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Open

Serenity Prayer
Twelve Traditions
Twelve Concepts of Service
Service Prayer

Roll Call

Servants

Position	Present	Position	Present
Facilitator	Yes	Co-Facilitator	Open
Treasurer	Yes	Co-Treasurer	Open
Regional Delegate	Yes	Regional Delegate Alternate	Yes
Recorder	Yes	Policy	Yes
Hospitals & Institutions	Yes	Adopt An Inmate	Yes
Public Relations	Open	Literature Review	Yes
Internet Technologies	Open	Convention Advisory Committee	Yes
TBRCNA 17	Yes		

Representatives (Regional Committee Members (RCM))

Area	Present	Area	Present
Brazos Valley	No	Central Texas	Yes
Coastal Bend	Yes	Esperanza	No
Hill Country	Yes	Houston	Yes
Northside	Yes	Rio Grande Valley	--
Southeast Texas	Yes	Texas Tri-County	Yes

Elections

Hospitals & Institutions Subcommittee Facilitator

Michelle is willing and elected for another term

Adopt an Inmate Subcommittee Facilitator

Robert will stay on until the position is filled
Later in the day Kenny was elected but resigned after the RSC

Public Relations Subcommittee Facilitator

Jessi was nominated but there was no assent

Open positions

- Co-facilitator
- Co-Treasurer
- Literature Review Subcommittee Facilitator
- Public Relations Subcommittee Facilitator
- Internet Technologies Facilitator
- One more Convention Advisory Board Member

Administration Reports

Recorder

You will not get your record within 2 weeks. [Boy! Was this one late]

Treasurers Report

Cyndi (as it was put together later in the day)

Finished the audit of TBRCNA 16 and got with Bank of America to update signature cards

TBRCNA

11,560.68	TBRCNA 16 proceeds
11,441.30	TBRCNA 17 balance
23,001.42	Balance on 5/13/2016
1441.30	Outstanding check
21,560.61	Reconciled balance

TBRNA

13,487.82	April 30 th balance
(2474.86)	Checks written May 14 th
870	Donations without TBRCNA
12,430	Donations with TBRCNA proceeds
23,443.57	Balance
(4500)	Prudent reserves
18,843.57	Available

Regional Delegate (RD)

Heidi read report

Hello all! The last couple of months have been hectic, to say the least. As you know, we held the Regional Assembly on March 12th in Victoria, and Gary and I walked away from it with a good sense of our region's pulse on the matters contained in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR). To further clarify that picture, Gary composed a spreadsheet that we used to total up all of the tallies we received from 207 members (36 groups). This was very helpful, so a huge THANK YOU to Gary! We each facilitated multiple workshops throughout the region, and we were very grateful for all those who participated and gave us feedback. There were a couple of motions

that our region was split down the middle on, so Gary and I agreed to be "Present not voting" for those in order to have a neutral effect on the vote.

Formal old business results (listed as Yes-No-Abstain-Present Not Voting, and they are listed in the order in which they were acted upon):

Motion 18 from the CAT (Approval of WSC 2014 minutes) PASSED 108-0-2-2

Motion 15 from the CAT (Approaches to managing discussion of old business at WSC 2016) PASSED 105-7-0-0

Motion 16 from the CAT (More approaches to managing discussion of old business at WSC 2016) PASSED 107-4-1-0

Motion 17 from the CAT (Terminology used to announce results of straw polls at WSC 2016) PASSED 109-2-1-0

Motion 1 from the CAR (Traditions Book) PASSED 110-1-1-0, at 10:19 AM Pacific Time

Motion 2a (1st bullet from Motion 2 in the CAR regarding size limit of the World Board) PASSED 104-8-0-0

Motion 2b (2nd bullet from Motion 2 in the CAR regarding staggered terms of World Board) PASSED 106-6-0-0

Motion 2c (3rd bullet from Motion 2 in the CAR regarding limit on number of terms for World Board members) PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 3 from the CAR (Pamphlet on mental illness) PASSED 93-17-1-0

Motion 4 from the CAR (Posting World Board Minutes) FAILED 29-79-0-2

Motion 5 from the CAR (Financial Reporting of WCNA) FAILED 34-76-1-0

Motion 6 from the CAR (Open World Board meetings) FAILED 51-58-0-2. We requested a standing vote, but the body (RD electronic vote of 16-95-0-1) declined our request.

