

NEXT MEETING: Sunday 06-14-15 at 10:00 AM at Veterans Park Fire station

SUNSET COAST AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Sunday 5-17-15 Veterans Park Firehouse
1885 Veterans Park Drive

ADMINISTRATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE:

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

GROUPS/VOTING:

EYE OF THE HURRICANE (EH)	DAVE G. (GSR)	*PRESENT
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
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)	*PRESENT
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)	Gordon (REP)	*PRESENT
ISLAND IN THE STORM (IS)	MICHAEL O. (GSR)	*ABSENT-Report Sent
OUT OF THE ASHES	LIZ R. (GSR)	*PRESENT
FULL THROTTLE (FT)	DAVID B. (GSR)	*ABSENT No Report
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:

Renee

Johnny S. was elected to serve as new Chairman of the Policy Subcommittee, a group that advises the ASC on policy issues. The fulfillment of services provided by this subcommittee have long existed in area policy, yet Sunset Coast has not had someone actively serving in this role. Johnny has assembled a committee and begun reviewing several matters which will be reported on at next ASC. Otherwise, be mindful of nominations as several openings will soon occur among the ASC. With that in mind, there are several nominations to consider for the following positions:

There are two nominations for Area Treasurer: Mark S and Daniel O.

Mark S. was nominated by The Nooners to serve as Area Treasurer. Mark has been clean for six years, has worked The 12 Steps and has a sponsor. He has additionally served as Treasurer to The Nooners, as well as a GSR & Alt GSR during his time in recovery. He indicates willingness to serve. He also has an active checking account and a source of financial income congruent with position specifications outlined in Area policy.

Daniel O. was also nominated to serve as Treasurer by Last Chance. Daniel currently serves as Alt. Treasurer for Area, but has also formerly fulfilled roles as GSR, Group Treasurer and other areas of service. He too has a sponsor, has worked steps and indicates both willingness and gratitude to serve. As required by policy and position specifications, he also has an active checking account and full time employment with company he has worked with throughout the duration of his time in recovery.

***BE ADVISED:** Daniel is several weeks shy from having the necessary clean time as required to secure this Area position. His August Anniversary would give him the required clean time, but as such, should any group wish to vote for Daniel, they would first have to vote in favor of waiving the clean time requirement for him in this instance.

SO: Groups must vote as whether they wish to waive the clean time for Daniel O. AND... Group must vote for Mark S. or Daniel O. to serve as Area Treasurer.

Charlene P. has been nominated to serve as Alt. Treasurer for Area. In addition to being four years clean, working steps, having a sponsor as well as being a sponsor, Charlene has experience as a GSR, Group treasurer and NA subcommittee member. She indicates willingness to serve. Charlene also has professional experience as an Accounting Specialist.

Groups Must Vote on Charlene P.'s nomination of Alt. Treasurer.

RCM REPORT

Melissa T.

Region went well, and we had another Area show up to join our Region, Space Coast. This makes 15 areas that are represented at Region. The motion that was brought to groups last month ended up not being necessary. World will be implementing the workgroups. To keep the communication and flow of information I have forwarded information to our secretary to be passed on to all GSR's. I hope everyone received the forwarding email that I sent out last month. This contained information from NAWS news. One thing that is happening next month is that Region will be having a workshop on zonal seating. I will be attending this workshop in order to gain knowledge of what zones do for our area and our groups. World Board wants to move to zonal seating and as a whole, Region agreed that it is important that our members know what this means. The World Convention Committee has extended the date for pre registration. If you register now you can receive 2 free registrations and a \$200 merchandise gift card. I emailed this information out last month, and I hope that all who would benefit from this information received it. I am currently speaking with the RCM of Gulf Coast to plan a tradition review workshop with our two areas. The tradition that we are talking about reviewing is the 9th tradition. The traditions that are available are 7-12 and these reviews need to be submitted by August 2015. More will be revealed. I have sent the motions to be voted on at group to the Area Secretary. Please also keep in mind that there are positions to be filled for the next year at Region. The list of these positions has also been sent to our Area Secretary. I have added these motions to my report as well as open positions, just for a point of reference for all GSR's. Also... Donated \$2,000.00 to World Service.

