



## Esperanza Area of Narcotics Anonymous

### ASC Minutes – January 22, 2017

ASC meeting was **Called to Order** by chair at **11:04 am** with a Moment of Silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, the Service Work Prayer, the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts.

**Beginning Roll Call:** There were **26 groups** present; **24 voting groups** present out of **28 eligible voting groups**  $\div 2 = 14$  plus **1 = 15**. **Quorum** was **met** and **set** at **15**.

**Previous Month Minutes:** December 2016 Minutes read and Lost & Found makes motion to accept minutes with corrections, JFT seconds. **Passed by acclamation**. FNL makes motion to **suspend the order of the day to have elections first** – Miracles Happen seconds and **passes by acclamation**.

Treasurer: Lifeguard nominates Donny B (accepts), Freedom seconds. Donny B. elected as treasurer.

Alternate Treasurer: No nominations. Newsletter: Zero nominations

**Treasurer Report:** report includes progress report of 2017 Proposed Budget: Correction on Treasurer's report; Frolic = \$750 seed plus E.B. (Early Bird) not \$1000 as read by Treasurer, Lit. Bank = \$3500 not \$4500 as read by Treasurer, EACNA IV Chair will revisit seed amount and policy after EACNA III monies are cleared. Budget proposal called to vote and **PBA**. Audit is to be done by Donny, Raymond L. & Melissa T. (Appointed by chair Rebekah)

**RCMI:** Hello Family at this time I have no report. I have not been able to attend meetings or been able to do much of anything in my life. My condition is worsening and I am looking to have my hip replacement possibly in January or February depending on finances. In Loving Service, Judy M.

**RCMII:** Report read submitted: Regional Assembly Mar. 11, 2017 in Victoria, Texas.

### Group Reports:

A New Way: Randy R. reported new trusted servant Nelly R. January 24 speaker- Mike C.

Basic Recovery: Hope, report submitted; speakers Abdul R., Roger S. Sr., Traditions 11 & 12. February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Boerne NA: Cameron M. new GSR; Jim G. new alt GSR. Game Night 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month 6-9pm.

Easy Does It: Ruben C. report submitted.

FORCE: Donnie W. report submitted. January 28 speaker- Michael R.

Free Today: Danny C. report submitted. Speaker TBA.

Freedom: Lucy V report submitted; speakers- Jan 27 Cameron M; Feb 24 Shannon J; Mar 24 Will G. & Revenue Enhancer April 29..

Friday Night Live: Gilbert L. report submitted.

Great Beginnings: Ernest G report submitted. New trusted servants-Rosa, Dennis, Terry; Jan 19 speaker-Raul C.

Hope in Recovery: Howard G. new GSR; Crystal M. new secretary; January 26 speaker- Marcus H.

Journey to Recovery: Jerry D. report submitted. Meeting will now start at 6:30pm. Made change on schedule.

Just for the Newcomer: Delmar E. report submitted.

Just for Today: Jesse D. report submitted.

Lifeguard: Esteban R. report submitted. Jan 29 speaker Lennie T; 31 yr anniversary- potluck.

Lost & Found: Melissa T. report submitted.

Miracles Happen: Liz H. report submitted.

New Possibilities: Gary L. reported Carl J. new secretary; Jan 28 speaker- Roger S. Mar 25- Speaker Jam

No Matter What: Shawn S. not present but a report was submitted. Feb 16 speaker- Juan S.

Our Primary Purpose: Thomas P. report submitted. Jan 21 speaker- Brady B.

Phoenix: Nicky D. report submitted. Feb 12 speaker- Peggy H.

Recovery in the Park: Gary R. reported meetings are outside; add to meeting schedule.

Road to Recovery: Jerry E. report submitted. February speaker TBA.

SHIELD: Ari N. report submitted. Waiting on facility and new director to allow us to meet. Most likely in Feb.

Simplify: James B. report submitted. Feb 1 speaker- Lynn S.

Somos Milagros: Shannon J. new GSR. John J. new alt GSR. Jan 25 speaker- Linda T.

The Core Group: Alt GSR report submitted. Feb 17 speaker- George M.

UNITY: CJ report submitted; speaker February 1- Veronica F.

