

Area Service Committee Meeting – New Caney “New Hope Group” of Narcotics Anonymous

August 4, 2008

Ben R opened meeting followed by the serenity prayer
Reading of the Twelve Traditions - Jackie
Reading of the Twelve Concepts of Service – Ben C
Reading of the Purpose of ASC followed by the Unity Statement – Don K
Reading of the Service Prayer – Jimmy H

Roll Call by Secretary (Quorum)

Conroe - BTLN – Jason B
Spring - Crossroads – Brenda W
Tomball - New Attitudes – Ken P
New Caney - New Hope – Robert M
Huntsville - Serious Undertakings – GSR Absent
Cleveland - Freedom Train – GSR Absent
Coldspring - Reflections – Wesley B.
Humble - Hope Without Dope – Mike L

Secretary Report – Read by Cherri B.

Summarized minutes from previous meeting 7/13/08.

Treasurer Report – Christy L.

There was \$81.00 in group donations and \$30.00 from T-shirt sales. There was \$1086.06 in expenses (literature for H&I and Coldspring, Tejas Blue Bonnet, Haskin Contribution, NA WSO contribution, Adopt an inmate contribution, Activities Committee Trophies, PI Schedules). Beginning Balance \$1,653.74 and ending balance \$678.68. There is \$920.00 set aside for reserves leaving an actual balance of negative \$241.32 in account. However, Christy L announced that she has received over \$400.00 in group donations therefore our account will be out of “the red”.

RCM Report – Ben C.

Asked ASC to advise of any questions or concerns that should be forwarded to Region. Regions next quarterly meeting will be Saturday August 9, 2008. Ben C also expressed concerns that at this point we still have not obtained the minutes from the last RSC. There were also questions addressed concerning the RSC Web Servant.

Ben C also announced that the next RSC meeting will be held in Bryon College Station and he will be rooming with someone else; therefore he waives all funds that were allotted for his attendance.

H & I – Jimmy H.

H & I is announced that NA is going into two Montgomery County Jail meetings. Wednesday (Jimmy H and Don K) and Saturday (Julian and Ben C). Ben C announced that on Saturday four newcomers shared.

He requested the GSR's take back to their groups the fact that women are needed to get involved at Plain State Women's facility in Dayton, TX and any individual who wants to get involved in H & I to please let himself or Jeri W know and they will help facilitate.

Discussion of the Gulf Coast Trades Center (GCTC) requesting our area to host an NA: H & I / PI Panel on the 1st or 3rd Saturday of each month. Request of NA to get involved transpired. If this is to happen it will take the support of numerous individuals. ASC Discussed going in once a month, ASC asking for volunteers. Jimmy H stated that he will talk to Allen as our contact.

Don K. meeting in Huntsville SVOY for special needs inmates going great. There are twenty-three people in the multi-media program. The Estelle counselor has been on vacation for two weeks. This meeting will readjourn on Wednesday at 4:00 PM.

Walls unit in Huntsville on 3rd Sunday of each month has been geared toward NA. Jimmy has ordered a rack four tier rack to be placed in this unit and the literature to start. Jimmy will also be talking with Captain Fisher.

The Holiday Unit in Huntsville requesting a meeting. Suggested one or two monthly.

Jimmy has requested \$194.00 for twenty soft cover basic texts.

PI Report – Acting Chair Ben C.

Ben C. stated that Buddy D will be calling with date and time to set up meeting of Tri-County, NASCONA and HASCONA to coordinate metro schedule committee. Members of these areas will meet to discuss accurate schedules since we are consolidating. In addition, he stated that Buddy D suggested buying directly from one source instead of going through HASCONA. Ben C. has passed around the current schedule for any changes.

Activities – Don K.

Don K has ordered the Chili Cook Off trophies for last year. These will be rotating trophies where the year and date can be removed by group. Each year these nameplates showing name and date will be ordered to added to the trophy.

Volleyball Fun Day / Fundraiser will be held at Burroughs Park in Tomball on Sunday November 16, 2008. It was suggested that we start with a 9:00 A.M. with a God Meeting

followed by Volleyball and breaking for lunch done in a “potluck” style. It is suggested that we get single points of accountability on who will be bringing which items.

There was also a discussion of a Halloween Party to be held in New Caney at the “New Hope Group” on October 31, 2008 at 9:30 P.M. Additional discussion of ideas for New Years Eve dance.

Ad-Hoc – Ben C.

No Ad Hoc to Report

Vice Chair – Cherri B.

Vice Chair is acting as secretary in the absence of Tommy H. She is also heading up the Ad-Hoc committee on the review of the NASCONA ASC Policy. In addition she restated her offer help to Stewart W. because of her experience in creating websites.

