

## AREA SERVICE MEETING September 19<sup>th</sup>,2009

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer

Traditions read

ASC definition read

Concepts read

### OPEN FORUM

Troy: New meeting in Cape Coral requesting starter kit.

Poncho: Resigning from ECCNA commitment as BOD in order to take Program Chair position.

Siggy: Stated that very little money was being collected for coffee donations.

Stormy: Asked for pro tem of Tere for Treasurer.

Millie: Sister's Journey meeting moved from Country Club and wanted to change helpline.

Pat: Questioned when the last time books were put in the jails.

New Beginnings: Change order of business in order to vote Mike B. in for PR Chair before he had to leave for work. Voted on and passed.

### ROLL CALL

#### **CHAIR**

<b>VICE CHAIR</b>	STORMY	772-521-0019	PRESENT *
<b>TREASURER</b>	TERE	305-815-1538	PRESENT *
<b>AST. TREASURE</b>	BRENDA	239-471-7126	PRESENT *
<b>SECRETARY</b>	JEREMY	239-537-7810	PRESENT *
<b>AST. SECRETARY</b>	MARVIN	239-277-0224	PRESENT *

#### **RCM**

##### **RCM II**

<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	DARLA	239-910-3315	PRESENT *
<b>H&amp;I</b>	GARY S.	239-997-4343	PRESENT *
<b>LITERATURE</b>	JAY	239-280-6133	PRESENT *
<b>NEWSLETTER</b>	VANESSA	239-645-9578	PRESENT *
<b>PR</b>	MIKEY B.	239-994-0688	PRESENT *
<b>POLICY</b>	CARL F.	239-410-4455	PRESENT *
<b>ECCNA</b>	TOM K.	239-770-8507	PRESENT *

<b>ALL ABOUT US</b>	AL	941-270-2364	PRESENT *
<b>A SHOT OF HOPE</b>	MIKE	239-938-5466	ABSENT 1
<b>BASIC 27</b>	CARL F.	239-410-4455	ABSENT 2
<b>BRIDGE TO RECOVERY</b>	DUANE	239-292-9153	PRESENT *
<b>DARE TO WIN</b>	PONCHO	239-829-0130	PRESENT *

<b>DO OR DIE</b>	MARY CLAIRE	239-440-4883	PRESENT *
<b>GOODFELLAS</b>	KIP K.	239-245-3968	PRESENT *
<b>HOPEFUL HEARTS</b>	CHARLIE B.	941-769-2758	PRESENT *
<b>IN HARMONY WITH NATURE</b>	DONI	941-889-8206	PRESENT *
<b>JUST FOR TODAY</b>	DAVID B.	239-245-2239	PRESENT *
<b>KEEPING IT CLEAN</b>	ANTHONY	239-738-9511	ABSENT 1
<b>KEEPIN IT GREEN</b>	KEVIN	941-875-8518	PRESENT *
<b>K.I.S.S. A.S.S.</b>	DONNA	239-567-1453	PRESENT *
<b>LEHIGH ON RECOVERY</b>	JOE S.	239-462-5060	PRESENT *
<b>LIVIN THE DREAM</b>	DALE H.	239-244-4523	PRESENT *
<b>LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD</b>	PAUL F.	239-222-2533	PRESENT *
<b>NEW BEGINNINGS</b>	NICOLE	239-265-2666	PRESENT *
<b>NO NAME</b>	TROY R.	410-588-7349	PRESENT *
<b>NO MATTER WHAT</b>	KOREY	941-467-2273	ABSENT 1
<b>O.D.O.P.</b>	JOHN R.	239-297-9459	PRESENT *
<b>POWER OF EXAMPLE</b>	JESSICA C.	941-875-2668	PRESENT *
<b>PROMISE OF FREEDOM</b>	ROB G.	239-233-4430	PRESENT *
<b>RECOVERY IN THE MANOR</b>	TOMMY	239-699-2903	PRESENT *
<b>SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE</b>	MARK S.	239-471-0167	PRESENT *
<b>SERENITY AT SUNSET</b>	RAYMOND	248-320-3252	ABSENT 1
<b>SERENITY BY THE RIVER</b>	PAT A.	239-332-4197	PRESENT *
<b>SHOW ME HOW TO LIVE</b>	ROCHELLE	941-623-8939	PRESENT *

