

Northside Area Service Committee Meeting

April 3, 2016

Chair opened the meeting at 14:00 with the Serenity Prayer (Whole Group).

Twelve Traditions were read by Don.

Twelve Concepts of Service were read by Mike H..

Purpose of the Area Service Committee (ASC) and Unity Statement were read by Scott
Service Prayer was read Scott.

Roll Call

Trusted Servants for the 2015 Service Year are as follows

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| • Chair- Billie | Absent |
| • Vice Chair- Braden | Present |
| • Secretary - Scott | Present |
| • Treasurer- Jess | Present |
| • Co-Treasurer- | Open |
| • H & I Chair- Kyle | Absent |
| • PR Chair- Marty | Absent |
| • Activities Chair- Brenda | Present |
| • RCM 1- Stewart | Present |
| • RCM 2- | Open |
| • Literature Review Chair- | Open |
| • Web Servant- Bob T | Present |

Groups

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| BAMN(Huntsville)- | Absent |
| Bonnie's House- | Absent |
| Better Late Than Never (Conroe)- | Present |
| Hope without Dope (Kingwood)- | Present |
| Happy, Joyous and Free (Woodlands)- | Present |
| Tomball New Attitudes (Tomball)- | Present |
| New Hope (New Caney)- | Present |
| Serenity Happens (Brenham)- | Absent |
| Serious Undertakings (Huntsville)- | Present |
| Walking the Walk (Conroe)- | Present |

Trusted Servant Reports

Secretary's Report-(Scott)

- Read by Secretary from last months minutes.

Treasurer's Report-(Jess)

NASCONA TREASURER'S REPORT			AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE DATE: 04/03/16
REPORT PERIOD	BEGINNING DATE: 3/6/2016		
	ENDING DATE: 4/2/2016		

BEGINNING BALANCE		(ENDING BALANCE FROM LAST REPORT)	BALANCE
			\$1,966.64
INCOME			
Group Donations		Deposits	
	3/6/2016 Better Late Than Never	\$100.00	\$2,652.65
	BAMN		
	Bonnie's House		
	Hope for the Hopeless		
	Hope Without Dope		
	It's About Time		
	New Attitudes		
	New Hope		
	3/6/2016 Serious Undertakings-	\$50.00	
	for 1/2016 Happy, Joyous, and Free	\$70.00	
	3/6/2016 Happy, Joyous, and Free	\$40.57	
	Serenity Happens		
	3/6/2016 Walk the Walk	\$79.00	
	3/6/2016 ASC donation -7th Tradition Basket	\$21.00	
Other Income			
	3/6/2016 Better Late Than Never - Crawfish Festival	\$350.00	
	3/6/2016 Pre sale tickets for the Crawfish Festival	\$200.00	
	3/6/2016 Tomball Donation in place of Day in the Park	\$200.00	
	4/3/2016 Crawfish Festival	\$1,542.08	
TOTAL INCOME		\$2,652.65	\$2,652.65
SUBTOTAL AFTER INCOME			\$4,619.29
EXPENSES			
		CLEARED	
1361	3/5/2016 HASCONA	\$50.00	
1362	3/6/2016 Stewart W. Region Travel Expenses	\$106.02	
1364	3/6/2016 The Conroe Club - Love Fest - Venue Expense	\$35.00	
1365	3/13/2016 Scott S. for crawfish purchase	\$750.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$941.02	
ENDING BALANCE AFTER EXPENSES			\$3,678.27
PRUDENT RESERVE			(\$600.00)
AVAILABLE ENDING BALANCE			\$3,078.27
Bank Balance from Statement			
deposit not credited			
checks not cleared			
Adjusted Balance			
(should agree with ENDING BALANCE from Above)			

Hascona shared services needs to be paid for October, November, and December 2015 for \$50.00 each month, a total of \$150.00

RCM Report-(Stewart)

Regional Assembly Notes

March 12, 2016

#1-10-Traditions Book is available on line. READ IT! They talked a lot about it being cut down in size. Many thought too much was cut. The discussion was if it should go to print as is or stay in editing until the next WSC in two years. I am not sure what the final vote will come out as. Stay tuned.

