

**Approved Minutes**  
**NA by Phone Area Meeting**  
**1:40 pm Eastern, Saturday, August 8, 2020**

Jimmie D opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, thanking them for their service and the We Version of the Serenity Prayer. Rob R read the Service Prayer.

Officer Roll Call: Jimmie D, Chairperson, Camilla L, Secretary and Pierre AS, Outreach Chair.

GSR Roll Call: Chanel W for Serenity on Thursday, Debbie C, new GSR from One Primary Purpose, Dawn W, GSR and Rob R, GSRA for Recovery on the Go, Tara F, GSR for Loving Our Long-Timers, Tony M, GSR for Keeping It Real Group of NA, Jeff T, GSR for Life After Drugs II and Terry R, GSR for Recovery thru Aging & Illness.

Member Roll Call: Percy D from Our Gratitude Speaks, Sarah S Interested Member, Loretta J from Keeping It Real Group of NA, Jeanne V Interested Member.

Minutes: Minutes for the Area Meeting held Saturday, July 11, 2020, were read by Camilla and approved as read. GSR's and interested members will receive copies.

**Officer Reports**

Chairperson: Jimmie thanks everyone for attending. He asks people to stay focused since he will not be repeating business already covered.

Secretary: Camilla L reported minutes went out late and because she is currently working, will be listening but may not be able to participate or remain for the entire meeting.

Treasurer Report: Susanne B was not present. The Finance Subcommittee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month (next week) at 1:30pm Eastern on the area phone number: 605.313.5145, 352188#.

Outreach Chair: Pierre thanks the group. The vision and activities of Outreach should be a group effort. Outreach and Public Relations are separate. Our goals should be that all addicts should be able to recover in the company of other addicts, not in isolation. Pierre envisions reaching out to the other phone line

groups that are not a part of area to invite and include them to promote unity. He also sees tremendous value in carrying the message to addicts by making knowledge of phonenumber meetings to recovery homes, treatment centers, transitional living homes, etc. He wants help and guidance from all the area groups.

## **Group Reports**

Serenity on Thursday: Chanel reports they meet on Thursdays at 7pm Eastern, they have about 12-15 people attending and two new home group members. They are doing well.

Loving Our Long-Timers: Tara F, GSR, reports both the Wednesday night meeting and new Friday Loving Our Long-Timers International meeting are doing very well.

Life After Drugs II: Jeff T reports their group has 13 to 15 members in attendance. They are working with newer members to become trusted servants and have continued to donate to Loving Our Long-Timers for the website upkeep.

Keeping It Real Group of NA: Tony M, GSR and Loretta J, Group Secretary, report they are joining the area, they hold 19 meetings a week with about a dozen members in attendance and new members coming all the time. They are wholeheartedly welcomed.

Recovery Thru Aging and Illness: Terry R, GSR reports he is stepping down because he relapsed from pain medication after surgery.

One Primary Purpose: Debbie C, new GSR for the group, reports they have 8-11 members in attendance each meeting and because the group has not been up to date on current business, will remain neutral on any issues discussed today. She is welcomed.

Recovery on the Go: Dawn W reports they have consistent member participation. They have a GSR and a GSRA in attendance. Their meeting is doing OK but could use support and they are willing to support other groups that need support.

NA Infinity Group: Joseph B, GSR, reports they are joining the area, they meet 24 hours a day, seven days a week and have been running for 139 days. They have a website ([nainfinitymeeting.com](http://nainfinitymeeting.com)) and average about 30 people at each two-hour long meeting. He is welcomed.

## **Old Business**

Vice Chairperson Election: The election of Percy as Vice Chair was unanimous by the groups that cast votes, LOL, LAD2 and SOT. ROTG, KIR, OPP and IG abstain, mostly because they are new to the area and did not discuss with their groups.

Electronic Key Tags: The key tags developed by Life After Drugs II generated extensive discussion concerning possible violation of the FIPT and whether NA by Phone should be added to them. It was truly wonderful the way different members, especially those with extensive experience, shared their knowledge. As long as they are simply an electronic version of the regular plastic ones given away at F2F meetings, they are not a violation of the FIPT. If we start changing them or adding to them (like NA by Phone) it would be a tradition violation. If we were to market them or try to sell them, we would need a vendor's license after approval by the World Service Office, something not necessary if we just give them away. The general consensus was that it is up to each group to decide whether or not to send them out. The area has no opinion and does not dictate to the groups.

(Note: I combined the Outreach Subcommittee Vision into the subcommittee report. The other old business item, "What to see on the website," did not get discussed. I also grouped different suggestions throughout the meeting into Open Forum. Camilla)

## **New Business**

Jeff T from Life after Drugs II volunteers to serve as Policy Subcommittee Chairperson for the area. His clean date is 10/31/87. He has held numerous area and regional positions in the Chicago and Joliet areas and region as well as serving as a substitute RCM. He is currently serving in the Milwaukee area and started the meeting Life After Drugs two years ago. He has never misappropriated NA funds and only once stepped down from a service commitment in 2009 for personal reasons. He has a sponsor, works steps and follows the Traditions and Concepts. He is very interested and passionate about getting input from everyone concerning policy and recognizes policy are guidelines and not laws. The GSR's are to bring their votes for his election next month.

## Open Forum

Items brought up but not discussed at various times during the meetings have been placed here: having officers submit written reports if they cannot attend the area meeting; the need for and election of a Vice Treasurer; and who will have the responsibility of vetting current meetings to see if they are still holding meetings and are holding true to NA Traditions.

Next meeting will be on Saturday, September 12, at 1:30 pm E, 12:30p C, 11:30a M and 10:30a P on NA by Phone Area number 605.313.5145, 352188#, Playback: 605.313.5153, 352188#. Anyone who wants copies of the minutes can contact Camilla from Chicago at 773-905-8148 to receive copies.

Jimmie D closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 4:30pm Eastern.