



Esperanza Area of Narcotics Anonymous

ASC Minutes – March 19, 2017

ASC meeting was **Called to Order** by chair Rebekah H. at **11:01 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; **25 voting groups** present out of **30 eligible voting groups**. **$30 \div 2 = 15$ plus 1 = 16 Quorum** was met and set at **16**.

Discussion on whether the ASC alternate secretary can represent Freedom Group as alternate GSR. As per Policy, this is not permissible and at this time, Armando S. stepped down as Esperanza Area alternate secretary and represent Freedom. **February Minutes:** Secretary moved to accept the draft of the minutes that were sent out and become the Minutes for the Record, **second** by Lost & Found. Passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report: Donny B. reported and submitted a copy of **Contributions/Expenses spreadsheet**; checkbook reconciled; current checking balance is **\$14,825.66 minus \$630 Prudent Reserve** leaves an **Available Balance of \$14,195.66**. **After expenses** paid out in the amount of **\$1447.74**, we have **Actual Funds Available: \$12,747.92**.

(Secretary's note: contacted Donny about discrepancy on treasurer's report. After our conversation the correct amounts are: **After expenses** paid out in the amount of **\$1883.74**, we have **Actual Funds Available: \$12,311.92**).

Discussion on Board of Directors duties and responsibilities. Who's on the BOD and when have they met? Lost & Found requested to have the BOD to get together to do their business. **Motion** by Miracles Happen to accept treasurer's report, **second** by Our Primary Purpose. Passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's Audit: Melissa T. reported that the audit was conducted on March 5th by Raymond L., Donny B. and Melissa T. No treasurer's audit had been conducted since treasurer was elected. Audit is to be done every time a treasurer is elected. Audit was conducted for the month of December 2016: No receipts for checks made out; money being transferred from Activities back to the EANA account with no record keeping; it was suggested to write a check to the Activities chairperson to deposit into the Activities account; any money given back to the treasurer in cash or check with a receipt stating what the funds are for and then the treasurer is responsible for depositing those funds into the EANA account. Checks were outstanding and it was suggested that they be canceled. The ending balance as of 12/31/16 of **\$4,650.79** minus outstanding checks **\$456.80 = \$4,193.99** did balance. Next audit be performed in June- prior to the June ASC- and this would get the audit back on schedule as per policy.

RCM I: The secretary read Judy M's Letter of Resignation. FedEx card and **\$60** check was given to Esteban R., who in turn gave it to the ASC treasurer. Secretary was questioned if the letter was written in 3rd person. No it wasn't.

RCM II: Christina R. reported on next RSC in May to be held in Beaumont. At the Regional Assembly in Victoria, Dennis R. from Esperanza Area was elected as the Regional Delegate (RD) and Brandon C. as the Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA). Christina and Lynn S. are willing to have workshops in our Area with our new Regional Delegate offering to facilitate these workshops upon request. Two workshops were facilitated at the Regional Assembly by outgoing RD Heidi M. on Atmosphere in Recovery in Service and How to use Guiding Principles. The Regional Assembly also had small and large group discussions on the above-mentioned topics. Included in the RCM II report were Upcoming Events in other Areas and attached were travel expense receipts and a receipt for reimbursement of **\$4.30**. Discussion on Regional Delegates resumes. RCMs were given resumes for 3 nominees but none were distributed to the GSRs and this would have allowed the GSRs to make a more informed decision on the voting process.

Group Reports:

Basic Recovery: Luis R.- read and submitted. All's good

Boerne NA: Cameron M.- read and submitted. All good.

Easy Does It: Ruben C.- submitted.

FORCE: Donnie W.- speaker April 29- Jeanette L.

Free Today: Johnny C.- speaker April 15- Thomas P.

Freedom: Armando S.- speaker March 24- Will G.

Friday Night Live: Gilbert L.- submitted.

Genesis: Efrem D.- speaker March 27- Oscar R.

Great Beginnings: Ernest G.- speaker March 23- Jesse D. Literature study on new meeting on Mondays @7:30pm.

