

February 9 2020

Next CSASC Meeting: Held every second Sunday of the month at St. Andrew's Church in Bridgeton, New Jersey. The next Area Service Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 9, 2020 at St. Andrew's Church 186 E. Commerce St. Bridgeton NJ, 08302. 5PM-7PM.

Call to Order: The Cumberland and Salem Area Service Committee began at 5:00pm Sunday February 9 2020. The meeting was held at St. Andrew's Church on 186 East Commerce Street Bridgeton, New Jersey, 08302. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Merv. The Serenity Prayer was recited. The Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous were read, followed by the 2nd Concept.

Roll Call: was conducted by Tressi

Group Service Representatives: GSR Present: 16 • GSR Absent: 8 •

Subcom. Present: 11 • Subcom. Absent:3 **Total Present:** 27

Motion to accept last months minutes

in favor 16 opposed 0 abstaining 0

Officer's Reports:

Chairperson's Report:

Addict names Merv, Welcome to the 2nd month of 2020. Thanks for allowing me to be part of the area and thank you for being a part of our area. I will be using the Roberts rules of order to the best of my ability. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

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Vice Chair's Report:

Tressi I'm an addict. Last month was the first month for me serving as well as a lot of us and I think it went very well. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Tressi 609-222-1604

Secretary's Report:

Hi am Stephannie an Addict. There is a new flyer with group that need HG members 2 groups are marked out not because I don't love them but because they are no longer in need. I miss read last month's GSR report for Hope in the Fellowship they received 3 new HG members and Step Sister group received 2 new HG members last week. Please all chairs position fill out a subcommittee report so that I can get your information updated on the minutes correctly. I do record but I can miss important parts. If it is written down the important info will all be in the minutes for everyone. Tony emailed me an updated treasure report this morning and should be updated on the website it was not in last month's minutes that where emailed to all the GSRs. When you fill out your GSR reports please remember to write as clear as possible. If your email address is not clear you will not receive the minutes via email from me but Catlin is very great at getting the minutes uploaded to our website ASAP and you can print them from there.

www.csascna.org My email is stephslimmer79@icloud.com but it may come up as Michael Slimmer (my

hubby) I request 38.95 from our treasure for copies and I received the check 368 for 38.95. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

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Treasurer's Verbal Report:

Tony stated, the beginning balance was 3321.88. After paying rent for actives and area left us with 3276.88. Deposits from groups where 433.90 deposits from literature sales totaled 477.45. Total income was 911.35. Literature sales paid out 704.05 for orders. Actives expense 27.57. Region Donation for the last few months total 923.33. Total expenses 1654.95 total prudent reserves are at 2659.22 we over spent out prudent reserves by 125.94 which means if everyone called in their prudent reserves we would be in the minus. Please everyone help me thank Rich for helping me get the treasure report in order he is a numbers guy! Looking forward to the year!

Rich: There was reported on an old report for a regional donation of 379.63 that is not in the check register and nothing has cleared the bank. There is no way to tell if the check was written if it will be cashed. Just shows on an old treasure report. We just need to make everyone aware.

Tony: Rich had the idea of getting the account and routing number for region donations so this can be stream lined and no checks just laying around. (Dennis will forward info to Tony about who is in charge of regional donations.)

Larry: Was the subcommittees rents paid?

Tony: Yes, anyone that let me know about their meeting it was paid. So, in the future if you meet somewhere as a subcommittee please let me know so I can make sure your rent is paid. (there is a place on the NEW subcommittee financial report that all subcommittee should be filling out)

Tony M. tony@theaudiolab.net 609-364-7801

Vice Treasurer:

absent

[Toni 856-392-8676](tel:856-392-8676)

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RCM's Report:

Dennis Read, "Good afternoon. Our next regional service conference will be held at the Clark Teen Center, 430 Westfield Ave. Clark, NJ. Start time will be 1pm both Dennis F and Keith B plan to attend.

Drug Court Meeting: On Jan 17 2020 around 11 am Rich S, Mike O, and myself met with the Drug Court Director and the senior Probation office. This meeting was setup by me as a meet and greet meeting. Mike O has that report. (Rich will read because Mike O is not here)

Regional: In my possession I have receipt #632471 from region for our area donation. One motion failed. Motion #11820-3. This motion was to provide areas hosting a CAR workshop with a RD or RDA present. A budget of 125 to offset the cost of expenses. (see attached form)

Elections: At our next RSC meeting we will be holding election for open positions. (see attached forms)

PSA: Northern NJ and southern NJ Joint effort to coordinate a dept of correction project in New Jersey (see attach forms)

Meeting List: No changes in pricing to areas. A committee is still looking into printing Meeting lists without staples in them.

MARLCNA: As per our last area meeting, we voted to send our RCM to MARLCNA in my possession I have receipts for this weekend events that I attended. These receipts tally to the amount of 328.78. This includes hotel, admission to CAR report workshop, banquet, and other workshops. Also I am submitting receipts for copies made of the CAR report and Survey for each home group in the amount of 42.52.

H&I: Will be meeting on Saturday February 15 at 600 New Brunswick Ave, Perth Amboy NJ

Helpline: The regional Helpline Committee recently voted on NJ statewide Helpline Committee Policy Draft and agreed upon all changes made and will present final draft at next scheduled meeting.