Motion 8 from the CAR (Low cost Basic Text) FAILED 14-95-1-1. (There was much confusion and frustration among non-English speakers because translations of the motion incorrectly omitted the word "English".)

Motion 7 from the CAR (open WSC Participants discussion board to viewing) amended to apply to this conference cycle only FAILED 59-50-1-1 (required 2/3 majority)

Motion made on the floor to move through the remaining old business motions without discussion. PASSED 76-35-0-0 (we voted against this)

Motion 9 from the CAR (post pdf Basic Text) DIED for lack of a 2nd

Motion 10 from the CAR (hold WSC in Russia) DIED for lack of a 2nd

Motion 11 from the CAR (non-voting delegate seating from zones) amended to apply to WSC 2018 only - FAILED by 1 vote at 1st (72-35-3-1 with 2/3 majority required)

Motion made on floor to reconsider Motion 11 PASSED 81-22-1-3

Motion 11 PASSED 72-29-2-4 on revote

Motion 12 from the CAR (create reading card on service) FAILED 30-79-1-0

Motion 13 from the CAR (World Board restrictions on voting) FAILED 47-58-3-2 (2/3 req.)

Motion 14 from the CAR (barring World Board from making motions) FAILED 16-91-0-1

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WSC 2016 ELECTION RESULTS (new or elected to a 2nd term):

World Board (6 were elected, leaving 4 vacant positions)

- Jose Luis A. (Region Del Coqui)
- Jack H. (Washington Northern Idaho)
- Khalil J. (Georgia)
- Tali M. (Hawaii)
- MaryEllen P. (Central California)
- Tim S. (Australian)

Human Resource Panel

- Veronica B. (Sweden)
- Jim B. (Chicagoland)

Cofacilitator

Mark B. (Florida)

(The region each is from is shown in parenthesis.)

If anyone would like a copy of the Draft Summary of Decisions from the WSC 2016 which includes the full text of every motion considered and the vote count, please e-mail me (mom.maldonado@gmail.com) and I'll send it to you. That will also include all of the motions made in new business, which were way too complicated with amendments for me to include here.

As you know, tomorrow is our Regional Learning Day, and Gary and I will be presenting all of the information that we brought back from the WSC. It will be held 9am-3pm at the Montrose Counseling Center, 406 Branard, Houston. We really look forward to sharing our experience with you and hope to see you all there.

The next Southern Zonal Forum (SZF) will be held at Comfort Suites Airport, 6535 Paramount Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, July 29-31, 2016. I will not be able to attend that forum (maybe Gary can?), but I plan to attend the Multi-Zonal Service Symposium (www.mzssna.org) that our zone is participating in at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 South 13th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 23-25, 2016.

News on the Texas Shared Services Committee (TSSC), formerly known as The Texas Unified Services Project (TUSP): This informal committee ran into a wall last August with one of the regions involved because of some miscommunication. Mary B., who had been helping to coordinate this, just completed a service commitment and will now have more time to devote to getting this project moving forward again. I am very excited about working with her and the other RD's in Texas to make progress in reestablishing some unity among NA communities within our state. This is something that I will probably remain involved in even after my commitment as RD ends next year, because I believe it will be very good for our fellowship. So I hope that our region will continue to support it.

I need to let you know that I will not be able to attend the RSC in August because I will be in Canada. This might be a good time to try out technology and see if I can

participate via GoToMeeting, which we have free access to via our zonal forum if we reserve it in advance. If anyone is willing to try this with me (have a laptop or smart phone that you could use for it), please let me know.

Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA)

Gary will discuss additional WSC motions during the workshop on Sunday

Policy Facilitator

Layna

There is one proposal brought by the Facilitator. Under Voting and Elections in policy we change CAC Facilitator to CAC representative.

Also I am working on a potential legend for the policy to better help navigate our regional policy. More will be revealed at next region.

Facilitator

Bryan

This last quarter I attended the TSCNA advisory board meeting in Dallas. Tom K. Provided adult supervision. I do have detailed Treasurers reports from both the advisory board Treasurer and the convention committee Treasurer. The Advisory Board is in the process of revising policy as well. I was unable to attend a subsequent meeting but I do know the policy Facilitator was absent. Of course I will continue to work with this committee to help us all grow together. I met with Cyndi and Shawn to get our bank info updated as well. A group in the Texas Tri County Area has requested the use of the region's sales and use tax number. The place they meet at requires it of anyone who sells anything on site. Since the group pays sales tax for literature at the time of purchase there would be no financial liability involved. Per our policy I will ask our treasurer to oversee this issue unless directed otherwise.

I did attend the regional assembly and was really pleased at the participation, our RD team did an excellent job! I feel like we should have a basic format. Our facilitators and recorder could be of assistance to the RDs by taking names, leading us in Serenity Prayer, Service Prayer, Concepts and Traditions and any other support the RDs need. As for the other assembly I really need a format for the meeting and we have a year to work on it. I would like to get a group of us together that would be willing to come up with a format or formats that are simple and consistent with our policy. This will help eliminate confusion in the future.

Area Reports

Central Texas

George

Hello from the Central Texas Area.

News and Info:

- **Our area currently has 39 groups holding 78 meetings.**

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- H&I is carrying a message of hope into 13 Facilities with a 14th facility starting soon.
- All CTANA admin and subcommittee chair positions are filled.
- Our next ASC meeting is Sunday, June 5th, 2015.
- Our area's donation this quarter is \$480.04.
- Our web site meeting list is current, and has been migrated to the new meeting list software provided by Tom K. The new software has a few minor configuration issues which are being resolved, but on the whole appears to be working well. Thanks, Tom! Please verify meeting information on our web site (www.ctana.org).
- We have recently improved our Telephone Hot Line. Our English-speaking hot line is 866-792-8262, and a Spanish Language hot line is available at 888-600-6229.

Upcoming Events:

- Service Appreciation Day, Saturday June 11, 209 W. 27th St, Austin TX, 10:30 AM – 6 PM. A regular meeting of Free At Last will open the event, followed by lunch, presentations by our service bodies, an H&I Orientation at 1:30, and speakers during the afternoon.
- CTANA's 33rd Anniversary Celebration is tentatively scheduled for August 13th. Check our web site for details as they are finalized.

Past Events:

- Texas State Convention (TSCNA) Fundraiser, March 5
- Unity Day, April 9th carried a great message and a good time to all who attended.
- CTANA Campout, Bastrop State Park, Apr 1st-3rd. A great event with 20 members attending.

Upcoming Meetings

- Area Service Committee, May 5th, 2 PM – 5 PM, 5701 Cameron Rd, Austin
- Activities Committee, May 15th, 3:30 PM, 2207 Martin Luther King Drive, Austin
- H&I, May 29th, 4 PM, 2207 Martin Luther King Drive, Austin (Orientation 3:30 PM)
- Public Relations, May 29th, 5 PM, 6809 Guadalupe Blvd, Austin TX

Esperanza

Lynne read Dennis' report

Good Morning! My name is Dennis R. and I'm an addict. This report is for the Esperanza Area of Narcotics Anonymous

I apologize for not being here in person but I walk the stage today to receive my degree however, I will attend Learning Day tomorrow and I hope to see you all then. I appreciate Lynn S. for reading my report for me.

