

NEXT MEETING, March 10, 2024 AT 9:30AM @ TLC

SUNSET COAST AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY 02/11/24

TLC

2740 Bayshore Dr #16 Naples, FL 34112

Information to vote on are highlighted in Yellow

Results of past votes are highlighted in Green

OPEN positions or opening in the next month will be highlighted in Blue.

1. The meeting opened at 9:30 am with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.
2. Reading of the 12 traditions, reading of the 12 concepts, reading the concept of the month and the definition of an ASC statement.

ROLL CALL	D	J	F	M	A
ADMIN					
CHAIR	P	P	P		
VICE CHAIR	P	O	P		
SECRETARY	P	P	P		
ALT. SECRETARY	P	P	A		
TREASURER	A	P	P		
ALT. TREASURER	O	O	O		
RCM	O	O	O		
ALT. RCM	P	P	A		
SUBCOMMITTEES					
ACTIVITIES	P	P	P		
H&I	P	P	P		
LITERATURE	P	P	P		
PUBLIC RELATIONS	O	O	P		
POLICY	P	P	P		
VOTING GROUPS					
BREAKFAST CLUB	P	P	P		
EYE OF THE HURRICANE	P	P	P		
FREEDOM in the FAIRGROUNDS		P	P		
GET NAKED	P	P	P		
LAST CHANCE	P	P	P		

LIFE WITHOUT BARS	P	P	P		
NEW FOUND FREEDOM	P	P	P		
NOONERS	P	P	P		
RECOVERY by the BOOK	P	P	P		
SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE	P	P	P		
NON-VOTING					
ALIVE AND FREE	A	A	A		
HERE AND NOW	A	A	A		
GET LIT	A	A	A		

4. Read Open ASC Statement.
5. Established quorum for new business: 9/10
Majority 6/10 Old business: Two thirds vote 7/10.
6. Accepted with noted corrections to attendance. Motioned by SNL. Second by the Activities.

7. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

AREA - OPEN POSITIONS: Atl. Treasurer, RCM, PR Chair.

PR Chair - Julia W

Qualifications: Hi Sunset Coast- thank you to NFF for the nomination. My qualifications for PR chair are that I have 9 years clean. I've chaired the committee before and I've been a subcommittee member before. I've also served as a GSR for Nooners. I have a working knowledge of the 12/12/12. I have the time and ability to attend RSC. I love the PR subcommittee and the creative ways we are able to become visible within our local community. I hope, with the help of our members, to expand our efforts to let the community know we are here for the sick and suffering addict.

Thank you for your consideration.

Julia W

8. ADMIN REPORT

No Report

9. RCM REPORT

RCM meeting February 17-18

10. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES:

The Activities subcommittee meets the last Sunday of every month at TLC. Our meeting time has changed to 5:30pm

Thank you for letting me serve Keren B

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS:

H&I is doing great. All of our commitments are covered. The men's jail meeting will be resuming soon!! We are very excited to have this start again. The H&I Gratitude dinner was very successful. We received almost a full case of basic texts. We are turning in \$960 cash and \$400 on cash app. Totaling \$1,360 turned in from the gratitude dinner. Thank you for letting us serve!

POLICY:

Policy meets on Sunday after ASC. All is well. All members are welcome to attend or contact the Policy subcommittee with questions or assistance with matters relating to policy.

PR member attended Policy subcommittee meeting to address outdated information within the PR section of our Area policy. The member will be attending the Policy Workshop and drafting motions for the changes at that time, prior to next ASC meeting.

Policy Chair will be extending the invitation to H&I Chair to also meet at that time to draft motions to update info in H&I section of Policy.

Copies of Sunset Coast Area Service Policy were printed and distributed at January ASC.

The subcommittee finalized logistics for Annual Policy Workshop.

Please let your groups know that the Annual Policy Workshop will be held at The Last Connection (not affiliated with NA) on March 10th at 8:30 am, prior to ASC meeting.

Thank you for allowing us to serve.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Public Relations meets monthly the Saturday before Area at 10am on Zoom. This month we did reschedule the meeting for noon & were unable to access the area zoom account due to a recent password change.

Please know that PR does maintain the areas record for account passwords & anytime login credentials are changed that change needs to be relayed to PR so the record can be updated.

With that being said PR currently has no admin. All positions are open as the webmaster has recently stepped down. There are only 2 active subcommittee members who have been doing their best to ensure the duties of the subcommittee are performed however we are at a crossroads. PR has struggled with member participation for years & we encourage the area as a whole as well as the ASC admin to assess what the solution is.

PR along with the other subcommittees provide essential resources to our community. Our primary purpose is to let our community know that Narcotics Anonymous exist & how to find us. We understand that we have a loving & caring higher power & that NA was self sufficient long before our arrival & will continue once we are gone however it would be a shame to see the detrimental effects that will follow if PR was no longer an active sub committee.