There are important deadline to be met on our CAR report survey and CAR motions April 1st is our first deadline.

**New Jersey Regional Service Conference
MOTION FORM**

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Requested by: Dan K. NE Rem Date: 1/18/20 Motion #: 1920-3
Second: Keith B. Chamberland Area/Office: RCM ALT
Sutton Ave

THIS MOTION: Creates or changes procedure of the conference.
 Is new.
 Amends (name of document or policy heading).

TYPE OF MOTION: (CIRCLE ONE) Policy Financial Other

IF FINANCIAL, CHECK MADE TO THE ORDER OF: _____

Motion reads as follows: For NJRSC to provide areas that are
hosting CAR Workshop w/RD & RDA \$125 to offset
expenses.

Intent: 7th Tradition

ACTION: #VOTES
YES: 4
NO: 5
ABSTAIN: 1

CARRIED:
FAILED
TABLED (why/to): _____
AMENDED (how): _____

March 21st 2020 Elections

Position	Clean time	Term	Policy/Pg
BOT Members 6 openings	5 years (non-waivable)	1 RSC following convention	Page 15 and convention guidelines
Policy Vice-chair	2 Years	1 year	Pg 12
Helpline Chair	3 year	1 year	Pg 16
PI Chair	5 years	1 year	Pg 19
Newsletter chair	3 years	1 year	Pg 19

April 2020 Elections

+ any remaining positions from January NJRSC

Northern New Jersey and (southern) New Jersey Joint Effort to Coordinate a Dept of Corrections Project in New Jersey

Zoom Meeting on Wednesday January 15, 2020
Topic: NNJ/NJ Regional H&I Coordination meeting

Three trusted servants from the Northern New Jersey Region and (southern) New Jersey Region met on the first Zoom meeting to discuss a cooperative effort to improve the relationship with the New Jersey Department of corrections.

The focus of this meeting was to coordinate the efforts of the PI and H&I committees in both regions to accomplish the common goals for carrying the NA message to the addicts in the DOC system.

The primary goals that were discussed were:

- A. Establishing a line of communication between the DOC and NA.
- B. Having a meeting with DOC staff to understand their needs from NA and establish a unified statewide clearance process.
- C. Develop a plan for both the DOC state prison and the DOC halfway houses.
- D. Developing a shared H&I speaker list to facilitate H&I panel presentations.
- E. Coordinating efforts between the committees and the regions to avoid duplicating efforts.
- F. Combining resources to maximize the results.

The current plans that were discussed were:

1. Develop a monthly Zoom meeting schedule. The time chosen will be the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8pm. The meeting will be facilitated by the Northern New Jersey Region.
2. Develop an email contact list that is inclusive of any H&I and PI trusted servants that are interested in participating.
3. Gather the previous history for each facility on which facilities have had NA meetings, contact persons in the facilities, and any problems.
4. The New Jersey Region will discuss the possibility of sending NA Basic Texts to DOC prisons and possibly DOC halfway houses.

Thank you for allowing us to serve

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Keith B. RCM ALT: (856)982.2281

Website Chair:

Absent

Caitlin I. 856-777-4370

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Meeting List Chair:

Absent but was told nothing to report.

Raina T. 856-503-8973

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Hospitals and Institutions:

Larry, "H&I is going well at Seabrook. We have changed subcommittee meeting time to the 2nd Sunday of every month at 4:00pm at St Andrews. I have recently received contact person at Daytop and will make contact with them tomorrow. I am currently waiting for forms needed from detox in Bridgeton to take a presentation in there. I now have a temporary contact person at Seabrook till they figure out who it will be. They recently had personnel changes there. Literature Purchase 75.00"

Literature Purchase 75.00

Larry M. chair 609-579-5970 mlarrymorris@gmail.com

Jim vice chair 609-381-1532

Activities:

Carrie stated, We met at the Golden Palace in Vineland on 1/24/20 and all position where filled at the first meeting. We also met 2/2/20 at our permanent location at St Andrews to start the ball rolling and have an event ready to bring flier to February's area. I texted Darren F to get the key to St Andrews to be able to carry out meetings. Vice Chair Carl T Secretary Kim O and treasure Mike T! Flyers will be attached to minutes and where passed out at Area. New meeting time is Last Sunday of the Month at St Andrews church 12-1pm

Carrie S. 609-992-5064 carrieelbertson@gmail.com CHAIR

Carl T 856-200-9121 carltrout04@gmail.com VICE CHAIR

Literature Sales:

Katrina stated, 1st time ordering literature went well consulted Tina. Area sales was 552.25 expenses for the month was 34.54. Literature sales was 669.51 Hassan as alternate lit sales has been wonderful. Had a small problem ordering meeting list because of wrong address put in. Went to bank and they solved the problem. Rich emailed literature sales policy to Katrina. Thank you for letting me serve.

LITERATURE SALES MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Date: 02/09/2020

Beginning Balance: \$ 1,159.22

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Public Relations:

PR subcommittee met for the 2nd time on Jon 25th. We voted in George R for vice chair and Caitlin for secretary Area level public relations is looking into contacting different agencies and facilities that we feel would benefit from the NA message and information pertaining to NA.

DRUG COURT MEETING: (email From RICH thank you RICH!)

