

Approved Minutes
NA by Phone Area Meeting
1:40 pm Eastern, Saturday, April 11, 2020

Jimmy D opened the meeting with the We Version of the Serenity Prayer, Camilla from Chicago read the Service Prayer and Sarah S read the 2nd Tradition.

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

GSR Roll Call: Tara F, GSR and Lin A, GSRA for Loving Our Long-Timers; Suzanne B, GSRA, and later Marvin E, GSR for The Bridge, Terry R, GSR for Recovery through Aging and Illness and Jeff T, GSR for Life After Drugs II.

Member Roll Call: Sarah S, Duwan M and Pierre AS, The Bridge.

Minutes: Minutes for the Area Meeting held March 14, 2020, were read by Camilla and approved with one amendment concerning Subcommittees. GSR's and all interested parties will receive copies.

Officer Reports

Chairperson: Jimmie D attended the Finance Subcommittee meeting held 3/21 and invites everyone to attend the next one on Saturday, 4/18 at the same number and time as the area meeting.

Secretary: Camilla reported minutes went out two days late due to time constraints concerning the tremendous increased workload involved with updating everyone about virtual recovery during the early part of the Pandemic.

Treasurer Report: Suzanne reported zero opening balance, one donation transferred from NAbyPhone.com from Pierre, \$19.12 closing balance. Pierre questioned amount since he had donated \$20. Was explained that PayPal charges a fee unless you indicate it is sent to a friend or family member (\$20 minus \$.88 for PayPal equals \$19.12).

Webservant: Due to Dale's medical problems and Phil's work responsibilities, Camilla reported that they had not spoken about the website this month.

Group Reports

Loving Our Long-Timers: Tara F, GSR, reports the meeting is doing very well. Due to the Pandemic their attendance has grown substantially. They have speakers lined up through the end of May and over a 100 yet to be contacted. Also, the group's website, NAbyPhone.com, which usually has 15,000 to 20,000 hits a month was getting 5,000 to 6,000 hits a day during the beginning of the Pandemic and is now getting 2,000 to 3,000 hits a day. At the beginning of the Pandemic they were getting 10 to 45 requests for information about virtual recovery a day but due to the updates to the website and the distribution of information, they are down to less than 10 a day. All inquiries have been answered. Suzanne offers to help if needed.

Recovery Thru Aging and Illness: Terry R reports attendance has grown to 40 people last week and 17 this week. Lin A has been helping as secretary and moderator of the meeting. Terry asks if anyone would like to speak or knows of anyone willing to speak for their meeting, to contact him or Lin.

The Bridge: Suzanne B, GSRA, reports The Bridge meets seven days a week at 8pm Eastern and due to the huge increase in attendance they are extending their meeting from 1 hour to 1.5 or 2 hours at the chairperson's discretion. They have also created a book fund to purchase Basic Texts to send out to people who do not have literature.

Life After Drugs II: Jeff T announces they are new to the phone lines but are a well-established meeting, meet once a week on Fridays from 1:00-2:00 pm Eastern and want to join the area. They read the Just For Today meditation and interject items from NA.org when there are periods of quiet. They are wholeheartedly welcomed to the area.

Subcommittee Reports

Suzanne as Treasurer is the Chairperson of the Finance Subcommittee. She reports they held their first meeting on March 21 at 1:30pm Eastern on the area phone number with four people in attendance. Two new email addresses have been set up: treasurer@nabyphone.org and secretary@nabyphone.org. Also, a PayPal account has been set up for area donations. Pierre asks about how donations can be made to the area and is told that will be the subject matter of

the next subcommittee meeting. They meet the 3rd Saturday of the month at 1:30pm Eastern on the area phone number: 605.313.5145, 352188#.

Old Business

Website: Questions raised last month: What do the groups want to see on the website? Do the groups want to have Loving Our Long-Timers and the Speaker Page as part of the area website? If so, does that mean all other groups should have a page on the website? Another option would be for the Area Website to link to individual group websites. Suzanne B and Terry R said their groups had not discussed but would have answers next month. Since Jeff T's group is new, obviously they had not discussed either. Tara F said she would hold Loving Our Long-Timers response until next month when the others also have input.

New Business

Sarah S asks how to form a group, hold meetings and join the area. After receiving the information, she stated her intention to speak with her group and join the area next month. She is very enthusiastic and was encouraged by the area to join.

Jeff T states that his group, Life After Drugs II, is designing electronic key tags and is willing to share them with any other group that would like to send them out to celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries.

Open Forum

Marvin E asked whether the area had approved the 24/7 Infinity Marathon Meeting and was informed that the current practice is for any meeting created to be listed on the LOL website as a service. 24/7 Infinity is not a part of the area.

The Activity Committee is also going to hold their own three-day marathon. Questions were asked about the Activity Committee. They are an independent group of volunteers that hold events. The area policy authorizes the creation of a Special Events Subcommittee and the Activity Committee was asked if they would like to join the area and become the Special Events Subcommittee. They stated they had no desire to be part of the area and would continue to hold events even if an area subcommittee was created.

It was explained that since the area is new and several positions are open, at present we do not have subcommittee chairs or even an area vice chair. Suggestion was made that open positions be posted on the website area page and announced at meetings. This will be done.

Next meeting will be on Saturday, May 9, 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 3:30pm Eastern.