

**Big Bend Area Service Minutes
September 9, 2007**

1. Open Meeting 3:01pm

Serenity Prayer, 12 Concepts, Definition of ASC, Service Prayer

2. Roll Call:

Admin Committee:

Chair	Jim H	P
V Chair	Steve C	P
RCM I	Heath A	P
RCM II	Al H	P
Secretary	Mike P	P
Treasurer	Peter W	P

Subcommittees:

Activities	Lakey	P
Literature	Stephanie G	P
Convention	Allen B	A
PI	Rod C	P
Helpline		V
H&I	Frank R	P

Ad hoc committee

web pg devel	Rod C	P
policy update	Jim H	P
new meeting schedule	Lakey	P

Groups

GSR's

Get A Life	Necie P	P
Get Real Or Die	Jason S	P
Journey In Recovery	Robert O	P
Lake Ella	John P	P
Living A Miracle	Geena	P
Living With Hope	Vernon H	P
REM/MWB Revealed	Eric C	P
Southside	Aaron L	P
Square Pegs	Jeff J	P
Time To Come Clean	Loris V	P
Together We Can	Connie T	P
We Do Recover	Kevin D	A
Youth In Recovery	Lauren M	P
<i>Newcomer's Group</i>	<i>Chris H</i>	<i>P (new mtg proposed)</i>

3. Motion to accept previous minutes

Maker GROD (M/S/C) 12-0-0

4. Reports / Admin committee

RCM I

Greetings ACS Family,

I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve this area as the RCM I. Also, welcome to Al H. as the RCM II, who brings a lot of experience that is much appreciated. There was no region last month and this month's will be held the 14th through 17th in Cocoa.

We collected 29 of the Human Resource Pool forms and they will be turned in this weekend. Four names for the Pen Pal list will be given to the H & I Chair at the Florida Region.

if anyone needs anything from the fl.region please ask the r.s.c is a wealth of knowledge at our finger tips

soowazoo
heath

P>S this is a wonderful day for recovery

RCM II

No report submitted

Secretary

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Greetings Area

Minutes from Aug 12 are available as hard copies. If you had an opportunity to view your electronic minutes sent last week, you will notice certain problems with the attachment of some subcommittee reports. Perhaps you were not able to view some reports at all. As I have said in the past and now repeat, it is imperative that subcommittee reports and any report to be included in the area minutes be sent to the area secretary as an e-mail or an attachment in an e-mail. This will ensure the archiving of our minutes electronically and free up someone's garage of back copies of area minutes.

When I receive a hard copy; in lieu of rewriting your report, I scan that report and attempt to attach it to the electronic minutes. There are inherent problems with that technique that don't bear repeating here. If you do not have access to e-mail, the Leon County Library has free computer use. There you may access a free hotmail account and send your reports in that fashion.

Any new GSRs are asked to fill out the biographical form and let me have it so you can be added to our contact list. GSRs, please remember to let me have your GSR reports; include any birthdays or events your home group is scheduling. Submitted to the treasurer is a receipt for photocopy of minutes and literature order forms made use of today.

ILS
Mike P
BBASC sec'y

Treasurer

BIG BEND AREA SERVICE TREASURER'S		REPORTS	ASC MEETING			
August 12th For Sept. 07						
Prudent Res	\$600.00		Bal Forward	Ending Bal		
			\$1,689.45	\$1,225.92		
Groups		Credits	Debits	Check Written	LIT Allot	
Southside		\$20.00				
Time to Come Clean		\$17.00				
Living a Miracle		\$90.92				
Get Real or Die \$115.60		\$160.00				
Lake Ella		\$89.00				
Square Pegs		\$121.00				
Get a Life 18.00		\$10.00				
REM		\$124.00				
Activities Riem.		\$5.00				
Literature		\$385.22				
Task			\$25.00	ck1647		
RCM			\$275.00	temp 8		
Secretary Reimustment			\$34.40	ck1650		
Graylink			\$85.79	ck1652		
Total FRSO (Lit Order)			\$580.22	ck1654		
Embarq White Pages			\$3.56	ck1651		
Embarq Yellow Pages			\$32.25	ck1653		

H&I					\$100.00	
PI					\$95.00	
	RSC DONATION		\$449.45	ck1648		
	TOTAL	\$1,022.14	\$1,485.67			
	Regional reserve					\$123.92
Res Funds						
	RCM	Graylink	Mtg schedules	P O Box fees	TOTAL	Res. Temp
Sept. 10th 07	\$100.00	\$22.00	\$100.00	\$30.00	\$252.00	\$250.00

Reports / Subcommittees

Public Information

Public Information Subcommittee Report
2007

September 9,

Greetings, Big Bend Area Family-

First I would like to thank the groups for allowing me the privilege of serving as your Public Information Chairperson. I will do my best to be a true Trusted Servant in this position.