On behalf of the CSASC Public Information Subcommittee the following are the major points that were discussed with drug court leadership with respect to recent issues regarding paper signing at CSASC groups.

In our discussions with court officials we explained that each group makes an independent decision on paper signing. We also explained that the decisions each group makes may be revised as the group sees fit based on it experiences and its conscience, which may evolve over time.

Below are the key points discussed

1. The court's goal is to refer their clients to NA in the hopes that their clients can benefit from our program.
2. The court does not in any way want to interfere with the CSASC groups or their policies regarding attendance papers.
3. The court values the opportunity that is offered to their clients and appreciates the effort that we make to share our program with them.
4. The court does not want the bad behavior of its some of its clients to jeopardize the opportunity for those that may wish to benefit from what our program has to offer.
5. If the court is advised of behavior, policies, or practices at meetings that become problematic, they will address it as they see fit.
6. The court may, as they see fit, direct their clients to meetings that support their goal, and away from meetings that do not.
7. The court pointed out that both CSASC groups, and members were not following their own policies on paper signing.

We also talked about the current presentations being done at drug court and were told that they were going well. The court was asked if they would be open to an additional presentation for their clients that would satisfy a signature requirement, to which they were agreeable. The committee will be reconvening on this issue and then schedule a follow up meeting with the court to discuss the new presentation further.

INFORMATION FROM NA WORLD SERVICE (GIVEN MY KEITH more info about this in sharing)

Meeting Attendance Cards



#31 meeting attendance cards

This paper, written in 2002, is meant to serve as a response to the numerous inquiries we have received from groups regarding meeting attendance cards. The meeting attendance card phenomenon is multinational in scope. We are aware of it occurring in parts of North and South America, as well as in Asia, the Pacific Rim, and Europe. Please note, however, that we are working from our North American experience, and your own national or local situation might greatly affect the appropriateness of this bulletin.

The group is the final authority in this matter. The suggestions offered here are merely intended to aid groups in their decision-making processes.

INTRODUCTION

In recent years, many of our groups have experienced a dramatic increase in the number of people attending an NA meeting with a meeting attendance card of some type. The group is asked to validate that person's attendance by signing the paper, sometimes referred to as a court card. (When we use the terms *meeting attendance card* or *court card* we mean any one of an assortment of signature cards or other papers a person presents for a signature to verify their attendance at an NA meeting.)

Many of these attendance cards came about as tools developed by drug courts to verify the mandatory attendance component of their sentences. Our initial interactions with drug courts began in the United States in 1998. There were approximately 100 drug courts in operation in the US at that time. It is projected that there could be 1500 drug courts in the US alone by 2004!

Similar programs have begun to spring up in other countries as well. The strategies presented in this resource paper will help equip groups and members to welcome the additional newcomers without being overburdened.

One of the principal concerns expressed over and over again is whether signing a meeting attendance card conflicts with the guidance expressed in Traditions Six and Ten. We don't believe that it does in principle-though we encourage each group to discuss this question for themselves, just as we have done. The rationale for our thinking is: If a group were to report on members' attendance, their behavior, whether they stay for the whole meeting, their participation or lack thereof, or report somehow on the nature of their recovery, we might say that the line between cooperation and affiliation had been crossed. But when, at the request of people attending our meeting, we simply provide verification of their attendance without any consideration of why they are requesting that verification, we believe that is a reasonable approach that doesn't endorse or affiliate with the requesting agency.

We must remember that our intent here is solely to carry the message; it is not to serve as an agent of, or assistant to, an outside organization. Addicts arrive at the doors of Narcotics Anonymous for a variety of reasons, many times relating to external pressures. Ultimately, their desire to stay in NA will depend on whether or not they have a desire to stop using drugs. Our purpose--to carry the message of

recovery from drug addiction-remains the same regardless of the reason(s) a person may come to our meetings.

Clearly, the Fourth Tradition leaves the final decision to each group as to whether or not to accommodate meeting attendance cards. We would ask that in making your decision you include in your considerations whether it is our place to judge the desire of anyone to stop using. Our literature, in discussing Step Twelve, states, "It is absolutely none of our business to decide who is ready to hear the message of recovery and who is not. Many of us have formed such a judgment about an addict's desire for recovery and have been mistaken." (*It Works: How and Why*, Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. 1993, p.120) How many of our members first came to NA not sure whether they were really addicts or whether they were just here to please someone else?

Some groups have expressed a frustration and a feeling of being challenged by an influx of people with meeting attendance cards coming to their meetings. Some have gone so far as to tell individuals with these cards that they are not welcome at that group. While we understand the frustration these groups might feel, we would encourage you to avoid such behavior.

Sometimes when a group in a small or rural NA area is feeling overwhelmed by attendance cards, they seek help from their area service committee. A discussion is held at area to determine which groups are best able to accommodate a large influx of newcomers and which groups might be unable to maintain their atmosphere of recovery under this circumstance. An area meeting list is prepared for agencies that send individuals to meetings with attendance cards to be verified, showing which groups will sign the cards and which will not. Cooperation among the groups within an area, and between the area and referral agencies, enables each individual group to conduct its recovery meeting with a minimum of disruption to the essential atmosphere of recovery.