-The length of world service terms was discussed. They want to make it a 6-year term. The reasoning is 6 years puts you there WSC 3 times. The first time you are just trying to keep up with what is happening. The second time, you are better but still a little shaky. The third, time you can actually participate in business. Many conversations and tabled topics are drug out. (see the traditions book above) Look into this for more information.

-There is literature concerning mental illness in the works. For this reason, we chose to not add it in the section of choosing literature to work on. (the end of the tally sheet)

-You can currently request minutes and financial information from world through the NAWs website. There was discussion of possible legal ramifications from posting it online.

-1.3 million in Basic Text sales per year. This is the main revenue for NA.

-#10 145,000 is the low estimate to send RDs to Russia for WSC. We are going to suggest skype or something comparable. This would allow members of NA to watch without interrupting the WSC.

-#11 They also talked about moving to zonal representation rather than regional. We do have regions that are not seated due to available space. There was a region that suggested sharing an RD. This did not seem to go over well.

-#12 In regards to the service reading...many thoughts were made. One being that meetings could put this in their meeting format. It was also brought up that this is not in our basic text while other readings are. It could also be a pamphlet or IP. If this passes it would be in a project plan like all of our literature.

-#13 Regions would have more influence than the World Board. As an area we voted NO to this. Should we move our vote to YES?

-#14 Yes, if amended they can make motions in the CAR but not on the floor.

Next Regional Meeting

[Regional Service Conference Spring 2016](#)

May 14, 2016

Temple Oaks Baptist

2101 W. 34th

Houston 77018

H & I Report

Jeannie was approved to go into MCJ. Women's meeting Wednesday 3:30 pm

Ben does men's meeting at MCJ

Scott in Byrd Unit

Peyton in Pack Unit

PR Report

No report

Literature Review Report- (Open)

No report

Activities Report

ACTIVITIES REPORT - APRIL 2016 ASC - 4/3/16

Once again, thanks to everyone who helped with and showed up for the Crawfish Boil. Special thanks to Jeff, Scott, Hoop and the whole crawfish cooking team and to Billy for his fine offering of chicken and hot dogs!! Thanks to Allison H. and BLTN for all of the work preparing for and running this event as well as the way generous donation of \$350.00. And thanks to all who brought sides, served, collected money, sold T-shirts, and for those special folks who just pitched in where they saw a need. **This event was a rousing success with \$1,102.18 raised.** The fellowship was great and we showed some newcomers how we have fun in NA!! Accounting of fundraisers and t-shirt sales is attached.

We sold another 26 shirts, so we are at the break-even point with the shirts. It's all profit from here on out. We have 28 shirts left in inventory. Do we want to make another T-shirt order before the campout??

Fellowship by the Lake April 22 – 24th

Thanks to those who have agreed to help as follows:

Coffee, water and lemonade/Kool-Aid - Mike H. (will you get ice?)
T-Shirt sales - Jeri/Jess
Set up Saturday banquet - Karen and TNA
Servers for Saturday banquet - Allison H.
Clean up Saturday banquet - Ben C.
Serenity keepers - Scott C.
Schedules, Trash bags, and butt can set ups at each shelter - Stacy Jo

Meeting Leaders:

Friday 8:00	Welcome/Fellowship meeting	Open
Friday 12:00	We're only as sick as our secrets	Karen
Saturday 9:00	Just for Today	Scott
Saturday 1:30	Spiritual Principals	Chassedy
Saturday 8:00	Speaker: Zac from Clear Lake	Stewart
Saturday 12:00	Serenity	Jamie R.
Sunday 9:00	?????	Braden

Sunday morning breakfast – kolaches and donuts? Don K.??

Please announce the brisket contest at your groups and try to get a count of how many entries.

I'm setting an Activities Subcommittee for 10:00 am here at BLTN, Saturday April 16th for final planning. Please, it would be really great if all GSRs, group Activities Chairs and all other interested parties would come to help.

I have T-shirts with me for sale today!! Don't wait till we run out.

In loving service,
Brenda W.

