2019 DEPOSIT

TOTAL = \$471.56
 TOTAL = \$1,043.80

Total expenses = \$471.56
 Deposits = \$1,043.80
 Available Balance = \$4829.73
 Prudent Reserve \$1000.00

Outstanding chk # 3149 = \$11.00
 Outstanding chk #3140 = \$107.00
 Outstanding chk # 3148 = \$5.85
 Outstanding chk#3117 \$25.00
 Outstanding chk#3094 \$25.00
 Outstanding chk# 3192 \$25.00

APRIL 2019 BALANCE FORWARD: \$4829.73