

Houston Area Service Committee of NA Minutes

November 26, 2017
1:00-4:30 pm

1:00 Serenity Prayer
Service Prayer, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts

Roll Call

GSRs present- 10 GSRs Voting privileges-7 Groups represented -14
Administrative Committee Members- 5 Subcommittee Facilitators-2

Recognitions

New groups-None
New GSRs-2

Key Administrative Reports

Facilitator- Heather stated that she did not have a written report this month, but that nothing notable occurred since the last meeting.

Recorder-Called in running a bit late. (See Attachment) The minutes were reviewed. A member noted that the RCM titles are RCM 1 and RCM 2. They are equal partners elected in alternate years. The title of RCM Alternate is incorrect.

Treasurer- ASC has \$956.73 above and beyond prudent reserve. There is a literature order pending; and PI has donated literature that they can share with H&I. (See Attachments)

Group Reports

Hope Sweet Hope-Attendance low, meetings on Thursdays. Donations to ASC quarterly. There was not a meeting on Thanksgiving Day.

Chance for Freedom-All positions are filled. Thanksgiving meeting attendance was low with 2 people attending. Attendance 8-10 ppl average. Business meeting 2nd Friday and Birthday meeting is last Friday of the month.

Sunday Starters-Meetings are going well. 7031 Ave F. Houston, Tx. Last Sunday of the month is birthday celebration.

Third Coast Group-No group concerns, attendance is around 20 ppl. Donation of \$24.72 was made to the ASC. Flyers for Christmas marathon have been distributed for event being held on December 24th-December 25th@8pm. Three slots are available if interested in chairing a meeting.

Westside Group- Meet Saturday morning at 1030 at gathering place 5310 S. Willow. Have donuts. Average attendance is 5 – 10.

Hugs not Drugs- Had thanksgiving event. Meetings are doing well.

Our Common Bond- Attendance is doing well. Birthday night is 1st Saturday and group conscience is first Sunday. Planning an anniversary event.

TSTB-Thursdays and Fridays attendance are picking up. Monday night meetings need support. Made donation to area. Having white elephant party Dec. 22nd starting at 9 pm after regular meeting. Suggesting bringing white elephant gifts no greater than 20 dollars and a covered dish if possible. No addict turned away.

Rainbow of Hope-Meeting going well. Still meeting on Tuesdays in different location. No activities, and making donation to area in December.

When at the End of the Road-Attendance Monday through Friday noon meetings is real low. Friday night Men's meeting has good attendance. Will be having a Black and white Event on Dec 15th. Will have flyers out next week. Located on 2305 McGowan.

Ties that Bind-The Wednesday's meetings have stopped because of low attendance. In need of a GSR. Meetings are being held on Tuesday at 8pm, Sunday at 7:30pm only.

New Pathfinders-Meetings are held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Group made a \$100 donation to ASC.

Alive and Kickin-Starting December 4th at 7:00pm a new Step Study meeting will begin every Monday night.

Cypress-Donated \$52 to ASC. Sunday and Monday's at 8:00pm Juntos Podemos group will be meeting at the same location as Cypress Group.

Phoenix-Still meeting at Third Coast location.

Old Business

Tradition 11 read by George D. Discussion with group members on [taking the conversation back to the groups](#) about the anonymity of members when people take pictures and posting them on social media without permission. ASC members agreed to, in a kind and loving way, be carriers of the message at ASC events – that while pictures are ok, please make sure that all people in the picture have given consent if you intend to post the pictures on social media (on line).

Nominations

Terasina R. nominated for PI for a second term. Position accepted, and qualifications in policy read by George D. Terasina qualified herself.

The other positions currently open for nominations are Co-Facilitator, Co-Treasure which both have a minimum of 5-year clean time. H&I 3-years clean, with 1-year experience, and Activities 3-years clean.

Note: Elections will be held Next meeting January 7th, 2018.

2:27 Break

A question was raised about whether or not the HACNA facilitator needed to be nominated for 2018. GSRs stated that they generally understood that when Allen P. was elected previously for HACNA facilitator that he would serve until the next HACNA. However, a member pointed out that the ASC policy identified the position as a one year term. The members discussed the impracticality of the one-year term for HACNA facilitator and decided to waive policy and allow Allen to remain in the position until HACNA 2019.

The group recommended a policy change to make the term of service for HACNA facilitator consistent with the HACNA event, electing the new facilitator at the normal rotation after HACNA for a term lasting until the next HACNA.

Break in agenda for Activities Subcommittee Report

Kat-Activities person is absent. Report given by another member. Only four people showed-up for the subcommittee meeting for the New Year's Eve party. The committee submitted a recommendation to the ASC that there not be a New Year's Eve Party due to few helpers, minimal time to plan, and lack of a facility for a reasonable cost, in addition to what seems to be a trend of lack of participation among members.

