



Esperanza Area of Narcotics Anonymous

ASC Minutes – April 23, 2017

ASC meeting was **Called to Order** by chair Rebekah H. at **11:02 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 **28 groups** present; **28 voting groups** present out of **30 eligible voting groups**. $30 \div 2 = 15$ plus **1 = 16 Quorum** was met and set at **16**.

March Minutes: Secretary moved to accept the draft of the minutes that were sent out and become the Minutes for the Record, **second** by FORCE. Passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report: Donny B. reported and submitted a copy of **Contributions/Expenses spreadsheet**; checkbook reconciled; current checking balance is **\$13,575.49 minus \$630 Prudent Reserve** leaves an **Available Balance of \$12,945.94**. **After expenses** paid out in the amount of **\$2,119.20** we have **Actual Funds Available: \$10,826.74**.

Discussion on **10%** 1st Quarter Area donation to Region in the amount of **\$1281.22** by Lost & Found. At the March ASC, a motion was made and passed not to touch any money from EACNA III and does the 10% donation to Region include money from the convention? The treasurer's reply was yes and that he wasn't aware of this because he left ASC early. The treasurer was asked if he read the draft of the minutes and the reply was no. **Discussion** on leaving ASC early and not notifying the ASC and the importance of having an alternate treasurer who will cover when the treasurer leaves early. The treasurer will revise and correct his report.

RCM II: Christina R. Not present. Text messaged apologizing for not attending ASC due to family emergency.

Group Reports:

A New Way: Randy R.- New trusted servant: Sarah; speaker meetings report submitted.

Basic Recovery: Luis R.- speaker April 27- Liz J. "Who's An Addict?"

Boerne NA: Cameron M.- New trusted servants: Treasurer- Lauren; Secretary- Sam. **Motion** to have May ASC in Boerne **second** by Lost & Found. **Motion tabled** due to lack of information for meeting availability.

Easy Does It: Ruben C.- submitted.

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

Free Today: Johnny C.- speaker May 20- Monica A.

Freedom: New GSR Armando S.; Secretary- Phillip Z. Speaker April 28- Gary L. Remove scheduled April 29 event.

Friday Night Live: Gilbert L.- submitted.

Gateway to Recovery: Michael S.- asking for support from other members or groups to share ESH

Genesis: Efreem D.- New alt GSR- Dwayne M. Speaker May 29- ?

Great Beginnings: Ernest G.- report submitted.

Hope in Recovery: Howard G. – Speaker May 4 – Linda T., May 18 – Roger S. 2nd Thursday Basic Text study & topic.

Journey to Recovery: Jerry D.- report submitted.

Just for the Newcomer: Delmar E.- Need trusted servant for Sunday chair.

Just for Today: New GSR Brian K. – every third Monday is candlelight meeting; third Monday is Guiding Principles.

Lifeguard: New GSR Lupita S., alt GSR Jason O., speaker April 24 – John Q., submitted clean dates to Newsletter chair.

Lost & Found: Melissa T.- submitted.

Miracles Happen: Liz S.- submitted. Speaker April 28 – Luis R.

New Possibilities: Gary L. – Speaker April 29 – Evie R.; speaker jam May 20th. Donated \$88 to EACNA 4.

Nooners: Larry H.- submitted.

No Matter What: Shawn S.- New alt GSR Carla C., secretary- Judy G. Donated \$100 to world; looking for a new place.

Our Primary Purpose: Stan S.- speaker April 30 – Gilbert L.

Phoenix: Nicky D.- New trusted servants: Peggy H., Judikay C., Kurtis K.; speaker May 14 – Larry H.

Recovery in the Park: Gary R.- submitted.

Recovery North: Channah – More will be revealed on a speaker and food function.

Road to Recovery: Lisa H. – Speaker May 13 – Carla C.

Simplify: James B.- speaker May 3 – John S. Speaker meeting on the first Wednesday; other Wednesdays Basic Text.

Somos Milagros: John J. – Speaker April 26 – Darrin. Group will donate half of profit from anniversary to Area.

