

EASTERN AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE
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MINUTES- JUNE 2008

EASC Chair Cheryl S. brought the EASC regular business meeting to order on Sunday, June 29, 2008, at 1 p.m., at 12 & 12 in Tulsa. A moment of silence and the serenity prayer followed.

Readings:

12 Traditions- Shannon
12 Concepts- Phillip
JFT - Judd

Roll Call: 9 Officers; 22 GSR's

This made a total of 27 voting members with 18 being the quorum (2/3).

Secretary read the minutes. Minutes accepted as amended to add H&I literature report. \$245.40 dispersements and \$321.26 order.

SUB- COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: EASC chair reported in treasurer's absence

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| Beginning Bal. | \$ 2,263.18 |
| Revenue | \$ 1,969.24 |
| Expenses | \$ 726.89 |
| Region | \$ 700.00 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 2,806.63 |

Over prudent reserve \$1,305.53

Activities: Thom L. / Chair reported

1. New calendar format change was completed
2. Group "C" and Birthday calendar (continuing project, group sign up was passed around for GSRs to complete)
3. Convert old cassette tapes to CDs (Continuing project which needs volunteers – still need program)
4. Convert Unity meeting speakers to mp3s and make available on EASC web site (5 have been converted to date)
5. Stock Pile some speakers for literature office (wants to maybe have some available for people without access to the EASC web site)
6. To have as many groups as possible attend a monthly activities meeting.
 - a. 2 people showed up May activities meeting
 - b. Today's attendance was 7
 - c. Groups that will host upcoming activity should want to attend subcommittee
7. Banner Wars vs. Peace of Unity (Activities chair eager to hear what groups thought about banner wars)

Activities Chair said committee will not be able to sustain the EASC fellowship without groups help. Needs lots of help from all home groups and fellow addicts. Committee meets for the fellowship, not

individual's or individual groups.. Activities Chair said the committee would like to keep a clear NA message to all addicts: "If you ain't having fun in recovery, it's your own fault"

New activities ideas: pool party, bowling, paintball, horseshoe tournament, Wilorock picnic and chili cook off.

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

1. Jerry B. stepped down from panel leader at 12 & 12 Mondays. Christina B. was nominated and elected to be the new panel leader.
2. Jimmy was nominated and elected as panel leader for Tulsa Boys Home.
3. Chuck E. stepped down as panel leader of TCBH. Jerry B. was nominated and elected as new panel leader. The meeting was moved from Sundays at 4:15 p.m. to Fridays at 6 p.m.
4. DOC orientation is by invite only after you fill out application. Web site for application is www.doc.state.ok.us.

Literature report:

\$341.30 Dispersements

\$245.20 Order

PR (Public Relations): Leanne H. / PR committee member reported

1. Received overpayment from Tulsa Transit for bus bench ads. \$20 check was forwarded to treasurer.
2. Requesting home group phone lists to build help line work group. Committee members will contact those willing to participate.
3. Developed interview questions for help line volunteers and orientation for same.
4. Developed and sent letters to county district attorney offices in eastern area and waiting for response.
 - a. received response from DA in Tahlequah and have four presentations scheduled.
5. Leanne and Keith attended Western Area orientation for drug court clients June 18. Working to offer same to such agencies in Eastern Area.
6. Help line calls have increased dramatically. Out of 27 calls, 11 were from the bus benches (more than double last month's calls) One message for 12-step from the web through e-mail.
7. Seven people were present at the committee meeting today.

Literature: Heather P. / Chair reported

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| Inventory | \$3,195.06 |
| Cash on Hand | \$ 680.59 |
| Total Deposits | \$1,021.90 |
| Ending Balance | \$5,386.65 |
| Taxes paid | \$ 76.58 |

Literature office sold \$1,144.35 in May.

RCM Report: Megan S. / RCM reported
Region met June 8 in Midwest City

Starting balance \$14,637.27

Ending balance \$120,653.47

RD-WSC 2008

Motion passed that service pamphlets are being changed to differentiate them from other IPs to be distributed to RDs and Alt RDs for 90 day review and input process. Interested members should contact their RCM for addition information.

OKRCNA 22

Largest income generated from convention was 36% from merchandise with registration bringing in 33%. Largest expense merchandise with 37% and hotel cost 15%. Ronny S. to be OKRCNA 23 chair. Possibility of double payment made to OKRCNA was addressed and being reviewed.

FSR

Fund raising event Aug 16-17. Fun fair type event with dunk tank, etc. Cost checked – preliminary figures \$300.

Clean & Crazy

May consider having park department collect tent fees next year. Park rangers willing to help. Comp registrations current for speakers and newcomers, requesting they do service work in return.

WASC

Founders Day is July 19. Treasurer audit taking place due to missing funds. Promissory note has been signed by individual.

Old Business:

Regional help line discussed and dividing cost between areas. Suggested that region pay for long distance cost. Western area has hotline which runs \$142 per month and has meting schedules and immediate contact. Have 21 volunteers in rotation and volunteers only first in rotation three times a month. Bad check balance by individual will be checked into. GSA discussed with possible location in Stroud at hotel.

