

AREA SERVICE MEETING October 11th, 2009

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer

Traditions read

ASC definition read

Concepts read

OPEN FORUM

Paul: Questioned whether Live Free or Die Hard was on the website.

Jeremy: Addressed the body with information from the admin meeting concerning seed monies for subcommittees and donations to region. It was decided to lift the hold on said monies due to our area recovering financially and once again beginning to operate above prudent reserve. It was also discussed that our area policy be printed for all GSRs, subcommittee chairs, and admin members. Working on a way to distribute in a cost effective way. More will be revealed.

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

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	PRESENT *

ALL ABOUT US	AL	941-270-2364	PRESENT *
A SHOT OF HOPE	MIKE	239-938-5466	PRESENT *
BRIDGE TO RECOVERY	DUANE	239-292-9153	ABSENT 1
DARE TO WIN	PONCHO	239-829-0130	PRESENT *
DO OR DIE	MARY CLAIRE	239-440-4883	PRESENT *
GOODFELLAS	KIP K.	239-245-3968	PRESENT *

HOPEFUL HEARTS	SIGGY	941-258-5271	PRESENT *
IN HARMONY WITH NATURE	DONI	941-889-8206	PRESENT *
JUST FOR TODAY	DAVID B.	239-245-2239	PRESENT *
KEEPING IT CLEAN	ANTHONY	239-738-9511	PRESENT *
KEEPIN IT GREEN	KEVIN	941-875-8518	PRESENT *
K.I.S.S. A.S.S.	DONNA	239-567-1453	PRESENT *
LEHIGH ON RECOVERY	JOE S.	239-462-5060	ABSENT 1
LIVIN THE DREAM	DALE H.	239-244-4523	PRESENT *
LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD	PAUL F.	239-222-2533	PRESENT *
NEW BEGINNINGS	NICOLE	239-265-2666	PRESENT *
THE LAST STOP	TROY R.	410-588-7349	PRESENT *
O.D.O.P.	JOHN R.	239-297-9459	PRESENT *
POWER OF EXAMPLE	JESSICA C.	941-875-2668	ABSENT 1
PROMISE OF FREEDOM	ROB G.	239-233-4430	PRESENT *
RECOVERY IN THE MANOR	TOMMY	239-699-2903	PRESENT *
SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE	MARK S.	239-471-0167	ABSENT 1
SERENITY BY THE RIVER	PAT A.	239-332-4197	PRESENT *
SHOW ME HOW TO LIVE	ROCHELLE	941-623-8939	ABSENT 1
SICK AS OUR SECRETS	JOE G.	724-674-3229	PRESENT *
SISTER'S JOURNEY	MILLIE	954-495-1719	PRESENT *
SOLUTION SEEKERS	TIM	941-740-1678	ABSENT 1
STEPPING	STEVE	941-237-6233	PRESENT *

STONES			
TOGETHER IN UNITY	KRISTIN		PRESENT *
WOMEN DO RECOVER	LINDA F.	239-603-1552	ABSENT 1

Quorum is established at 24. For voting purposes: simple majority is 13 and for policy change which requires 2/3 vote is 16.

Motion made by policy chair to operate under current policy. 2nd by The Truth Will Set You Free. Voted on floor and passed.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

RCM REPORT

None.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Our committee met this morning and all the plans for the Annual Clean and Scarene Dance are final. We will be having a speaker, raffle, coffee bar and dancing. This facility has a room for smaller children to play in and a room with an air hockey and pool table. We are asking for dessert and finger food donations. The area will be providing 1 hot dog, 1 bag of chips and 1 drink to everyone that enters. Additional hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available to purchase for 50 cents a piece. Please announce this at all of the meetings that you attend. We hope that all of you attend this function and help support our area. ILS Darla

Proposed Budget 2009-2010:	Budget 2008-2009:
\$250.00 per event	\$250.00 per event
<u>\$180.00 flyers</u>	<u>\$180.00 flyers</u>
\$430.00 total	\$430.00 total

NEEDS GROUP VOTE!!!!

H&I REPORT

All is well with H&I. Our commitments are all covered and we continue to work on the H&I Drive for February of 2010. A site has not been secured as of yet. More will be revealed. This month we spent \$197.40 on literature and \$1.32 on printing of subcommittee minutes. Three new members were orientated this month and we are growing and carrying the message of NA. ILS Gary S.

Proposed Budget 2009- 2010:	Budget 2008-2009:
Literature: \$2400.00	Literature: \$2400.00
Reaching Out: 94.50	Reaching Out: 94.50
Orientation Packets: 180.00	Orientation Packets: 180.00
Learning Day: 200.00	Learning Day: 200.00
Miscellaneous: 200.00	Misc. 200.00
	Gratitude Dinner: 800.00
<u>Travel Expenses: 600.00</u>	<u>Travel: 600.00</u>
Total: \$3674.50	Total: \$4474.50

NEEDS GROUP VOTE!!!!

