

CBANA
Area Service Committee Minutes
August 20, 2005

Began meeting with mos and serenity prayer = 12:05

Wayne read 12 Traditions; 12 Concepts read by Michele; Bea read Purpose of ASC; All read the Service Prayer that is found in our Area Policy!!!!

Debbie will be late or not here at all?????

ROLL CALL

*denotes continuous absences

CHAIR - Bea

VICE - CHAIR - Debbie**

TREASURER - Michele*

SECRETARY - Dedee

RCM 1 - Jacqui

RCM 2 - Bill

PI - Peggy/Donna

H&I - Jimmy C. *

ACTIVITIES - David C. *

PHONELINE - Hagen Mc.

LITERATURE - Dawn

WEBSERVANT - Tom

RBS - Allan

SZF (adhoc) - Dawn

CBDM - Howard

VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE = 8 voting members in attendance

RECOGNIZE NEW GROUPS none

MINUTES

- motion to accept...Michele; 2nd...hagen
- vote: 8 to accept

TREASURERS REPORT

- received receipt from Peggy today
- still waiting on receipt from Darla
 - Bea will get receipt from Darla

Mandy motion to accept report/2nd wendy

Vote: 8 to accept report

Welcome to Zene and California Steve, Regional reps.

GROUP REPORTS

- OFF THE WALL
 - 2 attend group conscience;
 - donation: anything over prudent will be given to area
 - will pass basket for campout
 - BD...Troy and someone else who did not show
- EDI...absent
- SHOT OF HOPE
 - group conscience voted in new officers

- Donation \$75.00/but does not have this today
 - 65-85 in attendance
- KEEP IT SIMPLE
 - Donation is \$30.75
 - Attendance is 10 on Monday and Thursday
 - BD...Sam with 3 years
 - Whined and bitched and moaned about no one coming out there to inform them of events
- GET IT TOGETHER - absent
- KISS THE LIE GOODBYE
 - Attendance 49
 - Donation \$30.00
- GEM CITY
 - Did a group inventory and beginning to put in place some changes
 - Donation: \$100.
 - 3 BD...james 1; dawn 17; matt 3;
- JUST FOR TODAY
 - Changing location to St. Vincent De Paul church/will get back to us with the address
 - Donation: \$20
 - Monday night is JFT
 - Thursday night is book study
 - Friday night is open
 - Attendance is 5
- STEPPING UP
 - Successful pot luck dinner
 - BD...Steve P
 - At maximum capacity and are patiently waiting for church renovations
 - Donation: \$20.00
- ULTIMATE WEAPON - absent
 - David read report
 - Attendance is 12
 - Donation \$25.00
 - Sponsoring Campout 9-25,26,27...
 - Need participation and an AGSR
- NO MATTER WHAT
 - Regular meeting attendance of 8 people
 - Donation: \$20.00
 - Meetings are Monday - Saturday
 - First bd coming up in septemeber
 - Need support at Saturday night meeting
 - 105 N. 5th street in Kingsville
 - smoking meetings and are meeting outside as well
- RIGHT TURN ONLY
 - Found a home! 2740 mustang drive...ingleside
 - Meet and greet/fish fry...october 19

- 8 people per meeting

Dawn asks a favor from the smokers...to be respectful of those who do not smoke...

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS - only for money asking purposes

RCM

- bill reads written report
- TSC convention
- Tom K. is Regional Web servant
- TBRCNA...hold every 2 years
 - Will not be held in 2007 in lieu of the World Convention being held in San Antonio
 - Cancel RBS for 2007?
- RSC elections
 - Looking for :
 - Facilitator, co-facilitator, recorder, treasurer, co-treasurer, web servant policy chair, archives chair...
- SZF website chat room beginning August 28 at 8 pm and the last Sunday night ... szfna.org or find the link on cbana.org
- TBRCNA policy is available from Bill H.
- Expenses: 2 rooms...\$105.30; gas...70.55; TOTAL...\$175.85 asking for reimbursement of \$25.85

Motion to accept (this includes the reimbursement of \$25.85) with 4 tabled items...howard; 2nd ...wayne

Vote: 8 to accept report

WEB SERVANT

- really, really short report!!!