The Core Group: Veronica F. – speaker May 19 – Jeanette L. 62 was the highest attendance at last speaker meeting.

U.N.I.T.Y.: CJ – Speaker May 3 – James O., May anniversaries: Alberto F.(6); John R.(29).

Treasurer's Report Continued: **Actual Funds Available: \$10,826.74** minus **\$10,835.07 = negative \$8.33**.

Motion by FORCE to accept the Treasurer's Report with corrections; **second** by UNITY. Motion passed.

Nooners asked what are the implications of Area having funds in the negative? Which subcommittee do we take funds from? Lost & Found asked if the treasury is in the negative, do we use a different formula for the "pie" or do we use

money from the Prudent Reserve? UNITY asked if the Prudent Reserve was used and the reply was no.

Subcommittee Reports:

Activities: Jesse D.- report on Taste of NA and groups that participated: Easy Does It, FORCE, Great Beginnings, Lifeguard, Miracles Happen and Women in Unity. Financial report and receipts were attached to this report. Activities vice-chair Dana W. stated that the subcommittee has designated every 2nd Saturday for bimonthly events to allow the groups to plan accordingly and have planned events so there will be no interference with the area convention and FITW.

Questions were asked about not having speakers at the Summer Madness event. This event will be fun, food and fellowship. Lost & Found asked how much money is going back to Area and what is the seed money? **\$243** is seed. It is noted that the report does not reflect an answer to the Lost & Found question. UNITY asked the activities vice-chair if she understands policy that has Twelve Traditions and that we are under guidance of spiritual principles and not personalities? The answer is yes. **Discussion** on where the money is going: to the DJ and others.

Motion by UNITY to have Activities subcommittee discuss to have a speaker for the Summer Madness event. **Second** by Freedom. **Motion failed.** In a comment to be flexible at subcommittee meeting, the reply was that "we are!"

The three month Activities calendar was requested by UNITY and Activities vice chair stated it is being kept up-to-date. **EACNA IV:** Roger S. Sr. – hotel has been paid half of the total amount; subcommittees are running smoothly; flyers for June Event Support Function are available; registration is still ongoing on our website and is also listed in the NA Events Worldwide on the na.org website. Next Convention Committee will be on Monday, April 24 @7pm, 307 Marshall in the Community Room.

Frolic in the Woods 2017: Deren G. – FITW subcommittee is coming along well. Serenity Keepers are discussing wearing T-shirts so that they will be easy to spot and flag down and help; Registration has been attending most, if not all functions; more will be revealed on registration packets; March spreadsheet is attached to this report; Event Coordinator has a bunch of surprises up his sleeve and has discussed extra meetings throughout the event; Merchandise is out there with women T-shirts; raffle tickets for last screened shelter and alternative prizes are available. Subcommittee meeting will be on May 7 @ 6pm @ 10929 Nacogdoches Rd, Unit 12. Financial report spreadsheet attached to this report.

Activities Audit: Raymond L. – conducted by Carla C., Dana W., Jesse D. and Raymond L. **\$746.16** is in the checking account. Audit went back to November 2016 because there were no reports that were available before this date.

Suggestions for transparency included writing check #s on all vendor receipts; adding cash withdrawal slips to the monthly report along with all receipts. It was noted that another Activities member has **\$120** cash from the EANA T-shirt sales from the Taste of NA function and still has **13** T-shirts left. Activities was reminded to turn in all money within **48** hours of any function. **Discussion:** A New Way requested clarity on how much money is in the checking account and how much money is being returned to Area. Lost & Found inquired about the square reader amounts and that the financial report should reflect square reader amounts.

Break @12:47pm Middle Roll Call @1:05pm

Boerne NA requested to **Take from the Table** the previous Motion to have the May ASC in Boerne but was again **tabled** due to lack of clarity of meeting requirements.

