

Hill Country Area of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes
January 15, 2012, Canyon Lake

Roll Call		Absent
Chair	Danny C	
Vice-Chair	<VACANT>	
Secretary	Brandon M	
Treasurer	Jodie V	
Vice-Treasurer	<VACANT>	
RCM 1	Dickie B	
RCM 2	<VACANT>	
Public Relations	Julia M	X(Marcus gave report)
Phone Line	Halbert G	
Activities	Dickie B	
H & I	Jake I	
Web Servant	Halbert G	
Policy Recorder	<VACANT>	
Vice-Web Servant	<VACANT>	
Literature Review	<VACANT>	
Outreach Facilitator	<VACANT>	

Roll Call	Absent
S.O.S.	
Simplicity	
DAM Recovery Group	X
Freedom Group	
Agape Group	X
Phoenix	
Kerrville Group	
Last Room Group	X
Together We Can	X
Conscious Contact	
Full Circle Group	

The meeting was opened at 12:15 with a Moment of Silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, the 12 Traditions, the 12 Concepts and the Service Prayer

Jake I. read the first Concept of Service from the 12 Concepts Booklet. There was a brief discussion of the importance of the Concepts and the role of the Service Structure.

Roll call was taken.

Administrative Committee Reports

Recorder:

Minutes submitted via email. Minutes were accepted.

Chair Report:

Read by Danny "Hugs." Danny states that he is both excited and humbled to be facilitating the Hill Country Area Service Committee meetings.

Vice Chair Report:

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Treasurer's Report:

Read by Jodie V. HCA's beginning balance was \$1,593.03 with a total income of \$216.00, total expenses of \$238.04 bringing our available balance, less prudent reserve and regional set aside to \$630.32

Jodie asked that the hat be passed and regional travel expenses be settled now, as she had to leave early.

Halbert will attend Region as acting RCM 2.

Jodie said that she would like our Area to pay the whole fee for the P.O. Box that we share with Agape Group, and that Agape can reimburse us for their share later.

RCM 1 Report:

Read by Dickie B. Dickie stated that he had attended the TBRCNA meeting on January 7 as a Conference Agenda Committee member. The convention is coming along, but we are behind on our room block. The body was encouraged to encourage all of their group members to register so it does not cost the fellowship; the hotel said that they would honor our rates, but we need to make sure we get the block.

The CAR assembly workshop is coming up in Austin on February 11-12, coinciding with Region. (Moved to New Business)

The body needs to discuss the Area's feelings towards the Texas State Convention. (Moved to New Business)

Dickie stated that he had attended the Phoenix Group event and that it was successful, and thanked everyone that was involved.

RCM 2 Report:

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Administrative Subcommittee Reports

Public Relations:

Read by Marcus. (Did not receive hardcopy, could not find digital copy.) The PR subcommittee met on January 2. Their goals at this point are information gathering, getting GSRs involved, and keeping track of fliers. Prototypes of PR fliers were passed around for inspection and feedback. The PR subcommittee asks for feedback and requests from groups.

Phone Line:

Read by Halbert. Our inbound calls were up this month, presumably because of the holidays. For some reason we have been getting calls from out of our service area and even out of state. Halbert stated that he would look into this.

Activities:

Dickie feels that we should have more functions as an Area and asks for feedback and ideas from the groups. Marcus pointed out that Recovery on a River is coming up in the spring and that now is a good time to start preparing for that. A subcommittee was formed to begin planning ROAR.

Hospitals & Institutions:

Read by Jake. The H&I subcommittee met on January 2nd at Kerrville Group's location. Jake stated that there was a situation at Serenity House where a person not affiliated with NA showed up. Jake reports that the situation was handled well by the panel chair and panel members and was discussed with the staff of Serenity House and that corrective measures have been taken.

The Salvation Army meeting in Kerrville is in the process of reforming into an NA home group. More will be revealed.

