# EASTERN AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE Post Office Box 1393 Tulsa, OK 74101

### **MINUTES- FEBRUARY 2008**

Chair Cheryl S. brought the EASC regular business meeting to order on Sunday, February 24, 2008, at 1 p.m., in Tulsa, OK. A moment of silence and the serenity prayer followed.

#### **Readings:**

12 Traditions- Deborah 12 Concepts- Joy JFT - Jerry

**<u>Roll Call:</u>** 7 Officers; 15 GSR's This made a total of 20 voting members with 14 being the quorum (2/3).

Secretary read the minutes. Minutes accepted as read.

#### **SUB- COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report:** Jennifer J. / Treasurer Reported

February 2008	
Beginning Bal.	\$5,855.09
Revenue	\$1,354.10
Expenses	\$1,388.60
Region	\$ 500.00
Ending Balance	\$5,320.59

Negative cash flow \$34.50

Over prudent reserve \$3,820.59

Discrepancy in bank balance discussed. Area bank account shows \$154 more in account than treasurer's records show. Literature bank account shows \$9.30 less than treasurer's record shows. Previous treasurer and current treasurer haven't found reason for discrepancy and the amount is the same each month. Treasurer asked GSRs to ask groups to allow her to modify area's records and zero out the balance.

#### Activities: No report

GSRs gave updates on upcoming events during GSR reports. Events listed below: Muskogee Rebels with a Cause – St. Patrick's Day Dance. Potluck at 6 p.m., Speaker at 7 p.m., dance to follow Register for the Humpin down the river float trip, which is July, 11, 12 and 13 North Side Stroll is Hosting Unity Meeting March 1 at 8 p.m.

Sharing N Recovery is having Sing and Shoot March 15 at 10 a.m.

Spiritual Connection is having music, poetry and art festival in April

# H & I (Hospitals and Institutions): Jerry B. / Chair reported

Voted to reopen the Rogers County Women's Side meeting. Megan appointed panel leader at facility. Still need help at David L. Moss (one-year clean time requirement) applications are available to anyone interested.

Panel Leader Orientation meeting Saturday, March 1 at 5:45 p.m. at 12 & 12.

<u>H&I Literature Report</u>: Jerry B. / Chair reported Order for January \$349.50 Order for February hasn't been filed.

# PR (Public Relations): Trusted Servant filled in for Chair

PR is looking to procure booths at the Oklahoma Nurses Convention in October and the Family Practice Doctor's Conference.

PR subcommittee encourages all motions affecting a subcommittee to be brought to the subcommittee instead of the entire body of area.

Disbursements \$100 for supplies for intro letters and paper, etc. \$20 for Tulsa Medical Society Members Directory.

Literature:Teresa T. / Chair reportedInventory\$2,653.06Cash on Hand\$418.58Bank Total\$2,792.69Ending Balance\$5,864.33Taxes\$153.65

**<u>RCM Report:</u>** Pam W. / RCM reported **\*See attached RCM Report**\*

RCM would like GSRs to ask groups how Region can make the General Service Assembly more appealing to members, increasing turnout.

PASC RCM reported new RCM Gary V. and new RCM Alt. Gary M. Roman Nose set for July 18, 19 and 20.

WASC RCM reported Western area is considering a motion to always host the Regional Convention in Western Area (OKC). New H&I Chair is Steve O.

Clean and Crazy Report: June 13, 14 and 15 – Treasurer resigned due to theft of money in possession, \$396 stolen, has signed promissory note for repayment. Some positions still vacant on committee.

FSR Report: Keith R. voted as chair. Next meting March 9 in Stroud at 11 a.m. Artwork and themes being accepted until April meeting.

Region wants groups to vote on a bylaw change to change the meeting format from Robert's Rules of Order to consensus based decision making (CBDM). Region has been using CBDM for six months on a trial basis and likes it.

Region is looking into a special worker to handle web site. Potential costs will be reported at next region meeting.

Groups need to have votes on CAR report motions to RCM by the March EASC meeting.

<u>Web Contact:</u> Trusted servant filled in for Chair Activity flyers need to be sent in Word of pdf files, not image files like jpg or tiff.

Break: 2:10 p.m.
Back: 2:25 p.m.
7 Trusted Servents 17 GSRs
22 voting members with 15 quorum

#### **Old Business:**

Motions from Area that were taken to groups last month..... \*<u>Motion 1</u> – To place ads with Tulsa Transit Authority inside and outside of the buses as well as secure bus bench ads. PR requests \$600 from the general fund.

**Intent:** To finish the project started one year ago with the selling of t-shirts to get the knowledge of Narcotics Anonymous out to the public.