See Regional Motions Below:

Motion 04-04-15

Maker: Space Coast

Second: Conch Republic

Motion to Read: To include in the 2016 Conference Agenda Report the following motion:

"Starting in 2018, the Fellowship Issue Discussion Topics will be selected at random from a container placed in open view of all WSC Participants. The topics will only come from Groups, Areas, Regions, and Zones. NAWS agrees in principle to provide for submission by email, phone or mail."

Intent: To discourage a corporation and World Board members from arbitrarily deciding what topics be discussed by fellowship. The fellowship should have the only input and this allows God to be the final arbiter.

Motion made by AD to send the motion directly to groups. 2nd by North Dade. Passes 13-0-0

Back to Groups

Motion 04-06-15

Maker: Space Coast

Second: Central Florida

Motion to Read: To include in the 2016 Conference Agenda Report the following motion:

"Each World Board member votes only in Elections and have one collective vote (made by the Chairperson of the World Board) during new business motions and proposals, but may make motions in all sessions."

Intent: To achieve balance between the weight of a regional conscience. While we value input and leadership of the World Board, we feel that each World Board member's conscience should not be equivalent to an entire regions conscience. Retaining a single vote for the World Board will keep intact the leadership that the board and the fellowship desire while balancing out the weight and representation each vote at the WSC carries.

Pro: To stabilize the power of 1 regional vote to 1 world board collective vote so they are equal.
Motion made by AD to send the motion directly to groups. 2nd by South Atlantic Passed 13-0-0

Back to Groups

Motion 04-07-15

Maker: Gulf Coast

Second: Shark Coast

Motion to Read: To add to policy Pg. 13 Section IV under emergency meetings after the 3rd sentence "in the event the RD/AD cannot attend the WSC the selection process will be as follows: 1. Former RD/Ads 2. RCMs 3. SFRNA Admin.

Intent: To establish an objective order of choosing alternative members to replace the RD/AD if unable to attend.

Con - If this motion passes it would give a priority to someone who was an RD 20 years ago but hasn't been involved in service since then instead of other, much more qualified people. The current policy is a much better method for the selection in an emergency situation.

(Motion was made by AD 2nd by South Broward to send this motion directly back to ASC's. Passes 9-1-2)

BACK TO GROUPS

The following positions are open for nominations.

Vice chair

Alt secretary

Alt treasurer

MAL

PR chair

H&I chair

Newsletter

Lit review

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES:

Heather T.

After returning noodles purchased for Gratitude Dinner, we have \$43.75 (\$15 of that \$43.75 had been misplaced with the switching of envelopes, and for that I apologize.)

Beach Unity Day is June 7th at Wiggins Pass. So far, we have \$115 collected from sale of wristbands. The money we have collected will pay for paper products at event. Tammy G., the Gulfcoast Area Activities Chair, has 30 wristbands for her area and is selling them for us. Gulfcoast wants to help us and with the money they collect, they will purchase water for our event. The Redneck BBQ vendor needs a cheque today for \$365.

Future events include a possible Friday event at TLC. Also plans to have a Logo contest where each group in our Area designs a T-shirt Logo. The winning home group design will be used on our T-shirts. Also, have begun a "Capture the Banner" event that other areas like Gulfcoast and Shark Coast are participating in. Groups will design a banner, display at their meeting, and whenever 5 members of another area/group attend the respective meeting, they can capture that group's banner. The only way for a group to recapture its banner is by attending the meeting of the group which claimed it. This activity will be ongoing until October. Among Sunset Coast NA participants are: Eye of the Hurricane, Get Naked, Last Chance, Nooners, We're Still Here and You Are Not Alone.

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 changes for the meetings at St. Matt's were submitted at the World site but the changes were never implemented so I re-submitted them. We have new meeting lists printed, please remember to discard your old ones as they are very outdated. Please send any changes to your meeting to me at sunsetcoastna@gmail.com or contact me through our website at www.sunsetcoastna.com

There was a small problem with the payment to the printer for the printing of our last batch of meeting lists, the check was dropped off on February 9th, however the printer never actually cashed the check. I spoke to the treasurer and the printer and we will be issuing them another check less the stop payment fee of \$31.00.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS:

Craig B.

The H& Committee typically meets the first Sunday of each month at St. John's the Evangelist Church in Naples, but next meeting will take place immediately following Beach Unity Day.