Our primary purpose as a fellowship is to carry the message to the sick & suffering addict. They are who will suffer the consequences of our disunity & unwillingness. Our first tradition states personal recovery depends on NA unity & we are asking that the trusted servants of our area not only inform our homegroups and sponsorship families of this but also actively encourage our fellow addicts to get involved.

If anyone is interested in joining PR please come to our next meeting. Meeting information can be found on our meeting list. We did discuss moving the subcommittee back to in person & changing the time. More will be revealed.

Thank you for letting us serve.

11. GSR REPORTS

BREAKFAST CLUB

Meets 7 days per week at 8:15am on Zoom and is also held in person on Mondays at The Last Connection. Various formats depending on the day of the week.

The group could use some support at both the in person meeting on Monday and everyday on Zoom.

We have no Homegroup members celebrating an Anniversary that I'm aware of ...

We have NO donation to Area this month

Thank you for letting me serve.

EYE OF THE HURRICANE

EOH meets Sunday at 7 Monday & Tuesday 8:30. Anniversary celebrations are as follows

2/18 - 3yrs Niki L

2/19 - 2yr Lance

2/26 -2yr Andrea B

3/17- 6yr Candace R, and 9yr Susan R

4/2 - 18mo Jacob V

T-shirts for sale \$10 cotton and dry fit shirt long and short sleeve

Thank you for letting me serve. Gigi

FREEDOM IN THE FAIRGROUNDS

Meeting Time: 5:30pm

Location: 810 39th Ave NE, Naples, FL 34120 Pavilion H

Average Attendance: 7-15 (with 100-200 years of clean time)

As this is our second ASC, we are very honored to become a voting Group at Suncoast Area ASC. We placed two literature orders to get the group started and will have a donation next month In loving service,Dan

GET LIT

Get Lit is a chairs choice NA literature discussion meeting. We meet every Friday night at 8 o'clock at TLC. The last Friday of the month we have a speaker who chooses a topic speaks on said topic and we open up for discussion. This month's speaker will be Sammy V. Our weekly average mtg attendance is 15. We will not be donating to Area this month.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service 😊 Misty M

GET NAKED

The Get Naked group meets once a week on Tuesdays at 7:30 at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. It is a grab bag format meeting.

Average attendance was 26 and average donation was \$37. We are spending \$24 on literature and donating \$108 to area. Jimmy M. celebrated 16 years on Jan.22nd and Kenny V. will be celebrating and sharing for 26 yrs. clean on Feb.13th.

Our rent is paid and our prudent reserve is intact. Thank you for letting me serve. Chris C.

LAST CHANCE

Last Chance group meets every Friday at East Naples park from 6:30 - 7:30 , Attendance has averaged 12-15 , we do not have a donation this month , there was one anniversary on January , Ron C celebrated 2 yrs , there are no anniversaries in February , thank you for letting me serve Ron C

LIFE WITHOUT BARS

We meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm at TLC. Our meeting attendance is slightly up and we have some new homegroup members. We bought some literature & paid our rent for the month. We work on a rotating format, so it is something different every week. Thanks for letting me serve Joe H & Angie H

NEW FOUND FREEDOM:

Meets at 8:30pm on Wednesday at The Last Connection. Shotgun format. The group is doing well.

*Brian S 2/24/2017 , and Eliska S 2/25/2023 both sharing Wednesday 02/28.

*\$30 donation to area.

NOONERS

No Report

RECOVERY BY THE BOOK

Meeting time and place: Mondays 700PM St Monica's Episcopal Church, 7070 Immokalee Rd. Average attendance: 30-40

Our format consists of reading the Basic Text, line by line, followed by open discussion. Home group members celebrating clean time share on the last Monday of the month which will be Feb 26th.

This month, home group members Dawn T. celebrates 27 years, Linda M. celebrates 27 yrs, and Rhonda C celebrates 28 yrs. The group is fulfilling our primary purpose through literature, participation & sharing how we stay clean. We regularly have newcomers in attendance. The group is donating \$196 to Area this month.

IN LOVING SERVICE. Helen W

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

Saturday Nite Live (SNL) is a NA speaker meeting. We meet every Saturday night at 7:30pm inside The Last Connection Meeting Hall. Our speakers share on a theme/topic that we have chosen for the month.

FEBUARY TOPIC; COUPLES IN RECOVERY

"The full fruit of a labor of love lives in the harvest, and that always comes in its right season ... "

Basic Tx

2/3 ~ Dan & Helen W. shared a message of love and respect for each other and their recovery

2/10 ~ Henry & Bree brought a pure NA message going back & forth with their sharing

2/17 ~ Stephanie Z. will be speaking in honor of her 3yr clean time anniversary 😊

2/24 ~ Zack & Caroline

MARCH TOPIC; "FROM A MESS TO A MESSAGE"

"We do not pretend that there are no mistakes in recovery, but sometimes those mistakes can take us in a direction we hadn't thought of before." Living Clean...

