

Area Service Committee Meeting – Huntsville “Serious Undertakings” of Narcotics Anonymous

October 7, 2008

Ben R. chaired meeting held at “Serious Undertakings”
Cherri B Vice Chair had subcommittee meetings prior to ASC

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

GSR Roll Call by Secretary (Quorum)

Conroe - BTLN – GSR Absent
Spring - Crossroads – Brenda
Tomball - New Attitudes – GSR Absent
New Caney - New Hope – Robert M
Huntsville - Serious Undertakings – GSR Absent (Inactive)
Cleveland - Freedom Train – GSR Absent (Inactive)
Coldspring - Reflections – Wesley B.
Humble - Hope Without Dope – GSR Absent

Secretary Report – Read by Cherri B.

Summarized minutes from previous meeting held 9/07/08 at Coldspring “Reflections”
Group.

Treasurer Report – Christy L.

Beginning balance is \$1002.67. There was \$352.25 in group donations. There was
\$265.00 in expenses (Schedules and HASCONA Aug. & Sept. The ending balance
\$1089.92. There is \$920.00 set aside for reserves leaving an actual balance of \$169.92 in
account.

RCM Report – Ben C .

Ben C stated that the Region is going over their policy for revisions. Regional policy has
been redone- they are in the process of making changes such as more Consensus Based
Decision Making and Adopt an Inmate.

He also stated that the Region was formed February 12, 1994 that is the reason that our
convention is held the second week of February.

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

The next Regional Meeting will be held the second weekend in November in Corpus Christi.

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 the women have not been present therefore he has been chairing the women’s meeting and is desperately looking for female volunteers. Cherri B. has volunteered to go into some of the meetings with him and has filled out paperwork waiting on approval.

Women’s Plain State Jail meeting still needing volunteers. Jackie K. and Louise B plan to hold NA meeting at Plain State jail. Louise has been approved and Jackie K. is pending approval.

Don K. meeting in Huntsville SVORI – Serious Violent Offenders Reentry Initiative for special needs inmates going great. They have about twenty inmates that are participating in this program. Jimmy gave Don K. five Basic Texts to bring to the new inmates.

Jimmy H. requested a total of \$428.00 for literature. This will cover thirty Basic Texts 10 Step Study Guides and I.P.’s.

Ben C. requested funds for I.P.’s at Juvenile Probation in Conroe.

Jimmy H. stated that he had a phone call about a new meeting being started in Dugan and he will distribute the information needed for new group start up.

PI Report – Acting Chair Ben C.

Ben C. distributed new 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 we will reschedule our Learning Day at BLTN. Issue Topic to be discussed will be “General Service” Ben C. contacted RCM to verify schedule change.

Activities – Don K.

Volleyball Fun Day / Fundraiser will be held at Burroughs Park in Tomball on Sunday November 16, 2008. This will be an H&I Fundraiser and Don will create a flyer which he will submit to Stuart for our webpage.

There was also a discussion of a Halloween Party to be held in New Caney at the “New Hope Group” on 10/25/08 at 7:00 P.M. All profits will be donated to Region. Volunteers for this event are Cherri B., Ben C., Jackie K., Wesley. Ben C. stated that although there was Hurricane damage to building that we could still have party there. Discussion of flyers and distribution. GSR Group participation needed in order to make this a success. This will be a Funday starting versus a Halloween Dance. Please contact Don by email at don_knight_06@msn.com for input, flyers, and items your groups will be able to offer to help this event.

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

Ad-Hoc – Ben C.

No Ad Hoc to Report – except that a recommitment to go over ASC policy changes was needed and that all ASC on this committee should report at 12:00 P.M. at our next ASC meeting.

Vice Chair – Cherri B.

Vice Chair is acting as secretary in the absence of Tommy H. She is also on the Ad-Hoc committee on the review of the NASCONA ASC Policy. In addition, she has volunteered to be on the committee to head up the Halloween Area Fundraiser and go into the Montgomery County Women’s NA meeting with Ben C.