LITERATURE REPORT

Group orders \$600.50
H&I order \$196.40
ILS Jay

Proposed budget 2009-2010:	Budget 2008-2009:
Order sheets: \$50.00	Order sheets: \$50.00

Stamp replacement: 20.00	Stamps: 20.00
Miscellaneous: 75.00	Misc. 75.00
Total: \$145.00	Total: \$145.00

NEEDS GROUP VOTE!!!!

NEWSLETTER REPORT

I have brought the October edition of the Meeting Maker's Monthly which also includes 100 copies to go to region. If there are any missed anniversaries it was because I didn't receive them. The next newsletter will be in December and I will be looking for December and January anniversaries. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the publication. ILS Vanessa

Proposed budget 2009-2010:

Bi-monthly circulation 250 copies @ .26 ea	\$62.50x6	\$375.00(yearly)
Adjust for price increase of copies 10% (if needed)		31.50
Misc. – Flyers, etc.		18.50
Total Yearly Budget		\$425.00

NEEDS GROUP VOTE!!!!

PR REPORT

Public Relations met this morning with three members present. We discussed meeting list distribution and did some in-house organizing. I talked to Mark, our website coordinator, and sent him information to update our website. Helpline has seven members filling all shifts. They need volunteers, call Tom K. We are investigating a new phone service in order to save area funds. More will be revealed after next region. ILS Mike B.

Proposed budget 2009-2010:

Bus signs: \$720.00
Public events: 150.00
Literature: 500.00
Website: 300.00
Meeting lists: 0.00
Misc. – Flyers and mailings: 200.00
Answering service: 1600.00
800#: 360.00
Helpline books: 0.00
Misc. flyers: 0.00
Travel: 300.00
Total: \$4130.00

Last year's 2008-2009 budget:

Bus signs: \$720.00
Public events: 150.00
Literature: 500.00
Website: 450.00
Meeting lists: 175.00
Misc. – Flyers and mailings: 200.00
Answering service: 1200.00
800#: 360.00
Helpline books: 200.00
Misc. flyers: 25.00
Travel: 0.00
Total: \$3980.00

NEEDS GROUP VOTE!!!!

ECCNA

None.

POLICY REPORT

We met and discussed housekeeping items in policy. Several items were discussed that need attention. Met with area secretary to establish to print out policy. Hopefully by next area all subcommittees and home groups will have a copy. ILS Carl F.

GROUP REPORTS

ALL ABOUT US

We meet every Sunday from 5-6pm at the United Methodist Church 19190 Cochran Blvd. in Port Charlotte. Rent is paid. Attendance is steady, message is being carried. On October 25th Matt A. will be celebrating 10 years. ILS AL

A SHOT OF HOPE

No issues.

BASIC 27

No report.

BRIDGE TO RECOVERY

No report.

DARE TO WIN

The NA message is being carried every Friday at 7pm at 3763 Evans north of Winkler. We have all of our service positions filled. Attendance is running at 10 plus with 3 or more newcomers showing up every week. We have new members that joined this week. ILS Joe R.

DO OR DIE

Doing well with lots of newcomers, many from treatment centers. New home group members. ILS Kitty B.

GOODFELLAS

Rick A. is celebrating 1 year on Oct. 31st. We filled out forms to join World; waiting to hear back. Meetings are going well. We are getting a range of people new, old and women. Our celebration breakfast is the talk of the town. ILS Frankie

HOPEFUL HEARTS

All is well. Meeting attendance is down as well as donations. The facility did work with us on the rent. September the rent was paid. Scott celebrates 1 year on Oct. 29th and Joe celebrates 2 years Nov. 4th. ILS Siggie

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE

This is a ½ hour speaker, 1 hour open-discussion meeting which meets at Kiwanis Park in Port Charlotte at 9:30am on Sundays. Attendance is mid to low and we need home group members. However, the message is being carried and all is well. We are always looking for a fresh influx of speakers. ILS Doni

JUST FOR TODAY

All is well. Rent is paid. Meeting is changed to 1 hour from 7-8pm. ILS Danny K.

KEEPING IT CLEAN

All is well. Rent is paid. We need support. We meet at Community of Christ Church in N. Ft. Myers at 7pm on Thurs. Please come and join us on Wednesday at our sister meeting Live Free or Die Hard at 7pm at the same place. It is a beginner's meeting and the group will also be celebrating 1 year.

ILS Anthony

KEEPING IT GREEN

We meet every Sat. from 7:30-8:30pm at 19190 Cochran Blvd. in Pt. Charlotte. Rent is paid. Attendance is 40-50 with 2-3 newcomers. Message is being carried. ILS Nick

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

KISS ASS is still growing strong. We are carrying the message to member new and old. Congrats to Jeffro B. for celebrating 33 years, Patti L. for celebrating 17 years and Lynn B. for celebrating 16 years. ILS Donna W.

LEHIGH ON RECOVERY

No Report.

LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD

All is well. Meeting is growing. We've changed our meeting time to 7pm. We are having a beginner's topic meeting and letting the newcomers pick the topic. We do round robin sharing. We try to be

profanity free for those who get tired of hearing f-bombs being constantly dropped. Please support the sister meeting, Keeping It Clean, on Thurs. at 7pm. ILS Paul F

LIVIN THE DREAM

All is well. Rent is paid. Great attendance. Will be moving the meeting to cafeteria at Grace by next month. Carrying the message. ILS Dale H.

NEW BEGINNINGS

All is well. A lot of newcomers present weekly. Strong message of recovery. All positions filled in the home group. Always open for new members. ILS Nicole

NO MATTER WHAT

No report.

O.D.O.P.

All is well. Good turnout with a lot of newcomers. ILS John R.

POWER OF EXAMPLE

No report.

PROMISE OF FREEDOM

All is well. Rent is paid. Our request for support has been answered. Thanks to those who have supported us. ILS Rob G.

RECOVERY IN THE MANOR

Doing fine. ILS Tommy C.

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

No report.

SERENITY AT SUNSET

No report.

SERENITY BY THE RIVER

All is well. ILS Pat A.

SHOW ME HOW TO LIVE

No report.

SICK AS OUR SECRETS

Meeting attendance is growing but still could use support, especially on Mon. and Wed. Trusted servant positions are available and need to be filled. All else is well. ILS Joe G.

SISTERS JOURNEY

Our rent is paid. We need support. Michelle will be celebrating 20 years on Oct. 31^{st.}, all are welcome. We have a step study every other week. Our meeting will be 1 ½. ILS Millie

SOLUTION SEEKERS

All is well. Rent is paid. Needing a GSR for group and other commitments coming up. Changing format to Stories Basic Text Study. ILS Chris

STEPPING STONES

We are a step study meeting. We meet every Saturday at noon at Live Oak Park in Port Charlotte on Bayshore. Meeting attendance is steady 6-8 people weekly. We are donating a Basic Text to a newcomer instead of rent. ILS Steve S.

STEP UP TO RECOVERY

No report.

THE LAST STOP

We are a new group in need of members. Attendance is a steady 20 heads. All is well. ILS Craig

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

Meetings are going well. Great mix of old timers and newcomers every meeting. We are a step and tradition meeting and we will be celebrating our 13th year anniversary in January. Bobby S. will be celebrating 19 years Thurs. Oct. 29th at 7:30. Please join us for celebration and cake. ILS Jon B.

TOGETHER IN UNITY

This is a candlelight meeting held every Thursday at 7:30 @ the Edgewater Methodist Church. Group has steady attendance. As of this month, I am the new GSR and Kristin D. will be alternate. ILS Crystal

TOGETHER WE CAN

Good meeting attendance. We are a step and tradition study meeting. All is well. ILS Rob R.

WOMEN DO RECOVER

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion: 09-01-09 passes

Motion: 09-02-09 fails

Motion: 09-04-09 tabled to policy

Motion: 09-05-09

Motion made to amend by Together We Can 2nd by Live Free or Die Hard and passed on floor.

Amended motion to read: To direct NA World Services to remove, *in any future printings*, any gender specific references to God from various literatures and replace same with gender neutral terms.

NEEDS GROUP VOTE!!!!

NOMINATIONS

Troy R. nominated for RCM

Clean date: 1/15/05

Qualifications: Working knowledge of the 12 steps and 12 traditions. Has a sponsor who has a sponsor. Vice-Chair of the Literature subcommittee in the Northeast Freedom Area in Maryland.

Has held all positions at the group level as well as helped start meetings in Cape Coral and Maryland. Currently Secretary of Public Relations subcommittee.

NEEDS GROUP VOTE!!!!

ELECTIONS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: 10-01-09 Activities / Serenity By The River

Motion to read: To change policy of yearly duties under admin for the Trusted Servant Workshop to read: The ASC shall provide a Trusted Servant's Workshop once a year, including both area and group level positions.

Intent: To utilize funds appropriately due to lack of participation.

NEEDS GROUP VOTE!!!!

Motion: 10-02-09 Treasurer / Serenity By The River

Motion to read: Gulf Coast Area will not accept any personal checks for any reason.

Intent: To protect GCASC from unnecessary overdraft fees.

NEEDS GROUP VOTE!!!!

Motion: 10-03-09 Treasurer / New Beginnings

Motion to read: Reimburse treasurer \$105.99 for purchase of Quickbooks.

Intent: Adhere to copyright infringement laws.

Voted on floor and passed.

Motion: 10-04-09 Live Free or Die Hard / Promise of Freedom

Motion to read: Clearly define in Policy the definitions quorum and abstention and clearly define voting procedure.

Referred to policy.

Motion: 10-05-09 Policy / Hopeful Hearts

Motion to read: To make a check in the amount of \$100.00 to Area Secretary for printing of policy.

(50 copies – 15 for admin/subcommittees and 35 for groups. 24 pages @ 8 cents per page.)

Voted on floor and failed.

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

November 8th, 2009