We currently have 50 groups and 36 are voting groups. Esperanza has approximately 119 meetings per week.

The Esperanza Area currently have the following position to be filled; **RCM 1, Newsletter Chair and Alt. Secretary Frolic in the Woods (FITW) Chairperson, Armando S.**

Fri Sept 30- Oct 2 2016
Annual Frolic in the Woods
Garner State Park
Armando S. 210-505-0232
William E. 210-488-0748

Sun Jun 5 @12pm
FITW Subcommittee Meeting
10929 Nacogdoches #12

Our new EANA website www.eanaonline.org is **manned by Shawn S.** and he is doing an outstanding job by updating our website, and can be reached at or 210-837-5633

H&I Chair is Robert R. We attend 12 facilities in the Esperanza Service Area.

The Esperanza Area new Policy Chair is James O. and he is doing a good job at keeping the policy up to date and available for us.

Our **Literature Review subcommittee Chair is Lynn S.** We appreciate all her hard work and dedication on the Traditions workbook. Lynn can be reached at

Our new Literature bank Chair is William E. and he is doing an excellent job. Our newly elected **Treasurer, Donnie B.** is doing an awesome job with keeping our numbers in order. Our new **EACNA III Chair is Gilbert L.** We look forward to the third Esperanza Area Convention.

Esperanza Area Convention III

Fri-Sun Jan 13-15 2017 **Registration:** Melissa T. 210-780-8303 www.eacnasa.org

EACNA III Revenue Enhancer 2, Sat May 21 @3-9pm, 1018 E Carson Street, San Antonio, TX.
Esperanza Area Service Committee Meeting Sun May 15 @11am

Hampton Inn
2651 North US Highway 83
Carrizo Springs

The Literature Review Chair Lynn S. and RCM II have facilitated workshops throughout the Esperanza Area

- Building Strong Home Groups
- Welcoming all Members

Our next workshop will be at the

FORCE Group of NA
Workshop

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Welcoming All Members (Third Tradition)

28 May 2016 – 4:30pm – 6:30pm

San Antonio TX.

10929 Nacogdoches Unit # 12

Facilitated by: Dennis R and Lynn S.

Coastal Bend

Celine

28 groups with 52 meetings

H&I is doing good

Had a Texas State Convention Speaker Jam

Recovery by the Sea coming up on July 29-31

Hill Country

Dickie & Julie

Serving New Braunfels, San Marcos, Lockhart, Seguin, Schertz, Universal City, Canyon Lake
and Wimberley RCM & RCMII Report for RSC 5-14-16 Houston, Texas

Hello everyone and greetings from Hill Country (God's Country)

Meetings come and meeting go.

Currently we 10 groups and 13 meetings

Newest addition is “Outside the Box Group”

A women's meeting however (all are welcome)

Fridays 6:30 ~ 7:30pm 386 N Castell Ave, New Braunfels, TX 78130

(st. peter paul catholic church)

Currently we have 5 H&I Panels, but have lost our H&I chair

We currently have 5 position not filled

We have no donation at this time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

R.O.A.R. Recovery on a River June 11th 11:45 till park closes at 8:00pm

Cypress Bend Park 503 Peace Ave, New Braunfels TX 78130

H&I Workshop 3:00pm – 4:00pm Speaker 6:00pm

Food Fun Fellowship

next ASC May 22 1:00pm 6175 Business IH-35 Elliot knox Salvation Army of New
Braunfels

Houston

John

RCM 1

According to the most recent count there are 45 Houston Area Narcotics Anonymous Groups providing 138 meeting a week.

Every Houston Area service position has been filled, including Alternate Treasurer.

Some of the topics in the area planning sessions include adapting a code of conduct that will be aimed at fostering an atmosphere of courtesy and mutual respect.