Hospitals & Institutions: Melanie F. – 3 new volunteers went thru orientation; services in 15 facilities and our budget of **\$238** was used for literature and copies. Treasurer has our receipts. One panel member was not allowed to go into a State Jail because the TDL name didn't match the facility's list. Tentative Learning Day has been set for Saturday, July 15th. More will be revealed on a skit and discussion of T-shirts. Next subcommittee meeting will be on May 7th at 1:30pm @10929 Nacogdoches #12. New volunteer orientation will be @1pm

Information Technology: Savannah D. – glitches occurred after the site upgrade causing web mail to be down on March 25th for two days; On April 1st, the site was down for upgrades less than 48 hours due to web servant's lack of knowledge on the upgrade process. This was corrected and apologized for the absence of service. Site upgrade receipt has been turned in to the Treasurer and will continue to be in contact with the host to ensure we don't have any more interruptions. Our subcommittee continues to update the website with Group, Area, Region and World event as well as ensuring the site is functional.

Literature Bank: Nikki J.- before reading Literature Bank report, Nikki voiced her concern about one person making 3 separate literature orders and all 3 literature order forms having the same name on them and being paid by the same person. There were more concerns being expressed by Nikki and this ASC's chairperson ordered that we come back later to the Literature Bank report and moved on to the next subcommittee report.

Literature Review: Leslie F. – standing report – 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. Vice-chair Raymond L. received electronic message from Lucy that she has a new phone number and will eblast Outreach report.

Newsletter: Mike S. – Newsletter copies were distributed to the ASC; had first meeting on April 2nd. GSR's are being asked to take nominations for subcommittee positions and elections; participation for articles and to spread the message of

recovery is being requested; expect email for participation for the June publication; Newsletter was limited to content and pages due to the amount of seed money and will submit motions to increase seed money; no Newsletter policy and currently writing the first draft of a policy and upon completion, will submit to the Area Governing body for approval. Next subcommittee meeting will be on May 7th @11am @10929 Nacogdoches #12. **Discussion** on what is meant by “governing body” in this report. We are “trusted servants” and we don't govern. **Discussion** on clean dates not having the years; **discussion** on having the Newsletter in Parts 1 & 2. Mike was asked why wasn't he present at the brainstorming ad hoc to ask for more money? Mike replied that the Newsletter was printed before the ad hoc met. Receipt attached to this report.

Take from the Table Motion by Boerne NA- to have May ASC at the Longhorn Cafe, 369 Esser Rd in Boerne; **second** by Lost & Found. **Motion passed.**

Phone Line: Marie S. – apologized for missing February and March ASC; was not aware of requirement to hold subcommittee meetings every month; was not aware of this subcommittee having a policy until after looking through paperwork where a policy was found dated July 3, 2013 and apologized for this oversight; we have elected a vice-chair and secretary; positions open are Technology Chair and Communications Chair; policy change includes “1...all volunteer positions will be for a period of one year and will have to attend the phone line subcommittee meeting the following year to express their interest in being placed back into rotation for that coming year and/or future years.” The other policy change was the shift hours cut back to 4 hours and only one 8 hour shift. The breakdown was provided in this report.

Policy: Michelle K. – no new policy motions pending at this time; Michele went over questions that she had received about receipts and who is to keep them; encourages anyone who wants to be of service to attend our next meeting May 3 @7pm @10929 Nacogdoches. Michele read policy “Expenditures Order of Distribution” where it states money is pulled from any available funds starting from the bottom of the assigned priority list and moves upward. On the bottom is RSC contribution. Next is Unbudgeted expenses, followed by Subcommittee's RSC attendance reimbursement or advancements. Affected by **negative** Funds Available will be Subcommittee's RSC attendance.

Public Information: Luis R. – 3,000 updated schedules were printed at a cost of **\$259.80** and receipts have been turned in to Donny; still no health and wellness fair invites; listed on this report were 11 facilities that schedules were delivered or emailed to.

Literature Bank Continued: Nikki J. – Literature on Hand is **\$3883.89**. Actual Literature Bank Value is **\$4472.13**. Total Deposits were **\$1987.82**. Total Sales were **\$1793.47**. Donation to Area was **\$452.73**. Total sales since September 2016 were **\$11,620.01**. The revised copies for February 19, 2017 has been corrected and submitted. Attached to this report was the March 19, 2017 report. Financial report including bank deposits and receipts were attached to this report.

