

The Beach Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2014

OPEN WITH SERENITY PRAYER

READINGS: 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts

BASCNA STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The Beach Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous shall, in accordance with the 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts of NA, serve all NA meetings who choose to participate.

ADMIN ROLL CALL:

Administrative Committee Members:

Chair - Ron K., absent
Vice Chair - Marji B., present
Treasurer - Sean M., present
Vice Treasurer - Joe B., present
Secretary - Akiko T., present

Regional Committee Member (RCM) - David C., present
Virginia Regional Convention Committee Member (VRCCM) - Dale R., present

Sub-Committee Members:

Serenity On The Shore (SOTS) Vice Chair - Scott B., present
Emergent Needs Committee (ENC) Chair - Geoff L., present
East Coast Convention Committee Representative (ECCNA) - AJ O., present

COMMITTEE REPORTS: [see attached]

OPEN FORUM:

- Serenity Sisters motion discussion (literature rack)
 - many meetings don't have literature rack, does not impact carrying the message
 - to buy things with area money for individual groups could set dangerous precedent
 - home group members could purchase own rack?
 - 2 individuals offered to pay for rack, motion withdrawn

- Serenity Sisters is struggling to stay afloat
 - maybe change format of meeting, change time and/or place, to attract people?
 - when passing basket, announce that the home group needs extra money?

- The Journey Continues motion discussion (money for struggling groups)
 - should area money be made available for struggling meetings?
 - maybe with strict guidelines (i.e. for literature or rent only, cap on amount) ?

- ENC Vice Chair brought up suggestion last month for struggling groups to ask area for help with money
- motion may be too vague to pass -- need to be more specific about where money is going
- what is definition of "struggling meeting"? who qualifies for assistance?
- home groups could hold fundraiser for their own meetings (i.e. picnic, pancake breakfast)

GROUP ROLL CALL / GROUP REPORTS:

Groups present / Report:

- 1) Choose Life
- 2) Clean And Serene
- 3) Hope Ignited
- 4) HOW Group
- 5) In Times of Illness
- 6) Kempsville Crossroads
- 7) Living The Program
- 8) Saturday Night Men's
- 9) Serenity Sisters / written report
- 10) Shattering The Illusion / verbal report
- 11) The Journey Continues
- 12) There's A Light
- 13) Trusted Servants
- 14) Wave Of Recovery
- 15) When At The End Of The Road

Groups not present / Absences:

- 16) Awkward Group / 2
- 17) Enjoying The Journey / 1
- 18) Straight Ahead / 1
- 19) Sunday Sanity / 1
- 20) Surrender And Recovery / 1

New groups: [none]

WRITTEN GROUP REPORTS: [see attached]

ESTABLISH QUORUM: 15/20 groups represented - quorum met

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion: (made by Jennifer M., 2nd by Kerry S.) to approve minutes. **Vote:** (15/0/0) motion passed

OLD BUSINESS:

[none]

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Motion #1:** (*policy change) To hold quarterly service events for the BANA. **Intent:** Promote unity of purpose. **Motion made by:** Hope Ignited.

- Motion #1 withdrawn

- **Motion #2:** (*policy change) That a budget be created and set aside from monies above prudent reserve for struggling groups in the Va. Beach area. We would also like to suggest that these monies be limited to subsidizing and/or paying rent and purchasing literature. Further, we would like to present that a simple form be made available for home groups to fill out and present to area as needed according to any and all guidelines set. **Intent:** To help struggling groups in area. **Motion made by:** The Journey Continues.

- Motion #2 failed (2/10/3)

- **Motion #3:** To provide our group a 20 pocket literature rack with the extra money the area has. **Intent:** To help us fund our group because we're small, we barely get money, and to carry the message through our IP studies. Note: It will be \$38.00 + \$9.00 ship/hand + \$2.50 fuel charge, totalling \$49.50. This is at fsrc.com, Free State Regional Service Center of NA. **Motion made by:** Serenity Sisters.

- Motion #3 withdrawn

- **Motion #4:** Donate 1 case 28eg Basic Texts to the ECCNA (Approx. \$336.00). **Intent:** To utilize our excess funds to support this effort to get the Basic Text into prisons and jails. To defray cost of convention in order to purchase more basic texts. **Motion made by:** HOW Group.

- Motion #4 passed (11/3/1)

- **Motion #5:** Recommend a one time contribution of \$450 above the prudent reserve be given to ECCNA to purchase books. **Intent:** In support of the 12th step. **Motion made by:** Kempsville Crossroads.

