

Area Service Committee Meeting – Conroe “BLTN” Group of Narcotics Anonymous

November 2, 2008

Cherri B. chaired meeting held at “BLTN Conroe” in the absence of Ben R
Cherri B Vice Chair had subcommittee meetings prior to ASC

Cherri B opened meeting followed by the serenity prayer
Reading of the Twelve Traditions – Jason B.
Reading of the Twelve Concepts of Service – Don K
Reading of the Purpose of ASC followed by the Unity Statement – Cherri B.
Reading of the Service Prayer – Karry

GSR Roll Call by Secretary (Quorum)

Conroe - BTLN – Jason B.
Spring - Crossroads – Absent
Tomball - New Attitudes – Billy S.
New Caney - New Hope – Robert M
Huntsville - Serious Undertakings – Johnny E.
Cleveland - Freedom Train – GSR Absent (Inactive)
Coldspring - Reflections – Jackie K.
Humble - Hope Without Dope – GSR Absent (Inactive)

Secretary Report – Read by Cherri B.

Summarized minutes from previous meeting held 10/07/08 at Huntsville “Serious Undertakings” Group.

Treasurer Report – Christy L.

Beginning balance is \$1089.92. There was \$62.00 in group donations for income. There was \$869.00 in expenses (Bank Fees \$5.00, PI Expense \$30.00, H&I Expense \$454.00, Activates \$200.00, Hascona \$50.00, World Service Office \$50.00, Tejas Bluebonnet Region \$50.00). Balance in Account for end of October \$312.92. We are operating in our reserve of \$920.00 by \$607.08. Please note that Activities Chair Don K. collected \$203.00 at Halloween function to repay the \$200.00 Activity seed money.

RCM Report – Ben C .

Learning day was cancelled for the Saturday November 1, 2008 in which BLTN was to host. Our apologies if this inconvenienced anyone. As RCM chair Ben C. felt like there was not going to be participation at this event because strained time commitments in preplanning stages.

Ben suggested that we possibly reschedule this event in January during the Chili cook-off. Jimmy H. suggested sending RSC delegate apology for rescheduling.

Issue topics for WSC are “Leadership” “Building Communication” and “Our Freedom, Our Responsibility”

Ben C. reminded everyone that the next Regional Meeting will be held Saturday November 8 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. in Corpus Christi. He also stated that there will be a learning day held in Victoria, Texas December 6, 2008 and urged our Area to attend.

Ben C. had TBRCA T-Shirts for sale at ASC for \$15.00. They come in White and Gray with different styles (T-Shirt or Tank Top). They are the “At the End of the Road” ASC was happy with the printing, style and quality. In addition, he has registration forms for this event.

H & I – Jimmy H.

H & I stated that it is still going into two Montgomery County Jail meetings. Wednesday (Jimmy H and Don K) and Saturday (Julian, Lance and Ben C). Ben C announced that there is still a great need for the women volunteers to take meetings in.

Ben C. stressed the importance of coordinating efforts and reminded everyone that our concepts state that we are responsible... There are 9 facilities within 50 miles.

Ben has been taking the meetings into the females in an effort to continue their meetings until we can receive more female volunteers and coordinate our efforts. At this time there are approx. 25 female prisoners showing up for this meeting.

Jackie K. and Louise B have both been approved and will be taking their orientation classes to go into the prisons. Their plans are to hold NA meeting at Plain State jail for women.

Don K. meeting in Huntsville SVORI – Serious Violent Offenders Reentry Initiative for special needs inmates has been on lock down for two weeks. However, there are new members and he will be requesting Basic Texts.

Jimmy H. requested a total of \$272.00 for literature. This will cover twenty Basic Texts and 100 little white books at .52 cents each. Jimmy stated that he will be unable to attend Region due to family conflict. He also requested that our Regional delegate, Ben C. talk to the Regional H & I chair to get any new information.

Ben C. stated that he has filled the request for I.P.’s at Juvenile Probation in Conroe. In addition, he will be requesting a rack to place I.P.’s in at Juvenile Probation.

