

NEXT MEETING: Sunday 04-12-15 at 10:00 AM at Veterans Park Fire station

SUNSET COAST AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Sunday 3-08-15 Veterans Park Firehouse
1885 Veterans Park Drive

ADMINISTRATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE:

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| 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. | PRESENT |
| ALT. RCM | VELENAT. | PRESENT |

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

GROUPS/VOTING:

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| EYE OF THE HURRICANE (EH) | DAVE G. (GSR) | *ABSENT RptSent |
| FULL THROTTLE (FT) | DAVID B. (GSR) | *Absent Rpt Sent |
| 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) | *PRESENT |
| NEW FOUND FREEDOM | DAVID M. (GSR) | *PRESENT |
| NOONERS (N) | JULIA W. (GSR) | *PRESENT |
| SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE | SAMMY V. (GSR) | *PRESENT |
| STEP OUT OF FEAR (SOF) | TOM S. (GSR) | *PRESENT |
| SUNSET GROUP (SG) | KEVIN K. (GSR) | *PRESENT |
| WE'RE STILL HERE (WSH) | TAMMY D. (GSR) | *PRESENT |
| WE DO RECOVER (WDR) | ZACH M. (GSR) | *ABSENT No Report |
| YOU ARE NOT ALONE (YNA) | KEELY L. (GSR) | *PRESENT |

GROUPS/NON-VOTING

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| ALIVE AND FREE (AF) | PAUL (REP) | *ABSENT-No Report |
| ISLAND IN THE STORM (IS) | MICHAEL O. (GSR) | *ABSENT-RPT SENT |
| OUT OF THE ASHES | LIZ R. (GSR) | *PRESENT |
| PRIMARY PURPOSE | BRIANNA (GSR) | *ABSENT-RPT SENT |
| RECOVERY BY THE BOOK (RBB) | SUZIE V. (GSR) | *ABSENT-No Report |

****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, established Quorum. Minutes were accepted from last month.

ADMIN REPORT:

There are presently several open positions on Area Service Committee. GSRs are asked to remind home groups that we're looking to fill openings for Treasurer and Alt Secretary. As for the Alternate RCM position Valena T. was elected to fulfill this role after review of quorum requirements during ASC meeting. Area chair advises all to bring materials with them to next meeting, particularly, copies of policy and concepts guide.

RCM REPORT

Melissa T.

Seating Workgroup – Over the course of the last two RSC's, I have been reporting on the issue of WSC seating and this seating workgroup. As you may remember, this workgroup is part of our current Guide to World Services (GTWS), but had been removed from the draft of the new GTWS without ever being voted on at the WSC, which is against conference guidelines. We have been informed that its removal will not take place as a result of the input we and others sent to the World Board, but at same time, the World Board will not implement the workgroup during this conference cycle. Personally, I'd like to make a motion that our region send a letter to World Board, directing them to follow their own guidelines by implementing this workgroup, but it would probably be too late in the conference cycle to have any effect, so I won't be making it.

A few months ago I reported that our Region held \$3,000.00 for books in Swahili. After speaking with an individual working on the translations our RD was told that World will be funding the translations for this project, therefore our donation for this project is not needed.

The money that was donated to the Latin Region was received, and will help them to fund Matanzas, Cuba April 24-26. The event is called "The Steps Festival- I Found A New Way of Living". We will not be posting a flyer for this event because in our policy it states that we only post events which take place in Florida.

The Florida Service Symposium will be meeting this month in Tampa and Valena has shown interest in attending. More will be revealed after her attendance. Our RD and AD attended the Southern Zonal Forum, and after realizing that they did not get the proper permission to join this forum we will not be joining their zone. If it is felt that our Region should join this Zone in the future it will be brought back to groups to be voted on.

We as a Region need to decide what we want to do for the SFRCA in 2018. We voted to combine conventions with the Florida Region, however they have already signed a contract to hold their convention in Tampa so we will not be joining with them in 2018.

Our Region donated \$2,500 to World this month.