Two primary goals of a Narcotics Anonymous group are to help its members stay clean and to carry the NA message to the addict who still suffers. If we don't make individuals feel welcome at their initial exposure to Narcotics Anonymous, why would they come back? In addition, accommodating this protocol strongly enriches our public relations and fosters goodwill toward Narcotics Anonymous.

STRATEGIES

Some groups express concern at someone actually *signing* the cards, fearing for the signer's personal anonymity or even the potential for the signer to be required later to testify in court about this signature. There are other options that might assist those who have this concern. The secretary, group service representative, or some other trusted servant or NA member has the option of writing the name, date, and time of the meeting and signing only his or her first name and last initial, or the group can have a group stamp made and simply stamp the card so that no one individual needs to sign it. Some groups have a group business card printed that lists the name of the group, the time it meets, etc. These are dated and placed on the literature table and can be picked up by anyone who needs them to verify meeting attendance on that date. Any of these methods will acknowledge that the

individual appeared at an NA meeting and will do so without compromising the anonymity of another NA member.

One or more of the following suggestions might help a group to be successful in their accommodation of meeting attendance cards.

- › When individuals ask to have a meeting attendance card signed, a trusted servant or other group member signs it at his or her convenience.
- › Indicate clearly in your meeting format that, in order to minimize any disruption to the recovery meeting, meeting attendance cards are collected at the beginning of the meeting and can be retrieved at the end.
- › Have a designated member sign, stamp, or pass out the cards off to the side, thus avoiding the need to actually collect and redistribute them. Process the cards at the beginning or at the end of the meeting. Your group will decide what works best in its unique environment.
- › Request that people new to Narcotics Anonymous respect the group by not being disruptive or "cross-talking" during the meeting.
- › Make it clear that everyone is welcome, but that group rules exist so that recovery will be available for newcomers and oldtimers alike.
- › Ensure that an adequate supply of local meeting schedules is available so that new people know for future reference where all the local meetings are held.

Potential NA members come to their first meetings from many referral sources. If your group resources are being challenged by a large contingent of addicts attending from a facility of some type, consider contacting your area service committee for help. Your area public information subcommittee might be able to contact the referral source director and explain the dilemma, depending on your local situation. If other NA meetings are available, it is possible that the facility might send some of their residents to one meeting and some to another so as not to overwhelm the group's ability to welcome the attendees at either location.

Another strategy to consider when a group's resources are at risk of being depleted is to inquire as to the possibility of renting a space for a new meeting at the drug court facility. This enables some members from the community to support this meeting without the meeting overwhelming another group's atmosphere of recovery, ability to provide sponsorship, or ability to remain self-supporting when faced with the sheer numbers of newcomers appearing at one time.

Many areas are discovering that a service committee presentation to their local drug court stating what we can do, as well as what we can't do, is helpful. This will go a long way toward eliminating, or at least reducing, the confusion that can result from the interaction between Narcotics Anonymous and the judiciary.

Whereas we certainly don't endorse or align with the judicial approach to drug addiction, there are many in the legal and correctional fields who do believe in Narcotics Anonymous. We cooperate with the professional community by providing information about what Narcotics Anonymous is and what we offer.

"NA as a whole has no opinion on drug courts, but drug courts are free to have an opinion about NA. There's nothing in the traditions that prohibits us from cultivating good relationships with local drug courts. We can do this by cooperating with them: Welcoming the newcomers they send us and signing or stamping their court cards, having our PI committee members meet with drug

court professionals, and providing those professionals with material that explains our program to the non-member." (The above paragraph has been excerpted from the *NAWS, Inc., Annual Report*, 1 January-30 June 1999, p. 13.)

CONCLUSION

Drug courts, meeting attendance cards, and mandated attendance at NA meetings have become a reality of life and can be compatible with our primary purpose. A Narcotics Anonymous group has two basic choices in facing this reality: be proactive, have a plan of action, and then consistently carry through with it; or choose not to validate the attendance cards when they are presented. Ultimately, this is the group's choice to make. We would urge you--when making your decision--to seek the course of action you feel is most likely to help the addict who still suffers. NAWS may be a valuable resource for your group in deciding what is the best course of action. Feel free to contact the World Service Office for assistance.

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Policy Archives:

Position is NOW open. Go back to group that at next area there will be an election for a new Policy Archives person.

POLICY/ ARCHIVES SUBCOMMITTEE POLICY

PURPOSE ● The purpose of the Cumberland / Salem Area Policy Archives Subcommittee is to maintain, review, and update all policies adopted by CSASC and its Subcommittees.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

- I. ● A. To maintain a current copy of the Cumberland / Salem Area Service Committee
- II. ● Policy. B. To maintain a copy of all CSASC subcommittee policies.
- III. ● C. To maintain, review, and update CSASC policy as well as all Subcommittee Policies.
- IV. ● D. To distribute copies of CSASC Policy every 6 months to all in attendance.
- V. ● E. To make a copy of any documents that have been requested in writing at the expense of the recipient.
- VI. ● F. To maintain Archives including CSASC & NJRSC minutes.
- VII. ● G. To update CSASC registration form with NA World Services every year.
- VIII. ● H. Submit a written report to the secretary at each CSASC meeting.
- IX. ● J. To report all actions and needs of this Subcommittee to the CSASC.
- X. ● K. To have CSASC minutes kept in PDF format and saved to a disk at the end of each year.
- XI. ● L. To have all existing CSASC paper records saved in PDF format.
- XII. **II. REQUIREMENTS TO SERVE THIS SUBCOMMITTEE**
- XIII. A. Chairperson ● 1. Must have 1-year continuous clean time.