Women in Unity: Monica A. report submitted.

**Break @ 12:30pm**

**Middle Roll Call @ 12:41pm.**

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Activities:** Jesse D. reported the Marathon Meetings 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations **\$250.82** minus expenses **\$183.49** generated funds of **\$67.33**. The New Year's Event generated **\$1060.99** minus expenses **\$637.63** minus cash on hand **\$64.88** had net proceeds of **\$358.48**. Jesse corrected his report and changed seed money requested for the Valentine's event from **\$600** to **\$557**. Also requested **\$120** to purchase NA jewelry for an auction and **\$30** for roses to be given away and **\$20** for dance contest prizes. Jesse did not find the square reader in the boxes he picked up from the previous Activities chair and also did not want to assume the responsibility of t-shirts that are out there somewhere. Lost & Found requested to rectify the accountability of money and t-shirts. Lucy stated she turned **\$270** and t-shirts were not taken. Chair Rebekah directed Lucy, Jesse and Raymond L. to conduct an audit and to conduct an audit six (6) months afterwards. Lucy stated that the July Activities report shows money was turned in Friday Night Live asked not to use the word "profit" in any report. Question arose about giving away roses versus selling them. Jesse replied it's for gesture purposes. **Motion** by Lost & Found for **\$557** above seed money to Activities for the Valentine's event, **seconded** by A New Way. **Motion passed.**

Chair Rebekah stated that an audit for Activities was directed by her as reflected in the August ASC minutes and apologized for the audit being appointed and not conducted. Receipts for expenses attached to Jesse's report.

**EACNA III:** Gilbert L. reported on the convention registration and success, newcomer packets, speakers, 2017 convention committees, left-over merchandise that will be turned in to the EACNA IV chair. There is no financial report due to unsettled expenses but will turn in any finances as soon as finances are settled. As per policy, an audit will be conducted as soon as all bills are paid and will be reported to this ASC.

**EACNA IV:** Roger S. Sr. reported 156 Early Bird registrations were done at the EACNA III convention. Upcoming nominations for subcommittees are being accepted. Dates will be posted on the website which will be changed. UNITY asked about the wide range of speakers and Roger replied that yes, it will remain as is.

**Frolic in the Woods :** Vice Chair read Deren's report and stated that Deren had a minor back surgery. The subcommittee nominated Gilbert L. as our Event Coordinator and Bob G. as Registration Chair. T-shirts are available with our Merchandise committee. We still have positions open and to announce this at your groups.

**Hospitals & Institutions:** Melanie F. reported serving 15 facilities, 28 in attendance at our subcommittee and 4 new volunteers. Our budget of **\$192** was used for literature and make copies. Krys R. is our new vice-chair. Our subcommittee is requesting a one-time budget increase of **\$42** to purchase 20 "An Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous" booklets. **Discussion** ensued that H&I's new budget was increased from **\$192** to **\$238** and that there's no need for an increase. UNITY stated that a literature order form should be introduced to SATF to purchase any literature in the future and if any more literature is requested for this facility, will it be approved? Melanie replied with a No. **Motion** by A New Way to give **\$42** one-time over budget increase to purchase literature; **seconded** by Just For Today. Abstentions – 5 No – 1 Yes – 17 **Motion passed.**

**Internet Technology:** Savannah D. report submitted. Website will be updated. Lost & Found requested policy updates from subcommittees.

**Literature Bank:** Nikki J. reported on spreadsheet inconsistencies and other issues with the literature bank and will work on the solution to clear this up with a new format and method of ordering literature. **Discussion** by Lost & Found on revising and changing words "theft" and "stealing" with "misappropriation" of funds. UNITY asked Nikki to elaborate on the term "misappropriation of funds." Chair Rebekah read the audit from Literature Bank with numbers reflecting actual monies which shows differences and for this body to look at last month's minutes where an ad hoc committee was appointed to conduct an audit and report back to this ASC. Nikki was also asked to inquire about why shipping is charged since shipping is free on orders over **\$500**. Chair Rebekah appointed Raymond L., Melissa T. and Nikki J. to do the audit.