<b>SICK AS OUR SECRETS</b>	JOE G.	724-674-3229	PRESENT *
<b>SISTER'S JOURNEY</b>	MILLIE	954-495-1719	PRESENT *
<b>SOLUTION SEEKERS</b>	TIM	941-740-1678	PRESENT *
<b>STEPPING STONES</b>	STEVE	941-237-6233	PRESENT *
<b>STEP UP TO RECOVERY</b>	MARY ANNE	941-268-4464	ABSENT 1
<b>TOGETHER IN UNITY</b>	KRISTIN		ABSENT 1
<b>WOMEN DO RECOVER</b>	LINDA F.	239-603-1552	PRESENT *

Quorum is established at 21. For voting purposes: simple majority is 12 and for policy change which requires 2/3 vote is 15.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **RCM REPORT**

None.

### **ACTIVITIES REPORT**

The activities subcommittee met this morning at 9:30. We finalized all the plans for the "Annual Clean and Scarene" dance that will be on October 24<sup>th</sup> at Community Church of Christ from 8:00 – 12:00. There is a \$5.00 suggested donation and all who enter will receive a ticket that will get you 1 hot dog, 1 bag of chips and 1 drink. Additional drinks, chips and hotdogs will be available to purchase for 50 cents each. We hope that all of you will be there to support our area. We are going over ideas for our next event. More will be revealed. ILS Darla

Activities Budget 2009-2010:

4 events @ \$250.00 each	\$1000.00
4 flyers @ \$.10x30x4	12.00
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	\$1012.00

### **H&I REPORT**

All is well. All commitments are covered. We still could use more support and increase membership. We are planning an H&I Drive/Picnic on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 with skits, food, and a speaker to educate our members on the benefits of H&I service. ILS Gary S.

Proposed New Budget September 2009- August 2010:

Literature:	\$2400.00
Reaching Out:	94.50
Orientation Packets:	180.00
Learning Day:	200.00
<u>Miscellaneous:</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Subtotal:	\$3074.00
<u>Travel expense:</u>	<u>800.00</u>
Total:	\$3874.50

### **LITERATURE REPORT**

Group orders	\$962.30
H&I order	\$246.80

ILS Jay

## **NEWSLETTER REPORT**

Newsletter for the first year will be produced bi-monthly. Planned circulation is as follows:

25 active meetings in the Gulf Coast Area and 10 copies per meeting: 250 copies  
100 copies to go to region  
ILS Vanessa

Proposed budget:

Bi-monthly circulation 250 copies @ .26 ea	\$62.50x6	\$375.00(yearly)
Adjust for price increase of copies 10% (if needed)		31.50
Office supplies – ink cartridge, paper		35.00
<u>Misc. – Flyers, etc.</u>		<u>18.50</u>
Total Yearly Budget		\$460.00

## **PR REPORT**

Public Relations met this morning with three members present. We created a new budget and it was decided to keep the bus signs on Lee Tran buses. We have a new member Troy who was elected secretary for our committee. The helpline needs members, call Tom K. 239-770-8507. Sept. is recovery month, created by the National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Association. There will be a walk for Recovery, Sat. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at Lakes Park in Ft. Myers, 8:30 am-10:30 am. Website is updated and functioning. ILS Mike B.