Current Panel Chairs:

La Hacienda: Bruce G

Serenity House: Lauren D

Starlite Adult Unit: Julia M

Starlite Adolescents: Angel E.

Salvation Army of Kerrville: Brandon M

Web Servant:

Read by Halbert. There has been a significant drop in web rankings. Halbert states that he has posted information for the Conference Agenda Report on the homepage of our Website. Halbert stated that he needs an updated contact list for HCANA, as he has not had any updates in 2 months. Halbert reminded the body that the website belongs to the groups, and to let him know of any suggestions or updates.

Vice Web Servant:

<VACANT>

Guidelines/Policy Recorder/Literature Review:

<VACANT>

<Break, 1:13-1:31>

Group Reports- Submitted by Kerrville Group, Full Circle, Phoenix Group, S.O.S. Group, Simplicity Group.

Kerrville Group reported a possible violation of the second tradition that will be addressed at their next group conscience.

On January 18th, Dickie B will be sharing at the Full Circle Group on sponsorship. Members are encouraged to come support.

Phoenix Group thanks everyone involved with their recent event.

Simplicity asks the body to pray for the one who still suffers.

Last Room Group needs support.

Conscious Contact initiated a discussion about the efficacy of the Hill Country Area body: whether we were truly serving the groups and being supported by the groups, and the fact that we, as an Area, are not fully self-supporting as a large part of our treasury comes from members from outside areas donating at events. The general feeling of the Area body [recorder's note: I'm paraphrasing and taking a bit of license as the discussion was a bit fast-paced and heated at times,] was that-there is a significant disconnect from the Area and the home Groups; that there is an "us and them" mentality, as opposed to an "us" mentality; that communication needs to be improved from the Area to the Group level, and that we as a body need to make better use of available technology (conference calls, internet chat, etc.).

Some possible solutions that came up included- Reading Area reports at group meetings/group consciences; minimalizing the time spent at Area on Area reports to shift the focus towards the Groups; gathering information from the Home Groups to find out what that would like to see from our Area.

The discussion was moved to New Business.

Old Business

Trusted Servants

Open positions: Vice-Chair, Vice-Treasurer, RCM 2, Outreach Facilitator, Vice-Web-servant, Guidelines and Policy, Literature Review.

Satchel Steve stated that he was still willing to serve as Outreach Facilitator for HCANA.

There was a very heated discussion on the integrity of the nominee. Vote was called for.

Jake read the 4th Concept of service from the service booklet.

It was brought up that only four groups were currently represented at the Area, and if this was enough to proceed with a vote.

Halbert pointed out that we have never had a quorum for voting at Area.

Vote was taken. Satchel Steve was not elected Outreach Facilitator for HCANA.

Outreach Facilitator remains an open position.

No other nominations for trusted servant positions.

GSRs are strongly encouraged to take open trusted servant positions back to their home Groups and to *please* discuss what Area can do for the Groups.

<Break 2:47-3:05>

New Business

Texas State Convention

NAWS Legal department has stated that the TSC use of the NA logo and/or literature is not recognized by NA at the World or Regional level, and that the TSC is in copyright violation. The TSC has possibly received the support of Esperanza Area, although there seemed to be some confusion on this. If so, then this could begin the process of moving the TSC out of copyright violation. The EANA RCM has resigned as a result of this [recorder's note: I could not follow all of the details. Please email me with any clarifications on this issue.]

Area Service

The body was asked to please take this back to the Groups for discussion on how Area can better serve them.

Conference Agenda Report

Halbert states that there is a summary and links on our web site. Danny apologized for not ordering the two hardcopies requested at the last ASC, as there was a miscommunication between Danny and the previous Chair on who would be responsible for that. Danny stated that he will procure the hardcopies as soon as possible. *Everyone* is encouraged to attend the CAR workshop in Austin on the 12th of February.

The next ASC will be held in Kerrville on February 19. The ASC following that may possibly be held in Schertz, as Schertz wants back in the rotation.

The January Hill Country Area Service Committee was closed at 3:40