The HASCONA treasure said that ASC has \$870.33 above prudent reserve after the day's finances were recorded. Members also discussed the need for addicts to have a place to go on that particular holiday. After further discussion some of the HASCONA members stepped up to volunteer to make the New Year's Eve Party happen. The activities facilitator will need to organize the group to plan the event. Keeping it simple with a pot-luck for food was suggested.

Note: The New Year's Eve event will take place at the "When at the End of the Road" location at 2305 McGowen St. 77004. Flyers will be printed and distributed to groups and posted on the NA website/Facebook NA.

Old Business Continued

Future HASCONA meeting place: Member had been asked to bring suggestions for a less expensive place for HASCONA meetings. The last meeting paid for and scheduled at the Montrose Center is January 28th. The place where When at the End of the Road group meets was suggested at a cost of \$50 per month. Heather agreed to check with Ties that Bind group for their location and with Cover to Cover who had offered to check in the past.

Note: Other suggestions are welcome and discussion will continue for the relocation of HASCONA to save money.

Group Outreach Form – Member stated that the list of non-participating groups was sent with the October minutes, but the form was not. Bret-Outreach person reported that he has visited some groups which are still in existence, but do not attend the ASC meetings. The Outreach message and information form is designed to carry a consistent message when visiting groups and should be completed with the groups visited. Completed for would then be submitted at the next ASC. (Form Attached)

Groups are asked to review the form and provide edits or feedback at the next meeting.

The discussion of making amends to the groups in the area was postponed, and will be the first item in old business at the next meeting.

No New Business

Administrative and Subcommittee Reports

Bret B.-The Outreach subcommittee meeting went well with 5 members attending and 5 meetings visited. Outreach has on its agenda to visit 5 more groups this year. Report submitted.

John E.-RCM 1 report submitted. John went to McAllen for the RCS meeting. Every November positions are open for the Regional Service Committee (RSC). Adopt an Inmate is doing well. Proposals were made and discussed in which one passed, and another failed. Voting on CAR items is needed before February 28th. (see attachment) John asked the ASC members if they wanted to host the RSC in place of the Freedom Area whose turn it is in the rotation. Freedom has stated that they cannot support the meeting with assistance. Members declined the invitation and John will relay the message to the RSC.

Texas Bluebonnet Regional Convention of NA (TBRCNA) convention workshop on CAR is February 10th 8:00am-12noon.

Regional Delegate and Alternate will be facilitating the workshop.

ASC members agreed to forgo a separate CAR workshop for the area and simply access the workshop being held at TBRCNA at the Omni Houston Hotel at Westside on Katy freeway in February.

PLEASE NOTE: TBRCNA REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP ONLY. ALL NA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN FELLOWSHIP DECISIONS.

Terasina R.-PI requested that they be responsible, instead of the RCM, for updating the on line meeting schedule through the Regional BMLT. Members agreed and suggested the policy subcommittee identify any needed changed in the policy. The new schedule to be printed is one page representing groups and meetings in three areas the Northside, Freedom, and Houston areas only. PI is currently focusing on the website meeting finder.

Kristine B.-TBRCNA will be held February 9-11 at the Omni Houston Hotel at Westside.

Note: Volunteer positions are open at the TBRCNA convention. Please contact Kristine B. Facilitator. Groups can sign-up also.

HACNA Hospitality - HASCONA agreed to sign up for TBRCNA Hospitality Suite in the slot for Friday 5:30-7:30 pm. Volunteers from the Houston area are needed to host. Coffee will be provided. No cooking allowed. TBRCNA will be asking groups to donate food.

Review of Business

- Will get information on new meeting place for HASCONA meetings and ask GSRs and groups for other suggested options and costs.
- Nominations still needed for Co-facilitator, Co-treasurer, Activities facilitator, RCMand H&I facilitator.
- Groups need to discuss inactive group Outreach Form and bring any suggestions.
- Groups to help collect HACNA hospitality donations.
- Groups should encourage members to attend the CAR workshop in February.
- Need nominations for open positions.

The December meeting will be held Sunday, January 7 at the Montrose Center. Elections will occur at that meeting.

Nominations:

- George nominated for Facilitator
- Colin P. nominated for Treasurer
- Bret nominated for Outreach
- Steve P. nominated for RCM 1
- Tommy M. nominated for Policy
- Rochelle nominated for recorder
- Terasina nominated for PI Facilitator

4:30 Meeting Adjourned

Thank you for allowing me to be of service

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