

Rio Grande Valley Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous

Minutes for October 14, 2017



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon C.: Facilitator

David S.: Area Treasurer

Kristina C.: RCM, LSB Co-Facilitator

Ryan Z.: LSB Co-Facilitator, Representing Shot of Hope Group

Steve H.: GSR, Life's Second Chance



OPENING: Meeting opened at 2:22p.m. with the Serenity Prayer by Brandon C., Area Facilitator. A member read the 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, and the Service Prayer.

QUORUM: Two (2) GSRs present. Last House on The Block currently has no GSR. Hourglass Group was absent with notice and sent a report to be included in the minutes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes from the previous ASC were read by Kristina C. who has been acting as Secretary until the position is filled. There were no additions, corrections, and they were passed without opposition.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning Balance: \$466.62

Deposit: \$130.00 (group donations)

Expenses: \$22.59 (Freedom Voice)

Ending Balance: \$574.03

Group Contributions today: \$55.00

*Shot of Hope also earmarked \$20 to go to Region.

EIN Number is still in process and we should no longer see any return mail fees since we obtained the PO Box.

RCM REPORT:

There are no updates from Region at this time since Region has not met since the last ASC. Please help out where you can at the upcoming RSC on 11/11. We need help prepping and serving food as well as for clean-up. Ryan will pick up the church key on Friday and her and Kristina will set up on Friday night after the women's meeting. They will meet early on Saturday morning to start the turkeys and to set up for breakfast.

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OPEN DISCUSSION GROUP FORUM:

There was a discussion on Shot of Hope's parking issues at UTRGV. They have a solution for now and are trying to spread the word. Anyone visiting this meeting should go into the office where the meeting is held to obtain a visitor parking pass. You may also park at the meters.

Please be sure to support the Hourglass Group. They are working to keep open lines of communication with the Area.

Last House on the Block also needs support and home group members. They also recently changed their format to read an excerpt from the Funding NA Services IP and this has helped increase 7th tradition contributions.

There was a lengthy discussion on predatory behavior in meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Regional Service Positions: no further nominations, no opposition to the current nominations.
- Voting on Nick D. as LSB Co-Facilitator: no opposition
- Please inform your home groups of the current open ASC positions:
 - Co-Facilitator
 - Secretary
 - Alt. RCM
 - LSB Secretary

LSB REPORT:

We met just prior to ASC today. Meeting directories will be updated soon as there are a few changes and updates forthcoming. We had 27 calls to the phone line in the month of October and only missed one call overall. If anyone is willing to volunteer for the phone line, please come to one of the LSB meetings so we can get you up to speed! The website has been updated with a tab for Area and LSB minutes, so be sure to check there to stay up to date. Please be sure to sign up for a dish to bring to the Thanksgiving event. We will also need people to be of service at Regional Service as well! We would like to plan something for December as an activity, and will be discussing this at an upcoming LSB meeting if you would like to pitch some ideas. We are still working on gathering details for a possible mini-convention/speaker jam on SPI and will have more details in the future. If you would like to be a part of planning this, we hope to see you at our business meetings! We will meet again on Sunday, December 3rd at 2pm at Starbucks on 10th Street (the bigger one, closest to the meeting).

GROUP REPORTS:

- **Life's Second Chance:**
Average Attendance: 25
Contribution to ASC: \$50
The Saturday meeting could use some support.

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- **Hourglass Group:**
Average Attendance: 10
Contribution to ASC: \$10
We have lots of newcomers every week and could use support from people in the Area.
- **Last House on the Block:**
Average Attendance: 12
Contribution to ASC: \$25
The Last House on the Block is doing well. We have experienced a small drop in attendance since NFL football season, but we still have a meeting every Sunday night at 8pm. We invite anyone out for our regularly scheduled meeting.
- **Shot of Hope Group:**
Average Attendance: 5
Contribution to ASC: \$20 to Area and \$20 to Region
Group attendance and 7th tradition has been extremely well. The only issue with attendance is the new parking situation at UTRGV, but this should be resolved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

NEXT AREA MEETING:

Next Area Meeting to be held on:

Saturday, November 18th

2:00pm

Our Savior Lutheran Church (Fern St.)

(This location may be subject to change upon meeting space availability).