

HASCONA

Houston Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Meeting minutes for February 28th, 2021

The meeting opened at 1:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, Service Prayer, the 12 Traditions read by Hurshell C., and the 12 Concepts read by Kristina S.

ROLL CALL

Open positions: Facilitator, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, Recorder, PR, Outreach, and Activities.

Filled positions:

Co-Facilitator (Henry H.) – present
Policy (Ronnie H.) – present
RCM1 (Dawn H.) – present
RCM2 (Hurshell C.) – present
H&I (Sam D.) – present
HACNA (Kamie H.) – present

Groups:

1960 Group – NOT PRESENT
Chance for Freedom – present
Copperfield –present
Early Birds – present
Familia Unida – present
Hope Sweet Hope – present
Hugs not Drugs – present
Jekyll & Hyde – present
Juntos Podemos – present
Keep it Real – present
New Pathfinders – present
Our Common Bond – present
Phoenix Group – present
Rainbow of Hope – present
Sunday Starters – NOT PRESENT
The Sooner the Better (TSTB) – present
Ties that Bind – present
Tomball New Attitudes – NOT PRESENT

Recognitions:

New Groups: none
New GSRs – none

I. Treasurer's Report – provided written report (*see attached*)

Ending balance: \$7,397.85

Available balance: \$4,897.85

- Per Bank of America, we will need “Special Minutes” from the Area designating Carlton S. (*include full last name*) as the “President” of the former body, and the incoming Treasurer as “President” of the current body in order to change signatures at the bank.
- Policy states that the co-signers on the account are to be the Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, Facilitator, Co-Facilitator, RCM1, and RCM2.

II. Group Reports

- Chance for Freedom meets in person on Mon/Thurs/Fri at 8:00 pm. Masks required. They have moved to a larger space in the gym.
- Copperfield meets on Zoom only on Mondays and Fridays at 7:00 pm. They are exploring new places to meet in person.
- Familia Unida meets Mon/Wed/Fri at 8:00 PM on Zoom. Attendance has been slow.
- Hope Sweet Hope meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm (hybrid meeting). Attendance has been anywhere from 6-10 in person, and 5-6 on Zoom.
- Hugs not Drugs meets on Zoom only on Monday & Wednesday at noon, and on Thursdays at 8:00 pm.
- Jekyll & Hyde meets on Sundays at 6:00 pm (hybrid meeting). The in-person meeting is closed to the public (open only to residents of Camp Hope). Attendance has been anywhere from 48-55 in person, and around 20 on Zoom.
- Juntos Podemos meets along with Familia Unida on Zoom on Mon/Wed/Fri @ 8:00 pm, and in person on Tuesdays at 8:00 pm. Attendance has sharply declined, needs support.
- Keep it Real meets daily at 10:00 pm in person. Attendance is anywhere from 3-10.
- New Pathfinders meets in person on Mondays at 8:00 pm. Attendance has been from 3-8.
- Our Common Bond meets in person on Tues/Thurs at 8:00 pm, and on Zoom on Thurs/Sun at 8:00 pm. NOT HYBRID.
- Phoenix Group meets Tues/Thurs on zoom at 7:30 pm, and on Tuesday in person at 7:30. Attendance has been from 3-8.
- Rainbow of Hope meets in person and on zoom on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Masks and social distancing required. Attendance has been from 7-9.
- The Sooner the Better (TSTB) meets on Zoom on Sun/Mon/Wed at 8:00 pm and Monday at noon. Also meets in person On Tues/Thurs at 8:00 pm back at the Montrose Counseling Center parking lot. Bring a mask and a chair.
- Ties that Bind meets in person on Tues/Sun at 7:30 pm ion the parking lot. Attendance has been high.

III. OLD BUSINESS

a. Elections:

- OUTREACH** – Ally G. was unanimously elected.
- Facilitator** – Crystal E. was unanimously elected. (Henry H. will now become Co-Facilitator)

b. Nominations for Open Positions:

- Treasurer** – Sarah N. was nominated by Hurshell C. and the 1960 Group. She accepted the nomination and qualified herself. GSRs will take the nomination back to their groups for consideration, to be voted on at the next ASC.

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- ii. **Co-Treasurer** – Julian H. was nominated by Chad S. He accepted the nomination and qualified himself. GSRs will take the nomination back to their groups for consideration, to be voted on at the next ASC.
- iii. **Recorder** – no nominations.
- iv. **PR** – no nominations.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Crystal E. brought up that we are not sure if the Area uses an EIN or personal SSNs at the bank. She is requesting a meeting (Ad Hoc) sometime before the next ASC to find a solution to better preserve individual members' anonymity, as she is not willing to sign on to an Area bank account with her personal SSN. Kamie H. stated that she believes we have an EIN. She will go through her records to check and follow up with Crystal.
- b. **PROPOSAL** – to create a Metropolitan Area Service Committee to replace the individual Houston, Freedom, and Tri-County Areas. Intent: to minimize and consolidate financial services. GSRs are to send this proposal back to their groups for consideration, to be voted on at the next ASC.

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V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

RCM1 – Dawn H. and Hurshell C. attended that last Regional Conference on 2/13/2021.

Dawn provided a written report (*see attached*)

Next Regional Assembly is on 3/13/2021 at 8:30 AM – Zoom ID: 948 2846 6663, passcode 287954.

Next Regional Conference is on 5/8/2021.

RCM2 – nothing new to report.

POLICY – Ronnie H. reported that they meet on the first Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm. The next subcommittee meeting will be on 3/7/2021 at 6:00 pm on the HASCONA Zoom ID.

H&I – Sam D. reported that they meet on the third Sunday of every month at 2:30 pm.

New Literature Chair: Kevin J.

Open Positions: Co-Facilitator and Recorder.

H&I needs women to help with the women's centers.

They have enough literature for the next 2-3 months.

ACTIVITIES – Rhianna K. reported that she reached out to the previous Activities Chair for reports, and received three of them on 2/25/2021. The next subcommittee meeting will be on Wednesday 3/17/2021 at 7:30 via Zoom ID 514 350 6986, no passcode.

OUTREACH – Ally G. reported that she intends to contact the previous Outreach Chair to guidance.

PR – OPEN.

The website is still being updated by Colin P., however, he doesn't hold the position of Webservant. The position of Webservant has not been filled.

Please review the www.HASCONA.com meeting list, and submit any changes in schedule to ScheduleChanges@hascona.com.

The Phone Line is up and manned, but the chair position is also not filled.

VI. SHARING SESSION

- a.** There was some discussion about “The Button” to be put on the Area website where groups can donate to the Area. Concern was expressed about non-members or outside entities giving and inadvertently breaking with the 7th Tradition guidance of being fully self-supporting. It was also pointed out that it was unlikely that the Area would get many (if any) donations outside of the Groups.
 - i.** Possible Solution: put “The Button” on the ASC page of www.HASCONA.com, rather than on the homepage.
- b.** It was decided for the Recorder to include a log of all proposals made with every set of minutes, and to indicate whether the Proposal “Passed,” “Failed,” or was “Tabled.”

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Third Step Prayer.

In Loving Service,

Sarah N.

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