H&I

- sub committee meeting with 13 people in attendance
- robert f is vice chair
- tom k is liaison
- purpose of h&I committee
 - t-shirt design
- Charlie's detox meeting is going to be started soon
 - want volunteers to be oriented to be on the panel
- Samantha is secretary
- Learning day October 15 at the Anchor Club
 - October area event with a dance
- will decide what literature is needed at the next sub committee meeting which is held every Wednesday for a while
- fuck it
- asking groups to put out literature about H&I
 - dawn suggests that jimmy fill out an order form to present to area today
 - can't do that right now because they are unsure what type of literature they need.
- howard asks about the "right" facility

- allen asks about the sub committee
- michelle asks about the conflict with shot of hope

PI

- sub committee meeting held to mail packets at \$1.75 a packet. Have delivered 25 packets at this time.
- submitting receipt for packet items
- will be donating \$1.75...lost the receipt
- wants to keep the \$23.35 to buy more ip's
- changed to keystone printing for schedules
- ordered 250 posters...will receive receipt in mail for that
- new schedule design
- coastal bend health and safety fair at tuloso midway HS in October
- attended health fair in kingville; thanks to howard, Debbie and Karen for helping
- poster day event...and bbq to see who can hang the most posters in our community
- great sub committee meeting with 7 in attendance

motion to accept report...howard

allen asks for clarification...wants individuals to hand deliver packets?

- yes

2nd mandy

vote - 8 to accept pi report

PHONE LINE

- hagen reads report
- met with pi sub committee
- still need volunteers
- received orientation packets
- phone service runs out in September
- michelle asks how to sign up for the phone line

ACTIVITIES

- has \$235 for july dance
- unity day has been changed to the Anchor Club...Sunday September 4 at 3 pm
 - will pay \$25./4 hours...\$50/over 4 hours
 - \$150.00 for BBQ
 - this is the TBRCNA 7 fundraiser...will be selling the plates
 - joe b. will set up the speaker phone, but will be leaving...bea and david are responsible for getting the speaker phone
 - joe b is resigning as d.j. for these area events
 - the meeting is from 1-3...says tom
 - bea has confirmation that we will link up at 3:45 pm

Motion to accept with amendment...for the money needed today \$150.00 and that bridget has money \$235.00...Howard/2nd...wendy 2nds

Vote: 7 for...1 abstention

LITERATURE BANK

- thrilled that RBS is over
- ordered \$1190.81 this month and \$1581.23 in merchandise
- will be donating \$80 back to Area today

RBS

- registration reached an all time high of 244!!!
- Financial report attached
- Will be giving \$4011.26 to Area

SOUTHERN ZONAL FORUM (ADHOC)

- Dawn has t shirts and long sleeve shirts for sale/ \$15 and \$20

CONSENSUS BASED DECISION MAKING (ADHOC)

- will follow policies and procedures from Chicago and Georgia
- committee changed dramatically from the first meeting to the second meeting
- have a preliminary flow chart and proposal presentation format
- red-lining this area's current policy
- next meeting is august 25
- same location and time
- suggests that all GSR's attend this meeting since it was you who wanted this change to happen
 - dedee Whined and bitched and moaned about no GSR's attending this meeting

TABLED ITEMS

- A) TBRCNA every 2 years
- B) RBS cancelled in 2007 (because of WCNA in San Antonio 2007)
- C) Nominations for Regional openings
- D) Accept new TBRCNA policy
- E) Seed money and inventory for RBS
- F) Annual payment for storage unit

BREAK 1:31 - 1:50

AREA INVENTORY

Mos followed by the serenity prayer

Dawn requests that this be a non-smoking meeting with a break every hour for smoking purposes...

jimmy c makes a motion that all area meetings be non smoking hagen 2nd ...

vote: 17 for all area meetings to be non-smoking

6 voted no

2 abstained

tom motions that we use the inventory based on the traditions. 2nd wayne...

all are ok with this format

dawn wants to know who gets to vote

howard motions that everyone in the room has a say and a vote...

