

NEXT MEETING: Sunday 05-10-15 at 10:00 AM at Veterans Park Fire station

SUNSET COAST AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Sunday 4-12-15 Veterans Park Firehouse
1885 Veterans Park Drive

ADMINISTRATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE:

CHAIR(AC)	RENE K.	PRESENT
VICE CHAIR (VC)	CHRISSEY	PRESENT
SECRETARY (SEC)	BILL S.	PRESENT
ALT. SECRETARY	open	open
TREASURER	open	open
ALT. TREASURER	DANIEL O.	PRESENT
RCM	MELISSA T.	ABSENT
ALT. RCM	Valena T.	PRESENT

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS

ACTIVITIES (ACT)	HEATHER T.	PRESENT
H&I	CRAIG B.	PRESENT
LIT. DISTRIBUTION (LDC)	ANGIE H.	PRESENT
PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR)	JIM D.	ABSENT

GROUPS/VOTING:

EYE OF THE HURRICANE (EH)	DAVE G. (GSR)	*PRESENT
FULL THROTTLE (FT)	DAVID B. (GSR)	*ABSENT No Report
GET NAKED (GN)	ADRIAN S. (GSR)	*PRESENT
LAST CHANCE (LC)	HEATHER T. (GSR)	*PRESENT
LIVING CLEAN	TOM S. (GSR)	*PRESENT
MY NEW HOME GROUP (MNHG)	MICHELE B. (GSR)	*ABSENT Report Sent
NEW FOUND FREEDOM	DAVID M. (GSR)	*PRESENT
NOONERS (N)	JULIA W. (GSR)	*PRESENT
PRIMARY PURPOSE	BRIANNA (GSR)	*PRESENT
SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE	SAMMY V. (GSR)	*ABSENT Report Sent
STEP OUT OF FEAR (SOF)	TOM S. (GSR)	*PRESENT
SUNSET GROUP (SG)	KEVIN K. (GSR)	*ABSENT Report Sent
WE'RE STILL HERE (WSH)	TAMMY D. (GSR)	*PRESENT
YOU ARE NOT ALONE (YNA)	KEELY L. (GSR)	*PRESENT

GROUPS/NON-VOTING

ALIVE AND FREE (AF)	PAUL (REP)	*ABSENT-No Report
ISLAND IN THE STORM (IS)	MICHAEL O. (GSR)	*ABSENT-Report Sent
OUT OF THE ASHES	LIZ R. (GSR)	*PRESENT
RECOVERY BY THE BOOK (RBB)	SUZIE V. (GSR)	*ABSENT-No Report
WE DO RECOVER (WDR)	BENJAMIN. (GSR)	*PRESENT

*****Please note, abbreviations listed in parentheses after positions/groups are used in the minutes to facilitate note-taking for ASC secretary. Also, HG means Home Group, GC means Group Conscience. NB means New Business, OB is Old Business. TLC stands for the Last Connection, Inc which is not affiliated with NA***

The meeting opened at 10:00AM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the 12 traditions, reading of the 12 concepts, reading of the concept of the month and the ASC Statement. After establishing quorum, minutes were accepted from last month.

ADMIN REPORT:

Johnny S. has been nominated to serve as Chairman of the Policy Subcommittee, a group that considers input referred by the ASC, on policy issues that affect the ASC. This subcommittee deliberates on policy issues and makes recommendations to Area on issues which include tradition violations and policy interpretations... also helps to ensure policy changes/updates are properly maintained and reflected in Area Policy Handbook. Johnny S. is recognized for long record of service to Area; service which has included that of P.I. Chair, Entertainment Chair, Area Chair, Convention Chair, RCM, Treasurer and more. Additionally, he has a sponsor, has worked Steps and has lived clean in an excess of 27 years. What's more, he has a willingness to serve. Please take Johnny S.' nomination as Policy Subcommittee Chair back to your groups for voting. There are also presently several open positions on the Area Service Committee. GSRs are asked to remind their home groups that we're looking to fill the openings for Treasurer and Alt Secretary.

