

HILL COUNTRY AREA NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

ASC Minutes
February 20, 2005 12:20 PM

Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts were read, followed by the Service Prayer.

ROLL CALL:

POSITION	ATTENDANCE	REPORT SUMMARY
Facilitator	*	No Report
Co-Facilitator	*	Bob contacted the phone line and updated all our meetings and driving directions. Stated need for volunteers for the phone line. Stressed the need for women in this area. Has had no responses to the Southern Zonal request for rural areas except for the Red River Area which divides the area into 3 territories. He would like this area to consider adapting this policy to enable more efficient handling of the area needs.
Treasurer	*	Steve reports a Ledger Balance of \$270.34. Signus bill was paid for 3 months. RCM1 & RCM2 travel expenses were paid for the last regional meeting. Fred M. was reimbursed for printing of last months schedules. A check was cut for this months schedules and returned to be voided and replaced with petty cash because a different printer was used. A correction to the report was stated that the RCM copies were actually Vice-chair copies.
Secretary	*	Minutes were read and accepted. Information was requested to update the contacts data base she created for the area.
P&I Chair	Vacant	It was reported that Sheila is interested in this position, but she was unable to attend due to a sick child.
RCM	*	Fred reported on the upcoming ad-hoc committee in San Marcos to be held at the library on 4-16 between noon and 6 PM. The EANA criteria for Recognition of New Regional Participants was submitted and the RCM's were asked to take this back to the areas. Nominations are needed for H&I and Web-Servant. Alice was nominated for P&I. The sponsorship book by Lone Star Region is on the WEB for review. This is not approved by NAWS. TBRNA is funding the HASCONA H&I Learning Day in the amt. of \$1200.00 to come from the H&I budget. Corpus is hosting the Southern Zonal Forum in Oct. Our RD is going to the SZF and the RDA is going to the World Workshop in Burbank, Ca. A Regional phone line was brought up for discussion. This area needs to decide if we want to support the Texas State Convention. We can send a member of TBRNA to function as a part of that body. They feel that this will make

		them accountable to our service body. Juanita requested copies of all the relevant documents for this report.
RCM 2	*	Mary reports Qualifications for the Liason from the region to the TX State Convention are 3 yrs. Clean time, experience with ASC, activities and must reside in the Tejas Bluebonnet Region with a commitment to serve. We need to vote on whether the area will fund this representative. The Tx State Convention will also start an Advisory Board from members that have served on the Convention Committee. There will be a Tejas Bluebonnet Reg. Hosp. and Institutions Learning Day on April 8 and 9 at the Four Points Sheraton at 2828 SW Freeway in Houston. Contact number : 713-942-2111. Room rate is \$79.00. The region treasurer report showed a beginning balance of \$8554.04 ending with \$7879.70. Juanita reports that it is now at \$2344.14. The RDA reported about a work shop at the S. Zonal Forum concerning the Public Image of NA and the Basic Text Revision. You can register for the World Convention at www.na.org . You can subscribe to NAWS news and the NA Way magazine at www.na.org . There will be a World Wide workshop in Nashville TN May 27-29. The archives Position is being covered by Teresa and she would like someone to take over. A copy of the Tejas Bluebonnet Policy was received and Mary will be getting copies for the GSR's.
Web-Servant	*	States record month of 1410 hits. Requests that each group go to the web site and check on their meetings including the directions and maps and to let him know of any needed changes. He also suggested that GSR's go to the NAWS maintenance portal to ensure that your information is correct. This can be accessed from our home page. He will be working on getting the data bases that Kathy has designed on the web site for password protected use by our area only.

GROUP REPORTS

GROUP	REP.	REPORT SUMMARY
SOS	Greg	Greg reports an average attendance of 35. The Saturday meeting has been expanded to 1 ½ hours contingent on official approval and the second Sat. is speaker meeting. Area donation of \$\$150.00.
Simplicity		Bob reported for Simplicity because they currently have no GSR. They are averaging 7 and request for support was given. Area donation of \$25.00
Zanzenberg	Kelly	Ave. attendance is 36 with youth group averaging 15. Elections for youth group will be held last Thur. of this month. Area donation of \$40.00.