The PI subcommittee held a meeting Saturday, September 8, at the Village Inn Restaurant on Lonbladh Rd. 5 addicts attended, and we were able to achieve a group conscious on a number of items.

Elections were held, and Ray G. was elected to the vice-chair position. Congratulations Ray, and thank you for your willingness.

We then discussed and voted to acquire 2 new literature racks, to be placed in the Gadsden St. probation office, for which I have received approval, and the other to be located in a court or DOC affiliated office in Wakulla County. More to be revealed on the precise location of this literature rack.

The rest of our meeting was used as a goal setting session. We identified 5 main areas of focus for the coming year.

1. Extend our PI efforts outside of Leon County.

2. Begin to build relationships with and get the NA message to the University and College communities.
3. Build relationships with alternative organizations, which we do not now have contact with. This may include hospitals, walk-in clinics, fraternities and sororities, our Chamber of Commerce, drug courts, counseling centers, and others.
4. To explore other means of distributing our message. This could include signs on buses, bus stops, televised PSA's, etc.
5. Networking with professionals in the areas of criminal justice, mental health, addiction treatment, and others.

We feel that we have some fantastic opportunities before us to help place the message of Narcotics Anonymous in our communities. Obviously, many of these goals are long term, and we don't anticipate reaching but a fraction of what we have identified during this next year. Our biggest challenge and our main objective for this year is to bring this subcommittee up to a functioning level, that can be effective in furthering the NA message. We are a subcommittee that has been underutilized, in fact non-functioning, for many years. We hope to help re-invigorate the PI effort in this area, and establish an effort that will be picked up by others and carried on into the future. PI has an extremely important function, as do all of the subcommittees. We can only grow and carry the message to the extent that the public knows that we are here, and that we have a solution to the disease of addiction. We have a lot to do, so come out and support us.

In Loving Service, Rod C.

Activities

No report submitted. On floor it was announced that Activities raised \$449.00 for the recovery play expenses. Play tentatively scheduled for November 3rd.

Literature

No report submitted

Convention

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(Report read; chair absent.)

ASC REPORT

Big Bend Area Convention Committee

On September 5, 2007, the Big Bend Area Convention Committee held its 1st BBACNA XI 2008 Committee meeting. The meeting was held 6:00 pm at Panera's. The meeting time and location was announced at several

meetings before in an attempt to raise awareness and to increase participation. *There were a total of 4 people present for the meeting.*

Through a voting process, the position of Treasurer, Secretary, and Program Chair/Vice positions were confirmed.

The committee has no outstanding bills going into the 2008 Convention. Lisa K and Allen B are scheduled to negotiate a contract with Residence Inn on Gaines Street, as a location to host the 2008 Convention. The results of this meeting will be provided at the next ASC Meeting.

As a committee, we decided to create a “Schedule of Events calendar”. This calendar will serve as a tool to assist with planning, and to providing advance notification of all up coming events.

How can Area support the Convention Committee? By continuing to emphasize the importance of Service Work, and encourage all with the willingness to get involved.

Allen B.

Helpline

Vacant

Hospitals & Institutions

The H&I subcommittee has there work cut out 4 it. We are servicing the men& woman’s jail (Leon), Gadsden correctional (female)& detox (open to walk ins), I think this meeting should be on the schedule. We had a pool party and cook out to bring people together. Everyone had a great time.

N.P.I the staff there appear to not want us there, members have tried on several occasions and got stories, can’t find papers ,etc . So we are not going to N>P>I>currently. I understand we have started going to a –life. We have more info on that later. There is a lot of love in this subcommittee . In loving service FR

Frank R

Ad Hoc: Web page development

September 9, 2007 Ad-hoc Committee for Web Page Development Report

Greetings, Big Bend Area Family-

We are happy to present a final approval form of our recommended policy for the Big Bend Area Web Page.

