

Approved Minutes
NA by Phone Area Meeting
1:38 pm Eastern, Saturday, July 11, 2020

Jimmie D had notified Camilla L he would not be able to attend the meeting. Camilla opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, thanking them for their service and the We Version of the Serenity Prayer. Camilla L read the Service Prayer. Debbie C read the 2nd Tradition.

Officer Roll Call: Camilla L, Secretary and Susanne B, Treasurer.

GSR Roll Call: Brian H, GSR for Our Gratitude Speaks, Chanel W for Serenity on Thursday, Susanne B, GSRA for The Bridge, Dawn W, GSR for Recovery on the Go and Tara F, GSR for Loving Our Long-Timers.

Member Roll Call: Debbie C from One Primary Purpose, Pierre AS from The Bridge and Percy D from Our Gratitude Speaks.

Minutes: Minutes for the Area Meeting held Saturday, June 13, 2020, were read by Camilla and approved as read after discussion. GSR's and all interested parties will receive copies.

Officer Reports

Chairperson: Jimmie apologized to Camilla for missing today's meeting and thanks everyone for their service.

Secretary: Camilla L reported minutes went out a couple of days late because she was sick.

Treasurer Report: Susanne reports we had a balance of \$57.36 in June, there was no activity this month so we have a balance of \$57.36. Susanne states donations should be made to treasurer@nabyphone.org. Finance Subcommittee meets the 3rd Saturday of the month (next week) at 1:30pm Eastern on the area phone number: 605.313.5145, 352188#.

There was extensive discussion about how donations can be made directly to the area. LOL was asked to consider putting a donate button for the area on the website and agreed to discuss it at the next LOL business meeting.

Group Reports

Our Gratitude Speaks: Brian H reports they have about 15 folks per day, seven days a week, 8:30 to 9:40 am Eastern. Their format is all literature studies which varies from day to day. They are doing quite well. Brian will bring up at their next group meeting the need to add a 7th Tradition statement to their group format so they can collect funds to help the area carry out the area's responsibilities.

The Bridge: Their GSR is going to be stepping down and a new GSR will be elected. Susanne will continue as GSRA. Meeting going well, they hold seven meetings a week and have started a book fund. They are currently sending out copies of the basic text to newcomers and those who do not have literature. Susanne chairs the Friday night speaker meeting and is looking for speakers who carry a clear NA message of recovery. Please text her at 843.424.3776 if you'd like to speak on a Friday night at 8pm EST.

Loving Our Long-Timers: Tara F, GSR, is delighted to announce the first Loving Our Long-Timers International Meeting was held on Friday at 5:30pm Eastern. The phone number is 408-419-1715, 387 332 054#. Star 4 will mute and unmute the caller. The first speaker was Camilla's sponsor from Brazil and there were attendees from eight different countries and four continents including all over the US. The Wednesday meeting is also doing very well.

Serenity on Thursday: Chanel reports they meet on Thursdays at 7pm Eastern, they have about 12-15 people attending and some new home group members. Chanel would like some clarity on where they can donate directly to the area.

Recovery on the Go: Dawn reports they have more members willing to do service, they have a GSR, a GSRA and a Secretary. Their meeting needs support and they are willing to support other groups that need support.

Life After Drugs II: Jeff T is unable to attend today but has submitted a written report to the secretary. He reports their group did not have meetings for two weeks around the holiday but they are working on getting trusted servants. They made three donations to LOL (\$5 each on 6/15, 6/22 and 7/10). They vote Yes for Pierre as Outreach Chair. LAD2 wants to support other groups in the area. They would like an up to date contact list and any concerns other groups may have.

Old Business

The election of Pierre as Outreach Chairperson was unanimous by the groups that had discussed it. Since the policy does not yet have any provisions in it for the duties and responsibilities of Outreach, next month Pierre will give a report on what he envisions and the GSR's will discuss and bring any responsibilities they would like to see the Outreach Subcommittee undertake.

Electronic Key Tags: Life After Drugs II has requested input and whether to put NA by Phone on the Key Tags. LOL and SOT likes them very much, OGS will discuss and bring a recommendation next month.

Website: What do the groups want to see on the area's website? Last month OGS suggests we investigate free websites. Camilla reports after some investigation, she was unable to find any that would not require an affiliation. Brian points out that since the current plan is with GoDaddy, we are committed to them until the current plan runs out.

Chanel from SOT likes the website the way it is. After extensive discussion the GSR's made it very clear that they want a donate button for the area on their website sooner rather than later. A request was made that the report from LOL to the area concerning the website be put up on the area page so everyone can be aware of upcoming changes and potential expenses.

Susanne suggests and Chanel and Dawn agree that Phil and Dale should create a website on their own and then get input from the groups about whether anything should be added or deleted. It was stated that what is currently on the website covers about everything they would want. The webmasters should also give input about the costs. OGS will definitely give input next month. Updating the meeting list would be the responsibility of the webmaster. The webmaster will also be responsible for updating NA.org and Virtual-NA.org. The webmaster's guidance on changes will come from the area as stated in the policy.

Chanel proposes that the GSR's discuss with their groups taking over the website now instead of waiting until October.

New Business

Percy D from Our Gratitude Speaks volunteers to serve as Vice Chairperson for the area. His clean date is 9/11/02. He does service as chairperson for OGS on Fridays, has served as chairperson and co-chairperson for his F2F home group, has some H&I experience and has been a GSR. He has a sponsor; he has worked and continues to work the steps. The qualifications and responsibilities were read from the policy and he states he meets all the qualifications except mediation skills. He adds that he has health issues and they may interfere with his ability to do his duties. That does not disqualify him. The GSR's will discuss with their home groups and bring back a decision next month. We will continue to announce that we have open positions for Policy and Special Events Subcommittee Chairpersons.

Open Forum

Brian from OGS states that the chairperson of the area is a home group member from OGS. Their group is going to give Jimmie D a "do better" talk concerning the fulfillment of his responsibilities as chairperson. Brian also states very strongly that the GSR's "do better" by giving their undivided attention to the business of the area meeting. The meeting could have been over 45 minutes earlier. They should fulfill the role of "trusted servants" and not multitask, take calls and then asking for business to be repeated.

Camilla reports that the Activity Committee has been spreading false rumors about the website and the area. When asked again if they would join the area, they stated that they would never be a part of it and will continue to hold events. They no longer want the email address activities@nabyphone.com they have been using for the past five years. Since they are a bunch of volunteers who hold events but are not responsible to any group or area, they are not following traditions and therefore are not NA. After discussion it was decided what individuals do is not our business and we don't have to do anything now.

Next meeting will be on Saturday, August 8, 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. Camilla closes the meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 4:00pm Eastern.