- motion withdrawn

bea reads from the resource material submitted...based on the 12 traditions everyone introduces themselves...

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on NA unity.
 - What is this group's primary purpose?
 - a. To assist the groups in this area in any way to carry the message to the still suffering addict.
 - i. PI, HI, phonline, information from other groups...regions, world
 - b. Is this group working together for the common welfare of NA?
 - i. Generally we do a pretty fair job, there are times that it seems we fall short. Probably happens every where else...seems that there is more conflict than necessary...in loving service type mode
 - ii. We do drift and forget what the primary purpose is...especially when money is involved
 - iii. Dawning of a new era...a lot of bodies...make a conscious effort to make this work better than it has.
 - iv. Would like a better way to visualize the information...like the money board.
 1. wendy volunteers to write things down
 - v. a suggestions...would like a list of anyone interested to be on the email list...send an email for dances, meetings, special events,
 1. howard suggests that judy take over the getting information out to different email addresses...
 2. road trips? Making meetings to the out-of- CC meetings
 3. subcommittee meetings used to be put on the paper copy of the schedule
 - a. can be done if it is consistent
 - vi. sees a lot of unity. Growing and growing a lot since December. Very loving small group of people. RBS had great accountability. Think too much of RBS and may need to rethink how we see RBS. Disappointed in the lack of literature. Reads from GTLS...responsibility of the groups section...there are no tradition meetings in this area.
 1. groups...home group workshops, getting members knowledgeable with home groups
 - v. can ASC travel?
 - a. Group rotation basis
 - b. Need a more central location if we did not rotate
 - c. More groups on meeting nights that have huge groups
 - d. Newsletter?...had an ad hoc for this and no one showed up
 - c. Do member differences get in the way of the group's primary purpose?
 - i. Conflicts with pdap and anchor club events and area meeting...
 1. anchor club issue has been solved...with making amends to them and finding proper protocol for using the anchor club
 2. a board member is talking about the most recent issue with the anchor club was just a miss communication.
 - d. in what ways could this group improve on "personal recovery" and "unity"?
 - i. listed above...commitment and accountability to this group
 - ii. personal responsibility to area
 - iii. teach new trusted servants, GSR's etc...

2. for our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
 - a. Have this groups decisions been truly an expression of gods will or an extension of powerful personalities?
 - i. Prayer before important issues
 - b. as members of this group, are each of you actively involved in group conscience process or in the stirring up of dissension?
 - i. This is the people who are not involved in this process
 - ii. Get away from the "us" and "them" mentality...with Area and Groups...it is a we program
 - iii. Lack of participation of the gsr's to bring back information
 1. training GSR's see #1..d...iii
 2. the more groups we have the stronger we become
 - c. are any specific people noteworthy?
 - i. Tom, judy, bea, colin, teresa,
3. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using.
 - a. Does this group make newcomers feel welcome? How?
 - i. Need to make the new GSR's part of this ... discussion
 - ii. Encourage them to speak up and ask questions
 - iii. Secretary could make sure they have GLS, minutes, agenda, policy, etc.
 - iv. Speak in regular terms...GSR, RCM, TBRCNA, SZF should not be used...
 - v. Someone talked to Kingsville group...wanted to ask questions about things...but because of the inventory...they could not.
 - vi. As a newcomer to this area, she felt that she was shot down many times...this is how we have done it and we will always do it this way...
 - vii. We need to ask...is there anything we can help you with? How many newcomers do you have? Do you want us to visit?
 - b. Is everyone equal in obtaining recovery from addiction at this groups meetings?
 - i. Does not apply at this meeting
 - c. Does anyone attending this group get treated differently if they need a paper signed, mention being sent to the group by a specific enterprise, or don't admit their addicts?
 - i. Does not apply at this meeting.
4. each group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting other groups, or na as a whole.
 - a. Does this groups allow outside group members to influence their group decisions and conscience?
 - i. Yes, learns from region...
 - b. Does this groups members try to influence other groups consciences or decisions?
 - i. Do we go to our groups and try to influence them to vote our way.
 - ii. Committee chairs can be influential