Web Servant – Stewart W –

Stewart stated that he was able to pull any NASCONA files from Web-Site and send a copy of all files to acting secretary Cherri B. He has also been transferring items to our web-site. Stewart has asked for any insight and has requested that all flyers, reports, and upcoming events be emailed to him at stewartwalker@hotmail.com.

BREAK

Re-Opened – Serenity Prayer

Seventh Tradition Basket

Basket Passed – Collected \$32.00
Huntsville “Serious Undertakings opted to give \$32.00 to ASC.

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

Coldspring - Reflections – Wesley

They now have new NA meeting called “Reflection Group of Point Blank”, Carrie S. is serving as assistant secretary. They have NA phone number in phone book and are listed in three free newspapers. They are having a fundraiser on November 7 and 8. They are changing their birthday night to the last Friday of the month and Group Conscience will be on the third Friday of the month. Jackie K. and Louise B plan to hold NA meeting at Plain State jail and local jails. Louise has her approval and Jackie K. is in process of working on hers.

Conroe - Better Late Then Never – Absent

New Caney - New Hope – Robert M.

Their building has suffered some damage due to Hurricane. 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 – Absent

Spring - Crossroads – Brenda W.

They are trying to find a new meeting site and make some changes to their schedule. They were without power for a few weeks and attempted to hold meetings in parking lot.

Tomball - New Attitudes – Absent

Sharing Session

In “Sharing Session” we discussed the upcoming Learning Day at BLTN which will be Saturday November 1, 2008.

Robert M. of “New Hope” expressed concerns on the purchasing of Basic Texts when the inmates can request by the writing of two letters to receive a free copy. He stated the handing out of I.P.’s and white books would be more cost efficient in such hard economic times that a lot of our groups are experiencing. H&I Rep reminded him that

our Primary Purpose is to carry the message and that he believed that the inmates in the County Jails could not request Basic Texts unless they were in prison. Jimmy H. suggested that he tried to be “frugal” but our literature reaching the right hands was very important.

He also brought up questions concerning the following of our Seventh Traditions on items such as holding a garage sale. Discussion Followed.

Quarterly donations to World, Regional, and Adopt an Inmate due this month. Discussion ensued concerning HASO and the policy of World to issue Basic Texts.

Discussion of visiting groups during their Group Conscience to increase ASC participation.

Discussion of our Reserves in our checking account and how those reserves were earmarked.

Unfinished Business

Halloween Fundraiser date is changed to 10/25/08 – flyers and emails to be mailed out.

Literature to be bought by Area for Conroe Juvenile Detention – Ben C. stated that he will fill order and asked area for \$30.00 donation.

Learning Day 11/01/08 – 1:30 – 5:30 – BLTN to provide Food

New Business

Jimmy H. requested \$428.00 for H&I to buy 30 Basic Texts, 10 Step Working Guides and I.P.’s.

Proposal presented and approved to donate \$50.00 to World, \$50.00 to Region and suspend the Adopt an Inmate donation until our Ad-Hoc committee can review and make changes.

Ben C. requested \$30.00 for I.P. rack to be filled at Juvenile Probation.

Proposal approved for Halloween party budget of \$200.00 seed money approved. All profits from Halloween party will be donated to Region.

Elections

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

Marty was elected as our new RCM of ASC.

Karrie was nominated and accepted position as Secretary of ASC

Select Location of Next Meeting

Conroe “Better Late Then Never”

12:00 PM – Ad Hoc Committee

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.

Halloween Party to be held in New Caney at the “New Hope Group” on 10/25/08 at 7:00 P.M.

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 Learning Day on November 1, 2008 from 1:30 – 5:30.

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

Gratitude

ASC thanks Huntsville “Serious Undertakings” Group for hosting the October ASC meeting.

Ben R. Motioned to adjourn - Adjourned