- XIV. ● 2. Must be elected at area service committee.
- XV. B. All subcommittee members must ● 1. Be NA members. ● 2. Have a willingness and desire to serve NA as a whole. ● 3. Have the time and resources necessary to fulfill the position. ● 4. Follow the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of NA.
- XVI. UNDERSTANDING OF SUBCOMMITTEE TRUSTED SERVANT POSITION ● A. Subcommittee is a 1-year commitment to serve the Fellowship. ● B. Subcommittee is bound by the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous. ● C. Must follow Area Policy and that Area Policy supersedes this Policy.
- XVII. IV. REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE ● A. Any funds used for this committee for supplies are to be reimbursed by CSASC Treasurer, after presentation of a reasonable receipt.

Literature Review:

Don stated, hopefully every one saw the CAR survey in the minutes and the GSRs went over them we need to submit them by April 1st. Now each group should have a copy thanks to Dennis for printing them for each HG here tonight. The mental Health in Recovery Literature is out and ready for approval. The principle A Day book is still accepting submission from members. Anyone interested in joining please contact me! Thank you for allowing me to serve.

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Sharing Session:

Keith: In refinance to us sticking our nose into drug court business or allowing them sticking their nose into our business per our traditions an NA group ought never endorse any outside facility or enterprise, we are not endorsing anything drug court says or does. They have zero to do with us! We must remember our primary person is to help the addict who still suffers. Drug court is an outside force. We are not here to make sure that the drug court person puts there paper here, or is at the meeting by a certain time, or if they leave early. We do not know what it takes for them to get there! But we sit there in judgment because they have a paper. Clearly the fourth tradition leaves the final decision to each group as to whether or not to accommodate. Per our literature in the twelve step it is absolutely none of our business to decide who is ready to hear the message of recovery and who is not! We are diverting from our primary propose when we stick our noses in others people's business. We cannot tell people what to do. We all know people that come around and do no work but we cannot tell them what to do! Why would it be different because they have a paper to be signed? If we don't make others feel welcome when they first come to a meeting why would they come back. Hey drug court people sit over there, put your paper there, and if you leave, we will not sign your paper. How would you like being treated like a dog? Some of us come in here and get self-righteous. In conclusion, a Narcotic Anonymous group has two basic choices in facing this reality, be proactive, have a plan of action, and then consistently carry through with it or choose not to validate the attendance cards. Ultimately, this is the groups choice to make. We would urge you when making

your decision to seek the course of action you feel is most likely to help the addict who still suffers. In Narcotic Anonymous we need to focus on carrying the message not deciding who hears it, how they hear it and when they hear it.

John-John I pretty sure we didn't go to drug court and say please send us your clients so who are they to tell us what to do? I understand it's a good idea to have a good relationship with us but I feel like they are trying to push us around.

Rich Drug Court in no way wants to change anything about NA.

John-John I understand but regardless of what we do here (and I am on drug court don't get it twisted) I see this shit first hand regardless of what we do and how we do things to appease drug court, people on drug court going to try and manipulate it regardless.

Rich You are right. Here is the choice, all we did as a committee is present the information to everyone as a group. It is up to us as a group to do something with the information or not. No one is taking away our choices or telling us (NA) what to do.

John-John I am all for a presentation that is kind cool! But for them to push us around that's not cool

Rich They are not pushing us around

John-John but it feels like it. First, they closed our meetings

Rich That's drug courts choice to not allowing signatures from that meeting. They did not close the meeting everyone is still welcome to go to the meeting.

John-John I understand

Angel Frist of all thank you guys for going to drug court I think that is long overdue. To open up a channel. As far as court papers I am just sharing my experience, our group conscience we have a stamp for papers. I was told drug court does not except a stamp and I needed to sign the paper. I told the person, here is my phone number if they have a problem then they can call me but it is our groups conscience to use a stamp so I don't care what drug court says. I think since we have opened the door with drug court that we need to reminded them that we are doing them a favor. And that we are not going to monitor when they people leave and when they come back to a meeting. I don't care what you do I am here to save my own ass.

Rich That was the first point we made with drug court we have 20 different groups and each group has their own way and polices on how they handle the court papers. Drug Courts response was, they are in no way trying to change our polices.

Tressi My interruption of your report of your drug court meeting was that they where critiquing us or telling us what we needed to do. And someone was going back and reporting to them what was going on and things that needed to be changed in OUR fellowship. Some one was going to drug court and telling them that we are not following policy and all these things that where wrong.

Rich Not at all. They didn't say we needed to change anything. But they did say it is obvious that you guys have a policy (and I even told them each group has their own polices) and they said if you have those polices then it is obvious those polices are not being followed. People shouldn't be able to, not show up to our meeting and get a signature for five dollars??? Which is what has been happening. Or does a group have this in their policy? NO, I don't think so. So, we need to follow our polices.

Keith It is not our place to police what a drug court person does at our meeting. Bottom line if they want to get a paper signed and leave then BYE-BYE it is NOT OUR BUSINESS!