RCM REPORT

Melissa T.

Please see the document attached to email, provided by Melissa involving news from NA World. World Convention Committee has extended the date for pre-registration into May. If you register now you will be entered into a drawing for 2 free registrations and a \$200 merchandise gift card. Please remember that you need a credit card number that will be ran at that time and a passport.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES:

Heather T.

The kickball tournament in March was fun and Fort Myers Area dressed-up and showed-up. Total expenses were \$336.61. Seed money was \$150. Event brought in \$516, resulting in monetary gain of \$179.39. The H&I Gratitude Dinner was also a great event and committee thanks all for their support. Total expenses were \$546.98. Seed money was \$250, and \$170 from Kickball Tournament was also applied to dinner costs. Event took in \$534, resulting in loss of \$12.98. As for June event, so far \$115 has been collected for Beach Unity Day. Wristbands are being sold for this event, and so far, enough have been sold to more than cover costs.

In other news, the Activity Subcommittee has nominated Cindy S. for Vice Chair. Cindy has a year clean, willingness to serve and has actively been supporting activities. And regrettably, Beach Unity Day marks Chair Heather T.'s last event with Area. As she is preparing to move to Fort Lauderdale and return to school, she expresses gratitude for the opportunity she's had to faithfully serve the Sunset Coast Area of NA.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Jim D.

Things have been quiet in PR this month. A few calls came in and were taken care of. The updates for the meeting changes at St. Matt's are almost complete. The only outstanding change is at the World site. I tried to check and see if the world site had been updated but the site was down. Remember to cross off all of the St. Matts meetings, except for Saturday night, off your meeting lists. Please send any changes to your meeting to me at sunsetcoastna@gmail.com or contact me through our website at www.sunsetcoastna.com.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS:

Craig B.

The following reflects meetings being covered by H&I.

Men's Jail	7:00pm Friday	Panel Leader: Charlie Co-Panel: OPEN
Women's Jail	8:00pm Monday	Panel Leader: Michele B. Co-Panel: Carla
Women's Jail	7:00pm Saturday	Panel Leader: Becky S. Co-Panel: Angie
Detox at DLC	7:00pm Wednesday	Panel Leader: Clint Co-Panel: Anna
	7:00pm Saturday	Panel Leader: Paul Co-Panel: OPEN
Willough	7:00pm Wednesday	Panel Leader: Bill A. Co-Panel: Heather
	7:00pm Saturday	Panel Leader: Rick C. Co-Panel: OPEN
Hazelden	7:00pm Tuesday	Panel Leader: Domenick Co-Panel: Katie L.
	7:00pm Saturday	Panel Leader: Craig Co-Panel: Dan T.
Detox at NCH	4:00pm Saturday, Sunday, Monday	Panel/Co-Panel Leader: Donny S./Open (Sat) Daniel/Ashley (Mon)

LITERATURE:

Angie H.

We took in \$175.55 this month. Should anyone need literature or other materials, please do not hesitate to contact Angie.

TREASURER

Alt. Treasurer Daniel O. Report Yet To Be Submitted

GROUPS/VOTING REPORTS:

Eye of the Hurricane

GSR: Dave G.

Eye of the Hurricane meets Sundays at 7pm, as well as Mondays & Tuesdays at 8:30pm, at The Last Connection in Naples. Sunday meetings have spiritual principles discussion and Basic Text, and The 12 Steps are discussed Mondays and Tuesdays. Meeting attendance has been on the rise and GSR reports that despite all the cake that has been recently purchased to help Members celebrate clean time, group has a surplus of \$71 to donate to Area.

Full Throttle Recovery Absent/No Report

GSR: David B.

This NA group meets every Saturday, 11:30 to 12:30, at the Everglades City Community Center, as well as Marco Island every Sunday, 11:00am to 12:00pm, at Mackle Park. Meetings follow the Just For Today format.