**Motion** by Journey to Recovery to reconsider and allow Literature Bank to move from the dining room to the ASC meeting area; **seconded** by FORCE. Abstentions – 1 No – 1 Yes – 20 **Motion passed.** Clarity on the storage contract and the rent paid was requested.

**Literature Review:** Leslie F. report submitted and that there are no changes since last month-no hard copy report

**Outreach:** Lucy V. reported on upcoming Outreach trips and that 4 groups that were visited needed support. Contact Lucy for more information and support. Gas receipts attached to Lucy's report.

**Phone Line:** Marie S. reported on issues with volunteers' voice mail boxes being full and not allowing calls to be answered. Marie was able to maneuver through the system and found the solution and deleted voice mail boxes which allowed the system to be up and running. The CC has been updated by the Treasurer which avoided interruption and loss of services. Marie is working on a "how-to" manual for volunteer requirements. Subcommittee will meet on Sunday, February 5, 2017.

**Motion** by Miracles Happen to Suspend the Order of the Day; **seconded** by Lifeguard. **Motion passed.**

**Policy:** Michelle K. reported having 3 in attendance at the subcommittee meeting. No discussion on the motions made at the December ASC. Gary R. asked for assistance in wording policy motions for the Literature Bank and the executive committee. Next subcommittee meeting will be on February 2, 2017 @10929 Nacogdoches and look forward to seeing anyone who may have any suggestions or to be of service.

**Public Information:** Luis R. reported that meeting schedules are being provided to treatment facilities, outpatient programs, parole and probation offices. We are exploring ideas for a Radio Public Announcement. We will participate in any health and wellness fairs once we get offered an invitation.

**Vice Chair:** Raymond L. report submitted and was read by Chair Rebekah. Raymond is in Corpus Christi for a Memorial for Val Vielma. Raymond did attend the FITW, Activities and H&I subcommittees and was contacted by the Phone Line chair who assured Raymond that every glitch had been worked out; has contacted Public Information and Literature Bank. The Area 2017 Budget has less money for the subcommittees due to group donations being less last year. Activities and H&I have an increase in their budget. Subcommittees might benefit next year because of the proceeds generated from EACNA and FITW.

**Old Business:**

**Activities Policy Motion 1:** One event shall be held annually with all finds over seed to be sent directly to WSC.

Abstentions – 0 No – 3 Yes – 16 **Motion passed.**

**Activities Policy Motion 2:** All funds collected at any activity shall be deposited into the Activities bank account within 48 hours or 2 business days following the event. Abstentions – 0 No - 6 Yes – 15 **Motion passed.**

**Literature Bank Policy Motion 3:** All monies collected shall be totaled and checked against the written receipts. A copy of the receipts shall be attached to the deposit slip for auditing purposes. The chairperson shall be responsible for ensuring that the total money collected exactly equals the total written receipts. All monies collected should be deposited into the literature banking account within 48 hours or 2 business days of receiving money. Abstentions – 0 No – 2 Yes – 21 **Motion passed.**

**Outreach Policy Motion 4:** All Outreach trips are to be scheduled to visit groups outside Loop 1604 unless a new group and existing group that are having problems specifically request outreach support.

Abstentions – 0 No – 4 Yes – 17 **Motion Passed.**

**New Business:**

Policy Motion by Lifeguard to remove the Newsletter Subcommittee: **seconded** by Easy Does It.

Intent: Concept 2 – To make prudent use of our resources. **Motion goes back to the groups.**

A member requested time to announce an issue about one of our groups meeting in violation of our Traditions and Concepts. **Discussion** ensued and chair Rebekah will ask our RCM about contacting GSR of this group.