Proposed budget 2009-2010:

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

## **ECCNA**

All is well. We are moving right along. We have pre-convention t-shirts which will be available next week. Our Chili Cook Off is Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> @ Church of the Cross. We now have the AB going over policy. We have 2 more nominees for the AB and still have a few positions open on the host, site, entertainment, program and treasurer. The meetings are @ the same place and time every month. Veteran's Park in Naples on the last Saturday of every month @ 10 am. Please come and attend. We already have registrations and you can get yours online with monthly payments or pay in full. Remember there is a limited amount of people who will be able to attend. ILS Tom K.

Bank balance: \$1504.83

## **GROUP REPORTS**

### **ALL ABOUT US**

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

## **A SHOT OF HOPE**

No report.

## **BASIC 27**

No report.

## **BRIDGE TO RECOVERY**

All is well. Rent is paid. ILS Duane.

## **DARE TO WIN**

This group is doing very good with carrying the N.A. message. We have newcomers showing up every week, and some are coming back. All service positions are filled! We are hoping to start the candle light meeting here in October. ILS Poncho

## **DO OR DIE**

Hi Family! All is well at Saturday Do or Die group. We are making \$75.09 donation to area, and \$82.09 literature purchase. That is all. ILS Wesley J.W.

## **GOODFELLAS**

All is well. Rent is paid. Attendance is good. Franky J. will be celebrating 15 years on September 26<sup>th</sup>, please come have breakfast and help us celebrate. ILS Kip

## **HOPEFUL HEARTS**

Meetings are going well. Message is being carried. Donations are down and we were not able to pay full rent, but we did work something out with the management. ILS Sigggy

## **IN HARMONY WITH NATURE**

Attendance is mid to low; we need home group members. This is a speaker meeting and we need a fresh influx of speakers. Otherwise all is well. We donated one "Just For Today" this month to a newcomer. ILS Doni M

## **JUST FOR TODAY**

All is well. Rent is paid. Attendance is strong. Jim R. is celebrating 9 years this Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup>. ILS Danny K.

## **KEEPING IT CLEAN**

No report.

## **KEEPING IT GREEN**

Rent is paid in full, and attendance is steady. All is well. ILS Champ.

## **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**

We meet Wednesday s at 6:00pm at the community of Christ Church in N. Fort Myers. Our meeting is very small and just started. Next month we will start the meeting at 7:00 pm. We do round robin sharing, so everyone can share. We encourage restraint in profanity. ILS Paul F

## **LIVIN THE DREAM**

All is well. We have great attendance. Rent is paid. Trusted servant positions have been filled and the message is being carried. ILS Dale H.

## **NEW BEGINNINGS**

All is well and rent is pad. All trusted servant positions are filled. A lot of newcomers are present weekly. We have a clear message of recovery. Jeremy O. is celebrating 2 years on September 14<sup>th</sup>. ILS Nicole

## **NO MATTER WHAT**

No report.

### **O.D.O.P.**

All is well and rent is paid. We have one celebrant John R with 21 years. We have a lot of addicts attending meetings. ILS John R.

### **POWER OF EXAMPLE**

Group still needs support, but is getting better. Literature is caught up well with this months order. We are in desperate need of home group members. Literature order is \$29.05, area donation is \$15.00, and we added \$10.00 to prudent reserve. WE had a group decision to change the last Sunday of the month to a speaker or open discussion meeting. Group attendance is small; topics are good for a smaller group. We have newcomers on a weekly basis; literature sells quickly to the newcomers. ILS Jessica C.

### **PROMISE OF FREEDOM**

Rent is paid (based on attendance). We could use some support. We consistently have one or two newcomers. ILS Rob G.

### **RECOVERY IN THE MANOR**

Group has a new member and all is doing well. ILS Tommy C.

### **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE**

We did not have a treasurer present at last business meeting so we have no funds available. We celebrated and all is was great for Kays 30<sup>th</sup>. No new celebrants to come. We voted yes to all motions to be dealt in old business. ILS Pat

### **SERENITY AT SUNSET**

No report.

### **SERENITY BY THE RIVER**

No report.

