

Hill Country Area Of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes
(10/16/2011-Universal City)

| Roll Call | | Absent |
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| Chair | Carlos U | |
| Vice-Chair | Danny C | |
| Secretary | Brandon M | |
| Treasurer | Jodie V | X |
| Vice-Treasurer | <vacant> | |
| RCM 1 | Dickie B | |
| RCM 2 | Gary Y | X |
| Public Relations | Julia M | |
| Phone Line | Halbert G | |
| Activities | Dickie B | |
| H & I | Julia M | |
| Web Servant | Bob T | X |
| Policy Recorder | Jake I | |
| Vice-Web Servant | Halbert G | |
| Literature Review | <vacant> | |

| Roll Call | Absent |
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| S.O.S. | |
| Simplicity | |
| DAM Recovery Group | |
| Freedom Group | X |
| Agape Group | |
| Phoenix | |
| Kerrville Group | X (Jake I gave report) |
| Last Room Group | X |
| Together We Can | X |
| Conscious Contact | |
| Full Circle Group | |

The meeting was opened at 1:13 with a Moment of Silence, followed by the Serenity

Prayer, the 12 Traditions, the 12 Concepts and the Service Prayer

Roll call was taken.

Administrative Committee Reports

Recorder:

Minutes submitted via email. Minutes were accepted and stand.

Chair Report:

Carlos' report began by talking about points to consider for the upcoming nominations/elections for trusted servants:

Maturity in recovery

Consistent participation in the group and area level. Are commitments kept?

Committed to benefiting the common welfare of our groups and area.

Shows humility, accepts responsibility: being a trusted servant is humbling.

Do they show spirituality?

Carlos' report continued by expressing a concern over the automated phone line system. Namely, he felt that the menu did not facilitate finding meetings in our area, and suggested adding sub-menus to find individual town/group meeting times/dates/locations.

Discussion was moved to Phone Line Report at Halbert's request.

Vice Chair Report:

Danny's reported that he had attended the H&I and PR subcommittees on Nov. 7 in Kerrville, and that he looks forward to working alongside participating members.

Danny further reported that he participated at the Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Service Committee meeting on Nov. 12 in Conroe.

The TBR Treasurer was not in attendance.

There was a discussion of Texas Fundraising Laws as they apply to TBRCNA fundraising, and any group who wishes to participate in fundraising is encouraged to use proper wording, such as "proceeds benefit TBRCNA," since we are a not-for-profit.

It was decided that the CAR Assembly will be held in Austin on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, the day before the next Regional Committee Meeting on Feb. 12. Everyone is encouraged to participate as it will be voted on in April of 2012.

The Regional Delegate and Sub-committee members will meet with TDCJ to discuss how we can more effectively work together to carry the message to the inmates in TDCJ. More will be revealed.

The Tejas Bluebonnet Region will be utilizing www.gotomeetings.com, a conference calling system for sub-committees to conduct business meetings without having to travel long distances. It will cost \$49 a month, which will be paid for 3 months and at the next RSC will be determined whether or not to extend that service for \$468 a year.

The PR Facilitator asked the areas to go back and find out which functions, meetings and events are consistent every year so that we can coordinate with other areas in the spirit of cooperation as to not schedule them at the same time.

After a discussion and vote, it was decided that the US Fellowship was outside of our service structure and should not take up time at the Zonal Forum.

The Narcotics Anonymous Intellectual Property Trust Act is available on the NA World Service Website.

Danny submitted receipts for \$73.03 and returned \$26.97 of his travel funds.

Texas State Convention

The EANA RCM submitted a report asking the Regional Service Committee for additional time to table a discussion regarding the Texas State Convention. The EANA RCM researched and read the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust Act & expressed his concern that because the Texas State Convention is an outside enterprise, lending the N.A. name is a violation of our 5th tradition. Receiving funds from that event is a violation of our 7th tradition. After a discussion and a vote the Region decided not to affiliate ourselves with the Texas State Convention. We will not have a Liaison on that Board. We will remove that event from our Regional website. We will return a check for the \$77.83 that was received from their last convention and we will no longer receive any money from them. TBR will send a certified letter to the TSC Board members' asking them to see & desist with any solicitation with our Service Committee members.

Treasurer's Report:

<Read by Danny> Our beginning balance was \$1,619.76, total income \$431.91, and total expenses \$575.56, bringing our balance to \$1,476, less prudent reserve (\$900) and November Regional Set Aside (676X.067=45.30) giving an available balance of \$630.70.