Hope in Recovery: Richard C. new alt GSR- speaker April 6- Teresa G., April 20- Armando S. Need support.

Journey to Recovery: Jerry D.- speaker April 11- Efrem D.

Just for the Newcomer: Delmar E.- bought a vacuum cleaner- smiling face emoji

Just for Today: Jesse D.- new trusted servant Ray C.

Lost & Found: Melissa T.- submitted.

Miracles Happen: Liz S.- submitted.

Nooners: Larry H.- submitted.

No Matter What: Shawn S.- new secretary Anita G. Speaker April 20- Eric C. (Later changed to Donnie W.)

Our Primary Purpose: Stan S.- speaker March 26- Esteban R.

Phoenix: Nicky D.- speaker April 9- Rebekah H.

Recovery in the Park: Gary R.- submitted.

Recovery North: Channah-every last Sunday celebrating anniversaries with cake and medallion.

Road to Recovery: Jerry E.- every month- speaker meeting- MWBR on speaker.

Simplify: James B.- speaker April 5- Peggy H. Speaker meeting on the first Wednesday; other Wednesdays, literature.

The Core Group: Veronica F.- speaker April 21- Efreem D.

U.N.I.T.Y.: CJ- on track to celebrate UNITY's 20th year in existence.

Women in Unity: Monica A.- submitted.

CJ made a Rise to Personal Privilege about GSRs being incarcerated. Noted.

Motion by Lost & Found to Suspend the Order of the Day and move to Elections; **second** by Freedom. No nominations for RCM I, alternate treasurer nor alternate secretary. Nominations go back to the groups.

Lost & Found nominates Mike S. for Newsletter chair, Mike accepts; **second** by Basic Recovery. Mike does not meet clean time requirement. **Motion** by Freedom to waive clean time requirement; **second** by Friday Night Live. **Passed**. Mike S. has been voted in as Newsletter chair and discussion on when the Newsletter comes out- every even month.

Subcommittee Reports:

Activities: Jesse D.- employment opportunity might cause Jesse to surrender his commitment as chair but will make an effort to remain of service. Activities audit was not done due to scheduling synchronization difficulties between those responsible for doing the audit. We know the audit needs to be done and will do it as soon as possible. Upcoming events are A Taste of NA on April 8th and four groups are participating. More will be revealed on the Soul of NA on June 17th. Attached to this report are the missing receipts from February and the Pavilion rental receipt. **Discussion** on coordinating the next audit. Carla, Jesse D., Raymond L. and Rebekah H. will do the 2nd audit for the 6 month period.

EACNA IV: Roger S. Sr.- convention theme is "Finding Freedom from Our Past." The **audit** is done, the signers are changed and the cards are in the mail. Online registration is up and running. The October NAWay magazine will feature our Convention and also on the World NA Events calendar. We have addressed the concerns about the Hospitality Room being too small and we will have a larger Hospitality Room. Our first Event Support Function was a success and brought in roughly **\$1,771.91** without the square fees and attached to this report is a financial spreadsheet.

Next Convention Committee will be on Monday, March 27 @7pm, 307 Marshall in the Community Room.

Frolic in the Woods 2017: Deren G.- New Frolic 2017 Policy chair: Brian S. We are having raffle tickets made for the raffle for the Frolic shelter and other prizes. There are no more screened shelters available. Subcommittees meetings are listed in this report and Frolic requested a key for Area's mailbox so that all monies been turned in to the treasurer within 48 hours as per policy. Subcommittee meeting will be on April 2nd at noon at 10929 Nacogdoches Rd, Unit 12. Financial report spreadsheet attached to this report.

Hospitals & Institutions: Melanie F.- 4 new volunteers went thru orientation; services in 15 facilities and our budget of **\$238** was used for literature and copies. Receipts turned in. NA member requested Basic Texts for a facility where she does volunteer work on her own and not part of H&I- Tradition 6 was followed. Learning Day will be on July 15 and more will be revealed. We will submit a motion under New Business for 450 Intro to NA booklets as requested by our subcommittee. We were reminded about the last time H&I requested literature and the outcome. We will remove staples from IPs because some facilities do not allow staples and rubber stamping our literature with "H&I." Next subcommittee meeting will be on April 2nd at 1:30pm @10929 Nacogdoches #12.