On another note it has been brought to my attention about the books that were to be donated to all areas of our Region. ECCNA donates these books to all of the Areas, and six months ago, in September, RCM's of our Region voted to donate the books to a Jail in Vancouver. I reported on this in October and it was in the minutes. This motion was passed AFTER a discussion that if any of the areas ever needed support we can always bring this to our Region and receive that support. This includes literature for meetings, and/or subcommittees. We as a collective felt that these books could benefit the still sick and suffering addict, and since we have the support of a Region, and they do not, we voted to send them. If our H&I subcommittee is in need of literature please let me know what you need, and I will bring this request to Region next month. During this Region the Orlando Area asked for a case of books, which equals \$200 and received this support. Our Region will help us with literature anytime we feel we need it, all we have to do is ask.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES:

Heather T.

Activities met on March 1st (235 Airport Rd) to discuss upcoming Kickball Tournament, H&I Gratitude Dinner and Beach Unity Day. So far, \$115 has been collected for the upcoming Kickball Tournament. As for the Gratitude Dinner, we've decided on doing Italian dinner theme like "Little Italy" We will be selling tickets for Gratitude Dinner and kickball. We've been receiving great donations from addicts for Raffles; NA gear at its finest, from shirts, paintings, mugs, cassette tapes, to the original draft of Living Clean (a true collector's item). So make sure to bring some spending money. We're asking for \$250 to cover cost of venue, decorations, utensils, etc. For Beach Unity Day, we owe Johnny S. \$113.42 for booking pavilion for June 7th. Redneck Dru is confirmed and needs payment of \$365 two weeks prior. We decided as a group to order wristbands instead of buttons. 250 wristbands cost \$70 compared to \$200 for buttons. The wristbands will be easier to keep track of who purchased what. This way everyone can wear them the whole time, and Area can make greater proceeds from the wristbands.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS:

Craig B.

All meetings are being covered. We had issues with a couple panel leaders stepping down or relapsing but that was resolved at last month's committee meeting. Our budget allows for \$450 for books per quarter. We go into 5 facilities and if broken down, its \$90/facility. We welcome anyone to attend the next committee meeting to discuss literature.

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| 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) |

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. The rest have been updated. I was notified by Daniel O. that the outstanding Yellow Page bill has been paid.

LITERATURE:

Angie H.

Literature proceeds amounted to \$336.50 this month. If anyone needs materials, please contact Angie H.

TREASURER

Alt. Treasurer Daniel O.

Special "Thank You" is reserved for Chrissy A. for aiding in finding where I'd gone "wrong" with these numbers. After review, it turned out all was ok: I had not been factoring in that deposits from checks weren't posting immediately because I am not used to handling checks as much as cash; as that's how I get paid at work. So thank you so much for taking time to audit my reports and those of the previous treasurer...and for the spreadsheet template- that helps a lot. I still don't really know what I'm doing, but I know any money you hand me is accounted for and taken to the bank. For instance, I wasn't aware until last month it was my responsibility to check the mailbox because even though I had been serving for years I hadn't read policy. That's like working steps without reading the basic text: lesson learned. I also have access to the treasurer email now, though this remains the most convenient way to get in touch with me. Additionally I was contacted regarding a missing literature invoice from Region back from December- I electronically paid it this past week so will incorporate that into this coming month's report. It's an honor, privilege, and pleasure serving with you friends and family; and thanks for the opportunity to do so. We are currently up to date and well- over prudent reserve. Below are January and February Receivables & Balance

| Income | | Expenses | Date Pd |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Alive and Free | | Activities | |
| Eye of the Hurricane | | | 150.00 2/8/2015 |
| Fresh Start | | Admin | |
| Get Naked | 87.00 | ASC Rent | |
| Here & Now/Step Out | 107.00 | RCM Travel | |
| Island in the Storm | 40.00 | | |
| Last Chance | 0.00 | | |
| Living Clean | 20.00 | H&I | |
| My New Home Group | 0.00 | | |
| Nooners | 264.45 | Lit Budget | 47.07 2/8/2015 |
| | | Dex One | |
| Recovery by the Book | 0.00 | One Box | |
| Saturday Night Live | 0.00 | Meeting Lists | 159.00 2/8/2015 |
| Step Up Not Out | 0.00 | Literature | |
| Sunset Group | 22.00 | | |
| We Do Recover | 0.00 | | |
| We Are Still Here | 25.00 | | |
| You are Not Alone | 20.00 | | |
| Activities | 0.00 | | |
| Literature | 175.93 | | 4,322.01 2/8/2015 |
| Total Income | 625.45 | | 2,575.00 |
| | | | 1747.01 |

