

AREA SERVICE MEETING January 10th, 2009

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer

Traditions read

ASC definition read

Concepts read

OPEN FORUM

Bobby: Announced grievance with motion#01-03-10.

Siggy: Addressed concerns with Hopeful Hearts meetings.

Nick: Announced new meeting at the Caffeinator coffee house in Port Charlotte on Fridays at 11am called "Courage to Change" will be starting March 5th. This will be a revolving format.

Vanessa: "The Promise of Freedom" group donated their left over literature to "Lehigh on Recovery" and the remaining monies were donated to area.

Danny: Announced that we will no longer be allowed to smoke on the property of SWFAS.

ROLL CALL

CHAIR

VICE CHAIR	STORMY	772-521-0019	PRESENT *
TREASURER	TERE	305-815-1538	PRESENT *
AST. TREASURE	BRENDA	239-471-7126	PRESENT *
SECRETARY	JEREMY	239-537-7810	PRESENT *
AST. SECRETARY	MARVIN	239-277-0224	PRESENT *
RCM	TROY	410-588-7349	ABSENT 1
RCM II			
ACTIVITIES	DARLA	239-910-3315	PRESENT *
H&I	GARY S.	239-997-4343	PRESENT *
LITERATURE	JAY	239-280-6133	PRESENT *
NEWSLETTER	VANESSA	239-645-9578	PRESENT *
PR	MIKEY B.	239-994-0688	PRESENT *
POLICY	CARL F.	239-410-4455	PRESENT *
ECCNA	TOM K.	239-770-8507	ABSENT 1

ALL ABOUT US	AL	941-270-2364	PRESENT *
A SHOT OF HOPE	MIKE	239-938-5466	PRESENT *
BASIC 27	ROB S.	239-368-3941	PRESENT *
BRIDGE TO RECOVERY	HEIDI D.	239-878-6575	ABSENT 3
DARE TO WIN	PONCHO	239-829-0130	ABSENT 1
DO OR DIE	KITTY B.	239-357-8751	PRESENT *

GOODFELLAS	KIP K.	239-245-3968	ABSENT 1
HOPEFUL HEARTS	CHARLIE	941-769-2758	PRESENT *
IN HARMONY WITH NATURE	DONI	941-889-8206	PRESENT *
JUST FOR TODAY	DANNY K.	239-440-1226	PRESENT *
KEEPING IT CLEAN	PAUL F.	239-222-2533	ABSENT 2
KEEPIN IT GREEN	KEVIN	941-875-8518	PRESENT *
K.I.S.S. A.S.S.	DONNA	239-567-1453	PRESENT *
LIVIN THE DREAM	DALE H.	239-244-4523	PRESENT *
NEW BEGINNINGS	NICOLE	239-265-2666	PRESENT *
NO MATTER WHAT	SCOTT O.	941-347-7581	ABSENT 1
O.D.O.P.	JOHN R.	239-297-9459	ABSENT 3
POWER OF EXAMPLE	WILLIAM	863-558-4368	ABSENT 1
RECOVERY IN THE MANOR	TOMMY	239-699-2903	PRESENT *
SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE	MARK S.	239-471-0167	ABSENT 3
SERENITY AT SUNSET	RAY	248-320-3252	PRESENT *
SERENITY BY THE RIVER	PAT A.	239-332-4197	PRESENT *
SHOW ME HOW TO LIVE	ROCHELLE	941-623-8939	PRESENT *
SICK AS OUR SECRETS	JOE G.	724-674-3229	PRESENT *
SISTER'S JOURNEY	MILLIE	954-495-1719	PRESENT *
SOLUTION SEEKERS	NICK	941-204-8385	PRESENT *
STEPPING STONES	STEVE	941-237-6233	ABSENT 1
THE LAST STOP	JEN B.		ABSENT 3

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE	JON B.	239-980-1528	ABSENT 1
TOGETHER IN UNITY	CRYSTAL	941-421-8454	ABSENT 1
TOGETHER WE CAN	ROB R.	239-810-9274	PRESENT *

Quorum is established at 19. For voting purposes: simple majority is 10 and for policy change which requires 2/3 vote is 13.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