Information Technology: Savannah D.- reported for February and March- IT will continue to update email addresses. Subcommittee chairs who do not have access to their @eanaonline.org emails, please contact Savannah for passwords. Upcoming tasks & projects will be adding events, email updates, BMLT updates, file management, link for Online FITW Registration, update subcommittee policies, contact Newsletter and update costs spreadsheet.

Break @1:15pm

Roll Call @1:28pm

Literature Bank: Nikki J.- report for February and March- starting fresh to fix the spreadsheet problem by getting with Donny and get his help and Nikki will do her best to keep everything straight and simple along with corrections to the order form. LRSO will give us a **6%** discount on orders over **\$500**. No free shipping if orders are over **\$500**. Will check on groups receiving tax exempt privileges. Literature Bank does have tax exemption status. Financial with corrections attached.

Point of Personal Privilege by Internet Technology to upgrade website service. **Motion** by Miracles Happen to upgrade website service for **19 months** at a cost of **\$284.05**; **second** by Phoenix. **Motion passed**.

Literature Review: Leslie F.- report for February and March- surveys were conducted in the 2016 CAT report for members' input on the next literature priorities in NA. Two projects for the 2018 World Service Conference: 1) Meditation Book Project 2) Mental Health/Mental Illness IP Project. Information on links on current surveys at: na.org Surveys must be submitted by 6/1/17.

Outreach: Lucy V.- Not present.

Phone Line: Marie S.- Not present; electronic report sent to chair Rebekah H. **Discussion** on to whom all reports are to be sent in according to policy and as per policy, all reports should be sent in to the secretary when a subcommittee chair will not be able to attend the Area. Rebekah will contact Marie on this issue. Marie apologized for not being present at ASC- got called in to work. Upgrades to the system by phone line provider. "Demo Videos" did not affect the phone line in too many ways. One issue with a volunteer not being to receive calls on her scheduled ques 2 Saturdays in a row. This issue has been fixed. **Order of the Day @2pm** by UNITY.

Policy: Michelle K.- report for February and March- no new motions pending at this time and we discussed the roles and responsibilities of the policy chair and went over qualifications for subcommittee chairpersons. Next meeting April 7th.

Public Information: Luis R.- no written report- oral report named facilities that meeting schedules have been sent to. No health and wellness fairs have been scheduled. **Motion** by PI to **move ASC** to the **fourth Sunday** in **April** because of Easter weekend. **Motion passed. Discussion** on doing PI/H&I. **Read** Public Relations.

Vice Chair: Raymond L.- February and March report- EACNA III audit was done on February 26th with Wanda C., Ashley B., Carla C. and Raymond L. Treasurer's audit was done by Donny B., Melissa T., and Raymond L. (The Treasurer's Audit was reported by Melissa T.). Raymond attended the subcommittees of H&I, FITW, contacted the Phone Line chair, Public Information chair, Internet Technology chair and encouraged Savannah to try to invite other members to the IT subcommittee meeting. Also attended the EACNA IV committee meeting.

EACNA III Audit: Raymond L.- 2 checks had not cleared yet in the amount of **\$82.48**. This amount was carried over to EACNA IV. **Starting Balance: \$3830.63 Ending Balance: \$16,596.10. \$10,835.57** was turned in to the ASC. **EACNA IV Starting Balance: \$5760.53**

Old/New Business (Motions from last ASC are being resubmitted)

Motion to remove Newsletter Subcommittee. 0 Abstentions 18 No 2 Yes **Motion fails.**

Vice-Chair Raymond – exercised Ninth Concept and asked why the groups voted "No" and discussion ensued.

Motion to Suspend the Order of Day by Recovery in the Park **@2:40pm No second. Motion dies.**

Motion by No Matter What to hire a professional audit team to set the precedence of current and future audits for area treasurer and subcommittees. **No second. Motion dies.**

Motion by Friday Night Live to host a function in October when the Southern Zonal Forum is here. To have a speaker and a dance at the hotel. The budget will be determined at a later date. **Second** by Miracles Happen. **Motion tabled** after discussion on how much money this will cost.