There was a discussion on whether or not it was prudent to continue paying Signius \$10 a month to forward calls from the old Phone Line number. Moved to New Business.

RCM 1 Report:

Dickie's written report from the RSC held in Conroe Texas on November 12 included the following information:

Treasurer was absent, but sent report stating a working capital of \$1,502.87.

RD Report-CAR proposal accepted and we should see it in the CAR this month.

Need to continue updating meeting directory for NA World Services, including contact person and phone number.

The Social Media pamphlet has received input and is moving forward.

No accountability for TDCJ. Meeting set up, hoping for date to meet.

Southern Zonal Forum coming up in January in Louisiana.

RDA Report-RDA visited two ASC's as a combined effort to work with areas. Areas main complaint is that 5% of people do 95% of the service work.

Discussion of the Group Service Unit coming out in upcoming Conference Agenda Report.

Reported that the upcoming Zonal Forum and group was asked to get a conscience on whether we should add a topic for US Fellowship discussion.

TBR will be hosting the 2014 Forum.

CAC Report- "TBRC 13 Northern Houston contract signed room rate \$79 king, queen and double. 245 room/nights. TBRCA looking in Corpus Christi at visitors Bureau."

Convention 2012-Coming along well, but has low registration. Needs support.

Comedian \$10 pre-paid, \$15 at door. Fundraiser made \$773.73.

Upcoming Events-

11-24-11 Thanks Giving Fellowship Feast at 2 PM with speaker at the Anchor Club, 320 Anchor Street, Corpus Christi

11.24.11 Victoria Covered Dish Celebration at 3PM, 4011 Halsey Street, Victoria TX.

12-31-11 New Years Eve Dance, Texas City Union Hall, Texas City, TTCANA

HCANA's concern about the Regional Rotation: It was explained that the order of rotation has been off for the past year due to host trading in the previous year, and that it would go back to the normal rotation soon.

Old Business-Discussion on gotomeetings.com; yearly is cheaper but unsure of available finances. Voted to go month to month until a clear idea of how much money was available in the prudent reserve.

New Business- After a discussion of the Texas State Convention a motion was made not to support the committee due to not being an authorized NA Group. Motion was made to return funds of \$77.82 and not have any involvement with TSC.

Elections-Allen-Moved up to Facilitator from co-facilitator

Co-Facilitator nominations needed, 5 year clean time requirement.

LeAnn moved up to Treasurer

Vice-Treasurer nominations needed

Recorder-Jason from North Side

Policy Facilitator- Bryan S from Central Texas

Dickie's report concluded by providing receipts for expenses totaling \$108.59. Dickie declined reimbursement for the \$8.59 overage.

RCM 2 Report:

None submitted

Administrative Subcommittee Reports

Public Relations:

Julia reported that a PI subcommittee meeting was held on November 7 after the regular H&I subcommittee meeting. She continued by reporting that although she *did* attend region she was busy with the H&I subcommittee, but that Lauren D attended the PI subcommittee and took notes.

There will be a PI Learning Opportunity on December 10th at 2 PM featuring a presentation from the Regional PI Chair Diana. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Phone Line:

After breaking down the call summary, Halbert's report stated that he hopes someone else will be willing to step up as either Phone Line or Vice Chair for training. The position requires a broadband internet connection and knowledge of web-based programs. Due to a computer crash some of the information may not be correct on the Phone Line volunteer sheet, and the body was asked to check it carefully. All volunteers were reminded to review the guidelines for the Phone Line periodically and to keep a copy of

the current meeting schedule on their persons at all times.

Halbert reported that he has changed the Phone Line's automated greeting to be more clear and concise.

Halbert stated, with regards to Carlos' concern, that we currently only have one menu option for the automated phone line, and that adding sub-menus or meeting schedules would be impractical.

After a suggestion to change option 1 to "To speak to an addict OR for meeting schedule information, please press 1," the discussion was moved to New Business.

Activities:

There will be a Speaker Jam/Chili Feed on Saturday November 26th at 88 Coronado Dr Suite #6 in Kerrville, where the Kerrville Group meets. There will be four speakers and the event starts at 1:30 PM, although all members are welcome to attend the noon meeting beforehand.

-Break from 2:03 to 2:22-

Hospitals & Institutions:

Julia reports that the H&I Subcommittee meeting was held on Nov. 7, where they discussed the Sept. 24th Learning Day. Julia reports that there are a few new faces involved in H&I. The Next Subcommittee will be held December 5th at 7PM at the Kerrville Group location.