- Motion #5 withdrawn

MOTION TO CLOSE: (made by Sonny M., 2nd by Amanda F.) **Vote:** (15/0/0) motion passed

** [policy change requires 2/3 vote]*

Committee Reports:

CHAIR: [no report]

VICE CHAIR:

I am really happy to serve as your Vice Chair. I apologize for being absent in January. I had pneumonia. I will do my best to serve this body this next year with out any more illnesses or reasons.

I am excited about this year, and all this area will get done. I am looking forward to the new ideas and the new motions being passed.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Vice Chair. Looking forward to working with all of you for the next 2 years.

In Loving Service
Marji B

TREASURER:

Treasurer's Report

2/01/2014

Hello BASCNA,

Our beginning balance for January 2014 was \$1920.05. We paid \$50.00 to Ocean Lakes Church for BASCNA Rent, \$49.61 for Printing Expenses and had Home Group donations in the amount of \$125.00 – leaving us with an ending balance of \$1945.44

We have \$166.00 in approved expenses in reserve for the purchase of Basic Texts and a Prudent Reserve of \$920.00. In addition, we have met our goal of reserving \$100.00 per month to reach the \$500.00 approved allocation for Emergent Need's expenditures, leaving us with \$359.44 over our Prudent Reserve.

ILS

Sean M

VICE TREASURER:

Hello all. Hope all are doing well. I am looking forward to serving in the capacity of vice treasurer. My foot is healing well and so I will be more active In this role.

ILS,
Joe B.

SECRETARY:

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BANA,

I have nothing to report.

ils, akiko

RCM:

02/01/2014 RCM BANA report

Hello family,

This WSC is being held this year starting April 27th - May 3rd so there is a great deal of information and changes that may be implemented which affects the entire fellowship about the direction of NA as a whole. The CAR (conference agenda report)and the CAT (conference approval track material) is available for anyone to download and view <http://na.org/conference> user name wsc2014 and password CP2014

The car contains six motions from the world board. One is to approve the revision of a service pamphlet as an IP. Two are related to the future of world service conference delegate funding and alternate attendance. Three are related to the service system proposals, asking whether we agree in principal to move forward in the direction of the service system that includes group support forums, local service conference and local service boards.

The regional proposals are unique in the car since they do not meet the the criteria that is required of a motion in order to be car ready but they did

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not want the information and effort to be lost as a result. This is a result of an experiment to use regional proposals rather than regional motions. The additional time that it took in old business has them recommending to return to the previous practice of accepting regional motions.

The service system project is which they have finished a field test of the local aspects of the service system proposals. This has been done in hope of creating a frame of how to implement the ssp from local experience. The three support systems tested were the Group Support Forums (GSFs)

Local Service Conferences (LSCs)

Local Service Boards (LSB) all information and descriptions of what these bodies are and what they learned and conclusion about moving forward and the motions proposed are found from pages 18 through 25.

We will hold a workshop on the car I am thinking early march so that should give us time to time to take it back to the groups.

ILS

David C.

VRCC CHAIR:

Dear ASC, I attended AVCNA 32 in Hagerstown, MD Jan 17-19. Thursday evening was a meet and greet. Friday mtg confirmed host committee officers for AVCNA 33, host Appalachian Area in Lynchburg, VA. Sunday post convention mtg announced some executive board positions are up for nomination at March mtg in Charlottesville. Convention 32 preliminary numbers were 617 paid attendees and 123 newcomer/indigent packages given out. In loving service, Dale R

SOTS VICE CHAIR:

Hi Beach Area,

February SOTS meeting is next Sunday, February 9th at 5pm at the VB Psych Center.

We have positions open within the SOTS committee and can always use help and support in all areas on the committee.

In Loving Service,

Scott B

ENC CHAIR:

Emergent Needs Committee

Chair Report

2/1/2014

All,

ENC met Friday 1/31/2014 with six addicts in attendance. The Webservant reports that he has made some recent changes to the online meeting list, and that everything should be up to date. Please contact him if you need changes made.

We discussed H&I, and are unfortunately at the mercy of the city officials who have the responsibility of approaching the Virginia Beach Sheriff for approval of the jail commitment. Bridget Manyak is our contact, and our last communication was on 1/28/2014 via email where she reported that no approval has been made. She was to follow up and get back to us. On 1/31/2014 I requested an updated status. She has yet to answer.

The fund raiser for ECCNA is still on schedule for 2/8/2014 at 5:00PM at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Addicts will be meeting a few hours before hand to help set up the event. If you have an interest in some service please join us early.

I am submitting receipt from the H&I Learning Day for the total amount of \$183.95 on behalf of Chuck K. who used his own money to cover the event expenses.

