

**Unapproved Minutes**  
**NA by Phone Area Meeting**  
**1:35 pm Eastern, Saturday, February 8, 2020**

[Note: As this was the first meeting with elected officers, no agenda was followed. Discussions jumped around a great deal. As secretary, I have included all points raised and matters discussed to the best of my ability, but have rearranged them in a coherent manner. In loving service, Camilla L]

Camilla L, Secretary opened the meeting until Jimmy D arrived. He had informed her in advance he might be late. Meeting opened with the We Version of the Serenity Prayer, Suzanne B read the Service Prayer and Dorothy S read the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tradition.

GSR Roll Call: Brian YellowEyes, GSR and Dorothy S, GSRA for Our Gratitude Speaks; Tara F, GSR for Loving Our Long-Timers; Suzanne B, GSRA for The Bridge; and Natalie L, GSR for One Primary Purpose.

Officer Roll Call: Jimmie D, Chairperson, Camilla L, Secretary, Suzanne G, Treasurer and Dale S, Webservant.

Member Roll Call: Pierre AS-The Bridge, Therese T-One Primary Purpose and Jean A from Wyoming.

Minutes: Minutes for the Area Meeting held January 11, 2020, were read by Camilla. With the correction of one word, the minutes were approved as read. GSR's and all interested parties will receive copies of minutes.

**Officer Reports**

Chairperson: Jimmie D thanks everyone for allowing him to serve and he appreciates everyone.

Secretary: Camilla reported minutes went out in a timely manner. She asked whether she should send an email to all groups informing them the area had officers, was conducting business and inviting them to join. She was told to do so.

She explained how to download international caller numbers and asked groups to do so and forward them to the website.

Treasurer Report: Suzanne reported zero opening balance, no donations, zero closing balance. Pierre questioned the Treasurer's Report because he had made a donation on NAbyPhone.com and thought he was contributing to the area but no donation was reported. It was explained that all donations made on the website go to Loving Our Long-Timers which underwrites the expense of the website. At present, the new area has not yet developed any procedures to collect donations. Brian YellowEyes suggests that donation be given to the Area when they have a procedure in place to receive it.

Webservant: Dale reports everyone has been very busy but Phil, Camilla and he will hold a website meeting this coming month to discuss next steps.

### **Group Reports**

Loving Our Long-Timers: Tara F, GSR, reports the meeting is doing very well.

The Bridge: Suzanne B, GSRA, reports The Bridge is doing well. They will not have a business meeting this week.

One Primary Purpose: Natalie stated she had been unable to attend the OPP business meeting due to work responsibilities. She had asked Therese to report. Natalie has asked OPP to move their business meeting to the weekend so she can attend. They will vote on that at this coming meeting. Therese stated they have more people in attendance, increased participation and are generally more cohesive.

Our Gratitude Speaks: Brian YellowEyes, GSR, reports they did not have a business meeting this month. They have 10 to 17 members attending and are a literature study group with varied formats during the month.

### **Old Business**

None.

## **New Business**

Finance Subcommittee: Suzanne states the need to start developing procedures to collect donations. Discussion continued of need for a bank account, dual signatories and proper reporting. A starting place would be a PayPal account. Question was raised whether we needed group direction to start a Finance Subcommittee but it has already been created by the groups in the ratified policy. After further discussion, a Finance Subcommittee meeting will be held next Saturday and every third Saturday of the month at 1:30pm Eastern on the area phone number. All interested members of groups in the area are invited to join. Suzanne will be Chairperson and Camilla will attend to moderate and report.

## **Open Forum**

In response to a question about how the teleconference phone lines can be free and whether this was a violation of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, discussion was held at length. Brian YellowEyes explained some of the history of trying to make donations to the teleconference companies and their refusal to accept anything. The phone lines are a corporate tax write-off. He stated that a former World Board PI Chairperson told him that it was a mutual public service. The companies give us a venue for phone meetings and we help society by helping addicts recover.

Brian YellowEyes leads the group in thanking Camilla for her hard work and on-going service on behalf of the phonenumber in both the area and the website. She thanks them.

Next meeting will be on Saturday, March 14, 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 3:10pm Eastern.