**Motion to adjourn** by Friday Night Live; **seconded** by Phoenix.

**Closing Roll Call Meeting adjourned @4:10pm**

**Next ASC will be on at 10929 Nacogdoches Road.**

Group	January 2017	GSR / Alt GSR	Voting Status	Beginning	Middle	End
1) A New Way		James O/Randy R	V	1	1	1
2) Agape		Lesley T	NV			
3) Basic Recovery		Luis R	V	2	2	2
4) Boerne NA		Cameron M.	V	3	3	3
5) Easy Does It		Ruben C/Josh L	V	4	4	4
6) F.O.R.C.E.		Donnie W/Melanie	V	5	5	5
7) Free Today		Vince G/Danny C	V		6	
8) Freedom		Lucy V	V	6	7	6
9) Friday Night Live		Gilbert L.	V	7	8	7
10) Gateway to Recovery		Michael S.	NV			
11) Genesis		Efrem D.	NV			
12) Grateful Addicts		Jorge S.	NV			
13) Great Beginnings		Ernest G.	V	8	9	8
14) Hope in Recovery		Howard G.	NV	P	P	P
15) Hugs Not Drugs		Chucky A.	NV			
16) Journey To Recovery		Jerry D.	V	9	10	9
17) Just For The Newcomer		Delmar E.	V	10	11	10
18) Just For Today		Jesse D.	V	11	12	11
19) Kerrville Group of NA		Miguel R/Ashley V	NV			
20) Lifeguard		Esteban R	V	12	13	12

21) Lost & Found	Melissa T/Kamie H/	V	13	14	13
22) Meeting At The Tracks	Manuel S.	NV			
23) Men Of Hope	Daniel J.	NV			
24) Miracles Happen	Liz H.	V	14	15	14
25) Monte Vista	Khalilah B.	NV			
26) New Frontiers	Natividad	NV			
27) New Horizons	Angela B.	NV			
28) New Possibilities	Gary L/Belinda M	NV	P	P	P
29) New Way To Live	Eric H	NV			
30) Nooners	Larry H/Tim W	V			
31) No Matter What	Shawn S/Mary W	V			
32) Our Primary Purpose	Thomas P/Shawn W	V	15	16	
33) Phoenix Group	Nicki D/Thomas J	V	16	17	18
34) Practical Foundations	Jon G/Laura S	NV			
35) Recovery 101	Patricia C/Bob	NV			
36) Recovery In The Park	Gary R.	V	17	18	20
37) Recovery North		NV			
38) Road To Recovery	Lisa H.	V	18	19	21
39) S.H.I.E.L.D.	Ari N	V	19	20	22
40) Simplify	James B/Michelle K	V	20	21	23
41) Somos Milagros	Shannon J/ John J	NV+	21	22	24
42) Spiritual Awakening	Casey D/Sparky	NV+			
43) Surrender To Win	Julio D.	NV			
44) The Core Group	Veronica F/Joe F.	V	22	23	25
45) Together We Can		NV			
46) U-N-I-T-Y	CJ	V	23	24	26
47) We Believe	Eric C.	NV			
48) Women In Unity	Monica A.	V	24	25	27
49) YNA	Jason S/Jason A	NV			
50) Reposition	Jenna C.	NV			
<i>All GSRs Attendance Total: 26</i>			<i>24 Voting Groups Present</i>	<i>27 Eligible to vote</i>	<i>27÷2 =14 +1 =15 Quorum set @ 15</i>
<b>POSITION</b>			<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Middle</b>	<b>End</b>
Chair	Rebekah H.		P	P	P
Vice Chair	Raymond L.				
Secretary	April F.		P	P	
Alternate Secretary	Armando S.		P	P	P
Treasurer	Donny B.		P	P	
Alternate Treasurer					
Regional Committee Member I	Judy M.				
Regional Committee Member II	Christina R		P	P	
Activities	Jesse D.		P	P	P
Esperanza Area Convention III	Gilbert L.		P	P	P
Esperanza Area Convention IV	Roger S. Sr.		P	P	P
Frolic in the Woods	Deren G		P	P	P
Hospitals & Institutions	Melanie F.		P	P	P
Internet Technology	Savannah D.		P	P	
Literature Bank	Nicki J.		P	P	P
Literature Review	Leslie F.		P	P	P
Newsletter					
Outreach	Lucy V.		P	P	P
Phone Line	Marie S.		P	P	
Policy	Michelle K.		P	P	P
Public Information	Luis R.		P	P	P

Somos Milagros and Spiritual Awakening will both gain voting privileges at the January ASC providing they are present for all three roll calls.

Hope in Recovery and New Possibilities will gain voting privileges at the February ASC providing they are present for all three roll calls. 27 Groups are eligible to vote. 23 are Non-voting Groups = 50 Groups