

- **AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**
- **HOSTED BY: “CROSSROADS” GROUP OF SPRING**

- **December 7, 2008**
- **Ben R. Chaired and opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer**
- **Don K. read the Twelve Traditions of NA**
- **Carrie S. Read the 12 Concepts For Service**
- **Cherri B. Read The purpose of an ASC and the Unity Statement**
- **Ben R. Read the Service Prayer**
- **Cherri B Did Roll Call**
- **GSR ROLL CALL BY ACTING SECRETARY (quorum)**
- **Conroe—BLTN—Jason B.**
- **Spring—Crossroads—Absent**
- **New Caney—New Hope—Robert M.**
- **Huntsville—Serious Undertakings—Johnny E.**
- **Tomball—New Attitudes—Billy S.**
- **Coldspring—Reflections—Wesley B.**
- **Cleveland—Freedom Train—Inactive**
- **Humble—Hope Without Dope—Inactive**
- **Secretary Report**

This is Cherri B’s last meeting as Acting Secretary. Carrie S. will take over as of this meeting. Minutes from last month’s meeting summarized by Cherri B.

- **Unfinished Business Reported From Last Month**

Area Volley Ball Tournament, Chili Cook Off in January, the Area Policy Review by the Ad-Hoc Committee, and Area Nominations.

- **Minutes Accepted**
- **Treasure’s Report—Christy L.**

Beginning Balance for November Is \$312.92. Group donations for last month was \$287.00, The Halloween Party brought in \$213.00 (it was a \$13.00 Profit), The volleyball tournament brought in \$165.00 (this was a world fundraiser) total income for October was \$665.00. Expenses for November \$5 bank fee, H & I Expenses totaling \$272.00, HASCONA donation of \$50.00, and RCM’s Expenses for travel to Regional meeting \$160.00 total expenses came to \$487.00. Please note that we are operating in our reserve by \$429.08.

January is Christy’s last month as treasurer. Thanks Christy for your commitment and the service you have given to the ASC.

Treasurer report accepted.

- **RCM1 Report By Ben C.**

Marty and Ben Went to Victoria for Their Learning Day it was like the one we will have in January @ BLTN In Conroe. Topics for discussion will be “Leadership and Communication”. Regional minutes from the Corpus Christy meeting had two big areas of conflict.

1. The Region Treasurer served as activities chair for her area and misappropriated funds and did not pay a vendor for over a month. She has made a mends with her area and with region. The question at hand is do we replace her or let her continue to be a trusted servant. Region has said no harm no foul. They are training a Co-treasurer at regional level to work with the Treasurer. GSR’S need to take this back to their groups and at the group level make a decision.
- Adopt an Inmate: Region spent \$7000 last year alone on this. HASO was handling it and they have dropped the ball and miss appropriated funds. Susan G. is the H & I Chair for the region and they are working on setting up a separate account just for Adopt an Inmate. The Inmates can get books from World but they have to write a letter and they get a white book and some literature and then they have to write another letter and they get a Basic Text. HASO wants region to give them another chance and will appeal their rights to do so at the February regional meeting. GSR’S need to take this back to their groups for discussion and have an answer for the ASC in January.

RCM2 Report By Marty

Marty turned in receipts for his and Ben’s trip to Region. Marty lost the receipt for their food and was willing to repay area or Ben for the lost receipt. The body as a whole agreed to accept a written receipt from Marty.

- **H & I Report By Jimmy H.**

Jimmy gave Literature to Don K. (10 Basic Text) and to Ben C. (10 Step Working Guides). These Texts are 6th tradition. BLTN is donating all 5th Editions to a shelter. Don K. is conducting the Wednesday SVORI meeting at the Estelle unit. Attendance has dropped at this meeting it is from 4-5pm. Ben C. has been totting the wait mainly for the women’s meeting at Montgomery County Jail. Need women volunteers to do the meeting at the jail. Jimmy also reported that they are up on literature. TDCJ has new forms to fill out Jimmy says it’s different do to verbiage and nothing else.

- **PI REPORT By Ben C. (Acting Chair)**

Juvenile Department has Literature but no rack. HASCONA is still making schedules new ones are due out soon, Ben passed around a sheet for region to the GSR’S to make changes. There are still some groups listed on schedules that are inactive. HOPE WITHOUT DOPE has moved their new address is as follows: 22770 HWY 59, Kingwood, TX 77339.

The regional Web servant has resigned and Tom K. is the new web server for the region. Buddy D. was going to try to make our meeting but was unable and will try to make next months meeting.

- **ACTIVITIES REPORT By Don K.**

The volleyball tournament raised \$165 it was a world fun raiser. The Annual Chili Cook off will be January 18 At BLTN in Conroe. Teams need to be there and set up at 10 am. Flyers will be sent out this week for this advert. Need to discuss the spring volleyball and softball tournaments and do we want to buy new trophies for the chili cook off.