RCM REPORT

January 2010 was my first regional meeting as RCM for the Gulf Coast Area. Regional positions are open for trusted servants. Those positions are as follows: Alternate Treasurer and 4 BOD for SFRCNA. So if you have the clean time and meet the requirements, please check it out. This is a chance to serve where you are needed. Region is holding a CAR (Conference Agenda Report) workshop here at SWFAS in Cape Coral on February 20th. Hope to see a lot of you there. This is important to get our votes to World. And it is important for you to see how the process works. This only happens every 2 years. So show up and be a part of the process. CAR ballots are due in March so I can get them to Region to have every vote counted. There are lots of new motions to vote on for SFRCNA policy updates. This will be happening after every Region. If interested in SFRCNA policy it is available online. Motions will be in Area minutes after next Region. The next Region is in March, in Miami Lakes, at Don Shula's Resort. All are welcome. ILS Troy R.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Activities met this morning and we are planning a softball game against the Sunset Coast and picnic on April 18th at Three Oaks Park. More will be revealed. We are also starting the plans for our "Summer Sicker Than Others" dance for July. ILS Darla

H&I REPORT

All is well in H&I. The H&I Drive on 2/6/10 was very successful and new interest has been generated. All commitments are being covered well. We have had to shuffle some folks to cover all presentations. The H&I Drive generated 14 books and we are distributing 8 to facilities and working on how to get them into the jails. We have formed an AD-HOC committee to look at the formats for presentations.

Old balance: \$3210.30

Region transport: \$60.00

Literature: \$200.00

Ending balance: \$2950.30

ILS Gary S.

LITERATURE REPORT

Group orders: \$775.25

H&I order: \$200.00

ILS Jay

NEWSLETTER REPORT

February edition of the newsletter has been handed out; 50 copies are being sent to Region. I will be looking for anniversaries for April & May. The next edition will be coming out in April. If any anniversaries were missed, I did not receive them. Newsletter is doing well. ILS Vanessa

PR REPORT

Public Relations met this morning with 2 voting members in attendance. We discussed the particulars of changing our Helpline service to One Box, which is a virtual phone system. The committee voted to send this to groups for review and input. One aspect of the change would be changing to One Box would save the area approximately \$500.00 per year. However, you don't get to talk to a live addict immediately until diverted by a series of prompts to talk to a live addict. Then you may get one or have an option to leave a voicemail message. Sunset Coast Area, South Broward Area plus several other areas in our Region now use the One Box service. Please call an area who has One Box and then call ours in order to make an informed decision. We will be distributing meeting lists and Regional Helpline posters to our regular facilities this month. Helpline has two new members that joined this past month. Also Tom K. has informed me that he will no longer be able to act as coordinator but has the willingness to stay on as a volunteer. So we are needing a helpline coordinator ASAP. Website still needs a coordinator also. Expenditures for last month: Caller ID-\$30.00, LeeTran-\$60.00, Ring-a-Ding-\$75.00, Embarq-\$7.09. This leaves a balance of \$3434.73. ILS Mike B.

POLICY

No report.

ECCNA

No report.

GROUP REPORTS

ALL ABOUT US

We meet every Sunday 5pm to 6pm at 19190 Cochran Blvd. at United Methodist Church in Port Charlotte. Message is being carried and attendance is steady. ILS Al

A SHOT OF HOPE

No issues. ILS Mike

BASIC 27

Everything's great. We are a Basic Text Study. Funds are low, but we're working on that. ILS Rob S.

BRIDGE TO RECOVERY

No report.

DARE TO WIN

No report.

DO OR DIE

Do or Die is doing well. Mary Claire will be celebrating 3 years on March 14th. GSR, Kitty, was sick so the money report will be given next month. ILS Kitty

GOODFELLAS

No report.

HOPEFUL HEARTS

Jeff will be celebrating 1 year on February 24th. ILS Sigggy

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE

This is a ½ hour speaker/ 1 hour open discussion meeting. Attendance is mid to low. However, the message is being carried and all is well. This month we gave away a Basic Text and a How & Why to two newcomers. We've had great speakers but occasionally have a hard time finding a speaker so as a group conscience we voted to have a step meeting on the occasion we have no speaker. ILS Doni M.