Dennis It was also just brought to my attention that all of our meeting in our area are open meetings so if a probation officer wants to come to our meetings, they are welcome too. Also, I spoke with a friend of mind that is a prosecutor and that court paper is a court document and falsifying a court document is a punishable offense. And this situation is not over per drug court.

Karen Our area is very sick. And regardless if a person has a paper or not, we need to love them up, hug them up and be open to all addicts. But we are not baby-sitters' people are going to get better when they are ready to.

Angel I know this has taken a whole huge thing. But do we know for a fact who and that they where charging people five dollars for a signature but we do have a responsibility as NA a whole to do something about it. We don't need drug court to tell us to do something about it. We should report it ourselves. Because it does affect us a whole.

Rich It has been addressed

Dennis I am not going to put that person's name out there because that person is not here. But they pulled several individuals off to the side and asked the directly what was going on and without provocations or sanctions they immediately gave up this person's name, four people did that one right after the other.

(THEY SHOULDN'T BAN A MEETING! I'm not sure who said this?)

Dennis NO NO NO they are not banning a meeting anyone can come to the meeting!

Tressi I feel like my anonymity is being at risk and breaking its breaking traditions if people from drug court are telling people we didn't hold a meeting right or this person didn't do this right. You are saying this is a legal document and my name is a unique name.

Steph But it is your choice if you sign the paper or not.

Rich does anyone have any input on a drug court prestation? Part of what the PR committee wanted to do is come to the group and talk about it.

Steph I think that would fix some of the issues but I personally think this is ALL an outside issue. I don't understand why PR went to drug court without discussing it with Area first?

Rich Per PR policies that is our responsibilities to have an open chain of commutations with out side forces.

Steph Oh ok I wasn't sure of policy that is why I asked? But regardless I think this is an outside issue and we have spent way too much time on it.

Keith Right that is Public Relations job to have commutations with other entities so if they want to have a presentation of NA for drug court as a PR committee then they should be responsible for that as a committee.

Old Business:

Motions that went back to the group last month:

Motion 1: To raise the CSASC subcommittee rent at their meeting places from \$15 to \$20.

PASSED (in favor 10 opposed 2 abstaining 0)

New Business:

- Motion #1 was read.
- Discussion about Motion#1

Motions For Groups:

Motions 1: To change in Policy under secretary responsibilities to secretary will email all GSR the current minutes instead of Mail.

Intent: To Save time and money

Submitted by Steph

Seconded by Tressi

Date 2/9/2020

Motion 2: To document who has keys to any facilities where any CSASC subcommittees meet and to make sure all keys are accounted for on a quarterly basis.

Intent: To keep track of keys that have been given to CSASC and its subcommittee.

Submitted by Rich

Seconded by Mindy

Date 2/9/2020

The above motions will be voted on at the Area Service meeting on March 8, 2020. GSR's, please bring the conscience of your group with you.

Issues to Revisit:

1. *Motions 1 and Motions 2 will be voted on March 8, 2020.*
2. *New Policy Archives Chair will be elected*

GROUP REPORTS:

JUST FOR TODAY: *(St. Andrew's Church; 186 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton/Sunday 10:00am-11:30am)*

Attendance still high speakers are great message is being carried HG membership is higher than ever!

Monthly Income: \$135

Monthly Expenses: \$20.00

Literature Purchase: \$29

Area Donation: \$30.00

Balance: \$220

GSR: Michael L

609-202-9151

MLATS41@icloud.com

UNITY IN ELMER: *(Inspira Medical Center; 2nd Floor, Conference Room, Elmer/Sunday 3:00pm-4:00pm)*

--- Our group is doing well. We are carrying the message of NA and welcoming newcomers. We have two new home group members. We have a new home group member Jim anniversary is March 12 2016

Monthly Income: \$74.10

Monthly Expenses: \$25

Literature Purchase: \$23.10

Area Donation: \$26

Balance: \$0

GSR MINDY A

(267)398-7075

thisyellowsummer@yahoo.com

COURAGE TO CHANGE: *(Queen of the Apostles Church; 391 South Broadway, Pennsville/Sunday 6:00pm - 7:15pm)*

--- Attendance has been down we usually have a lot of drug court attending and 2 home group members left. 2 new members gained.

Monthly Income: 48.00

Monthly Expenses: 25.00

Literature Purchase: 0

Area Donation: 10.00

Balance:

GSR LUCY L

(856)364-5059

healingwithlucy@gmail.com

GOOD ORDERLY DIRECTION: *(First United Methodist Church; 700 East Landis Avenue, Vineland/Sunday & Monday 7:30pm - 9:00pm)*

---G.O.D. is alive and well and carrying the message. We welcomed new home group members recently. Celebrations March 15th Nicole 1 year, March 22nd Hassan 12 years, March 29th Katrina 2 years and Dante April 6th. I will be going to the church tomorrow Feb 10th to speak to the church on any issues.