- iii. Hear chairs personal opinion
 - 1. solution...go to prayer more often
 - 2. pros and cons...
- 5. each group has but one primary purpose - to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.
 - a. Is this group working together as a whole to carry the na message?
 - i. All committees are lacking in participation with 1, 2 or 3 people...with exception to RBS
 - 1. push sponsees to do the 'anonymous' work...pi, phonline, H&I
 - 2. response to other sub committee reports...do we hoot and holler to all reports or just RBS?
 - b. Do members focus on carrying the message of recovery into the group business meetings?
 - i. Kingsville group was here and asked for sponsors...we did nothing to respond to them.
 - 1. act as a home group to them
 - 2. talk about sponsorship
 - 3. ask, is there anything this group can do to help your group?
 - c. Has any still suffering addict ever been shunned, turned away, or treated differently than a regular member?
- 6. an na group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the na name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property or prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
 - a. Do any of this groups members endorse any facilities, centers, outside enterprises, etc. while sharing? if so, how are they treated?
 - i. Anchor club...AA...
 - 1. teach by example?
 - b. Is this group separate from any other program that may meet within their location?
 - i. yes
 - c. Do newcomers understand that the na group they attend is not related to whatever location they may be meeting in? how is this done?
 - i. We could mention that we are not affiliated with anchor club...that we mention that we pay rent...that is what the basket is for.
- 7. every na group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
 - a. Is this group truly self-supporting, declining outside contributions - even if its as small an item as coffee or refreshment facilities?
 - b. Does every member in this group do their fair share in supporting this group - physically as well as financially?
 - i. Yes, fair share is different for all member
 - c. does this group pay a realistic amount of rent to the facility they meet in, or ask for a 'break' because they're not-for-profit?
 - i. We give whatever we gather in the basket...all
 - ii. A suggestion arises about if that is really our fair share.
 - iii. Jimmy reminds us that the unity day event is 25 for under 4 hours; and 50 for over 4 hours

- iv. Judy gives history...this is not a fundraiser, or an na event...they asked for the basket
 - 1. we could pay a minimum of \$25.00 to hold area meetings
 - d. Does this group help support other na services - region or world? How?
 - i. Policy states that anything above prudent goes to region.
 - ii. Members go to region and serve on committees and hold service positions
8. narcotics anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
 - a. Have members share about what they consider is a 'professional'
 - i. pass
 - b. Does this group allow professionals special status?
 - i. Not thus far.
 - c. Do any professionals who attend meetings share their professional opinion, or their personal stories?
 - i. Yes, 503Cb...matters were handled by judy
 - ii. We have not hired anyone to do this
 - d. Does this group utilize any professional service as 'favors'?
 - i. No, not yet
9. na, as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
 - a. Does this group have a formal chain of command or a unified board of elected trusted servants?
 - i. Yes...
 - b. Are this groups committees directly responsible to the group conscience and the na fellowship as a whole? How?
 - i. yes
 - c. Do this groups committees have their own management/guidelines/control?
 - i. Yes...all have guidelines...
 - 1. RBS needs guidelines
 - 2. all committee's need guidelines
 - ii. 2 instances where receipts were not needed to be reimbursed...though policy states that a receipt is required for reimbursement.
 - 1. stop overlooking this
10. narcotics anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the na name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
 - a. Have any members in this group 'taken sides' in regards to society's problem while sharing?
 - i. Have to be very careful with this issue
 - b. Do any of this group members make personal recommendations to hospitals, institutions, religions, beliefs, practices, etc. That could be taken as the groups recommendations?
 - i. Have to be very careful with this issue