Meeting will be conducted amidst the pavilion there within the park. Chair indicates committee has come to realization that it has strayed from NA policy. Upcoming meetings will focus on solutions to achieve compliance. Otherwise all meetings are being covered, but there are openings for those with willingness to serve.

Men's Jail	7:00pm Friday	Panel Leader: Nick Jr.	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: Cindy S
Detox at DLC	7:00pm Wednesday	Panel Leader: OPEN	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: Paul M.	Co-Panel: March
Hazelden	7:00pm Tuesday	Panel Leader: Katie L.	Co-Panel: Dominick
	7:00pm Saturday	Panel Leader: Dan T.	Co-Panel: Julia
Detox at NCH	4:00pm Sat,Sun,Mon,	SAT: Jodi & Briana	MON: Daniel & Anita

LITERATURE:

Angie H.

This month, sales of literature and supplies generated \$234. All is reportedly well with Lit. Committee, but Chair, Angie, reports that she will be relocating in June 2016. She requests that someone step-up to assist with committee while she is still with us so she can help advise them on how to fulfill the work of this role. Should Angie be renominated, she advises that she will not be able to fulfill the full term of service.

TREASURER

Alt. Treasurer Daniel O.

All is finally on point and accounted for...had not been factoring in the \$ 79.95 /month because it was automatically debited. Now with online banking, it's much easier to track. It also explains why we're so far under prudent reserve. Combined with what Crissey sent when she did the march report, had I gone off correct number she provided (which I have in this after the next bank statement) I wouldn't have donated 600 extra dollars to region and world (75 and 25 respectively) as per policy. Thanks for letting me serve and hope I have the continued opportunity to do so.

Beginning Balance	1,547.47			Reconciliation	
Income		Expenses	Date Pd	Balance Per Bank	
Alive and Free	100.00	Activities		Outstanding Checks	
Eye of the Hurricane	75.00	Reimbursement	365.00		
Fresh Start		Admin			
Get Naked		ASC Rent			
Here and Now / Step Out of Fea	30.00	RCM Travel			
High on Life		Copies for Area			
Island in the Storm		Storage Rent (Cube Smart)			
Last Chance	100.00				
Living Clean	50.00	H&I			
My New Home Group	100.00	Rent - St. Johns Church			
Newfound Freedom	5.00	Lit Budget			
Nooners					
Primary Purpose	10.00	Public Relations			
Real Men Recover		Dex One			
Recovery by the Book	100.00	One Box	79.95	Total Outstanding	
Saturday Night Live	37.10	Meeting Lists (February)	128.00		
Step Brothers in Recovery		Current Meeting Lists	159.00	Deposit	
Step Up Not Out		Literature	408.36		
Step Out of Fear					
Sunset Group		Miscellaneous		Ending Balance	
We Do Recover					
We Are Still Here	123.00	RSC Donation			
You are Not Alone	60.00	World Donation			
Young People in Recovery		Total Expenses	1,140.31		
Activities	43.75	Ending Balance	1,475.01		
Literature	234.00				
Total Income	1,067.85	Prudent Reserve	2,575.00		
		Under/Over Prudent Reserv	-1099.99		

GROUP REPORTS **VOTING MEMBERS**

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. GSR reports all is well and meeting attendance has good. GSR says “cool lighting” may have something to do with rise in attendance... no doubt, the clear message of recovery is even “cooler.” Because of consistent support, group has been able to pay bills and is donating \$75 to Area.

Get Naked

GSR: Jodi S.

Get Naked Group meets on Tuesdays, 7:30pm-8:30pm, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church located on 1225 Piper Blvd. in Naples. GSR indicates all is very well and meetings have an ever-increasing attendance, typically attracting an average of 40 people who reportedly enjoy the “Grab-bag” meeting format that accommodates a 2-minute time limit for sharing.

Last Chance

GSR: Tommy D. REP

Last Chance meets in the glow of candle-lights each Friday night, 8:30p.m., at the United Methodist Church (388 1st Ave. South) in Naples. GSR indicates group recently relocated into parlor space which is just across the hall from former meeting area. Group continues to deliver clear message of hope & recovery to all addicts, particularly those who still suffer. Last Chance donated \$100 to Area.

Living Clean

GSR: Tom S. REP:

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. All is reportedly well with group which donated \$50 to Area this month. Also, GSR indicates they are in possession of a Step-working Guide that is written in Spanish. GSR asks whether anyone would like to have this?