Monthly Income: \$75.40

Monthly Expenses: \$30.00

Literature Purchase: \$27.40

Area Donation: \$18.00

Balance: \$0

GSR John Jon

856-563-6094

johnjonphenomonon@gmail.com

Christina V

856-649-5153

christina_sias@yahoo.com

HOPE IN THE FELLOWSHIP: 220 Howard St Millville Sunday 7-8:30pm Monday and Wednesday 7:30-8:30pm

--- ABSENT

Monthly Income: \$ GSR Raina T
Monthly Expenses: \$ 856-503-8973
Literature Purchase: \$ Raina.Torelli@gmail.com
Area Donation: \$
Balance: \$

MIRACLE ON MONDAY: (1st Baptist Church; 117 South Main Street, Woodstown/Monday 7:30pm - 8:30pm)

---ABSENT

Monthly Income: \$
Monthly Expenses: \$ GSR: Dan Stuart
Literature Purchase: \$ 856-579-0636
Area Donation: \$ **Need an email on your report**
Balance: \$

AFTERNOON RECOVERY: (St. Andrew's Church; 186 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton/Tuesday and Thursday 12pm-1pm)

--- Doors area always open attendance is high 3 homegroup members need homegroup members

Monthly Income: \$52,70 GSR DONNA P
Monthly Expenses: \$35.00 856-974-1785
Literature Purchase: \$18.25
Area Donation: 0
Balance: 0

BASIC TEXT: (South Vineland United Methodist Church; 2724 South Main Road, Vineland/Tuesday 7:00pm - 8:30pm)

--- New comers are made to feel welcome. Doors are always open. Celebrations: 2/11/20 Greg C 23 years, 2/18/20 Jim 8 years, 2/25/20 Dave 10 years, 3/3/20 Brad 5 years.

Monthly Income: \$111 GSR Carrie B Alt GSR Tommy V
Monthly Expenses: \$40 609-992-5064 856-558-2469
Literature Purchase: \$41 carriembertson@gmail.com thomas.vassallojr@yahoo.com
Balance: \$30
Area Donation: \$0
Balance: \$30

CARRY THE MESSAGE: (St. Andrew's Church; 186 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton/Tuesday 8pm – 9:00pm) *Step and Tradition Meeting*

---The carry the message group is effectively carrying the NA message. There are no meeting problems, newcomers are being welcomed with open arms. Our format is providing sufficient directions, there is an addict named Rivers will have 9 years February 7th thank you for allowing me to fill in for Rivers we are in need of homegroup members we do sign court papers and read area minutes and clarify statement.

Monthly Income: \$34	GSR: Merv S.
Monthly Expenses: \$20	(856)558.1246
Literature Purchase: \$	Swervdog058@aol.com
Area Donation: \$	
Balance: \$14	

RECOVERY IS A CHOICE: (St. John's Episcopal Church; 76 Market Street, Salem/Tuesday 8:00pm – 9:00pm)

Doors always open Needs homegroup members. Carrying the message

Monthly Income: \$	GSR: Terri A
Monthly Expenses: \$	609-805-7889
Literature Purchase: \$9.15	ansinkterri@yahoo.com
Area Donation: \$	
Balance: \$	

SURRENDER TO WIN: (West Side United Methodist Church; 214 Howard St., Millville/Tuesday 7:00pm – 8:00pm)

---Absent

Monthly Income: ---	GSR: Sheena M.
Monthly Expenses: ---	(856).332.0920
Literature Purchase: ----	smaines19ccma@gmail.com
Area Donation: ---	
Balance: ----	

ON FIRE: (First United Methodist Church; 700 East Landis Avenue, Vineland/Wednesday 12:00pm – 1:00pm)

---Group is doing ok still need homegroup members rent is being paid coffee is hot. More people coming to our meeting happy to serve.

Monthly Income: ----	GSR: Karen M
Monthly Expenses: ----	(856)200.0704
Literature Purchase: ----	sunshine25602two@yahoo.com
Area Donation: ----	
Balance: ----	

SERENITY NOW: (St. Andrew's Church; 186 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton/Wednesday 7:00pm – 8pm)

NOW A CANDLELIGHT MEETING!

---ABSENT

IN NEED OF HOMEGROUP MEMBERS WILLING TO SERVE.

Monthly Income: \$	GSR: Krystal A
Monthly Expenses: \$	856-759-3007
Literature Purchase: \$	krystala214@gmail.com
Area Donation: \$	
Balance: \$	

WILLING ON WEDNESDAY: (Our Merciful Savior Church; 100 East Maple Avenue, Penns Grove/Wednesday 7:30pm – 8:45pm)

---- Group is doing great. The hugs are warm and the coffee is hot. This month average attendance was 20 people with 3 new comers. The groups format changed Now if there is a 5th week it will be JFT daily meditation meeting previously it was open discussion.

Monthly Income: \$61	GSR: Peter V	Alt GSR Krystal C
Monthly Expenses: \$25	(609)579-9583	856-676-5145
Literature Purchase: \$15.60	vitale1990@hotmail.com	theone1928@hotmail.com
Area Donation: \$5.40		
Balance: \$0		

CHANGE TO LIVE: (Hendricks House; 542 North Boulevard, Vineland/Wednesday 7:30pm – 9:00pm)

--- Our group is doing well we continue to carry the message. We have a rotation format with speakers at every meeting still always in need of new members. Next wed an addict by the name of Don H will be celebrating 17 years that will be on wed February 19th come out and show your support. New home group member Bruce O.

Monthly Income: -	GSR: Angel C
Monthly Expenses: -	(856)982.0403
Literature Purchase: \$39.65	angelc27@comcast.net
Area Donation: \$30	
Balance: ----	

THE MESSAGE IS HOPE: (Hendricks House; 542 North Boulevard, Vineland/Thursday 7:30pm – 9:00pm)

--- Group is doing quite well. An addict named Talia B celebrated 2 years last Thursday. Clear message was carried and cake was served. Group attendance has been strong and message is still being carried.