| Income | | Expenses | Date Pd |
|----------------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|
| Alive and Free | | Activities | |
| Eye of the Hurricane | | | 433.42 |
| Fresh Start | | Admin | |
| Full Throttle | | ASC Rent | |
| Get Naked | 48.00 | RCM Travel | |
| Here & Now/Step Out | 106.00 | | |
| Island in the Storm | | | |
| Last Chance | 100.00 | | |
| Living Clean | | H&I | |
| My New Home Group | 0.00 | | 45.00 3/8/2015 |
| Newfound Freedom | 10.00 | Lit Budget | |
| Nooners | 114.22 | | |
| Out of the Ashes | 0.00 | | |
| Primary Purpose | 20.00 | Dex One | |
| Recovery by the Book | | One Box | |
| Saturday Night Live | 43.50 | Meeting Lists | |
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| Step Up Not Out | 7.00 | Literature | 258.15 3/8/2015 |
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| Sunset Group | 0.00 | Miscellaneo | 30.97 3/8/2015 |
| We Do Recover | | | |
| We Are Still Here | 50.00 | | |
| You are Not Alone | 50.00 | | |
| | | | 767.54 |
| Activities | | | |
| Literature | 336.50 | | 4,439.69 |
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| Total Income | | | 2,575.00 |
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GROUPS/VOTING REPORTS:

Eye of the Hurricane (Absent/Report Submitted)

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 and 7th Tradition giving is continuing to be on the rise, lately. Also, many clean time celebrants in our group lately, that's a LOT of cake, woo hoo!!! This month, I celebrate 21 years, later this month, we have "appliance Mark" with 5 years, and a fairly recent addition to the home group, Eric, with one year-staying clean, in NA, in The Eye of The Hurricane, along with many others.

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 "Grab-bag" meeting format has proven popular with attendees which often numbers as much as 20 people. The 2-minute time limit for sharing also allows everyone to share on recovery related subjects involving experience, strength and hope. All is

reportedly well at Get Naked and GSR indicates the atmosphere of recovery is highly cherished. Group donated \$48 to Area.

Last Chance

GSR: Heather T.

Last Chance continues meets by candle-light on Fridays, 8:30p.m., at the United Methodist Church (388 1st Ave. South) in Naples. All is reportedly well and group has an average attendance of 15 to 20 people. After paying rent, supplies and literature, group donated \$100 to Area.

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. A two-year anniversary celebration is planned for April 17 (Friday), which will include pizza, drinks and inspiring guest speaker. Also, the group conscience determined to utilize monetary funds for the purchase of new books to be distributed during meetings at the men's and women's jail.

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). Attendance had recently dropped, but it appears to be picking-up now according to new GSR. In other news, Home Group Member Ben W. celebrated an 18 month clean time anniversary in March.

New Found Freedom

GSR: David M.

This group meets at TLC in Naples, Wednesdays from 8:30pm to 9:30pm. Meeting attendance has been good for a new group, averaging 10 to 15 people weekly. After paying rent, group was able to make their "FIRST" donation to Area with \$10.

Nooners

GSR/REP John C.

Nooners meet seven days a week, 12:00pm, at TLC in Naples. All is reportedly well and group draws a regular attendance of 20-25 people per meeting. Member Julia W. celebrated one year on March 11th. Nooners donated \$114 to Area this month.