### **SHOW ME HOW TO LIVE**

All is well. Rent is paid. ILS Rochelle

### **SICK AS OUR SECRETS**

Attendance is good on Sundays. Monday and Wednesday meetings still need support. REnt is paid. All is well. ILS Joe G.

### **SISTERS JOURNEY**

Our rent is paid. We need support. Our attendance is small, but persevering. We are starting a step study. ILS Millie

### **SOLUTION SEEKERS**

All is good and rent is paid to date. We have lots of newcomers and a good turn out for meetings. We are currently looking into changing the meeting format. ILS Tim.

### **STEPPING STONES**

Meeting is going well, we have 8 to 10 people weekly. Step study noon on Sunday's at Live Oaks Park in Port Charlotte. ILS Steve S.

### **STEP UP TO RECOVERY**

No report.

### **THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE**

No report.

### **TOGETHER IN UNITY**

No report.

### **WOMEN DO RECOVER**

All is well, and we are carrying the message of recovery. Rent is paid. We need support. ILS Elizabeth.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Regional motion # 08-02-09 passes

Area motion # 08-04-09 passes

## **NOMINATIONS**

ECCNA nominations:

Tere V. for BOD voted on floor and passed 19-0-0

Lisa S. for BOD voted on floor and passed 18-0-1

Joe M. for BOD voted on floor and passed 19-0-0

## **ELECTIONS**

Stormy for ECCNA Hospitality Chair passed 19-0-0

Tere V. for Area Treasurer voted on floor and passed 19-0-0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion # 09-01-09 Just For Today/Promise of Freedom

Motion to read: To have all ECCNA nominations voted in by the ECCNA Board. Have area only vote on policy changes.

Intent: The board is more qualified to pick people to serve on the board.

**NEEDS GROUP VOTE!!!**

Motion # 09-02-09 ECCNA/New Beginnings

Motion to read: To change policy from Secretary of host being signer on the bank account to Treasurer being signer on the bank account.

Intent: to change policy due to an erroneous ill thought of decision.

**NEEDS GROUP VOTE!!!**

Motion # 09-03-09 Treasurer/Live Free or Die Hard

Motion to read: To give Activities \$250.00 seed money for upcoming event.

Intent: To follow policy per admin.

Voted on floor and passed.

Motion # 09-04-09 Serenity by the River/Live Free or Die Hard

Motion to read: Page 9 #5 to be added E. Voting participation is all members present at current area meeting actually carrying a vote on the floor and not merely those present & representing a group or committee.

Intent: To clarify the meaning of voting participation.

**NEEDS GROUP VOTE!!!**

Motion # 09-05-09 Live Free or Die Hard/Bridge to Recovery

Motion to read: To direct NA World Services to remove any gender specific references to God from various literatures and replace same with gender neutral terms.

Example: "His will for us." Could be "God's will for us." "A loving God as He may express himself in our Group Conscious" could be "A loving God as expressed in our Group Conscience"

Intent: We NA members take pride in allowing any NA member to adopt any belief in a Higher Power that said member may choose to believe in. We actively promote the idea that God cannot be defined; because to do so limits what God can be and may inadvertently align us with different religions. By referring to God as "him", we have partially defined what God can be for the new member. NA members encompass a broad spectrum of beliefs. Some NA members believe that God is female; others that God is male; some believe that God is gender neutral; and even others believe that God isn't a single entity. When we promote God as being male, we alienate other potential ideas of a higher power. Alienating beliefs creates division and is thus a violation of Tradition 1. By

defining God as male, NA has an opinion on what God is and is thereby violating its own Tradition 10 and pulling itself into public controversy.

Pros: Unity and inclusiveness in the fellowship. Less controversy.

Cons: Cost of reprinting all NA literature. Offense to specific religions that believe that God is male.

**NEEDS GROUP VOTE!!!**

**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

October 11th, 2009