EVENT PROFIT AND LOSS

1/31/2016

**CHILI COOK-OFF
and CAKE AUCTION
INCOME**

ENTRIES	\$100.00	
DONATIONS	\$307.00	
CAKE AUCTION	\$200.00	
TOTAL		\$607.00

EXPENSE	CONROE CLUB	\$30.00	
	TROPHIES	\$21.00	
	BOWLS/NAPKINS	\$7.00	
	PAID FROM PROCEEDS		\$58.00
	reimburse Don K.		\$23.71
	(2nd set of trophies)		

EVENT PROFIT		\$525.29
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2/28/2016

**LOVE FEST 2016
INCOME**

FLOWERS	\$231.50	
SWEETS	\$186.50	
TOTAL		\$418.00

EXPENSE	CONROE CLUB	\$35.00	check to Conroe Club
	FLOWERS	\$81.00	reimbursed Brenda W. from proceeds
	TOTAL		\$116.00

EVENT PROFIT		\$302.00
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CRAWFISH BOIL**INCOME**

Sales Day of	\$977.00	
Conroe Club Sales	\$150.00	(not collected)
Pre Sales	\$200.00	
NA JAIL	\$220.00	
AUCTION	\$168.00	
BLTN donation	\$350.00	
TOTAL		\$2,065.00

EXPENSE	CONROE CLUB	\$30.00	paid cash
	CRAWFISH, etc.	\$750.00	chk to Scott C.
	propane	\$88.84	paid cash
	chicken & hot dogs	\$93.98	paid cash
	TOTAL		\$962.82

EVENT PROFIT		\$1,102.18
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TNA donation

GRAND TOTAL	\$2,129.47
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SIZE	BLACK	ROYAL BLUE	GREY	TOTAL
small	2	3	3	8
medium	4	4	4	12
large	4	5	5	14
XL	6	5	5	16
2XL	6	5	5	16
3XL	3	3	3	9
	25	25	25	75

SIZE	BLACK	ROYAL BLUE	GREY	TOTAL
small	1	3	0	4
medium	3	3	1	7
large	3	5	4	12
XL	6	5	2	13
2XL	5	5	1	11
3XL	1	3	3	7
	19	24	11	54

AFTER CRAWFISH BOIL

SIZE	BLACK	ROYAL BLUE	GREY	TOTAL
small	1	3	0	4
medium	2	2	0	4
large	2	3	0	5
XL	3	2	0	5
2XL	3	5	0	8
3XL	1	1	0	2
	12	16	0	28

TOTAL SHIRTS SOLD	47
TOTAL SHIRTS LEFT	28

Web Servant Report – NASCONA – April 3, 2016

We are getting a fair amount of traffic on the site and this will increase as the summer approaches due to members traveling. I do the updates when I am informed. We have good rankings in the search engines.

We are getting a fishing email or virus addressed to our all@nascona.org email address. It comes across as a problem delivering your package. There is a zip file attached. **DO NOT OPEN THIS FILE.** I have taken the step with my server to track whomever is doing this. In the mean time I will delete the address and add a new one. When this is done I will send a test email to everyone on the list. You will need to save the new email address or we can delete the all@nascona.org. It is up to the service body as I follow the Concepts of Service.

When I built our website I used a simple program WordPress instead of Dreamweaver which is a far superior program. Word Press is free and easy to use. Dreamweaver is expensive and complicated. I have never charged our area for the website or domain name. I can have as many domains as I want on Blue Host at no extra charge. The reason I went with WordPress is that anyone with some computer experience could take over as Web Servant. Keeping the site updated is simple...that is if you are given the updates. By the way, I did this at my sponsors suggestion.

Now where am I going with this? Due to some personal problems namely my health and some other people living in their resentments this is my last ASC as your web servant. I will help whomever this body chooses to replace me learn WordPress or you can rebuild it. You can keep the site on my server or you can move it. I can set it up on Blue Host that the emails can be accessed and changed by whomever you choose to replace me.

In Selfless Service,

Bob T.

Ad- Hoc Reports-

Ad hoc committee met and will submit a proposal to the Area.