- **ADHOC REPORT By Cherri B.**

Cherri chaired the meetings and Stewart W. sent the new policy out for review on Saturday December 6. It is a PDF file and if you have questions or comments please get with Stewart. Christy suggested that all the changes be done in a different color so we can compare the changes. Stewart is going to do the changes and resend them to everyone in the area. Once this has been done the groups need to go over it and review it.

- **VICE CHAIR REPORT By Cherri B.**

Cherri B. Waved the vice chair report as she has been acting secretary and doing the ADHOC Committee.

- **BREAK**

Ben R reopened our meeting with the Serenity Prayer

7TH TRADITION BASKET:

BASKET WAS PASSED AND COLLECTED \$29 CROSSROADS GROUP OPTED TO DONATE IT TO THE AREA. THANK YOU CROSSROADS.

GROUP REPORTS

- **BLTN—Jason B.** BLTN is hosting the Chili cook off/ learning day in January. They have two Birthdays on the board for January and they are Rick W. with 1 year and Jerry S. with 20 years. Area Donation for this month was \$60.
- **New Attitudes—Billy S.** They have moved their Group Conscience to the last Wednesday of the month. Attendance is low; they are trying to get the word out about the meeting location. They have had a few visitors from Waller attending but they are looking for something closer to them. Members of their group are having a conflict with Area events being on Sunday and they go to Church. No Birthdays for January.

- **New Hope—Robert M.** They are going to start a Saturday meeting as of January @ 6pm. Nothing else to report at this time. Everything is still the same. No Birthdays for January.
- **Reflections—Wesley B.** They are still under their trial basis for their Monday night meetings. Only problem is lack of attendance. No Birthdays for January. Everything else is still the same.
- **Serious Undertakings—Johnny E.** They are no longer having a Friday meeting and they are now meeting on Tuesday and Thursday. Lack of involvement is their only problem. No Birthdays for January. Area donation was \$30 for month of December.
- **Crossroads** Their GSR is out. We wish her a Speedy recovery. They did however give a donation of \$100 to the Area.
- **Freedom Train—Inactive**
- **Hope Without Dope—Inactive**
- **Sharing Session:**

Discussions started with talk of the Regional Treasurer. Cherri B. and Don K. voiced they felt she has admitted to her faults and she should be able to keep her position. Ben R. asked what kind of over sight is watching or reviewing the books? Ben C. Said they do and Independent and Individual Audit. GSR'S are to discuss with their home groups.

HASO will have to make a proposal in February; GSR'S need to take back to their home groups for discussion. Do we want to support Adopt an Inmate? Letters are being redirected to Susan at the Regional Level. We did discuss at our last ASC to let NAS take care of Adopt an Inmate. HASO has misappropriated funds and dropped the ball. World has been taking care of them for years. Region has also set up a separate account for Adopt an Inmate. The ASC has been sending \$50 every quarter to HASO and for nine months they haven't sent a report to Region to let them know where the funds have been going.

ADHOC—discussion has been tabled till next month for the Policy Review.

Don K. Discussed the Chili Cook Off and Learning day. The flyers will be out by the end of the week. Teams set up by 10am. From Noon to 1pm there will be a speaker meeting and then from 1:30 to 5:30 will be the Learning day. Winners TBA @ 5:30pm. There was also discussion of whether or not to buy new trophies or to keep the revolving trophy going. The cost of the trophies and 1 plaque is \$75. Stewart suggested that if the group who wins wants to keep their trophy they could purchase another to replace for next year.

Marty made a suggestion that we should bring a sponsee to the learning day and to area so they could get the feel of what we do. It would also be a good way to get more people involved with the ASC.

Ben C. is totting most of the weight at the women's meeting in Montgomery County Jail. It would be nice to have some help with this. The only problem is if you've been arrested in Montgomery County they will not approve you to do meetings there. Ben is working with them to try and get the Policy changed there so more can volunteer there. They have a maximum of 24 per meeting and there is a waiting list for them to go to the meetings in the jail. GSR'S please take back to your groups and try to get support for the women's meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nominations for Area need to be done in January. Stewart W. accepted the nomination for Web Servant. Don K. accepted the nomination for Activities Chair. Thanks Don and Stewart. That leaves the following positions open: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, H & I Chair, and PI Chair. GSR'S please stress nominations for these positions at your group level.

NEW BUSINESS:

Houston Area Phone Line is suffering. You have to have 6 months clean to do this. The only thing you need is a copy of the schedule with the address and the phone number of the contact person for the groups. If you are interested you need to contact Randy Jo @ 832-656-7296.

New schedules will be printed soon. The group made a conscience decision to cut back on our order from 1500 to 1000 on our next order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- CHILI COOK OFF JANUARY 18,2009 @ BLTN IN CONROE
- TBRCNA FEBRUARY 13-15 IN CHORPUS CHRISTY DEADLINE FOR DISCOUNTS JANUARY 1, 2009.
- NEXT ASC IS AT NEW HOPE IN NEW CANEY JANUARY 11,2009

GRATITUDE:

THE ASC WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CROSSROADS GROUP FOR HOSTING THIS MONTHS ASC.

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