

Rio Grande Valley Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Minutes for September 16, 2017



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon C.: Facilitator
David S.: Area Treasurer
Kristina C.: RCM, LSB Co-Facilitator
Nick D.: LSB Co-Facilitator
Steve H.: GSR, Life's Second Chance
Rey V.: Hourglass Group
Aaron J.: Area Member
Larry F.: Area Member



OPENING: Meeting opened at _____ with the Serenity Prayer by Brandon C., Area Facilitator. Aaron J. read the 12 Traditions and David S. read the 12 Concepts. Steve H. read the Service Prayer.

QUORUM: One (1) GSR present. Rey was there to represent Hourglass, but stated he was not the GSR. Shot of Hope was absent with notice and Last House on the Block still has no GSR.

SECRETARY REPORT: The Secretary position is still vacant. Kristina volunteered to type up the minutes from last month and this month. Brandon C. read the minutes from the previous ASC and they were accepted by consensus with no additions or corrections.

TREASURER REPORT: Please see the report attached at the end of these minutes. Also note that the return mail charges on the account (totaling \$10) should be credited by the next bank statement. They had not been credited as of this meeting. Larry spoke with the bank on Saturday, 9/9 and David will follow-up on this issue.

David has secured the P.O. Box and the mailing address is:
1101 E. Pecan Blvd.
Box 3
McAllen, TX 78501

Kristina has contacted NAWS to update the mailing address in their system.

RCM REPORT: There are no updates from Region as they have not met since the last ASC. We continued discussion from the LSB regarding the upcoming Regional Service Conference and Thanksgiving event. Several members pledged \$250 in donations towards purchasing food. Nick volunteered to bring his BBQ pit and to smoke the meats. Aaron and David volunteered to assist him. Nick will be in charge of ordering the meat (turkeys).

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OPEN DISCUSSION GROUP FORUM:

It was suggested that home groups take the time to review the “Disruptive and Violent Behavior” Service Pamphlets in their group conscience meetings if they would like. It is good information in regards to handling certain situations we may face during meetings.

Discussion on the Hourglass Group: Kristina and David have both reached out to John and are working to keep him in the loop of Area business since he has a hard time making it to the ASC meetings. He stated that he would really like if more people with clean time would attend that meeting and help him out. We need to try and support John and that group as much as possible. Please try to bring this up to your home groups.

There was a discussion on traditions and how we can keep from breaking them. It was stated that everyone breaks traditions at some point or another, but our focus should be on how we keep/uphold them. We need to get away from being “NA Police” and become “NA promoters.”

Discussion on the Speaker Jim and how we can grow this to be our own mini-convention. We discussed that the island is really the pull. The LSB will continue this discussion next month and work to create an ad-hoc to research prices. We need more information and how feasible this would be. We can also look into replicating the bonfire events that CBANA is hosting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tabled voting on regional business until next month
- Nick D. expressed willingness to fill the open LSB Co-Facilitator position. He was appointed by the Area Facilitator pending a vote from the groups.
- Open Service Positions:
 - Area Co-Facilitator (1 year clean time)
 - Alt. RCM (2 years clean)
 - Secretary (1 year clean)
 - **Clean time requirements can be waived for willingness
- EIN number is still in process. Brandon will assist David with this.

LSB REPORT: Please refer to the minutes. We will meet again on Saturday, October 14th at 1pm (just before Area Service).

GROUP REPORTS:

- Life’s Second Chance:
 - GSR: Steve H.
 - Average Attendance: 20
 - Number of home group members: ~12
 - Area Donation: \$50 (Kristina gave treasurer \$100 for both September and October)
 - Report: Bills are being paid. Attendance is well; 20+ people in most of the meetings. The Wednesday meeting is being held in Classroom C until May of next year.

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- Hourglass Group
GSR: None
Average Attendance: 15-20
Number of home group members: 4
Area Donation: 0
Report: Meets at the same location. Is hosting Serenity in the Sand2017 at the Ramada Inn on SPI September 22-24, 2017. All are welcome.
- Last House on The Block
GSR: None
Average Attendance: 8-12
Number of home group members: 1
Area Donation: \$30
Report: Still just one homegroup member. Attendance fluctuates between few and full. We have made a special change to our format regarding the 7th Tradition and have seen an increase in the 7th since.
- Shot of Hope Group
Not present, no report provided.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

NEXT AREA MEETING:

Saturday, October 14th, 2017
2pm
Our Savior Lutheran Church
McAllen, TX

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristina C.

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Expense Report 08/19/17 - 09/16/17

July Bank Statement Reads:

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
\$395.87	\$416.52	\$27.59 freedom voice return mail charge	\$ 784.80

<u>Beginning Bal: 08/19/17</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Bal</u>
\$784.80	*\$100 (08/19)	\$22.59 (FV) 08/17 \$112.49 (RCM) 08/19 \$150 (Reg Conf rental) 08/31 \$88 (Mailbox) 09/02	\$494.21 **\$17.51 PC

<u>Beginning Bal: 09/16/17</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Bal</u>
\$494.21		\$27.59 freedom voice return mail charge	\$466.62
\$17.51 PC			\$17.51 PC
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\$511.72			***\$484.13

*\$50 July donation from Life Second Chance Group
\$50 August donation from Life Second Chance

**\$7.51 from \$120 that were w/drawn on 08/19
\$10 from \$160 that were w/drawn on 08/31

***Working balance as of 09/16/17

--As of 09/15/17, no donations to the area have been received from the following groups: Life Second Chance, Shot of Hope, Hour Glass and Last House on the Block for the month of September

Area Treasury Report done by: David Santos