- Practice Common Courtesy
- Develop training for leadership of ASC including Sub Committees (How To Manual)
- Review CBDM process with everyone
- RCM'S to hold workshops on CBDM and training for CBDM facilitation for the area fellowship.
- Home groups to review ASC policy document – review and discuss sections at ASC, to be led by policy
- Review of pamphlet on violent and disruptive behavior at ASC – reading excerpt at the beginning of the ASC meeting.
- Remember that everything that occurs in the course of NA service must be motivated by the desire to more successfully carry the message of recovery to the addict who still suffers and to always remember from our predecessors that internal strife cripples our fellowship and prevents us from providing services necessary for growth.

Flooding in the Highway 6 Bear Creek Area

Due to the flooding the Phoenix Group will be unable to meet at their regular facility until the end of August. The Tuesday meeting has been canceled until they reopen. However the Thursday meeting has temporarily been moved to the Third Coast group and starts at 7:30pm.

Our Spring Fling Picnic that was scheduled for May 1, 2016 at Bear Creek Park was also cancelled due to flooding.

Upcoming Events

HACNA fundraiser and 2nd round of family feud will be held at Hugs Not Drugs immediately following the RSC conference on Saturday May 14th, 2016

Regional Learning Day and Work Shops will be held on Sunday May 15th, 2016 at the Montrose Counseling Center from 9am – 3pm.

HASO

We will be replacing the current HASO flier on our website and replacing it with the flier

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from TBRNA for Adapt an Inmate.

I have attached a copy of the latest Facilitators report on HASO for review.

Northside

Stewart

The NASCONA Area seems to be doing well. We are currently reviewing and revising the area

policy to reflect the way business is conducted. It is almost complete. We lost one group and

gained two. FBTL 2016 has come to a close. We are reviewing the books and seeing the next

disbursement and distribution of funds. \$500 Donation this Region. Please come down and

support the activities listed...

Trusted Servants

Trusted Servants are as follows:

- Chair-Billie, Vice Chair-Braden, Secretary - Scott, Treasurer- Jess, Web Servant- Bob T., Activities Chair- Brenda, RCM 1- Stewart

- PR Chair- Open, H & I Chair- Open, RCM 2- Open, Literature Review Chair- Open, Co-

Treasurer-Open

Groups

11 Groups & 36 Meetings a week.

BAMN(Huntsville)

Better Late Than Never (Conroe)

Hope without Dope (Kingwood)

Happy, Joyous and Free (Woodlands)

New Attitudes (Tomball)

New Hope (New Caney)

No Name Group (Coldspring)

Serenity Happens (Brenham)

Serious Undertakings (Huntsville)

Shamrock Group (Cleveland)

Walking the Walk (Conroe)

Prisons Supported

Byrd Unit - every other Tuesday

Plain State Jail - 2nd Saturday

Henley Unit - 2nd Saturday

Pack Unit - Tuesday

Montgomery Co. Jail - Wednesday and Saturday

(Montgomery Co. Jail now has a womens meeting!!)

Activities

Yep, it's after FBTL and activities are just a little slim but we do have:

Better Late Than Never: Open Mic Night, June 4th 8:00pm, 2030 FM2854 Conroe, Texas 77301

Southeast Texas

Marty

Unprepared to be here. I was told to show up. I am learning on the fly.

10 groups and 61 meetings in a 5 county area

Texas Tri-County

Dennis

- Area Groups and Meetings
 - 14 groups
 - 97 meetings per week
 - Area Business
 - PR and H&I – Regularly schedule subcommittee meeting
 - The first Wednesday of every month at Ryan's Steakhouse in Lake Jackson at 6:30 PM
 - Currently going into 3 prisons, 1 jail, and 4 treatment facilities.
 - Open positions at our area are Co-chair, Literature chair, and secretary.
 - Our New RCM 2 is Vic G from the Galveston island group. Welcome Vic.
 - Area Events
 - Texas City Here And Now Group Bonfire Meetings.
 - June 4th, July 9th, August 6th (day on the dike 12pm-9pm), September 10th
 - From 4pm-9pm on the Texas City Dike 4 ½ mile marker.
 - Galveston Island Group
 - Tiki Torch meetings on the beach 3rd Sunday of the month
 - 39th and seawall @6:30pm
 - Speaker night 1st Friday of the month
 - Area Donation
 - 350.86
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Subcommittee Reports