JUST FOR TODAY

All is well. We like our new space, but we could use some support. Rent is paid. Darla is celebrating 8 years on Feb. 24th. ILS Danny K.

KEEPING IT CLEAN

No report.

KEEPING IT GREEN

Our group meets every Sat. night at 7:30p at the Edgewater United Methodist Church. Meeting attendance has been steady around 30-40 addicts. We average around 2-4 newcomers each week. Home group anniversaries are as follows: Amber M. celebrates 2 years on Feb. 17th. Jeremy A. celebrates 3 years on March 4th. James celebrates 1 year on March 6th. Ashley celebrates 1 year on March 8th. ILS James

K.I.S.S. A.S.S.

Attendance has picked up after the holidays and we are happy to say that the message is being carried here in N. Ft. Myers, ILS Donna W.

LEHIGH ON RECOVERY

No report.

LIVING THE DREAM

All is well. Rent is paid. We are carrying the message and we also need support. ILS Dale H.

NEW BEGINNINGS

All is well with a lot of newcomers present weekly. Clean message of recovery being carried. Rent is paid and all home group positions are filled. ILS Donnie

NO MATTER WHAT

No report.

O.D.O.P.

No report.

POWER OF EXAMPLE

No report.

PROMISE OF FREEDOM

No report.

RECOVERY IN THE MANOR

Group is doing well. We are growing with lots of newcomers. ILS Tommy

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

No report.

SERENITY AT SUNSET

Average attendance is 25. All is well. ILS Ray K.

SERENITY BY THE RIVER

Our 3 year home group anniversary celebration went well. We had close to 40+ people attending. A good time was had by all. Phil was our awesome speaker. On March 4th Pat A. will be celebrating 24 years. All are invited to attend. The Friday meeting of Back to Basics is no more. Signage has been placed on the door to announce this. ILS Pat A.

SHOW ME HOW TO LIVE

All is well. Attendance is steady. Rent is paid. Mary Ann is picking up 3 years on Feb. 19th and sharing her experience, strength and hope on Feb. 22nd. Paul K. is picking up 2 years on March 3rd and sharing his experience, strength and hope on March 8th. ILS Rochelle

SICK AS OUR SECRETS

All is well. Attendance is growing. Trusted servant positions are available. We are an alternating Chair's Choice/ Literature Study Meeting that meets six days a week, Sundays through Friday at noon. ILS Joe G.

SISTERS JOURNEY

We are still carrying the message of recovery. Our rent is paid. We always need support. ILS Millie

SOLUTION SEEKERS

Attendance is steady with 3-4 newcomers per week. The message is being carried. Rent is paid. Alvin is celebrating 2 years in March. Trusted servant positions need to be filled. ILS Nick

STEPPING STONES

No report.

STEP UP TO RECOVERY

No report.

THE LAST STOP

No report.

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

No report.

TOGETHER IN UNITY

No report.

TOGETHER WE CAN

We are a step & tradition study. Meeting attendance is good. Chris will be celebrating 2 years. All are welcome. ILS Rob R.

WOMEN DO RECOVER

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion#01-01-10 voted on floor and passed.
Motion#01-02-10 was never second and died.
Motion#01-03-10 voted on floor and passed.
Motion#01-04-10 referred to admin.
Motion#01-05-10 voted on floor and passed.

NOMINATIONS

None.

ELECTIONS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion#02-01-10 Recovery in the Manor/Tommy C.
No 2nd and motion died.

Motion#02-02-10 Serenity by the River/In Harmony With Nature

Motion to read: Direct the Secretary to assemble & print an addendum sheet to be given to each group per our policy; regardless of Policy Subcommittee's current review and revising of policy.

Intent: To have any policy changes available and to keep us informed.

Direction accepted by Secretary.

Motion#02-03-10 Hopeful Hearts/ Serenity by the River

Motion to read: On the Area Meeting List for helpline numbers should give the name of the town as well as the area name.

Intent: To simplify and avoid confusion.

Voted on floor and passed.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer made motion to go below prudent reserve to pay the bills. See attached report.

REVIEW BUSINESS OF THE DAY

Secretary read minutes.

CLOSED MEETING WITH THIRD STEP PRAYER

NEXT AREA SERVICE MEETING

March 14th, 2010