- ii. Cannot give out numbers to different treatment centers, etc....
 - c. Does this group allow social issues unrelated to na recovery as meeting topics?
 - i. Not applicable
- 11. our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
 - a. Does this group promote or advertise their na meetings in their local community? How?
 - i. Psa on radio, signage... cc caller;
 - 1. help line number should be put into outlying newspapers
 - ii. Victoria has the schedule in the paper
 - 1. suggestion to put the Victoria phonenumber and cc help line in there
 - 2. we need to keep the line of communication open between groups outside of cc
 - b. Does this group have a committee to publicize the groups existence, or does an individual handle the publicity? If by committee, how many group members support this committee?
 - i. Yes, public information
 - ii. 8 committee members
 - c. Does this group appear attractive to newcomers?
 - i. Cut out the crap
 - ii. Fuck the old timers...start with the newcomers
 - iii. Could be of service and contribute something
 - iv. It's interesting and have seen that there is a lot more to na than meetings...claims to be coming back
 - v. What I see is people who like what they have and like what they are doing. True face of America...tattoos, scars, etc.
 - d. Are there any ways that this group could attract more members? How?
 - i. tell sponsees to get involved
 - ii. outreach subcommittee
 - iii. attitude of present area members...gotta be excited about what we are doing...
 - iv. be careful what you say if you are visiting an outlying meeting...we are not there to police them
- 12. anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.
 - a. Does what a member shares during a recovery meeting get talked about outside that meeting?
 - i. Of course it does. What are we going to talk about at dinner?
 - ii. Don't give this as ammunition for others not to attend.
 - b. Does this group allow personalities to come before principles?
 - i. Of course
 - 1. pray
 - 2. remember primary purpose
 - c. Do principles play an important part in this groups message?

- i. yes
- d. How can the members increase the spiritual foundation of this group? How important is anonymity to each member? Why?
 - i. Continue the dialogue
 - ii. Change the nomenclature
 - iii. Remember to be considerate...look at ourselves inwardly...do not bang on the table to get what you want
 - 1. we do read the service prayer together
 - a. secretary will write out the service prayer on the minutes...
 - b. instead of the serenity prayer all say the service prayer

definitions of anonymity from attendees

- we are all equal
- we are all addicts
- it is a 'we' thing, not an 'I' thing

what has been discovered during this inventory...

- we got a lot accomplished; beat up some dead horses;
- a good experience to be here; interesting to see that this helps meetings
- learned a lot; we were honest; good points...bad points; learned about the sub committee I am involved in
- got good ideas for myself; need to spread out a bit more to other meetings; as a sub committee chair got ideas about how to get others get involved
- learned a lot and feel great
- by in large, the area is doing well; we are not just cc; there are other cities involved here...thanks
- as a whole we are not doing too bad...we need to look at the solutions offered today by taking action...
- we are not perfect; look at what you are doing
- we have a need to reach out to smaller groups...outside of our normal path; put our butt where our mouth is...do what we say we are going to do. positive
- ditto...might have discovered that I want to get back into area service again...
- cool to have HOW; the fact we are not perfect and are willing to acknowledge it; lots of good qualities...unity is strong
- ditto
- great deal of unity in the coastal bend; willing to look at things we can do better; a better way to carry the message; we must be motivated by that desire; this area has grown...need to change the 'this is the way we have always done it' attitude
- there is a need to change; thankful for the new things happening; feels like there is more organization; we are more tight;

I just went to my happy place...

- we saw the good the bad and the ugly today; with changes and solutions; great potential;

- change my attitude about attending area
- outreach to new groups and small groups
- pinpointed areas where I could be of service

close this meeting at 6:00 pm with an AREA cheer from dedee and the third step prayer.
Humbly,
Dedee./~