Motion by Miracles Happen to Suspend the Order of the Day **@2:46pm. Second** by Free Today. **Motion passed.**

Motion by Lost & Found- request from TBRNA that the additional rooms purchased by committee members be reimbursed by those committee members that used those rooms. **Second** by Friday Night Live. **Motion passed.**

Motion by Boerne NA to have ASC meeting in Boerne on the 3rd Sunday of next month or the following month. **Second** by Easy Does It. **No discussion** due to maker of this motion not present.

Motion by Recovery in the Park to increase Literature Bank from **\$3500** to **\$4500. Second** by UNITY. **Motion ruled Out of Order** because this is a policy motion. Get with Policy chair.

Motion by FITW to allow FITW access to the Area mailbox by giving the subcommittee a key to stay within Policy about monies being deposited to bank account within 48 hours (Registrations). **Motion passed.**

Motion by H&I to remove IPs from Literature Order Form that are also available in Large Print.

Second by FORCE. **Motion to be revisited.**

Motion by H&I requesting **450** An Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous at a cost of **\$990. Motion passed.**

Motion by Recovery in the Park to hold off spending the proceeds from EACNA III until an **ad hoc** is appointed and brainstorms ideas for projects to strengthen the Area's ability to further carry the message in the Area. **Second** by UNITY.

Motion passed. Chair Rebekah appointed CJ as chairperson, Melissa T., Shawn S. and Gilbert L. for an ad hoc committee to include subcommittee chairpersons.

Motion by Vice-chair Raymond L. to give TSCNA XV in Lubbock **\$200** for a Hospitality slot. **Second** by Basic Recovery. **Motion passed.**

Policy Motion by Secretary Esteban R. Under I. Reports **add c:** Subcommittee chairpersons Keeps copies of all subcommittee reports for the duration of the position. **Intent** is to ensure that we have all reports besides the secretary available for auditing purposes. **Policy Motion** goes back to the groups.

Announcement by CJ that the ad hoc Proceeds Planning Committee will meet on April 2nd **@2pm** 10929 Nacogdoches.

Motion to adjourn by Freedom; **second** by Lost & Found. **Motion passed.**

Ending Roll Call.

Next ASC will be on April 23rd at 10929 Nacogdoches.

ASC Adjourned @3:40pm

Groups that will lose voting privilege if not present at the April 2017 ASC:

Lifeguard SHIELD

Groups that will gain voting privilege if present at the April 2017 ASC:

Genesis

Voting Groups:

1)A New Way 2)Basic Recovery 3)Boerne NA 4)Easy Does It 5)F.O.R.C.E. 6)Free Today 7) Freedom 8)Friday Night Live 9)Great Beginnings 10)Hope in Recovery 11)Journey To Recovery 12)Just For The Newcomer 13)Just For Today 14)Lifeguard 15)Lost & Found 16)Miracles Happen 17)New Possibilities 18)Nooners 19)No Matter What 20)Our Primary Purpose 21)Phoenix 22)Recovery In The Park 23)Recovery North 24)Road To Recovery 25)SHIELD 26)Simplify 27)Somos Milagros 28)The Core Group 29)U.N.I.T.Y. 30)Women In Unity

Non-voting Groups:

1)Agape 2)Gateway to Recovery 3)Genesis 4)Grateful Addicts 5)Hugs Not Drugs 6)Kerrville NA 7)Meeting At The Tracks 8)Men Of Hope 9)Monte Vista 10)New Frontiers 11)New Horizons 12)New Way To Live 13)Practical Foundations 14)Recovery 101 15)Reposition 16)Spiritual Awakening 17)Surrender to Win 18)Together We Can 19)We Believe 20)YNA