Convention Advisory Committee

Dickie

Met April 30 GoToMeeting for the 2018 Omni hotel contract

Banner hanging for \$300

10 staff rooms

Cutoff date is 3 **weeks'** out

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Food and beverage \$6000
Some minor stuff
Committed to 306 rooms
OMNI Westside in Houston
Room rate \$119
February 9-11 2018

Discussion

Tom: Did you discuss moving the date of the convention.

Dickie: Sounds like March is best

Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention Narcotics Anonymous 17 (TBRCNA 17)

Things are progressing well. We have had several convention meetings since last RSC. The meetings are at 3:00 pm in Alvin after our Area meeting (2nd Sunday).

However, we still do not have a complete convention committee roster. If anyone is interested, please volunteer. The open positions are:

- Co-facilitator
- Registration
- Merchandising
- Art/Graphics

Currently, the Art/Graphics and Merchandising work is being handled by convention chair.

Accomplishments:

- Picked Theme for Convention: Lost Dreams Awaken and New Possibilities Arise
- Bank account moved over to TBRCNA17
- Registration site now open for business (thanks to Tom for great job)
- Art is complete for convention and t-shirts
- Bids are complete for merchandise
- Registration forms and posters printed for groups
- Walk-through of hotel this afternoon (South Shore Harbour Resort, see TBRCNA.org for hotel information) – all is invited

To Do List:

- A rough outline is complete for programming. Still need to secure speakers. Please submit ideas or speaker tapes (see TBRCNA.org for email and information)
- Please submit ideas for entertainment
- Could use some more people to help with Programming and Entertainment
- Would like to start planning for fund-raising events around the Region. Please submit ideas or if you would like to help coordinate for your Area to host the event.

- Pre-pre-convention t-shirts will be available at these events only
- Order merchandise (should be done within the next month)
 - Any special requests?

Recommendations (things to think about):

- Hanging only banners from the last 6 or so years.
 - Issues with cost and logistics of moving so many banners to and from hotel
- Suggested banner size 3 x 6, rather than 4 x 8?

Discussion

Jesi is not able to be a signer on the bank account.

James: Not being a signer can be a good thing. From a discussion with World.

How about handling cash?

There is not a question about the honesty of Jesi.

Jessi: At TSC the treasurer is not a signer but she has access to accounts for balancing.

Cyndi: Shelby and Cyndi are the current signers. Concern is that only one person has access.

Shelby: Actually only one person had the card and was a signer on tbrdna 16. All expenditures go through the committee.

Tom: Minnesota Regional Convention made PVC stands for their banners

More banner talk about hanging only a select few

Literature Review

Lynn

Hello from Literature Review!

As I'm sure you've heard the Traditions Book Project is now our newest piece of literature – 'Guiding Principles-The Spirit Of Our Traditions', after being approved at the WSC (World Service Conference). The book will hopefully be available before the end of the year.

The results from the Literature Survey are in!
For book length recovery material:

Regional Results:

48.8% - A spiritual principle a day meditation book

30.0% - Living Clean meditation book

27% - Service and recovery

Individual Results:

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15.6% - A spiritual principle a day meditation book

15.2% - Service and recovery

14.4% - Living Clean meditation book

For booklet or pamphlet length material:

Regions:

20.4% - Mental health

19.4% - Carrying a clear NA message

15.7% - Service and recovery

Individuals:

12.4% - Carrying a clear NA message

11.1% - Mental health

10.4% - Service and recovery

For what will meet the needs of NA service in the next 2-6 years:

Regions:

18.9% - Local/Area tools/toolbox

13.7% - Events and conventions handbook

11.8% - Sponsorship behind the walls

Individuals:

13.9% - Local/Area tools/toolbox

13.1% - Group service tools/toolbox

11.9% - Events and conventions handbook

For the Issue Discussion Topic – How To Use ‘Guiding Principles-The Spirit Of Our Traditions’ both Region and individual percentages ranked third highest.