Ben C went over the procedures for being approved to go into the jails, receiving the approval letter and the list of facilities that offer the orientation training session that has to be completed within six months of receiving the letter. Wait three weeks after class to be cleared by system to call for final approval. At that point call Warden's office and coordinate starting or meeting in their facility. Area will provide literature for that meeting. Once inside be dressed appropriately and take nothing in but drivers license and literature.

Scott C. stated that he has completed this process and you must be out of prison eighteen months or be accompanied with someone else. There are a lot of units that specifically want an NA meeting. He stated that in the next three months he will be starting an NA meeting... Scott also stated that every two years you will have to renew the orientation class requirement to renew your approved status.

PI Report – Acting Chair Ben C.

Ben C. stated that there are plenty of schedules and reminded everyone that we can all make changes by emailing the changes to schedulechanges@hascona.com. Every three months schedules can be reprinted.

Ben C. stated that he and Cherri B. attended the Ark Church special planning meeting concerning bringing Recovery into their Church. At that meeting they brought NA literature and made themselves available to answer questions on the NA program. They are waiting for feedback from the Ark on NA possibly being able to start an NA meeting at that location.

Ben C. stated that Juvenile Probation has received their literature in the form of I.P.'s including the new I.P. "By young Addicts for Young Addicts". He stated that they do not have a literature rack and will facilitate them receiving one and will make a commitment to keep it filled.

Activities – Don K.

Don K stated that the Halloween Party that was held in New Caney at the "New Hope Group" on 10/25/08 at 7:00 P.M. collected \$203.00 which will repay the \$200.00 in seed money that Area issued for this event. Event went well.

Volleyball Fun Day / Fundraiser will be held at Burroughs Park in Tomball on Sunday November 16, 2008. This will be a World Fundraiser and Don will create a flyer which he will submit to Stuart for our webpage. Don K. asked for volunteers to help this event at personal or group levels. Please bring back to your Groups and ask for participation.

Discussion ensued on Area Events v/s lack of Group participation. Jason B. reminded everyone that at certain times of year participation does dwindle.

Discussion of Chili cook off which is to be held on January 18 at BLTN. Don K. gave Huntsville their trophy for last year – this is a rotating trophy in which the name plate will change every year with the new winning groups information.

Ideas for New Years Eve dance was tabled until the following month.

Ad-Hoc – Ben C.

Ad Hoc committee met at noon and completed changes to the Area policy. Stewart W has volunteered to type these changes with the help of notes he will collect from members who attended these meetings and we will present this report to Area for review and approval at our next ASC meeting.

Vice Chair – Cherri B.

Vice Chair is acting as secretary in the absence of Tommy H. until position is filled. She is also on the Ad-Hoc committee on the review of the NASCONA ASC Policy. As acting Chairperson in today's meeting she stated that she helped set up the Halloween party and returned two days later to remove all Halloween decorations from the "New Hope Group" meeting rooms and has them stored with her own and decorations from the "Conroe Club". Area is more than welcome to use all decorations at future events. In addition, she will be in attendance at the Volleyball fundraiser and has volunteered to do her part to make that event a success.

Web Servant – Stewart W –

Stewart stated to please send "only pertaining information" to the website concerning NA. He apologized for not posting ASC minutes to website and has volunteered to type the ASC policy changes to submit to group. Stewart has asked for any insight and has requested that all flyers, reports, and upcoming events be emailed to him at stewartbwalker@hotmail.com.

BREAK – Optional and Not Taken

Re-Opened – Serenity Prayer

Seventh Tradition Basket

Basket Passed – Collected \$47.00

Conroe "Better Late Than Never" group opted to give \$47.00 to ASC.

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

Coldspring - Reflections – Jackie K.

They now have new NA meeting called “Reflection Group of Point Blank”, Carrie S. is serving as assistant secretary. The attendance for these meetings are the Coldspring members along with one or two new-comers. Jackie K stated that they need I.P, rack and twelve step posters. They have NA phone number in phone book and are listed in three free newspapers. Their message is to spread the message in other groups and the state jails. They are having a fundraiser on November 7 and 8. Jackie K. and Louise B plan to hold NA meeting at Plain State jail and local jails. Both have been approved and will be going to the orientation classes. Coldspring Group has issued \$10.00 to ASC for group donations.