Vice Chair: Raymond L. – attended several subcommittee meetings including the ad hoc subcommittee and listened to some great ideas that could benefit the Area with the leftover funds from EACNA III. Raymond also participated in the Activities Subcommittee Audit and has that report also.

Ad Hoc Report: CJ – the ad hoc on brainstorming ideas for projects to strengthen EANA met on April 2, 2017. A two-phased format of first having a free flow of ideas/proposals without judgment or criticism followed by a second phase of developing each idea/proposal, culminating with consensus for each of whether they were feasible or prudent.

The following, in order of feasibility and prudence, were ideas/proposals that were made: **Proposal:** giving each home group in EANA a **\$100** voucher to be used in the area literature bank and if accepted by the group, they would have three (3) months to use their allotted **\$100**. **Proposal:** doing a poster day with the winning home group being awarded a pizza party. **Proposal:** increasing FITW seed money to **\$1500** allowing them to keep funds raised by early registration held on site. **Proposal:** purchasing sporting goods equipment that could be used by all subcommittees in the EANA.

Proposal: to have an area event to be held on Sundays following ASC.

The following ideas/proposals need to be developed further by the respective subcommittees:

Proposal: putting up a billboard. **Proposal:** purchasing special medallions by our literature bank so that we don't have to order them from someplace else. **Proposal:** by H&I to put aside money to fly in a speaker for July event. This proposal was found not to be prudent now due to lack of information. (Allow H&I to consider further and develop if feasible).

Proposal: increasing Literature Bank to a value of **\$25,000**. The current proceeds from EACNA III would be held until we had a balance of **\$17,5000**. This would allow us to purchase literature from WSC at a maximum allowed discount of **30%**. Doing this would allow for the funding of all the ideas that were listed prior.

Ideas/proposals considered to be feasible and prudent are being submitted to allow the GSRs, who we serve, to decide if they want to discuss and approve or not. (For more information, please refer to ad hoc report submitted).

This **ad hoc committee** was **dismissed** by the ASC chair after the report was presented.

Old Business

Policy Motion: by the secretary: I. Reports Add c. Subcommittee ChairpersonKeep copies of all subcommittee reports and receipts for the duration of the position for auditing purposes. **Second** by Lost & Found. **Motion passed.** The secretary was directed to send a reminder about receipts to subcommittee chairs who left this ASC early.

Elections:

RCM I – Lifeguard nominated Larry M; Larry accepts and **second** by New Possibilities. Policy qualifications were read and clean time requirement was not met. **Motion** by FORCE to waive one-time clean time requirement; **second** by Simplify. **Motion passed.** A vote was taken and Larry M. was elected as our new RCM I.

No nominations for Alternate Treasurer nor Alternate Secretary. Nominations goes back to the groups.

New Business:

Motion by ad hoc brainstormers- to give each home group in EANA a **\$100** voucher to be used in the area literature bank. If accepted by group, they would have three (3) months to use their allotted **\$100**; **second** by Hope in Recovery

Motion passed.

Motion by ad hoc brainstorming- doing a poster day with the winning home group being awarded a pizza party.

This **Motion is Tabled** until monetary amount is given. **Take from the Table Motion** by UNITY to have a pizza party with no more than **\$200**; **second** by Friday Night Live. **Discussion** on how to do poster day and pizza party.

Motion @2:50pm by Miracles Happen to **Suspend the Order of the Day**; **second** by Friday Night Live. **Motion failed.**

Hope in Recovery requested information on when do the groups get the **\$5300?** More will be revealed at the May ASC.