Participation is a continued problem according to different areas at Region.

Julia reported travel expenses of \$62.87

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| Serenity House | Friday 7 PM(?) | Lauren D |
| Starlite Male Youth | Alternate Thursdays 7PM | Jake I |
| Starlite Adults | 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7PM | Julia M |
| La Hacienda | Last Sunday at 7PM | Bruce/Thurman |
| Guadalupe County Jail | ??? | Satchel Steve |
| Salvation Army of Kerrville | Monday 6:30 | Brandon M |

Web Servant:

After a breakdown of our web rankings and page hits, Halbert reports an increase in the number of spam emails coming to the area email. Halbert cautions members to NEVER respond to suspicious emails, but to report it to Halbert. Halbert stated that he will consult with Bob T to see what can be done to prevent the spam.

The Nov/Dec meeting schedules are updated with as current information as possible from Esperanza and Central Texas Areas.

The NA Fellowship Survey is open until Dec. 31. There is a link on the home page of

our website.

Blue host, who hosts hcana.org, has been crashing lately.

Vice Web Servant:

Guidelines/Policy Recorder/Literature Review:

No changes/nothing to report

Group Reports- submitted by Agape, Phoenix, SOS, Kerrville Group, Simplicity, Conscious Contact, Dam Recovery, Full Circle,

Agape Group invites everyone to attend their event on Thanksgiving starting at 5PM where Agape Group meets in Kerrville

Phoenix Group thanked everyone for the support

Phoenix Group will be planning a Group Anniversary on or around January 14th

There was a brief discussion of group autonomy vs. area involvement with regards to Activities, moved to New Business.

SOS asks for support

Kerrville Group currently has no GSR/GSRA.

Kerrville Group invites everyone to the Speaker Jam that will be held at their location on Saturday the 26th at 1:30

Conscious Contact asks the body to Keep It Simply Spiritual.

Dam Recovery asks us to make a meeting. Theirs or ours doesn't matter.

Full Circle asks that, in the future, to please involve them in local functions as they are willing to step up.

<Recorder's Note: if anyone has any clarifications/corrections or further information in the following account of Simplicity Group's, uh, account, please email or call me and the minutes will be updated.>

The Simplicity Group may be evicted at some point. There appears to be significant account discrepancies/misinformation surrounding the club that Simplicity rents from and the 12 Step fellowship that Simplicity shares the meeting area with.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that it is the Area's responsibility, where applicable, to make sure group trusted servants are properly trained, including being made aware of the importance of NA Accounting Practices, as well as how to find and use the suggested forms.

Carlos volunteered to meet with the Board of the 24 Hour Club to attempt to find out what the actual status of Simplicity and it's account is with them.

-Break from 3:30 to 3:44-

Old Business

New Business

Nominations

Chair-Suggested requirements and responsibilities were read.

Danny C was nominated for HCANA Chair, accepted and qualified himself.

Vice Chair-Suggested requirements and responsibilities were read.

Country Bob declined nomination for Vice Chair.

Secretary- Suggested requirements and responsibilities were read. It was pointed out that many secretarial responsibilities are handled by Guidelines & Policy and Web servant, and that changing the GL&P ought to be discussed.

Current Secretary accepted nomination if no other nominations are made.

Guidelines and Policy-Suggested requirements and responsibilities were read.

No nominations

Treasurer-Suggested requirements and responsibilities were read.

No nominations

Vice Treasurer-Suggested requirements and responsibilities were read.

No nominations

RCM I/II-Suggested requirements and responsibilities were read.

Dickie accepted nomination and qualified himself.

No nominations for RCM II

Web Servant-Suggested requirements and responsibilities read

Halbert accepted nomination

Public Relations-Suggested requirements and responsibilities read

Julia M accepted nomination

Phone line-Suggested requirements and responsibilities read.

No nominations

Hospitals and Institutions- Suggested requirements and responsibilities read.

Jake I accepted nomination, qualified himself.

Activities- Suggested requirements and responsibilities read.

Dickie accepted nomination

Outreach Facilitator- Suggested requirements and responsibilities read.

Satchel Steve accepted nomination, qualified himself

All members are encouraged to bring nominations to the next ASC. Nominations must be present at the ASC to be nominated.

Halbert stated that he will update the automated greeting on the phone line to include meeting information under option 1.

All other New Business was tabled due to time constraints.

The hat was passed and the Hill Country Area ASC was closed at 4:23.

The next ASC will tentatively be held in New Braunfels on December 18th at 12:30.