

Approved Minutes
NA by Phone Area Meeting
1:35 pm Eastern, Saturday, March 14, 2020

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

GSR Roll Call: Dorothy S, GSRA for Our Gratitude Speaks; Tara F, GSR and Lin A, GSRA for Loving Our Long-Timers; and Suzanne B, GSRA for The Bridge.

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

Member Roll Call: Lindsey.

Minutes: Minutes for the Area Meeting held February 8, 2020, were read by Camilla and approved as read. GSR's and all interested parties will receive copies.

Officer Reports

Chairperson: Jimmie D thanks everyone for allowing him to serve.

Secretary: Camilla reported minutes went out two days late due to her asking Pierre to proofread before distributing. Also, per direction given last month, email went out to all groups and individuals (about 75) informing them the area had officers, was conducting business and inviting them to join.

Treasurer Report: Suzanne reported zero opening balance, no donations, zero closing balance. She will expect donation made last month to be turned over to the Area when a procedure is in place. Finance Subcommittee did not meet in February but will have their first meeting March 21 at 1:30pm Eastern on the area phone number.

Webservant: In the absence of Dale S (having medical problems) and Phil G (work conflicts), Camilla reported that the Website Committee would like to have input from the groups concerning the content of the website. Will raise questions in New Business.

Group Reports

The Bridge: Suzanne B, GSRA, reports The Bridge is doing really well. They meet seven days a week at 8pm Eastern. Due to world events, attendance has increased substantially, they had 70 people at their last meeting. The Bridge has called for an Emergency Business Meeting about how to handle increase in attendance and have introductions done within a timely manner.

Our Gratitude Speaks: Dorothy S, GSRA, reports OGS meets 7 days a week and generally has 15 to 18 members attending. Due to the pandemic they had 40 people attending this morning. The group has a question: was there a group that requested the creation of the Finance and Website Subcommittees? Camilla responds that they were created by the area in the policy which was ratified by all the groups last year. Amended 4/11/20: Camilla reports the Finance Subcommittee was created by the policy, not a Website Subcommittee. As webservant for NAbyPhone.com, she has been meeting with Dale as Webmaster of the area and his teammate, Phil concerning turning over the website. They are not a subcommittee.

Loving Our Long-Timers: Tara F, GSR, reports the meeting is doing very well. They have a group business meeting the third Sunday of the month at 2:00pm. They meet weekly on Wednesdays at 8pm Eastern, Camilla is the Chairperson and has consistently lined up awesome speakers which are recorded and uploaded to the website.

Old Business

Finance Subcommittee will meet on the third Saturday of the month at 1:30pm Eastern. Their first meeting will be next week. The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend. The guidelines for voting will be discussed by the subcommittee next week but probably to vote they must be a member of a group belonging to the area.

New Business

Lin requests that the board be muted during the meeting to eliminate background noise. Members agree to this.

What do the groups want to see on the website? Do the groups want to have Loving Our Long-Timers and the Speaker Page a 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 group websites if any. At present, no work on building a new website is anticipated to start until May since Phil is involved with taxes but when it happens, it will happen quickly.

Jimmie D asks if any group has had discussions about the Conference Agenda Report? At present the phone lines do not have a voice in any NA World Conference business.

Camilla brings up that because of the Worldwide Pandemic, our meetings are going to swell tremendously. We need to make our meetings as attractive as possible. It is also important that new people be informed about NAbyPhone.com so they can get meeting information.

Open Forum

NA Super Speaker Fest was held last weekend in Atlanta. Although the schedule had to be adjusted tremendously, there were lots of speakers. They will be on a YouTube channel, NA Super Speaker Fest and the speakers will also be given to Camilla to put up on the website. There will be other new speakers added also.

Next meeting will be on Saturday, April 11, 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 Serenity Prayer at 2:30pm Eastern.