

Rio Grande Valley Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Minutes for February 17, 2018



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon C.: Facilitator
Kristina C.: RCM, LSB Co-facilitator
Steve H.: GSR, Life's Second Chance
Aaron J.: AGSR, Life's Second Chance
Rick: Area Member
Rey V.: Area Member



OPENING: Meeting opened at 2:09p.m. with the Serenity Prayer by Brandon C., Area Facilitator. Members read the 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, and Service Prayer.

QUORUM: One (1) GSR present. Shot of Hope, Last House on the Block, and Hourglass all sent reports, but have no GSR currently.

SECRETARY REPORT: There were no formal minutes from the previous Area due to the Secretary position being vacant at this time. We reviewed notes taken by one of the GSRs. Kristina C. volunteered to do the minutes for this meeting. She had been taking minutes in the past, but was absent in December and January with notice due to childcare issues and illness. \ We will be working to keep continuous record to the best of our ability. Please let the groups know that we are in need of an Area Secretary.

TREASURER REPORT: David S. was absent with notice. We will provide the groups with a formal report once that is available. The ending balance from January was \$983.47. We typically have a monthly expense from Freedom Voice for the phoneline of \$22.59. There were several group donations from Life's Second Chance, Hourglass, and Shot of Hope and they will be included in the formal report. Upcoming expenses will be: phoneline charge, and RCM travel to the upcoming Regional meeting to represent our Area. Please note that the Regional Assembly will occur in March and the RCM will attend that as well.

RCM REPORT:

No new updates since Region has not met since the last ASC. Announcements are as follows:

- *Regional Service will be held on Saturday, February 24th in New Braunfels
- *Regional Assembly will be held on Saturday, March 10th in Victoria
- *The Texas State Convention will be held in Austin on Memorial Day Weekend
- *Area members are encouraged to attend the upcoming CAR Workshop in CBANA on March 24th to learn more about the Conference Agenda Report and the upcoming World Service Conference.

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OPEN DISCUSSION GROUP FORUM:

- Discussion on planning more events and possibly having a cookout in March as part of the ASC to attract more members. This was deferred to the LSB.
- Rey V. announced that Hourglass Group has begun planning for their annual Serenity in the Sand. The group from Matamoros wants to be more involved. Hourglass Group is concerned that the Area thinks it cannot hold Serenity in the Sand. The service body attempted to have a discussion regarding this statement and issues Rey had with the minutes from August 2017. He also stated that it is none of Regions' business about Serenity in the Sand so asked that the RCM no longer discuss this event at Region, even if asked. Rey then accused the body of never providing him with Area policy, even though it was handed to him 5 minutes before the meeting started. Several members were visibly upset with his accusations and tried to point out to him that he had been provided a copy of policy multiple times, including today. At this point, it was clear that Rey was, once again, attempting to record this business meeting without asking permission of the present members. He has been asked multiple times in the past not to do this without permission. He was hiding his recorder under his notebook, but it began to playback instead of record. After trying to deflect attention to other devices or toys in the room, he had to pull it out and turn it off. There were words exchanged between Rey and Kristina who left the meeting at this time, yelling at Rey that his inability to learn how to listen was a problem and she was no longer willing to put up with his manipulation.
- **As Kristina left the meeting at this time, there are no notes for what happened during the remainder of the group forum. Rey eventually left and the meeting minutes pick back up with LSB minutes. When Kristina returned, she apologized to the group for her outburst.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **There are no notes for this section of the meeting as the person acting as Secretary was absent during this portion of the meeting.

LSB REPORT:

- There was no formal report from January as the LSB was cancelled due to Kristina having the flu. We decided to take care of essential business today during the ASC and schedule upcoming LSB meetings.
- Phonline:
 - Monday: Aaron
 - Tuesday: (changed to Brandon, Marissa was covering while we waited to fill this)
 - Wednesday: Nick
 - Thursday: Steve
 - Friday: Kristina
 - Saturday: David
 - Sunday: Brandon
 - Spanish: Nick
 - We had 19 calls in January with only 3 missed calls. There was no pattern to the missed calls. Please be sure to return messages if people leave them.

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- There was a discussion on continuing to have member's numbers listed on the webpage and meeting schedules. We have a phonenumber and that should be the main resource people use for information, and then gather phone numbers when they are at meetings. Our services are based on helping the addict get to a meeting, not having a crisis line. We had several issues in the past two months where people abused the availability of member's numbers on the webpage and meeting schedules. Since the phonenumber serves as the tool to get addicts information about NA and to a meeting, this is the necessary information that needs to be available. It has become a burden to constantly update the list of numbers, especially since they are in several places, and it's impossible to keep track of meeting schedules once they are printed and distributed. This should also clear up any issues of who is on the phonenumber or not as well. There was a unanimous decision to approve this change.
- We will do a flyer day on Sunday, April 8th at 1pm and hold LSB on the same day.
- We discussed details for the upcoming Bowling Night on 2/27. Kristina will make a flyer.
- We discussed details for the upcoming picnic on March 17th to coincide with ASC. Kristina will make a flyer and post details on the facebook page and website.

GROUP REPORTS:

Life's Second Chance

GSR: Steve H.

AGSR: Aaron J.

Avg. Attendance: 25

Number of homegroup members: ~12

Area Donation: \$50

Report: We are doing well and no issues to report at this time. We recently voted in a new AGSR, Secretary, and Celebration/Event Chair.

Hourglass Group

GSR: None

Avg. Attendance: 10

Number of homegroup members: 2

Area Donation: \$50

Report: Attendance varies from as few as 4 to as many as 18. Average of 4 newcomers attending each meeting.

Shot of Hope

GSR: None

Avg Attendance: 5

Number of homegroup members: 2

Area Donation: \$50

Report: We could definitely use some support in attendance and people to chair/homegroup members. Make sure to park at the meters or in parking labeled for visitors. You can get a parking pass or money for the meter from the Recovery Center office.

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Last House on the Block

GSR: None

Avg. Attendance: 12

Number of homegroup members: 2

Area Donation: \$20

Report: Attendance has been holding steady and we appreciate the support. Please let people know that we are in need of homegroup members and people willing to help chair. Thanks to members who helped with chairing while Brandon was out of town recently.

NEW BUSINESS:

We had a discussion on a potential CAR workshop and ultimately decided that it would be best for people to try and carpool up to the one being held in CBANA on March 24th. Brandon will work to get a flyer and more information. It starts at 1pm, but we need to know the location. If anyone is unable to make it to a workshop, but would like to know more information as groups prepare to vote on these important matters, you can find a ton of info, including power points and videos at www.na.org/conference.

NEXT AREA MEETING:

Saturday, March 17th, 2018

2pm

Edinburg Bicentennial Park

Edinburg, TX

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristina C.