Conroe - Better Late Then Never – Jason B

Jason B. has offered the use of BLTN for the Chili Cook Off on January 18 and has donated the hot dogs and buns for the Volleyball World Fundraiser. He has issued a \$200.00 check to ASC for group donations. He stated that their groups Bi-Annual fundraiser is pending.

New Caney - New Hope – Robert M.

We thanked this group for the use of their building for our Halloween event. Their Anniversary which was scheduled on 9/21/08 at Peach Creek Park has been changed to 11/23/08 at their facility – this will be a potluck. Robert has brought several concerns to ASC will be addressed in sharing session.

Humble – Hope Without Dope – GSR Absent

Group Inactive at this time.

Spring - Crossroads – GSR Absent

Brenda W. not present.

Tomball - New Attitudes – Billie S.

Welcome to the new GSR Billie S. She stated that their group has also elected a new Treasurer Johnny H. Their meeting address is 715 E. Carrell and they have Monday and Wednesday meetings from 6:30 – 7:30. They had a poster day and have flyers to hand – out. They will be mailing an ASC area donation in.

Huntsville - Serious Undertakings – Johnny E.

Johnny E. stated that their group is growing. They meet at 700 E Hwy 30 in Huntsville on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 – 9:00 which are both non-smoking meetings. Huntsville Serious Undertakings Group has issued \$30.00 to ASC for group donations.

Cleveland – Freedom Train – GSR Absent

Group Inactive at this time.

Sharing Session

In “Sharing Session” we discussed the upcoming Volleyball Fundraiser at Burroughs Park in Tomball on Sunday November 16, 2008. Stuart W. offered to help with any flyers needed for Area and to bring a gallon of Chili. Jason B. will donate hot dogs, cheese and buns, Johnny E. offered to bring soft drinks, Jackie K. offered to bring water and Cherri B. offered to bring condiments (relish, ketchup, mustard, etc.).

Robert M. of “New Hope” stated that he has been visiting other groups in the Area during their Group Conscience time slot that have not been actively participating in area. He visited Freedom Train and found that there are only three active members. He asked BLTN for little white books to take to them – Cherri B. honored request and handed over literature of 50 little white books so that if a new-comer was to walk in they could be given one of those.

Area readdressed the concerns on the purchasing of Basic Texts when the inmates can request by the writing of two letters to receive a free copy.

Unfinished Business

Area will not give seed money for Volleyball Fundraiser all needs will be addressed as per donations given in Sharing Session.

New Business

Jimmy H. requested \$272.00 for H&I to buy 20 Basic Texts and 100 White Books.

Ben C. requested a literature rack for I.P.’s at Juvenile Probation.

Chili Cook Off January 18, 2008 at BLTN accompanied with a Learning Day. The topic for Learning Day will be “Leadership and Good Communication in our Fellowship” The cooks will arrive at 9:00 A.M. Learning Day will be help from 10:00 A.M. – to 2:00 P.M. The Judges will be our speakers for Learning Day.

The Houston phone line chair, Randy Jo, asking for volunteers to help man phone lines.
The number for information is 832-656-7298.

Elections

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

Marty was elected as our new RCM of ASC.

Karrie was elected as Secretary of ASC

Select Location of Next Meeting

Spring “Crossroads”

1:00 PM - Subcommittee Meetings

2:00 PM - ASC Area Service Meeting

Announcements

New Hope Anniversary has been changed to 11/23/08 – this will be a potluck.

Registration Forms for the Tejas Blue Bonnet Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous – TBRCNA which will be held on February 13-15 2009 in Corpus Christi, Texas.

BLTN in Conroe hosting the Chili Cook Off and Learning Day on January 18,2008.

Volleyball Fun Day / Fundraiser will be held at Burroughs Park in Tomball on Sunday November 16, 2008.

Gratitude

ASC thanks Conroe “Better Late then Never” Group for hosting the November ASC meeting.

Ben R. Motioned to adjourn - Adjourned