Agape	David M.	David reports average attendance for Tue. & Thur. at 50, with 10 on Saturday. The Thursday night meeting has been changed to Zion Lutheran Church. The group is still recovering from the financial loss due to relapse of the previous treasurer.
Phoenix	Teresa D.	New group! Meet on Sun. from 8:30 – 9:30 PM. Ave. attendance of 20. GSR-Teresa D., Treas.-Bonnie B., Sec.-Andrea B. Area donation of \$15.00.
Gonzales		
Never Alone	Bob W.	Ave. attendance at 6-12. Area donation of \$25.00.

➤ **OLD BUSINESS:**

- January's minutes were read and accepted.
- Due to Sheila's absence, the bank information for a possible change was not available. Greg got the information for the EIN number to Steve, but he is uncomfortable with getting one due to government involvement and the fact that to begin with, an individual's social security number would be used. He was unable to see the benefit in this, especially since it would involve quarterly reporting. Juanita, as Regional Treasurer, stated that as long as no merchandise was sold there would be no problems. A vote was held and a consensus was reached to file. Kathy H. agreed to take care of this.
- Break
- Reopen with Serenity Prayer.
- The owner of the Lone Star Printing Co. was on vacation and none of the employees knew of the schedule printing agreement we have with them. Kathy H. found another print shop willing to do them for the same price on a one time basis and the check was returned to Steve. He paid for the schedules with petty cash. Kathy agreed to pick up the schedules for next month as we still have no PI chair.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS**

- Convention Guidelines: As reported by Fred Mc., the ad-hoc committee for TBRNA convention will meet on 4/16 at the San Marcos Library. If more meetings are needed they will be held in other areas. He requested a copy of the seating and Juanita requested a copy of the policy.
- Regional Phone Line: As reported by Mary W., the region wanted the opinions of the areas on the need for such a line. The general feeling for this was that these things have minimal effectiveness and negative experience with such was stated. It was put to a vote and this area agreed that it would not be effective.
- Regional Proposal for seating areas: Standing PI Chair, Standing H&I Chair, 9 months in existence. Geographic boundaries that need to be established. Mary states that this could mean that new areas could be in limbo for at least a year. This area would not qualify under these guidelines. Juanita proposed that an inventory of the proposed area and existing area be done to search for a solution before a new area is formed, and that region should guide them in this process.

Bob stated that this proposal will not serve the purpose of assisting the growth of NA and that World Services stated that NA does not issue deeds. He suggests that they should ask if it meets the 5th tradition and if it is practical. The answer to both is no.

- State Convention Proposal: Juanita gave a brief history of this convention, and stated that it's original purpose had been to promote diversity. It is well organized and their reporting is flawless. All regions get a percentage of the profits. The problem comes in due to the fact that they aren't a part of the service structure. Mary pointed out, as in her report, that Region wants to send a Liaison to the convention to serve on their advisory board. She stated that we accept their money, but are not a part of it. She pointed out that they are now asking that we be a part of the decision making process. She asked who would fund the liaison. Juanita stated that Region would fund the person to go to region and that the convention would fund our rep to go to their meeting. Discussion stated much concern over too many conventions and one that is not a part of the service structure taking money out of the groups was seen as a negative. Bob states that he would like to see accountability to the service structure before we become involved and that the advisory board only makes suggestions. He feels that the structure they currently have is much too loose and that the advisory committee is just a way to be able to use the NA name and symbol. It was pointed out that it appeared that they were trying to make their past mistakes right and that it might be spiritually sound to help them rather than hinder the process. Especially since the convention is not going to go away and it could be a benefit to people in recovery.
 - Phoenix group requested a starter kit. Steve will order the starter kit plus. Fred stated that our policy was to keep one on hand for such needs. Juanita agreed and asked Steve to order 2 from World.
 - Mary suggested functions for the area. Juanita gave her a copy of our policy.
 - Bob stated that Simplicity wants to do a tubing trip in June. He would like to see such fund raisers 4 times a year.
- Closed with Third Step Prayer.