As of now Literature Review is not aware of a project plan for any literature, but will be looking forward to what comes next!

A big thank you to everyone who worked on the Traditions Book Project. It truly was a labor of love.

This report was more difficult to write than any other as it will be my last as your Regional Literature Review Facilitator. I love Literature Review and will continue to participate in projects, but I’m considering other opportunities that don’t allow me to serve another term.

This has been such a great experience for me and I have learned so much. Thank you all for supporting me, nurturing me, and helping me grow in my recovery. It has been my honor and privilege to serve this Region.

Never forget to Let Your Voice Be Heard!

Hospitals & Institutions

Michelle provided email report after the RSC and Bryan read it aloud

HASCONA - 7 Facilities, Chairperson is Steve H. Everything's been going well with the subcommittee. He's been trying to recruit more people but having trouble getting new people to volunteer. Planning a learning day with other subcommittees in the Houston Area most likely in July. Women's Home wants open meeting and have tried to read AA Literature so we're

going to try to figure out a way to adjust our format in a way that's still H&I. Overall, things are going well.

Esperanza -14 Facilities, Chairperson is Robert R. Having success getting new volunteers and orientation. They are putting the final touches on their Service Appreciation Day July 16th. He feels they've been on a roll.

Central TX Area - 14 Facilities, Chairperson is Dan. 2 more by July. Having a learning day June 11th. New halfway house is opening soon and NA will be the anchor. Their website provides specific information about their facilities and contact info for the coordinators. Getting a list of all the TDCJ approved recovering addicts. Following up with people who've been orientated to encourage them to attend panel meetings. No specific problems.

SE TX Area - John T., PI Chair. There isn't H&I for the area but some groups are doing it. They've had a lot of problems within the area over the years. One large group split into a few groups and are doing H&I individually. The area is trying to pull back together after they disintegrated. 908 Boston Ave. Nederland, TX is location for Area May 22nd at 3:15, which I will attend to see if I can help them and maybe plan a learning day there. Have facilities that want NA meetings and they're asking John to handle it but he's not comfortable doing that.

Adopt an Inmate

Robert gave a verbal report

Has a better work schedule so he can better serve

19 books to 7 units

Not getting requests that we should. Making another letter for distribution.

Discussion

Jessi: Where do donations get sent?

To regional PO box and checks can be "Adopt an Inmate/TBRNA"

Kenny: What time frame was the 19 items sent out

Robert: Most in the last month of the quarter

Kenny: Houston AAI sends out about 30/week so would like to help out

Open Discussion

From last RSC:

That the administrative body and subcommittee facilitators of TBRNA be reimbursed at the current not for profit rate.

Bryan: There was nothing in the current policy that allowed for doubling the gas receipt for reimbursement so if there is no additional discussion from the Areas, we will follow the current policy and present receipts for all reimbursements.

No objections

Cyndi: Just fill up when you get back to town and present the receipt.

Provide liability insurance for groups in the Region

James: There has been a need. Have found a company in New York that will go off of the Basic Meeting List Regional listing. If you are in the database, you are covered. Did not have prices yet but you would divide the quote by the number of meetings held per week to determine the premium per group. So, if you have 250 groups with 400 meetings divide into \$2200/year it will be \$5.50/year for insurance. If the group meets 4 times per week the premium is \$22/year for that group.

James will get more information with a quote and send it out to the list.
[See Appendix A]

Read bulletin 33 –

https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/bulletins/Bulletin33_Jun07.pdf

Research what is covered and how a group makes a claim.

Adopt and Inmate in Houston Area

Kenny explained how the AAI works in Houston. Would like to combine efforts with the Region.

