

Approved Minutes
NA by Phone Area Meeting
1:40 pm Eastern, Saturday, November 9, 2019

Suzanne B, Temporary Chair, opened the meeting with the We Version of the Serenity Pray, Camilla L, Temporary Secretary read the Service Prayer and Terry R read the 2nd Tradition.

GSR Roll Call: Terry R, GSR for Recovery Thru Aging & Illness, Brian YellowEyes, GSR for Our Gratitude Speaks (had to leave early due to funeral), Lin A, GSR for Loving Our Long-Timers and Suzanne B, GSRA for The Bridge.

Member Roll Call: Camilla L-Loving Our Long-Timers, Therese T-One Primary Purpose, later Jimmie D-Our Gratitude Speaks, Marcia B-One Primary Purpose.

Minutes: Minutes for 10th Area Meeting held October 12, 2019, were read by Temporary Secretary Camilla and approved with one amendment. GSR's and all interested parties will receive copies of minutes.

Group Reports

Loving Our Long-Timers: Lin A reports all is going very well. We welcome new speakers and recorded our first international member from the U.K. and Thailand to be played soon. It is amazing how virtual recovery is making our world so close.

Recovery Thru Aging and Illness: Terry R reports we are keeping the doors open despite not a lot of participation. Doing ok though.

The Bridge: Suzanne B reports The Bridge meets seven nights a week and is going very well with lots of support. They could use more service volunteers. Upon question about locked meeting, Suzanne reported that one disruptive member has forced the group to make the decision to lock the board in order to maintain the atmosphere of recovery. Therese reports that a Question & Answer function allows the moderator to recognize speakers so not just anyone can speak.

One Primary Purpose: Therese T reported that all meetings are being covered and the new members are taking service positions (90 day clean time required).

Old Business

Nominations for Area Officers were held: Jimmie D (CD: 9.8.88) was nominated several months ago and is still willing to serve. Therese T (CD: 11.23.18) was nominated for Vice Chair. Camilla L (CD: 7.5.06) is still willing to serve as Area Secretary. Suzanne B (CD: 2.3.96) was nominated for Treasurer. Each candidate was asked questions concerning clean time, having a sponsor, working knowledge of the Steps and Traditions, whether they had ever stepped down from a service position, had ever misappropriated NA funds, had service experience and all gave satisfactory answers.

Therese T does not have the clean time requirement to serve in the position. She originally came into NA in the 80's and at one time had 10 years clean in NA before she relapsed. She wants to serve. After extensive questioning 80% of the voting members agreed to waive clean time requirement.

Camilla L reports that in addition to the NA by Phone Area page being added, a section on Virtual Recovery around the world has been added.

New Business - No items were brought up.

Open Forum

Jimmie D brought up proposal that the name Webmaster in the policy be changed to Webservant in accordance with presently existing title and email accounts at NAbyPhone.com for Loving Our Long-Timers.

Jimmie D proposes that all area group members consider changing their formats to reference the website NAbyPhone.com as the location to get complete meeting information. This way people new to the phone lines will know where to go to get meeting information.

Jimmie D will serve as Temporary Chair and Camilla L will serve as Temporary Secretary next month.

Next meeting will be on Saturday, December 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.

Suzanne asked Lin to close the meeting with We version of the Serenity Prayer at 2:30pm Eastern.