# VOTE: 11 for; 6 opposed; 0 abstentions; Motion Passed

\*<u>Motion 2</u> – To reimburse RCM for remainder of expenses to attend CAR workshop in Kansas. Amount \$150.32.

#### VOTE: 12 for; 4 opposed; 0 abstentions; Motion Passed

#### **Elections:**

Intent to fill still open for RCM Alternate Reminder to groups. Elections are coming in April for chairs for Activities, H&I, PR, Literature, Web Contact and RCM and RCM Alternate.

**GSR Reports:** Reports were given by the 18 NA Groups.

Pryor Hump Day Group- LeAnn	Muskogee Rebels with a Cause - Kelly
Jay Last Chance- Brett	Hartshorne Never Alone- Judd
Tulsa Sharing n Recovery- Heather	Tulsa North Side Stroll- Becky
Sapulpa NA- Ronny	Tulsa Second Chance- Joy

Claremore No Name Group- Alicia Coweta Keepin It Simple – Athena Wagoner High On Life- Cameron Tulsa Meaning of the Principles – Megan Broken Arrow Serenity Seekers – Amy Hartshorne Never Alone – Jason Tulsa Spiritual Connection- Kristina BA Serenity Seekers - Amy Tahlequah Just for Today - Teresa Peace of Mind - Joe Tulsa Original Group - Deborah Jay Just For You (New Group) – Dave

The following group(s) specifically requested support from the NA fellowship:

SALINA: has changed to new meeting place at Full Gospel Church on Ross St. BROKEN ARROW: can use more men willing to sponsor. Weekend meeting attendance, especially Friday is very low. Could use support.

JAY JUST FOR YOU: New Group starting meetings at 1 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. 217 W. Delaware.

#### New Business:

Discussion held on whether to give RCM a budget to cover expenses like CAR workshop expenses. No action taken.

Discussion on whether it is appropriate for a subcommittee to visit a group's group conscience without being invited.

#### Take to Groups

RCM requests groups vote on region meeting format. Vote is to change to consensus based decision making, which region has been using for the last six months on a trial basis and likes, or to stick with Robert's Rules of Order, which is what is currently in bylaws.

#### Motion

Motion made by Tulsa Original Group MOTION: To give PR committee \$1,200 per year to get NA out to the general public. INTENT: To be able to get NA out to the public.

#### PROS:

- 1. \$100 per month budget is not too much to ask
- 2. Can't always anticipate when PR will be invited to a conference or informational meeting with professional groups.
- 3. \$600 (which is the current budget) doesn't go very far anymore and also creates more of a balance of trying to reach people before they've hit their bottom through public relations.

#### CONS:

No cons given specifically addressing the motion (which is to increase their budget, not where the money is spent)

Con given about money being spent in Tulsa. Want to know if \$1,200 is given, will that money be spread out area wide, not only in Tulsa.

Trusted servant responded to where money is spent. Argument given that a lot of people come to Tulsa from outside the city. Contacts are being made with newspapers in eastern area PR sent surveys to county DOCs where NA meetings are located

#### BY LAW CHANGE MOTION

MOTION: By-law change:

XV.A.1. add: Focus of Activities is arranging self-supporting activities to include scheduling hosting of EASC business and unity meetings, organizing Christmas marathon meetings and other events as the groups request.

INTENT: To better define Activities sub-committee and streamline its efforts

Discussion: Doesn't state in by-laws exactly what activities is supposed to do. The above direction has been the focus of activities all along, but when trusted servants move on, sometimes the focus isn't passed on to new trusted servants. The motion is intended to clarify the focus of activities.

# SECOND MOTION WAS TABLED UNTIL PR CHAIR CAN ATTEND AND ANSWER SOME OF AREA'S QUESTIONS CONCERNING MOTION

Pryor Hump Day GSR made motion to change the July unity meeting to the second Saturday of July in conjunction with the Humpin Down the River Float Trip campout. Muskogee agreed to not host the July meeting and allow Pryor to host it.

# VOTE: 15 for; 1 opposed; 0 abstentions; Motion Passed

# **Disbursements:**

Motion to give \$1,000 to Region VOTE: 16 for; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions; Motion Passed

# Motion passed to give \$15.26 to RCM for copies of RCM report handed out during area meeting.

# **Announcements:**

Unity meeting is at North Side Stroll, Saturday, March 1, 8 p.m.

Next Area Meeting: March 30 at Muskogee Rebels With A Cause, 1 p.m.

#### **Closing:**

With no further business to be brought before the group, the meeting was adjourned. Everyone circled up and closed with the serenity prayer.

In Loving Service, Sommer W.