New Business

Discussion on ideas to increase participation such as workshops on IDTs, workshop on purpose and activities of region to help educate those willing to serve. 2 new IPs geared toward youth – RCM to take idea to area to see if anyone with willingness to serve, would be doing mailing to youth facilities. World suggests if state statutes are not followed by group, they should be removed from meeting list.

Groups needing help from flooding in Midwest

RCM read e-mail about fellowships devastated from the floods. Requesting support from eastern area, but will get estimate of what is needed to bring back to next area. Idea that individual groups could donate was brought up.

Next meeting Aug. 10 in Easter area

Donations to Region or world should be sent to:
WSO: P.O. Box 9999 Van Nuys, CA 91409
Region: P.O. Box 4188 Tulsa, OK 74159

*** See attached file for full report***

Web Contact: Julie D. / Chair reported

1. Server has been upgraded, amount of spam has decreased to less than 10 per day.
2. Domain has been renewed for the next two years.
3. Eufaula flyer received. Web chair asks whether she upload the flyer since they voted to remain a smoking meeting.
4. Contact has been made with OK Region Web Master. We are working together to make sure information is accurate and getting out.
5. There are a lot of activities coming up which the web chair doesn't have flyers for. Anyone with activity flyers should send them.

Old Business:

Smoking Meetings

EASC Chair spoke with Eufaula. The group voted to remain smoking. They also discussed area taking action to remove them from the list if they remained smoking and they voted to remove them from the list.

Motion: All meeting not conforming to state law regarding smoking in the meeting place should be removed from the meeting list.

Intent: Area should be unified in obeying the law

Pros:

1. Following the law should be stand of EASC.
2. Bartlesville went to non-smoking meetings to obey the law. Experience shown that it hasn't affected meeting at all. More people wanted to leave due to the smoke than wanted to leave because they can't smoke.

Cons:

1. Still suffering addict in that area looking for a meeting will not have access to the information. It punishes the still suffering addict.
2. Causing an addict to not have access to a meeting in that area. It's not up to area to decide, it is a group issue whether they are smoking or not.

Motion was tabled by EASC chair to allow GSRs to take information to groups for their discussion and input.

Motion: To remove the smoking meeting option from the meeting list legend on the printed form, on the web site and off of GSR forms.

Pro:

1. If passed, the issue of whether to remove a meeting from the list would be pointless because it becomes a non issue.

Motion tabled by EASC chair to allow GSRs to take information to groups for their discussion and input.

Motion: Banner wars should continue, and begin Peace of Unity

Intent: Banner wars promote visiting other meetings. Peace of Unity can be accomplished and newcomers can see that addicts are having fun in recovery.

Pro:

1. Banner wars promote visiting other meetings
2. Peace of Unity sounds good too, so still have banner wars, but have groups bring all banners to unity meeting, giving smaller groups the option of getting their banner back at the Unity meeting. (Would still promote unity and have all banners on display at unity meeting)
3. Stealing flags way to promote unity within groups

Cons:

1. Why vote on something which is already in place. Activities committee asked for feedback, that's all. Thinks this oversteps activities committee. Motion should go through activities committee.
2. Why spend time on banner issue when in last month's minutes, a group requested help with low attendance.

Motion tabled by EASC chair to allow GSRs to take information to groups for their discussion and input.

Elections:

GSR Reports: Reports were given by the 21 NA Groups.

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| Meaning of the Principles – Shannon | North Side Stroll – Janice |
| Peace of Mind – Joe | Bristow - John |
| Second Chance – John | Sharing n Recovery – Rick |
| Spiritual Connection – Sabrina | Tulsa Original Group - Deborah |
| Bartlesville The Other Side – Toby | Broken Arrow Serenity Seekers – Amy |
| Coweta – Athena | Grateful Beginnings - Buck |
| Jay Last Chance – Brett | Jay Just For You – Dave |
| Pryor Hump Day – Leanne | Talihina NA – Eli |
| Sapulpa – Ronny | Wagoner - Cameron |
| McAlester The Lie Is Dead | Blind Faith- David |

The following group(s) specifically requested support from the NA fellowship or have an event coming or change to meeting:

SHARING IN RECOVERY: Monster Mash coming in October

SPIRITUAL CONNECTION: Saturday meeting could use support

JAY LAST CHANCE: Aug. 2nd having an event on Drowning Creek

BRISTOW: Only six to eight members. Could use support

PRYOR HUMP DAY: Humpin Down the River in July

Two new groups announced and got starter packets.

Blind Faith: Thursdays at 8:15 p.m. at 12 & 12 and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. at 12 & 12.

Grateful Beginnings: Longtown, 9 miles east of Eufaula.

New Business:

By-law change

Motion: To make the web contact a separate committee

Intent: To take them out from under PR, so web contact can have more control of group. At some point in past, it was its own committee.

Pro: with files being converted from cassette to CDs then Mp3s for online, it will take more than one person to maintain the web site.

Motion will go to groups for discussion and input.

Literature chair nominated Christina B. to help on Monday nights in the literature office. Christina answered all questions and was elected.

Disbursements:

none

Announcements:

Unity meeting is at Illinois River Rockaway Lodge, hosted by Pryor Hump Day, Saturday, July 12, 8 p.m.

Next Area Meeting: July 27 in Bartlesville hosted by The Other Side, 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.