Motion to Adjourn by UNITY; **second** by Lost & Found. **Motion passed.**

Next ASC will be on May 21 @369 Esser R. in Boerne. Ending Roll Call ASC Adjourned @3:00pm

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

A New Way

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

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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)Genesis 10)Great Beginnings 11)Hope in Recovery 12)Journey To Recovery 13)Just For The Newcomer 14)Just For Today 15)Lifeguard 16)Lost & Found 17)Miracles Happen 18)New Possibilities 19)Nooners 20)No Matter What 21)Our Primary Purpose 22)Phoenix 23)Recovery In The Park 24)Recovery North 25)Road To Recovery 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)Grateful Addicts 4)Hugs Not Drugs 5)Kerrville NA
6)Meeting At The Tracks 7)Men Of Hope 8)Monte Vista 9)New Frontiers 10)New Horizons 11)New Way To Live
12)Practical Foundations 13)Recovery 101 14)Reposition 15)Spiritual Awakening 16)Surrender to Win
17)Together We Can 18)We Believe 19)YNA

Esperanza Area consists of 49 Groups

Group	April 2017	GSR / Alt GSR	Voting Status	Beginning	Middle	End
1) A New Way		James O.	V	1	1	
2) Agape		Lesley T.	NV			
3) Basic Recovery		Luis R.	V	2	2	P
4) Boerne NA		Cameron M.	V	3	3	P
5) Easy Does It		Ruben C.	V	4	4	P
6) F.O.R.C.E.		Donnie W.	V	5	5	P
7) Free Today		Johnny C.	V	6L	6	P
8) Freedom		Lucy V.	V	7	7	P
9) Friday Night Live		Gilbert L.	V	8	8	P
10) Gateway to Recovery		Michael S.	NV	P L	P	
11) Genesis		Efrem D.	NV+	9	9	P
12) Grateful Addicts		Jorge S.	NV			
13) Great Beginnings		Ernest G.	V	10 L	10	P
14) Hope in Recovery		Howard G.	V	11	11	P
15) Hugs Not Drugs		Chucky A.	NV			
16) Journey To Recovery		Jerry D.	V	12	12	P
17) Just For The Newcomer		Delmar E.	V	13	13	P
18) Just For Today		Jesse D.	V	14	14	P
19) Kerrville Group of NA		Miguel R.	NV			
20) Lifeguard		Lupita S.	V -	15	15	P
21) Lost & Found		Melissa T.	V	16	16	P
22) Meeting At The Tracks		Manuel S.	NV			
23) Men Of Hope		Daniel J.	NV			
24) Miracles Happen		Liz S.	V	17	17	P
25) Monte Vista		Khalilah B.	NV			

26) New Frontiers	Natividad	NV			
27) New Horizons	Angela B.	NV			
28) New Possibilities	Gary L.	V	18	18	P
29) New Way To Live	Eric H	NV			
30) Nooners	Larry H.	V	19		
31) No Matter What	Shawn S.	V	20	19	P
32) Our Primary Purpose	Stan S.	V	21	20	P
33) Phoenix Group	Nicky D.	V	22	21	P
34) Practical Foundations	Jon G.	NV			
35) Recovery 101	Patricia C.	NV			
36) Recovery In The Park	Gary R.	V	23	22	P
37) Recovery North	Channah K.	V	24	23	P
38) Reposition	Jenna C.	NV			
39) Road To Recovery	Lisa H.	V		24	
41) Simplify	James B.	V	25	25	P
42) Somos Milagros	Shannon J.	V	26	26	P
43) Spiritual Awakening	Casey D.	NV			
44) Surrender To Win	Julio D.	NV			
45) The Core Group	Veronica F.	V	27	27	P
46) Together We Can		NV			
47) U-N-I-T-Y	CJ	V	28	28	P
48) We Believe	Eric C.	NV			
49) Women In Unity	Monica A.	V			
50) YNA		NV			
<i>Voting Groups Present: 28</i>	<i>Quorum met and set</i>				
<i>Eligible To Vote: 28</i>	<i>@ 16</i>				
<i>30 ÷ 2 = 15 + 1 = 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	P
Alternate Treasurer					
Regional Committee Member I	Larry M.				P
Regional Committee Member II	Christina R.				
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	
Literature Bank	Nikki J.		P	P	P
Literature Review	Leslie F.		P	P	P
Newsletter	Mike S.		P	P	P
Outreach	Lucy V.				
Phone Line	Marie S.		P	P	
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.