BREAK

Re-Opened – Serenity Prayer

Web Servant – Stewart W –

Stewart issued as a hand-out Chapter 10 of the PR Handbook which outlines internet technology as it relates to our public relations efforts. It reinforces that a website is often one of the first points of contacts for members of the public or potential NA members. This information is especially useful to the Ad-Hoc committee which will be rewriting the responsibilities of the Web Servant in the ASC policy. He stated that he is on top of things and will be diligently working to clean, reorganize and restructure our site. He will try to fashion site as per PR Handbook suggestions. In addition, he also brought copies of release forms and informed ASC of their importance.

Stewart W also stated that he has a computer with full web access he is willing to donate to ASC service as long as that donation would not go against our seventh tradition.

Seventh Tradition Basket

Basket Passed – Collected \$71.00

New Hope opted to donate \$71.00 collected to ASC.

Group Reports *All groups not listed were Absent of GSR*

Coldspring - Reflections – Wesley

Thanked ASC for donation of literature to their group. Discussed H & I training and spoke with Jimmy H on possibly doing a training session with his group for the purpose of taking a meeting into the Coldspring Jail. Stated that they are in the works of having a fund raiser for their group in October.

Conroe - Better Late Then Never – Jason B.

Informed ASC that BLTN is in the process of going through their group policy with the use of an Ad-Hoc committee. BLTN gave ASC an area donation of \$54.83.

New Caney - New Hope – Robert M.

Their 9th Anniversary Party will be the 3rd Sunday in September 2008. The new location is really coming together; however there is no air-conditioner.

Humble – Hope Without Dope – Mike L.

Group has a large attendance. Stated that he goes to Kingwood Pines Hospital and distributes schedules and white books. Hope Without Dope gave ASC an area donation of \$50.00.

Spring - Crossroads – Brenda W.

Listed their schedule which is Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 P.M. Brenda stated that their attendance was low and that they needed support for their meetings. Crossroads gave ASC an area donation of \$265.91.

Tomball - New Attitudes – Ken P.

Ken stated that their group is having problems with lack of participation in their service structure. They do have a new secretary but there is a need for more trusted servants. They have several more positions to fill. New Attitudes gave ASC an area donation of \$25.00

Sharing Session

In “Sharing Session” we discussed the upcoming Regional quarterly meeting will be Saturday August 9, 2008. Ben C. was requested to ask the RSC for a learning day to be held on any of the first three Saturdays of October. Topics suggested are “What is new in NA?” Or “Fellowship Services”.

Discussion of PI racks in different institutions. The groups had elected to take over their racks and ASC is interested in how that is going for them. Are any of the groups in need of Area help with these racks? We discussed compiling a master list of all racks that are in our Area and getting feed-back on location, interest and upkeep. It was stated that at this time there are only a few PI group level trusted servants. Ben R stated that the purpose of the ASC is to serve their groups. It was asked that GSR's take back to the groups our concerns for the PI racks and what can we do to help.

Ben C suggested that schedules be handed out to probation departments. Jimmy H. stated that BLTN has a box of schedules that can be utilized for that purpose.

Discussion

Christy stated that she has six months left of Treasurer Position before she resigns. REM and H&I stated the same – in summary most of the ASC positions will be open at end of year.

The Ad Hoc Committee met at noon to discuss ASC policy. Will meet early every month until goal is accomplished and a presentation of suggested changes will be made to ASC service panel.

It was clearly stated that when it comes to fund disbursement that H & I and PI are clearly “first” when considering these disbursements.

Ben C. stated that in the facilitator report the issue topics for discussion at WSC are:

- 1 Leadership
- 2 Building Communication
- 3 Our Freedom – Our Responsibility

Unfinished Business

Discussion of the email sent by the regional secretary, Benita, concerning the minutes not being released on time transpired. Ben C. reminded areas service committee that we are “here to serve and that when they go to RSC they should go in the spirit of service” Feedback” was requested on this situation so that Ben C could bring back to RSC.

New Business

ASC approved \$194.00 for H & I to buy 20 Basic Texts.

Ben C. stated that he will utilize the schedules at BLTN to distribute to probation departments.

Jimmy H. offered to hold H & I learning day for interested groups in NASCONA

Don K. stated that we will table the Volleyball “potluck” and asked GSR’s to bring back to their groups this info and get feed back on what groups are willing to bring. Jimmy H. stated that we needed a single point of accountability. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee and all proceeds collected will be donated to NA World.

ASC approved \$50.00 donation to World Services

Elections

Open positions announced are as follows:
Secretary and P & I Chair

Select Location of Next Meeting

Coldspring “Reflections Group”

12:00 PM - Ad- Hoc committee on ASC policy changes

1:00 PM - Subcommittee Meetings

2:00 PM - ASC Area Service Meeting

Announcements

Announcement made about New Hope Anniversary on September 21, 2008 which is the pool party in New Caney at Peach Creek Park.

ASC thanks New Hope Group for hosting the August ASC meeting.

Ben R. Motioned to adjourn - Adjourned