

EASC MINUTES

July 30, 2006

The EASC regular business meeting was brought to order by the chair, Alan, on July 30, 2006, at 1:00 pm, in, Tulsa, Ok. A moment of silence and the serenity prayer followed.

The readings were as follow: Jack read the traditions, Jim read the 12 Concepts, and Laura read the JFT Meditation.

****Important reminder...**Be sure when you select a speaker for your b-day meetings and speaker meetings, that the *speaker has A Clear NA message to share*.

The roll was called with 7 Officers and 20 GSR's present. Making a total of 27 voting members with 18 being a quorum (2/3rd).

The Secretary read the minutes, they were approved as read.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities – Steve B. there will be no area activity for July. Possible skating party at Skate land, August 26th. I would like more participation in the activities committee. ****** If anyone has any sponsee's interested, it would be greatly appreciated.

A list of NA activities are as follows:

August 11-13...Salina Blue Hole Campout

August 13.....Sapulpa Group Picnic

September 15-17...North Side Stroll & Troll Chicken Flying Contest

H & I - Falcia reported the H&I tour to all facilities has been a positive experience and will be continued.

******Delaware County Jail needs support on both male & female sides. We are asking any willing NA member to volunteer one hour a month on Friday nights @ 7:00pm in Jay, Ok.

******Rogers County Jail for men needs support, see Mitch D. They meet at 6:30pm on Tuesday nights.

Wes S. is the new panel leader for Salvation Army. Alicia S. will stay on as panel leader at Delaware County Jail for women.

PI – Teri reported John F. was elected to Vice-Chair. ******The PI sub committee would like to invite outlying groups to participate in PI.

******If you need/want Spanish Literature please contact Teri.

<u>Literature:</u> Inventory	\$2291.44
Cash on hand	1553.26

Bank Total	<u>164.59</u>
Ending Bal.	\$4009.29

Traci reported, after reviewing May & June Lit Office reports, a very simple correction (a check reported in the wrong month, moved to the correct month) was made to balance reports.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER’S REPORT: Traci reported.

Beginning Bal.	\$2726.30
Revenue	545.54
Expenses	911.76
Region	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Bal.	\$1366.14

Over prudent reserve \$ (133.86)

RCM REPORT: Pam reported there was no regular business meeting. **The next Regional Meeting will be held at 12&12, August 13, 2006, at 11am for subcommittees and 1pm business meeting. There are still 3 service positions to fill.

WEB CONTACT: David purchased the Domain Name and monthly service for our Website. The address is www.EASCNA.org.

**David also asked that groups email their activities along with the flyer to eascna@cox.net and he will place on the website.

Reports accepted as read.

OLD BUSINESS: The following meetings will be visited to see if they are still in existence. Chuck will check on Miami’s– Freedom Group of NA, New Hope Group, and Original Group. Bubba will be checking on Okay Recovery in Motion. Traci will be checking on Henryetta NA. Besides these, the EASC roll call roster is current.

**Pam will Chair a Learning Day workshop in October, funded by Region.

ELECTIONS:

BREAK: 2:00-2:20pm

VOTING RECOUNT: 6/16 Quorum 14

GSR REPORTS: Reports were given by the following NA Groups.

Sapulpa NA – Ronnie	Survivors in Recovery - Pat
Tulsa Second Chance – Alan	KenwoodCrossroads – David P.
Tulsa Original Group – Olen	Pryor Hump Day NA –
Tulsa Spiritual Connection – Jack	Hartshorn NA – Judd

Grove Refuse to Use –
Salina Better Late Than Never – Mark
Claremore NA – Bobby
North Side Stroll - Lindy
Vinita Krazy but Klean - Ronnie

Jay Last Chance – David
Tulsa SharinNRecovery – Jerry
Mc Against All Odds - Judd
Tulsa Peace of Mind – David
Bartlesville Other Side -

NEW BUSINESS: Keith proposed using a Consensus based format in our area service meetings. Discussion followed. ****A workshop will be held during our September business meeting.** Sub-committee reports will not be read at the next meeting. ****Sub-Committee chairpersons will email their reports to Area Webmaster, David S., to be placed on the EASCNA website.** GSR's and other trusted servants may download the reports from the website.

See Attached: Information and model for Consensus-Based Decision-Making.

****A motion was made by Pat H. and seconded that, “The grammatical error in the by-laws be changed to reflect the wording, “Trusted Servants”, as opposed to “Officers”.**

Vote: 17 for; 0 against; 0 abstentions. **Motion carries.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The August Unity Meeting will be held by Tulsa Survivors in Recovery at their meeting location, 5710 E. 11th. The next Area Meeting, is 8/27/06, McAlester, OK.

The General Service Committee will be meeting at noon before Region, August 13, 2006. There will be pizza, let Dewayne know if you are attending.

CLOSING – Since there was no further business to be brought before the group the meeting was adjourned. Everyone circled up and closed with the serenity prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl S.