Esperanza Area consists of 50 Groups

Group	March 2017	GSR / Alt GSR	Voting Status	Beginning	Middle	End
1) A New Way		James O.	V			
2) Agape		Lesley T.	NV			
3) Basic Recovery		Luis R.	V	1	1	1
4) Boerne NA		Cameron M.	V	2	2	
5) Easy Does It		Ruben C.	V	3	3	2
6) F.O.R.C.E.		Donnie W.	V	4	4	3
7) Free Today		Johnny C.	V	5	5	4
8) Freedom		Lucy V.	V	6	6	5
9) Friday Night Live		Gilbert L.	V	7	7	6
10) Gateway to Recovery		Michael S.	NV			
11) Genesis		Efrem D.	NV	P	P	P
12) Grateful Addicts		Jorge S.	NV			
13) Great Beginnings		Ernest G.	V	8	8	7
14) Hope in Recovery		Howard G.	V	9	9	8
15) Hugs Not Drugs		Chucky A.	NV			
16) Journey To Recovery		Jerry D.	V	10	10	9
17) Just For The Newcomer		Delmar E.	V	11	11	10
18) Just For Today		Jesse D.	V	12	12	11
19) Kerrville Group of NA		Miguel R.	NV			
20) Lifeguard		Lupita S.	V			
21) Lost & Found		Melissa T.	V	13	13	12
22) Meeting At The Tracks		Manuel S.	NV			
23) Men Of Hope		Daniel J.	NV			
24) Miracles Happen		Liz S.	V	14	14	13
25) Monte Vista		Khalilah B.	NV			
26) New Frontiers		Natividad	NV			
27) New Horizons		Angela B.	NV			
28) New Possibilities		Gary L.	V			
29) New Way To Live		Eric H	NV			
30) Nooners		Larry H.	V	15	15	14
31) No Matter What		Shawn S.	V	16	16	15
32) Our Primary Purpose		Stan S.	V	17	17	16
33) Phoenix Group		Nicky D.	V	18	18	17
34) Practical Foundations		Jon G.	NV			
35) Recovery 101		Patricia C.	NV			
36) Recovery In The Park		Gary R.	V	19	19	18
37) Recovery North		Channah K.	NV+	20	20	19
38) Reposition		Jenna C.	NV+			
39) Road To Recovery		Lisa H.	V	21	21	20
40) S.H.I.E.L.D.		Ari N.	V			
41) Simplify		James B.	V	22	22	21
42) Somos Milagros		Shannon J.	V			
43) Spiritual Awakening		Casey D.	NV			
44) Surrender To Win		Julio D.	NV			

45) The Core Group	Veronica F.	V	23	23	22
46) Together We Can		NV			
47) U-N-I-T-Y	CJ	V	24	24	23
48) We Believe	Eric C.	NV			
49) Women In Unity	Monica A.	V	25	25	24
50) YNA		NV			
<i>Voting Groups Present: 25</i> <i>Eligible To Vote: 30</i> <i>30 ÷ 2 = 15 + 1 = 16</i>	<i>Quorum met and set @ 16</i>				
Chair	Rebekah H.		P	P	P
Vice Chair	Raymond L.		P	P	P
Secretary	Esteban R.		P	P	P
Alternate Secretary					
Treasurer	Donny B.		P	P	
Alternate Treasurer					
Regional Committee Member I					
Regional Committee Member II	Christina R.		P	P	
Activities	Jesse D.		P	P	P
Esperanza Area Convention IV	Roger S. Sr.		P	P	P
Frolic in the Woods	Deren S.		P	P	
Hospitals & Institutions	Melanie F.		P	P	p
Internet Technology	Savannah D.		P	P	P
Literature Bank	Nikki J.		P	P	P
Literature Review	Leslie F.		P	P	P
Newsletter	Mike S.			P	P
Outreach	Lucy V.				
Phone Line	Marie S.		Electronic	Report	Sent in
Policy	Michelle K.		P	P	P
Public Information	Luis R.		P	P	P

Legend:

V = Voting Group

NV = Non-voting Group

V- = will lose voting privilege if not present at this ASC

NV+ = will gain voting privilege if present at this ASC

Minutes recorded by Esteban R.

bcc: undisclosed recipients

cc: ASC GSRs

ASC Subcommittees

ASC Executive Committee

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