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 which has average attendance of 12 people. Group recently elected Ben W. to serve as new GSR. Also, Member Todd A. is celebrating 11 years clean.

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 as well as home group membership. NFF has been averaging 15 to 20 people per meeting. After paying rent and supplies this month, group donated \$5 to Area.

Nooners

GSR: John C. REP:

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. Member Johnny S. has been voted in as policy chair. Member John C. is celebrating two years clean and will be sharing his experience, strength and hope at upcoming meeting. Also, Member Mark has been nominated as Area Treasurer.

Primary Purpose

GSR: Briana D.

Primary Purpose meets on Thursdays, from 7 to 8pm, at the Alternative Biker Club on 3437 Westview Drive in Naples. Attendance has been ranging from 10 to 15 people at this meeting which follows the Just-For-Today format. After paying for rent, literature and key tags, group donated \$10 to 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 attendance is growing. On any given Saturday night, we have 35 to more than 40 people in attendance. 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 May was "Higher Power." Thanks to the 7th tradition & Nene for bringing our donations, we are able to contribute financially to area this month. "...by realizing the will of our Higher Power, dreams do come true in recovery." NA Basic Text.

Step Out of Fear/Here & Now

GSR/REP: Charlene P.

Here & Now meets on Wednesdays at 8pm in Community Congregational Church (15300 Tamiami Trail N.) 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. The Step meetings typically rotate between readings from The Basic Text and How It Works & Why. These meetings continue to maintain a clear message of NA and increasing attendance. Member Vince is celebrating 40 years clean this month. After purchase of supplies, Group donated \$30 to Area.

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 12 to 15 addicts. Group's recent dinner and speaker meeting was a rousing success. All enjoyed the food, fellowship and message from Speaker. Sunset Group is planning additional meetings along this format.

We're Still Here

GSR: Tammy D.

The "We Are Still Here" group meets Monday nights 8-9 pm in Howard Hall, room 221, on the campus of FGCU, Tuesday nights 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. After paying rent and purchasing literature, We're Still Here donated \$123.00 to Area.

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 follow the Just-For-Today format. Average attendance has been increasing, and GSR reports that the group's Traditions Committee is going strong. There are also three members celebrating clean time anniversaries: Tony K. with 2 years, Jeremy with 3 years and Nicole R. with 4 years.

GROUPS/NON-VOTING REPORTS

Alive & Free REP: Gordon

This Group meets on Sundays, at 10am, at Lowdermilk Park's South Gazebo in Naples. Rep indicates it is "ONE OF THE BEST" meetings in the 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.

Island in the Storm (absent/report sent)

GSR: Michael O.

The Island in the Storm held it's monthly meeting on Sat.05/02/15 at 6:00PM. No change in group status at this time. Treasurer's was accepted and is as follows: Carried Balance \$43.00 Rent to TLC \$40.00 Balance \$3.00

Out of the Ashes (Formerly Step Up Not Out)

GSR: Elizabeth R.

Out of the Ashes meets Saturday night 7pm - 8pm on the lanai at St. Matts. Group asks for support from other active NA members. During business meeting on May 16th, no other home group members showed-up. When somebody is not celebrating clean time, there is very sparse meeting attendance, but when someone is celebrating, the room is packed. Average attendance has dropped to three or four people. Rent is paid for this month. We're going to continue to buy basic texts for the group.

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

We DO Recover continues to meet on Thursday nights (from 6:45pm to 7:45pm) at the Golden Gate Community Center (skate park room #2) in Naples. Some ten people regularly attend meetings here, but GSR indicates they could benefit from increased support of other NA members in area.

OLD BUSINESS:

Johnny S. elected as new Policy Subcommittee Chair

NEW BUSINESS:

See Nominations covered in Admin Report.

OPEN FORUM

During Open Forum, there was some exchange regarding definition of “representation” and how this relates to voting/non-voting groups with respect to establishing of a quorum. This matter was ultimately referred to the new Policy Subcommittee to advise on.

Some discussion also focused on the formation of a new Sunset Coast NA Group which will purportedly be structured as a women’s only step working meeting. Some expressed concern as to whether such a meeting was contrary to NA principals that note the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using, without exclusions as to age, gender, orientation, or other sociological aspect. This matter was also referred for review to the Policy Subcommittee who will advise at up-and-coming meeting.