

Rio Grande Valley Area of Narcotics Anonymous Local Service Board Meeting

October 14, 2017



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kristina C.: Co-Facilitator

Nick D.: Co-Facilitator

Ryan Z.: Co-Facilitator

Steve H.: Member



OPENING: Meeting Opened at 1:03pm with the Serenity Prayer by Kristina C., Co-Facilitator.

SECRETARY REPORT: There were no objections or corrections to the previous minutes; approved by consensus.

MEETING DIRECTORIES: We will need to make some updates in the near future to include parking information for the Shot of Hope Group and the women's meeting that is forming.

PHONELINE: The schedule was updated and is now as follows:

Monday: Aaron

Tuesday: Ryan

Wednesday: Nick

Thursday: Steve

Friday: Kristina

Saturday: David

Sunday: Brandon

Spanish: Nick

- According to the reports on the Freedom Voice website, we received 27 calls for the month of October. We missed only 1 call during the month. We have seen an increase in calls from Cameron County.

WEBSITE:

- Ryan has updated the website to include a tab where we will upload Area and LSB minutes so that they are accessible. They will also still be uploaded to the Facebook group. We have also updated parking information for Shot of Hope and the events page.

ACTIVITIES:

- October: Saturday night game and movie set for 10/21. David is taking the lead on this event since Kristina will be in CBANA for their Tikki Torch Bonfire meeting. David will bring his projector and screen.
- November: We continued discussions on the upcoming Regional Service Conference and "Thanksgiving it Away." We will serve coffee, donuts, and juice for breakfast and spaghetti for lunch. We had to change some plans around due to Nick having to go out of

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town for work during these events. Ryan will pick up the key from the church this Friday and she and Kristina will meet up on Friday night to start setting up the church so it is ready in the morning. They will meet again in the morning to begin prepping the turkeys, lunch, and setting up breakfast.

- We had 3 members donate \$300 to cover food expenses for the RSC and the turkeys for the Thanksgiving event.
- Kristina will do the shopping on Tuesday, 11/7 to ensure everything is ready.
- We prepared a shopping list as well as a list of foods for people to volunteer to bring to the Thanksgiving meal. We will need people to sign up to bring items.
- December: Chili Cook-Off on New Year's Eve discussion tabled to a later meeting. We would also like to discuss some type of holiday gathering.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- Tablecloth update: David will get with Andy to pay for the tablecloth. Kristina will need to provide the information to David.
- Ryan delivered IPs for our PR efforts.
- Need to discuss doing a flyer day some time in December.

H&I:

- No updates at this time.

SPEAKER JAM/CONVENTION:

- We have begun discussing the possibility of hosting our annual speaker jam on SPI and turning it into a bigger event. We would like to have a room block at a hotel for an entire weekend and host a beach/bonfire meeting on Friday night, an all-day event on Saturday, and a closing beach meeting on Sunday morning. This will save money on room rental by only having to rent a banquet room for one day.
- We are working on getting a quote from the Hilton Garden Inn for 25 rooms, a banquet room rental, and coffee/water. We hope to have this estimate soon.
- Other hotels for us to look into: The Pearl, Holiday Inn, Comfort Suites, La Copa Inn, perhaps look into places in Port Isabel. We are open to ideas!

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00pm at Starbucks on 10th in McAllen.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina C.