Monthly Income: \$	GSR Talia	Alt GSR Allisen
Monthly Expenses: \$	856-982-3581	856-635-6058
Literature Purchase: \$30.05	taliaburkhart@gmail.com	ajeezy1102@gmail.com
Area Donation: \$24		
Balance: \$0	y57alpha@aol.com	

RECOVERY AND SURVIVAL: (West Side United Methodist Church 220 Howard Street Millville Thursdays and Saturdays 7:30-9:00PM)

---We have no celebrations this month and our group anniversary is in October. We keep the coffee hot and the doors open. Our membership is down but our homegroup membership is growing.

Monthly Income: \$241	GSR: Dennis F.
Monthly Expenses: \$57	(856)213-1262
Literature Purchase: \$28.90	slickfick17@gmail.com
Area Donation: -\$10	
Balance: \$145.10	

ALIVE AND FREE: (1st Baptist Church; 117 South Main Street, Woodstown/Thursday 8:00pm – 9:00pm)

---ABSENT

Monthly Income: \$	GSR: Wes H
Monthly Expenses: \$	(856)371-4063
Literature Purchase: \$	wes.hoffman08@gmail.com
Area Donation: \$	
Balance: \$	

LIVING CLEAN IN THE AM: (St. Andrew's Church; 186 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton/Friday 10P:00am – 11:15am)

---ABSENT

Monthly Income: \$	GSR: Mike O.
Monthly Expenses: \$	(856)265.9132
Literature Purchase: \$	MichaelOrtiz777ot@gmail.com
Area Donation: \$	
Balance: \$	

MORE WILL BE REVEALED: (Union Presbyterian Church; 254 Shell Road, Carney's Point/Friday 8:00pm – 9:00pm, OP/RF)

---Group is well attended and carrying the message. Group member celebrating Cathy A 25 February 14th

Monthly Income: \$	GSR: Marianne Y
Monthly Expenses: \$	609-617-4774
Literature Purchase: \$25.70	myrn42189@comcast.net
Area Donation: \$25	
Balance: \$	

FRIDAY NIGHT ENCHANTMENT: (9 North Street, Corner of 2nd & Sassafras, Millville/Friday 7:00pm – 8:30pm)

---Group is well and carrying the NA message. We have one new home group member. We are still in desperate need of home group members. One member is celebrating 5 years on February 14th. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Monthly Income: \$	GSR: Tina G-M
Monthly Expenses: \$	(856) 305-4866
Literature Purchase: \$60.65	preestee@gmail.com
Area Donation: \$5	
Balance: \$	

WHY ARE WE HERE: *(1st Baptist Church; 130 West Broadway, Salem/Saturday 8:00pm – 9:00pm)*

--- ABSENT

Monthly Income: \$	GSR: Ant L.
Monthly Expenses: \$	(609)579.1602
Literature Purchase: \$	aleonardi90@icloud.com
Area Donation: \$	
Balance: \$	

THE GROVE RECOVERY GROUP: *(Senior Center; 743 Centerton Road, Pittsgrove/Saturday 8:00pm – 9:00pm)*

--- ABSENT

Monthly Income: \$	GSR: Kimberly F	ALT GSR Ross
Monthly Expenses: \$	(267)338-7796	(609)364-3107
Literature Purchase: \$	angellf127@gmail.com	hitchnerr86@gmail.com
Area Donation: \$		
Balance: \$		

STEP SISTERS WOMEN'S MEETING: *(First Church of the Nazarene 350 West Park Drive Bridgeton NJ 08302, Monday Nights from 7-8PM)*

--- Homegroup is keeping the doors open and carrying the message, but attendance is low. Our group is coming up on a year anniversary and we are planning a year celebration on March 30th at 6pm flyer to follow. We added 2 new homegroup members!

Monthly Income: \$40.77	GSR: Georgia Lynn	ALT GSR: Jen B
Monthly Expenses: \$12.35	856-899-7115	856-207-9032
Literature Purchase: \$19.95	georgialynn.smith@yahoo.com	jenbent920@aol.com
Area Donation: \$		
Balance: \$8.47		

MEETING CLOSED WITH THE SERENITY PRAYER at 7:30PM

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN REPORTS FOR ALL TRUSTED SERVANT POSITIONS AND SUBCOMMITTEE POSITIONS EVERY MONTH TO THE SECRETARY SO IT CAN BE PROPERLY DOCUMENTED, OTHERWISE, I CANNOT PUT ANY UPDATES FOR YOUR HOME GROUPS/SUBCOMMITTEES.

-Those who did not hand in a GSR Report for their home group probably did not get the minutes sent to them. If you handed in a report and still did not receive an email or are having issues with viewing the files, please text/email 856-506-6747

stephslimmer79@icloud.com

THERE ARE MANY HOME GROUPS IN OUR AREA THAT NEED SUPPORT!!

HOME GROUP MEMBERS, PLEASE

SPREAD THE WORD AND DIRECT THOSE WHO NEED A HOME GROUP TO A HOME GROUP THAT NEEDS SUPPORT!