Ad Hoc Committee meeting set for Apr 22, 2016 after the 9am Campout meeting.

Vice Chair Report-(Braden)

BREAK

7th Tradition Basket passed- Collected \$

Group GSR Reports

BAMN-absent

Bonnie's House. (Absent)

Better Late Than Never-.

- Great meeting attendance
- \$75 donation
- No problems or events

Tomball New Attitudes-

- Getting ready for the move in June

Hope without Dope

- Monday 8pm – 17 people.
- Need Trusted Servants willing to consistently contribute
- Thursday 8pm @ 8 people

New Hope-

- \$20.00 donation

Happy, Joyous and Free-.

- Debbie G. celebrated 23 years
- Attendance up to @20 people

Serenity Happens-(Absent)**Serious Undertakings-**

- \$150 donation

- Lack of Trusted Servants
- 6-10 people attending

Walking the Walk-

- Karaoke TBA
- Need support
- Wed 7pm

Sharing

- Jess needs help with her email. Stewart will help

Unfinished Business-

none

Old Business-

- Proposal to make all Area meetings non vaping was tabled

New Business-

- Proposal to remove Kyle as Area H&I Chair – Consensus reached
- Ad Hoc Committee proposed policy change.

CONSENSUS BASED DECISION MAKING

Consensus is defined as the decision making process in which discussion and compromise are used to reach an agreement. One of the reasons we try to achieve consensus is that it ensures we follow our 9th Concept, —all elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making process.

Participation

All members of Narcotics Anonymous are welcome to attend and can be recognized by the Facilitator to ask pertinent questions or make a meaningful contribution to the discussion as nonvoting participants.

All committee members except the member acting as Facilitator may participate in decision-making during new business, and all other ASC decisions except those which were sent back to the groups for consideration. Only GSRs will participate in decision making on proposals that were sent back to the groups.

The ASC Facilitator acts as the discussion facilitator and not as a participant. Their primary objective is to achieve consensus for the proposal being discussed while observing the Traditions and Concepts. Their service to The Area is to ensure that all points of view are heard and to focus the best thinking of those participating.

CBDM Process

1. **Proposals are submitted in writing to the Facilitator.** Intent is included.

2. **The Facilitator opens the dialogue** - Begin with the maker of the proposal.

3. **Proposal Clarifying questions are taken** - This is when questions are asked to ensure that all participants understand the proposal. This is not the time for general discussion.

4. **Facilitator asks for concerns or reservations** - This is the time when general discussion occurs

a. This is when modifications may be made to the proposal in an effort to address expressed reservations or concerns.

b. Maker of the proposal as well as other participants may offer modifications.

5. **Facilitator may ask for consensus at any time during the process.**

a. There are four positions a participant may take on a proposal

Assent – agree with the proposal

Assent with reservation – although there are reservations or concerns, the individual will trust and go along with the body's decision.

Stand Aside – based on strong personal reservations which prevents support for the proposal. This is essentially a "NO" vote.

Block – based on spiritual principles expressed in our Traditions or Concepts.

1. A block must be followed by speaking to the specific Tradition or

Concept which would be violated.

2. A block will prevent a proposal from being adopted.

b. Consensus is reached when 80% of the participants are in Assent or Assent with reservation. The number which represents 80% shall be determined based on the number of participants present.

c. A block may be overridden by the body.

1. If the validity of a block is not questioned, the block will stand and the proposal is not adopted.

2. If the validity of a block is questioned, the body must reach consensus on whether the block should stand. The same process is used for this as for reaching consensus on a proposal.
3. If the block is overridden, the Facilitator will again ask for consensus on the proposal.

If consensus is not reached, the proposal may be dismissed, the proposal may be sent to a reconciliation committee - or perhaps to the original author - for rewriting to work out the objections, or be tabled for the next ASC.

This proposal was sent back to the Groups.

Elections-

- Open positions: Co-Treasurer, H&I, RCM2, Lit Review
- Stacy Jo nominated as Web Servant

Announcements-

- The next ASC will be held on May 1, 2016 at Better Late than Never.