Treasurers Report July 2006

Beginning Balance

REVENUE

Type/Entity	Purpose	Method	Amount
Spiritual Connection	Group Donation	Ck # 1011	\$ 70.00
Survivors	Group Donation	Ck # 1008	\$ 16.29
????	Group Donation	Ck # 1027	\$ 150.00
Sapulpa	Group Donation	Cash	\$ 62.00
Steve B.	Unity Donation	Cash	\$ 23.00
Steve B.	Balance of 100 for Fishing Activity	Cash	\$ 27.77
Steve B.	Activity Donation	Cash	\$ 12.23
Original Group	Group Donation	Ck # 2034	\$ 164.25
Last Chance "Jay"	Group Donation	Ck # 2594	\$ 20.00

Total Revenue

\$545.54

New Balance

EXPENSES

Answer Phone	Phone Service	Ck# 1619	\$ 59.95
ATT	Phone Service	ACH	\$ 37.42
Void	Void	Ck# 1611	\$ -
Alicia S.	H&I copies	Ck# 1609	\$ 10.58
12&12	Area Rent	Ck# 1610	\$ 50.00
12&12	Lit Office Rent	Ck# 1612	\$ 50.00
Teri C.	Karaoke	Ck# 1613	\$ 154.63
Teri C.	PI Budget	Ck# 1614	\$ 50.00
Hump Day Group	Unity Meeting	Ck# 1615	\$ 50.00
EASC Lit Office	Group Starter Pkt	Ck# 1616	\$ 50.00
David S.	Domain Name (3 yrs)	Ck# 1617	\$ 28.00
Lone Star	H&I Lit Order	Ck# 1618	\$ 330.75
ATT	Phone Service	ACH	\$ 40.43

Total Expenses

\$ 911.76

REGION DONATIONS

Ending Balance

Monthly Income/Expense

Analysis

Positive

Negative

This monthly income & expense analysis is used to show the positive or negative influx of monthly income over the total monthly expenses. Where the result is positive, income exceeds expenses by the amount shown.

This does not include donations to Region.

Over Prudent Reserve \$ (133.86)

Bank	3,792.80
Outstanding	(2,000.00)
Outstanding	(330.75)
Balance	<u>1,462.05</u>
Difference (+/-)	<u>95.91</u>

A Model for Consensus-Based Decision-Making (CBDM)

1. Bring proposals to the body. Formulate clear proposals in advance with as much communication and collaboration as possible to facilitate the consensus-decision process. Facilitator presents the proposal to the body (analogous to the motion in a Roberts Rules (RR) process. Maker of the proposal speaks first to the intent.
2. Open up the floor first for clarifying questions about the proposal (not a debate on the merits but a brief session to be sure everyone understands the proposal)
3. Facilitator asks whether anyone has any reservations about the proposal. These are heard, and they may be answered or the proposal may be tweaked in a manner similar to the "friendly amendment" process in Robert's Rules.
4. Once all reservations have been heard and answered in this way, facilitator asks, "Do we have consensus." Participants respond in one of four ways. Some models only have three, as pointed out below.

a. Assent. This means that I can support the proposal, all things considered. It may not mean that I'm in agreement with every aspect, but that I've heard the discussion and had my chance to participate in the process of finalizing the proposal, and am prepared to support it. Assent is signified by remaining silent.

b. Assent with Reservation. This is not materially different from number one, and is the option often left out for that reason, but it is sometimes included as a way of giving people a place to stand when they don't want to object more strongly, but they do want to note that they have reservations. It is done by raising your hand and simply saying when the facilitator calls on you, "Assent with reservations." The assumption is that the reservations have been heard already, and you're simply noting that you can support the proposal, and continue to have these reservations.

c. Stand Aside. A common misconception about the stand aside is that it is similar to an abstention. It is not. It is more accurate to say it is similar to a "no" vote. It is a statement that I do not support the proposal, but my objection is not of the nature or the severity to warrant a block. One of the group's guidelines needs to be how many or what proportion of stand asides indicate a consensus too weak to adopt the proposal.

d. Block. This is also commonly misunderstood. Given that a proposal can be defeated by a sufficient number of stand-asides, the block should be an extremely rare step taken only when a participant honestly believes that one of the traditions or concepts is directly violated by this proposal, or some very fundamental moral position of the participant is violated. A member who blocks should be able to articulate which tradition or concept or other principle fundamental to N.A. is violated by the proposal.

5. The decision is announced by the facilitator.

NA World Services Workgroup Values

Our primary principles are those embodied in NA's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts for NA service.

We affirm that mutual respect and trust is paramount to the effectiveness of all workgroup activities and shall characterize all our interactions and communications.

We will focus ourselves upon establishing unity, mutual respect, and trust at the beginning and ending of each meeting.

We will strive to meet our stated goals for each meeting.

Our meetings and breaks will start and stop on time.

We affirm that workgroup issues will be discussed -- not personalities.

We affirm that workgroup discussions and deliberations will be balanced – no one person will dominate our discussions, and everyone will actively participate.

We agree that only one person will speak at a time, and there will be no side-bar conversations.

We encourage one another to offer our personal views, ideas, dreams, and creativity to all workgroup deliberations and projects.

We are committed to having the courage and vision to take risks by not confining ourselves to pre-conceived limitations.

We will strive to achieve consensus whenever possible.

We will not separate ourselves as individuals from the consensus of the group and will take responsibility for the decisions of the group.

We will participate in the work of the group by reading material provided between meetings and arriving prepared for each meeting

We will strive to assist the World Board in achieving their vision for the work assigned to us.

(These values are adapted from the World Board Membership Values.)