3/2 ~ Cindy B.

3/9 ~ Rachel F.

3/16 ~ Michelle B.

3/23 ~ Chucky M.

3/30 ~ Karl F.

SNL home group member Stephanie Z. celebrates 3 yrs on 2/14

Thanks to our 7th tradition SNL is able to donate \$50 to Area. Our average meeting attendance is "29".

Thank you for allowing me to serve as service work helps keep this addict clean. Sammy V

12. Break at 10:03

13. Reopened with the serenity prayer at 10:14. Established Quorum 8/10

14. Acceptance of motions were closed.

15. OLD BUSINESS

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. OPEN FORUM

- I'm an addict named Candace. I'm really passionate about Narcotics Anonymous and I wanted to open up to you all about my recent experiences because I believe it's crucial for us to grow together as a fellowship.

It's about unity. You know, our first tradition tells us that personal recovery depends on unity. But it is evident there is a major disconnect in our area. And unfortunately, we've seen the consequences of it play out in some pretty heartbreaking ways.

We've had newcomers, young and scared, reaching out for help and not getting the support they need. It's left me feeling really concerned. Like, what are we teaching the next generation of addicts who come through our doors? We've got a responsibility to be there for each other, to share our experience, strength and hope and support one another through this journey.

There was this 15-year-old girl, just out of treatment, who bravely raised her hand and shared she was new, got a meeting list & shared how scared she was. And not a single person went up to her after the meeting. And then there was another young lady, shaking and crying, who picked up a white key tag, but again noone walked up to her after the meeting. A week later, she died of an overdose. It's heartbreaking. I am aware that we cant save everyone, however I was taught that we never know the impact our choices have on others lives.

It's not about blaming anyone—I've been there myself, lost in my own self obsession. But it's clear to me that we've lost touch with the heart of what this program is all about—one addict helping another & freely giving away what was given to us.

Even in our service structure, things seem complacent like we are just going through the motions. Reports are given, but nobody's really paying attention.

After giving the PR report that basically begged for help, not a single member of ASC asked "How can we help" noone from admin spoke up & there was no discussion on the matter.

We have lost sight of how the service structure works. Again this all comes back to education & sponsorship. We have 4 members in Activities, 2 members in Policy and 2 members in PR. I just would like to encourage everyone to ask themselves, why is that?

When I got here, my predecessors said if you want what we have you will do what we did, and service is a major cornerstone of the foundation to recovery. Are we encouraging our sponsees to get involved with service? Are we teaching them that the newcomer is the most important person in the room?

Narcotics Anonymous saved my life and gave me the freedom I have today and I will forever be grateful. I guess what I'm trying to say is, it appears we need to get back to basics. I can only speak for myself & I am going to make a more conscious effort to be present, make sure no newcomer leaves their first meeting without feeling seen & loved, I am going to make sure that if I see something, I will say something. I just hope you all will join me in this effort. I hope as an area we can have the difficult conversations so we can grow & improve.

Thanks for letting me share.

- I'm Keren, I'm an addict. The Activities subcommittee hopes to plan some really great events this year, but in order to do that, we do need the support from the fellowship.

When it comes to things like carpools as there are only so many members in the subcommittee to facilitate such ideas.

We would love the support of members in growing the activity subcommittee as a whole.

Thank you for letting me serve

- Suggestions made by subcommittee members and GSR's
 - Create a flyer binder for TLC
 - GSR's communicate all announcements (celebrations, events, activities, open positions, etc)
 - Sponsors encourage all sponsees to get involved with service
 - Make meetings more attractive (ex. XX meeting has a combined clean time of XX years, XX meeting has HG members willing to be sponsors, etc)

18. LITERATURE REPORT

All is well with the literature sub committee. Sales for this month are \$145. If you need any special orders and medallions please let me know in advance. The invoice for last months order has been turned in to the treasurer. Thank you for letting me serve, Leon F

19. TREASURER REPORT

We started with a beginning balance \$4095.58. Last month closed before we had January area. The totals of last months bank statement did not include the deposits we brought in and many of the expenses that were paid out in January. As a result, this month totals will be like two months of income and expenses. As we started AREA today, our balance in the account was \$2823.32. It's a low number because of the big literature expense and the large H&I event payout out of last month. We took in \$1459 in cash donations and \$548.44 in cash app and check donations.

Today's expense payout total \$2502.55 + \$250 to Policy annual learning day. That leaves us with \$4580.77 in the bank. Which means we are \$899.44 over prudent reserve . With that overage, and because Region is over their prudent reserve, we donated the \$899.44 to World. Also, we really need an Alternate Treasurer. Help us get this position filled!
Thank you for letting me serve, Katt.

20. REVIEW BUSINESS OF THE DAY

21. NEXT MEETING: MARCH 10, 2024 at 9:30 AM

22. MOTION TO CLOSE - CLOSED AT 11:00AM