Saturday Nite Live

GSR: Sammy V

Saturday Nite Live is an NA speaker meeting. We gather inside The Last Connection club house in Naples on Saturday nights at 8:30. Our group has adopted the format of monthly themes/topics on which our featured speakers share their own experiences, strengths, & hopes. The theme/topic we have chosen for the month of March is "Recovery and Relapse." ("In our disease, we are dealing with a destructive and violent power greater than ourselves that can lead to relapse. If we have relapsed, it is important to keep in mind that we must get back to meetings as soon as possible," notes NA Basic Txt). We have an awesome line up of speakers who, in their journeys, have relapsed, made it back, and currently possess more than a year clean time.

Mar. 7th John C. , 14th Dan T. , 21st Daniel O. , & 28th Paul U. SNL would like to welcome our newest home-group member Holly T., who jumped into our family with both feet and will be chairing our meetings. The 7th Tradition has provided SNL with an opportunity to donate to area this month.

Step Out of Fear/Here & Now**REP: Paul S.**

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. All is reportedly well, and support has been good as some 30 people are attending regularly. Group donated \$106.

Sunset Group**GSR: Kevin K.**

Group meets on Mondays, from 8pm to 9pm, at the Isle of Capri Community Center in Naples. Attendance has grown with the inclusion of small dinner and guest speaker meetings that take place on the third Monday of each month. Recent meetings have attracted 15 to 20 people. GSR indicates group is planning a dinner meeting with out-of-town Speaker in May, stay tuned for more details. In other group events, Member Donny S. celebrates a clean time anniversary on March 23.

We Do Recover (ABSENT/No Report)**GSR: Zach M.**

Group meets on Thursday nights (6:45pm) at the Golden Gate Community Center (skate park room #2). As group is struggling support, NA members are encouraged to attend this meeting as time and opportunity allow.

We're Still Here**GSR: Tammy D.**

The "We Are Still Here" group meets on Tuesday nights from 7-8 pm at the administrative office of Summit Church in Estero Park Commons, Friday nights from 7-8 pm at the First United Methodist Church on Shriver Avenue in Bonita Springs and our new meeting on Monday nights from 8-9pm in Howard Hall, room 221 on the campus of FGCU. Two of our home group members will be celebrating upcoming anniversaries Henry G on April 5 with 2 years and Jim D on April 28 with 22 years. We have purchased literature to support our growing home groups and have a donation of \$50.00 to area this month

You Are Not Alone**GSR: Keely L.**

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 is 15 people. During recent business meeting, group voted on creating an ad hoc committee pertaining to the traditions work book input. A few members will be meeting soon to discuss this. All else is going well for YANA, but group requests more support from experienced members of NA. 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.**

The Island in the Storm held it's monthly meeting on 03/03/15 @ 6:15PM.No change in group status at this time. Carried Balance:52.00 Rent to TLC : 40.00 Balance 12.00

Out of the Ashes (Formerly Step Up Not Out)

GSR: Elizabeth R.

The formerly known group Step up Not Out had their first official business meeting tonight Saturday March 7th 2015. We meet every Saturday night from 7pm - 8pm on the lanai at St. Matts. This is now a non-smoking meeting. We have changed our name from "Step Up not out" to "Out of the ashes". We voted Tom S. as the treasure & Liz R. as the GSR for this group. Our meeting attendance is steady. We have paid rent for this month and purchased literature we are donating \$7 to area this month. We would also like to remain a non-voting group.

Primary Purpose (absent/report sent)

GSR: Briana D.

Primary Purpose meets on Thursdays, from 7 to 8pm, at the alternative clubhouse on Westview Drive in Naples. The attendance ranges from 15 to 17 addicts. Group follows the Just-For-Today meeting format, which includes reading the corresponding page out of the Basic Text. After buying \$13 worth of key tags from literature we donated 20\$ to area.

Recovery by the Book (absent/no report)

REP: Suzy V.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OPEN FORUM

During open forum, considerable discussion took place involving NA Policy with respect to Groups who are continually absent from ASC meetings (who also refrain from submitting group reports) and whether it is compliant with policy for these to be maintained on area roster as "voting groups" ... especially when considering how this could potentially impact quorum needed to conduct business. No rulings were made, but it was determined that GSRs with these groups would be contacted and advised about the significance of regular attendance and reporting.