Jessi: Point made that Kenny said AAI has its own account, so why would you need to go to the bank on Monday to create an account for AAI?

Kenny: If you go to the HASO bank account there is a separate listing for AAI.

Armesia: The account is with HASO because of the 501(c)(3)

Lynne: Why not align with a service body to share bank account. You do not have to buy from HASO just because it is convenient.

Kenny: We do not have to pay shipping cost

Lynne: Sometimes you have to eat shipping costs. HASO is outside the service structure.

Celine: Asked some clarify questions about bookstore. What does it take to create a bookstore?

Kenny: HASO has sent a letter to all units

Celine: Not answered. What does it take to open a bookstore?

Tom: Clarified that we are not talking about the TBR Adopt an Inmate. Kenny is describing the Houston Area's Adopt an Inmate and the possibility of working together.

Bryan: It would be worth investigating opening a bookstore.

Jessi talked about HASO markup. Lone Star is cheaper even with shipping. A solution is to merge the two Adopt an Inmate programs

Dickie: Important to get literature in but that is not the issue. You have a renegade service body.

Kenny: Claims that the Region asked HASO to start AAI

Dickie: It would make sense to combine the two

Kenny: Also heard that the Regional AAI budget is \$400/quarter

Tom: Regional AAI is driven by donations but the Region makes up the balance if it falls below \$400. If the donations were up, AAI could have a \$2000 working budget, but Areas do not donate.

Kenny: We sent out \$800 worth in a month

John: Houston Area has a proposal about groups donating directly to Regional AAI. Went back to the groups for discuss.

Dennis: Sounds like money is being taken from the Houston AAI because they are aligned with HASO. Referring to the literature markup.

Jerry: Replying to Kenny's statement that TBR accused Houston AAI of misappropriation. It was only about their reluctance to provide an accounting of where all the money was going. That's all it was. Now AAI is provided an accurate accounting and making great efforts in saving money by sending multiple books to individual units. But, like everyone else, feel that they should distance themselves from HASO. Something is going to have to change.

James: Nominates Kenny for Adopt an Inmate Facilitator

Kenny answered questions

Armesia: There will be a transition period

Consensus [but he resigned after the meeting]

Proposals (Old Business)

None

Proposals (New Business)

Donation to World

Working capital: \$18,843.57

There was a proposal in February to donate 80% of TBRCNA 16 profits \$9,248.

That we donate \$8,500 from TBRCNA 2016 profits to NAWS to further our primary purpose.

Modified to

That we donate 80% from TBRCNA 2016 profits to NAWS to further our primary purpose after reconciliation.

Dickie: Do we not already have policy for this?

Allen: The quantity is more than the policy

Cat: Can we table until May?

Bryan: Do we want to table or do we have consensus?

Consensus

This leaves almost \$9,000 in the bank.

Proposal to send the remainder to NAWS

Cyndi: We still need to file taxes.

Changed to \$5000 more for

Send \$14,248 to NAWS

Consensus

In the Policy under voting members, change "CAC Facilitator" to "CAC Representative".

Not always is the Facilitator present but there is always one member of the Convention Advisory Committee in attendance. They should carry the conscience.

Consensus

Heidi straw poll for Service Pool

How does everyone feel about creating a service pool and information medium to let members know what positions are open and what the requirements are.

Tom: Has a client that wants a Service Back Office for their website.

Margaret: As with the World Service Pool, the problem is getting the qualified persons to include their résumés

Gary: World does not use their pool members for workgroup. Good idea but make sure that we use the people we get.

Look into it further

Texas State Convention to use accounting software

Brian to suggest it at the next Advisory Board meeting.

Announcements

Open positions

- Co-facilitator
- Co-Treasurer
- Literature Review Subcommittee Facilitator
- Public Relations Subcommittee Facilitator
- Internet Technologies Facilitator
- Convention Advisory Committee Member (one position remains)

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