ILS,

Geoff L.

Written Group Reports

Serenity Sisters Group:

Hello Family,

Serenity Sisters is an NA meeting open to all women. We'd like all ladies to come check us out sometime. We meet every Thursday night at the United Methodist Church off of Haygood Road. For more information, please see the meeting list, or check our Beach Area website.

We are also planning our second annual women's social sometime in May. We'll provide more details in next month's minutes.

In super-loving service,
Jennifer M.
GSR for Serenity Sisters

BANA Home Group List

ACTIVE:

- 1) **Awkward Group** - Friday 10:30pm, "Wandering Meeting", call for location. Contact: Michael W. 757-961-3156. **GSR:** Mike W. 757-916-3156
- 2) **Choose Life** - Thursday 8:00pm, Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center. Contact: Phil S. 757-771-6763. **GSR:** Phil S. 757-771-6763
- 3) **Clean And Serene** - Sunday 8:15pm, Bayside Baptist Church. Contacts: Mike S. 757-618-3221, Craig W. 757-395-9999. **GSR:** Mike S. 757-618-3221
- 4) **Enjoying The Journey** - Tuesday 8:00pm, Water's Edge Church. Contacts: Mark M. 757-214-4286, Billy B. 757-681-4341. **GSR:** Hank K. 757-339-7694
- 5) **Hope Ignited** - Sunday 9:00am, Virginia Beach Recovery Center. Contact: Chuck K. 757-469-9365. **GSR:** Amanda F. 757-615-8482
- 6) **HOW Group** - Friday 8:30pm, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Contact: Lance G. 757-692-7864, Tim L. 757-472-1690. **GSR:** Kathleen G. 757-642-3823
- 7) **In Times of Illness** - Tuesday 7:30pm, Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center. Contact: Bill S. 757-717-1815. **GSR:** Bill S. 757-717-1815
- 8) **Kempsville Crossroads** - Friday 8:00pm, Providence Presbyterian Church. Contacts: Daniel 757-418-1690, Mark N. 757-478-1839. **GSR:** Sonny M.
- 9) **Living The Program** - Monday 7:30pm, Water's Edge Church. Contacts: Lance G. 757-692-7864, Steve K. 757-715-1075. **GSR:** Bill W. 757-559-0002
- 10) **Saturday Night Men's** - Saturday 6:00pm, 2225 Rose Hall Dr. Contact: Ty G. 757-652-1150. **GSR:** Sam B. 757-621-1580
- 11) **Serenity Sisters** - Thursday 7:30pm, Haygood United Methodist Church. Contacts: Tracy B. 757-407-2661, Trish 757-575-9350. **GSR:** Jennifer M. 757-352-0870
- 12) **Shattering The Illusions** - Thursday 7:00pm, St. Michel Lutheran Church. Contacts: Deedee A. 757-560-5596, Bryan M. 757-635-7414. **GSR:** Peggy
- 13) **Straight Ahead** - Wednesday 7:15pm, Christ Presbyterian Church. Contacts: Chris P. 757-535-7227. **GSR:** Sherry R. 757-406-9175
- 14) **Sunday Sanity** - Sunday 8:00pm, Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center. Contacts: Mary P. 757-739-1726, John 757-567-6395. **GSR:** Lori K. 757-309-9631
- 15) **Surrender And Recovery** - Wednesday 7:00pm, United Congregational Christian Church. Contact: Ray I. 757-692-9446. **GSR:** Tom G. 757-647-1481
- 16) **The Journey Continues** - Sunday 5:00pm, St. Francis Episcopal Church. Contact: Donna V. 757-619-3737. **GSR:** Donna V. 757-619-3737

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17) **There's A Light** - Tuesday 7:00pm, Ocean Lakes Church of God. Contacts: Geoff L. 757-641-3159, Robert S. 757-816-2777. **GSR:** Kelley K. 757-322-0164

18) **Trusted Servants** - Wednesday 8:00pm, New Faith Church. Contact: Ben N. 757-270-0264. **GSR:** Ben L. 757-270-0264

19) **Wave Of Recovery** - Friday 8:00pm, Virginia Beach Christian Church. Contact: Pat C. 757-735-8934. **GSR:** Steve S. 757-770-6289

20) **When At The End Of The Road** - Saturday 2:00pm, and Sunday 2:00pm, St. Francis Episcopal Church. Contact: Lucinda W. 757-343-0118. **GSR:** Lucinda W. 757-343-0118

INACTIVE (3 or more consecutive absences):

1) **Visible Changes** - Wednesday 12:00pm, Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Contact: Arden M. 757-737-4005.
GSR: