

**Approved Minutes**  
**NA by Phone Area Meeting**  
**1:38 pm Eastern, Saturday, June 13, 2020**

Jimmie D opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, thanking them for their participation and service and then opened with the We Version of the Serenity Prayer. Camilla read the Service Prayer.

Officer Roll Call: Jimmie D, Chairperson, Camilla L, Secretary and Susanne B, Treasurer.

GSR Roll Call: Tara F, GSR and Lin A, GSRA for Loving Our Long-Timers; Brian H, GSR and Dorothy S, GSRA for Our Gratitude Speaks, Chanel W for Serenity on Thursday, Susanne B, GSRA for The Bridge and Jeff T, GSR for Life After Drugs II. Later Dawn W, GSR for Recovery on the Go.

Member Roll Call: Sarah S from Not High Noon, Jeannie A, Antoine T from Recovery on the Go and Pierre AS, The Bridge.

**Officer Reports**

Chairperson: Jimmie D thanks everyone for the opportunity to be of service and reported he had attended the Finance Subcommittee Meeting.

Secretary: Camilla reported minutes went out a couple of days late and she is happy to be of service to the area.

Treasurer Report: Susanne reports we had a balance of \$38.24, we received a donation on June 7 of \$19.12 so currently our balance is \$57.36. The Finance Subcommittee met and had four members in attendance. We are working on figuring out how to get a bank account. Until then the money will be held in the PayPal account and when a bill comes due, Susanne will transfer the money to her bank account and pay it. The next meeting will be next Saturday at the same time and phone number as the area meeting. Requirements for membership of the Finance Sub-Committee were asked about: anyone may attend and participate in discussions but only members of groups who are part of the area may vote.

## Group Reports

Loving Our Long-Timers: Tara F, GSR, reports the meeting is doing very well. We are happy to announce we will be starting a second meeting each week. It will be on a video platform to make easier access for international speakers.

Serenity on Thursday: Chanel reports the meeting has about 12-15 people attending and has two new home group members. They are still meeting and would appreciate support.

Our Gratitude Speaks: Brian H reports they have about 15 folks per day, seven days a week, 8:30 to 9:40 am Eastern. Their format is all literature studies which varies from day to day. They are doing quite well.

The Bridge: Meeting going well, seven meeting a week and they are changing their format to have introductions after the meeting instead of during.

Life After Drugs II: Jeff T reports their meeting has about 25 people in attendance, they are celebrating clean time in their meeting, currently they are making a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition to NA by Phone. Also pointed out a mistake on the website about the clean time counter which has since been corrected.

Not High Noon: Camilla reported that Barry W, GSR for Not High Noon left a message that Not High Noon is not going to join the area. They are only on the phone lines for the pandemic and will be returning to F2F meetings although they may continue to have one meeting a week on the phone. They are already members of the Mid Coast Area and Southern Florida Region.

Recovery on the Go: Antoine T reports the meeting is going on every Sunday with three home group members, himself, Rob R and Dawn T. Dawn W arrives late and reports that Recovery on the Go is joining the area. She is the GSR and Rob R will be the GSRA. They are welcomed.

Recovery thru Aging and Illness: Lin A reports that Terry R, their GSR, had major surgery and asks for prayers for him. Lin asks if she can represent RA&I as she is a part of that group as well as LOL. Since the GSR for LOL is present, she can.

Minutes: Minutes for the Area Meeting held Saturday, May 9, 2020, were read by Camilla and approved as read. GSR's and all interested parties will receive copies.

Jean A asks for clarification on requirements for membership at the area and subcommittees. Chanel states and others agree that anyone can attend any

service committee meeting at any level within NA, watch and learn but only GSRs and GSRA's may vote the conscience of the groups.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

Finance Subcommittee had asked LOL to write a report concerning the costs associated with the website. Camilla read the report and it will be discussed further at the Subcommittee meeting next week. This report has been sent out to all area members. Anyone is welcome to attend. They meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 1:30pm Eastern on the area phone number: 605.313.5145, 352188#.

### **Old Business**

Website: Questions raised in past months: What do the groups want to see on the area's website? How does the area want to handle websites developed by individual groups, incorporate them or link to them from the area's website? Do they want to include information about entities not part of the area such as the 24/7 Infinity Marathon Group and the Activity Committee?

Susanne reports that The Bridge was not able to get to area business at their meeting but will have a report next month. Brian from OGS stated his group discussed at length and feel that at present until monies have been collected, we should look at free and low-cost plans. Also, that any meeting currently listed should remain on the list whether or not they are a part of the area. At present we should just go with the basics.

Questions were raised and answered about what exactly the area will receive and need to maintain financially. Camilla stated that Loving Our Long-Timers is willing to give the area the phone friendly meeting list (one page), the domain name NAbyPhone.org and several email addresses. These items are paid for through most of next year. Chanel reports that she will have input from her new home group members next month.

Dawn W asked about donations and where they go. Camilla explained that at present all donations made on the website go to Loving Our Long-Timers to pay for the upkeep of the website. If anyone wants to make a donation to the area,

they can make it to Susanne B for the Area's PayPal account or they can make it on the website with a note that it be given to the area. That money will be given to the area as it has been done for other donations for the last six months.

Open Area Positions: For the position of Vice Chairperson per discussion last month, it was decided that if there are no new nominations this month, the groups would have a decision whether or not Pierre should be elected as Vice Chair. There were no new nominations. Susanne states The Bridge did not discuss, Recovery on the Go has not discussed since they are new to the area, Chanel of SOT states they did not discuss, OGS is in favor of Pierre as Vice Chairperson, Tara for LOL stated group discussed and feel Pierre would be better on Outreach. Jeff for Life After Drugs II stated they voted in favor of Pierre. Pierre withdraws his name as a candidate for Vice Chair and volunteers as Outreach Chair.

When asked about his qualifications, Pierre stated he has done a lot of H&I and PI committee work. He is very excited at the opportunities available to virtual recovery to reach out to treatment centers. His qualifications from last month are also included here. His clean date 1.15.14 but he has been a member of NA since 1988, has served as GSR, RCM and Treasurer in f2f groups and areas, he is currently Chair for the Saturday night meeting of his home group, The Bridge. He works the steps, has a sponsor and a desire to serve.

The GSR's will bring a decision next month about Pierre's election as Outreach Chairperson. The groups are asked to continue to announce we have open positions for Vice Chairperson, Policy and Special Events Subcommittee Chairpersons and to encourage members to step up to serve.

### **New Business**

Jeff T from Life After Drugs II announces they have developed electronic Key Tags for I-Phone, Android and Computer. They are willing to share with all the groups and have asked for each group's thoughts and concerns about them. Would we like to see NA by Phone printed on the key tags? Camilla volunteers to put the key tags on the area page of NAbyPhone.com. Jeff will send her a clean copy. Will each of the groups please look at them and bring input next month.

## Open Forum

None.

Next meeting will be on Saturday, July 11, 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 Third Step Prayer at 3:30pm Eastern.