Get Naked

GSR: Adrian S.

Get Naked Group meets on Tuesdays, 7:30pm-8:30pm, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church located on 1225 Piper Blvd. in Naples (NO SMOKING ON PREMISES). GSR indicates meetings are attracting an average attendance of almost 40 people who participate in the "Grab-bag" meeting format which includes a 2-minute time limit for sharing. Get Naked continues to carry a clear message on recovery. After paying rent and literature expenses, Group donated \$76 to Area.

Last Chance

GSR REP Tommy D.

Last Chance continues meets by candle-light on Fridays, 8:30p.m., at the United Methodist Church (388 1st Ave. South) in Naples. GSR indicates group recently moved meetings into a different room; a "nicer" room which is actually just across the hall from former meeting space. Otherwise, group continues to attract an average attendance of 10 to 12 people. Homegroup Member Heather T. celebrates two years clean in May, and will be sharing her recovery story on May 8th.

Living Clean

GSR: Tom S. REP: Stephen B.

Living Clean meets on Fridays, 6:30pm, at the River Park Community Center. During the meeting, participants typically read from "Living Clean: The Journey Continues," but one week of the month is reserved for speakers celebrating clean time. Some 15 to 20 people typically attend. Group celebrated two-year anniversary on April 17, and several homegroup members celebrate clean time anniversaries in May: Diane S. with 24 years and Dan W. with 28 years. After purchase of literature and paying expenses, group donated \$6.75 to Area.

My New Home Group

GSR: Michele B.

This NA literature reading and open discussion format meeting takes place on Mondays, 5:30pm, at The Last Connection in Naples (2740 Bayshore Drive). All is reportedly well with Group.

New Found Freedom

GSR: David M.

This group meets at TLC in Naples, on Wednesdays from 8:30pm to 9:30pm. GSR indicates attendance continues to be good, averaging some 15 people per meeting. Member Diane S. celebrated 24 years clean on April 13th. After paying rent, group is carrying prudent reserve of \$10.

Nooners

GSR: John C. REP: Cindy S.

Nooners meet seven days a week, 12:00pm, at TLC in Naples. All is reportedly well and group continues to attract regular attendance of 20-25 people per meeting. Two members, Henry G. and Jessica T., both celebrated two years of clean time in April. Nooners donated \$258.26 to Area this month.

Primary Purpose

GSR: Briana D.

Primary Purpose meets on Thursdays, from 7 to 8pm, at the Alternative Biker Club at 3437 Westview Drive in Naples. Attendance has been ranging from 20 to 25 people and group follows the Just-For-Today meeting format. GSR reports all is well and group is being actively supported. After paying for rent, literature and key tags, group has \$10 to donate to Area. Primary Purpose has also moved to become recognized as Voting Group of the Sunset Coast Area.

Saturday Nite Live

GSR: Sammy V

Saturday Nite Live is an NA speaker meeting that gathers at The Last Connection club house in Naples on Saturday nights at 8:30pm. Our average group attendance is 25 people. SNL has adopted the format of monthly themes/topics on which our featured speakers share their own experiences, strengths and hopes. The theme/topic chosen for the month of April is "Steps 1, 2, & 3."

"The steps are our solution. They are our survival kit. They are our defense against addiction which is a deadly disease. Our steps are the principles that make our recovery possible." ~ NA Basic Tetx. April speakers were Hank M., Ronald J., Phil B., and Todd W. Saturday Nite Live also sends warm loving hugs to Heather and the rest of the activity committee members for making the H & I Gratitude Dinner an amazing success.

Step Out of Fear/Here & Now

GSR/REP: Charlene P.

Here & Now meets at 8pm, Wednesday, at Community Congregational Church (15300 Tamiami Trail N.) in Naples. Step Out of Fear (a 12-Step discussion group) meets on Thursday, 8pm, at St. John's the Evangelist Church on 111th Street in North Naples. These meetings continue to maintain a clear message of NA and attract regular support from addicts throughout the Sunset Coast Area, with average attendance of 40 people. Recently collected \$115, and after literature order, they're "fund flow" is \$67. Charlene P. celebrated four years clean April 22.

Sunset Group

GSR: Kevin K.

Group meets on Mondays, from 8pm to 9pm, at the Isle of Capri Community Center in Naples. Average attendance is 10 to 15 addicts. Home group member celebrated 13 years on April 20. Group is having a dinner and speaker meeting on May 18th, invites all to come out for food, fun and fellowship. There will also be spaghetti, hotdogs, and hamburgers, as well as an out of town speaker from Cape Coral that has 34 years of experience strength and hope with us. Her name is Debra B. Group presently has no donation due to need to save for this event.

We're Still Here

GSR: Tammy D.

The "We Are Still Here" group meets Monday nights from 8-9pm in Howard Hall, room 221, on the campus of FGCU, Tuesday nights from 7-8 pm at the administrative office of Summit Church in Estero Park Commons, and Friday nights from 7-8 pm at the First United Methodist Church on Shriver Avenue in Bonita Springs. All meetings follow the Just-For-Today format, and continue to attract active support. Several Members celebrated clean time anniversaries in April, including Henry G. with 2 years, Jim D. with 22 years, and Tim 18months. After paying of rent and purchase of literature, We're Still Here donated \$87 to Area.

You Are Not Alone

GSR: Keely L. (REP:Ashley)

YANA meets 7-nights-a-week, 10:30pm, at New Attitudes Club off Bayshore in Naples. Meetings follow a rotating format, though Monday nights now follow the Just-For-Today format. Average attendance has been ten people, which is little less than usual, so GSR asks for support from fellow NA members. Otherwise, everything is reportedly fine at YANA. Homegroup Member Charlene P. celebrated four years clean on April 20. YANA donated \$50 to Area.

GROUPS/NON-VOTING REPORTS

Alive & Free Absent/NO Report

REP:

This Group meets on Sundays, at 10am, at Lowdermilk Park's South Gazebo in Naples.

Island in the Storm (absent/report sent)

GSR: Michael O.

Island in the Storm held it's meeting on 04/04/15 at 6:00pm. There is no change in group status at this time. Group carried balance of \$75 and after paying rent of \$40 to TLC, donated \$30 to Area.

Out of the Ashes (Formerly Step Up Not Out)

GSR: Elizabeth R.

Out of the Ashes meets every Saturday night from 7pm - 8pm on the lanai at St. Matts. This is now a non-smoking meeting. Meeting attendance is reportedly great, but group ask for support from other

active NA members. There are currently some 10 to 20 people who attend weekly. After paying rent with a money order for \$25, group is unable to donate to Area at this time.

Recovery by the Book (absent/no report)

REP: Suzy V.

This group meets on Monday nights, 7:00pm, at St. Monica's Church in Naples, attracting an average of 14 people.

We Do Recover

GSR: Benjamin

This group continues to meet on Thursday nights (from 6:45pm to 7:45pm) at the Golden Gate Community Center (skate park room #2) in Naples. Average attendance is 12 people. GSR reports increased support would be very appreciated; otherwise, all is reportedly well with We Do Recover.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

See Nomination covered in Admin Report.

OPEN FORUM

During Open Forum, there was vigorous exchange regarding policy relative to Area Groups/GSRs who do not, or have not, routinely appeared at monthly ASC meetings to report on their status. Discussion centered on the positives & negatives of removing these groups from the published listings of active NA meetings in the Area. There was discussion as to the possibility of submitting a motion for policy change, largely prompted by the idea that such absent groups are to be automatically stricken, when in fact, policy currently dictates that no group is removed until such has been put to a vote by those attending ASC. No motion has been submitted, and it was determined that the focus of a Policy Subcommittee might be helpful in bringing greater clarity to these and other pertinent policy issues. As noted in minute details, a nomination for Policy Subcommittee Chair has gone back to groups for voting.