1. Estimated Budget: \$300.00 annually for hosting and domain name registration, with estimated start-up costs of \$200.00. Domain name of choice is Bigbendna.org. We also recommend acquiring .net and .com.

2. We recommend that the ASC create the position of Web Technology Coordinator, with qualifications and responsibilities as outlined in Addendum A.

3. We recommend that the ASC adopt the policy guidelines that we have outlined in Addendum B.

We are also in the process of finalizing and approving a proposed Web page design, which we intend to have ready to present at next month's ASC.

In loving service, Rod C.

Ad Hoc: Policy Update

No report submitted: On floor groups are reminded the new copies of policy that will be distributed are property of the groups. Copy should remain with the group when GSR leaves. Copies can be printed at ~ \$3ea. X 20. Cost will be under budget of \$150 allocated for this purpose.

Ad Hoc: New Meeting Schedule

No report submitted: On floor suggested that Flint River Group be removed from schedule. H&I asks if detox can be placed on the schedule as an H&I panel meeting. (infers the rules that apply to such a style of meeting. No open sharing, etc.)

Reports / Groups

Get A Life

No Friday night meeting. Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday mtgs @7pm. Saturday @noon. Group is growing, quite a few newcomers. Lisa 1yr. TBA

Get Real Or Die

Good attendance at both meetings. We have 2 new members Daniel W and Jonahan P. Louie 4yrs Sept 28th. Friday mtg will be held at Temple Israel 2215 Mahan Dr until further notice. Prayer meditation breakfast meeting with Journey In Recovery @Jack McLean Park 2nd Saturday each month@7am.

Journey In Recovery

Prayer meditation breakfast meeting with Get Real Or Die @ Jack Mclean Park 2nd Saturday each month@7am. Dennis P 10yrs September 25.

Lake Ella

All is well. Suzanne 2yrs September 30.

Living A Miracle

Geena G new GSR; Ronnie H alternate GSR. Tim S 2yrs September 23; Ronnie H 15yrs September 15

Living With Hope

The meeting day and time will change TBA @ next ASC meeting.

REM / MWB Revealed

Attendance high. New meeting location, Monday night at 3333 W Penscola St starting Oct 1

Southside

Thanks, as always for your support. Deforest S 4yrs September 15; Fred A 4yrs September 22

Square Pegs

All is well. Attendance is growing

Time To Come Clean

Meeting has had steady attendance. Campout at Lk Talquin September 21-22. Luther Hall Landing Road. Bring food. Meetings and fun.

Together We Can

Connie T new GSR for this group. Game night 1st Saturday of the month. October 6 7:30pm till...

We Do Recover

No report

Youth In Recovery

Our meeting needs support. We have had very low attendance.

Newcomers Group

New meeting – focus on newcomers. Meeting 7:30 – 8:30pm Business mtg 8:30 – 9pm. (might change) Meeting at St John's Episcopal Church E Call Street.

5. Open Sharing Session (3:54pm)

Discussion on floor about how the letter of policy reiterates focus on guidance from love and consideration. Newcomer is shy to commit if area is so stern; they won't volunteer for service. Suggest traditions workshop to honesty, open-mindedness and willingness.

Service begins with willingness to serve. We can't force people to serve. They will come to their decisions personally. 5th tradition invites a loving God into our decisions. Fear of mistakes drives unspiritual behavior. NA is greater than our fears. Assuming a teaching role will encourage others to try again after failing. Tradition violation are words that shouldn't be used together.

Try not to approach people with feelings in your hand so your feelings aren't stepped on. We can't always know what is personally going on with our fellows in NA.

Consensus building decision making is needed. We should get away from Robert's Rules of Order. Area could possibly be more user friendly if we do. Be aware when negative comments are made jokingly about area service. Service treated importantly will instill sense of service in our fellowship.

NA's concept of love and carrying the message of recovery does not involve sexual organs.

NA is a positive experience if I open myself to others and know I am human; as are others.

6. Nominations / elections

7. Old Business

8. New Business

Motion 2007- #26:motion maker: Lk Ella To amend the policy that no subcommittee chair have meeting in home be taken out of area policy (refer policy pg 29-30; item #6)
Tabled to groups.

9. Final Reports

Literature: (see Literature report)

Treasurer: (see Treasury report)

Adjourn (5pm)