

EASTERN AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE
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MINUTES- September 2009

EASC Chair Judd S. brought the EASC regular business meeting to order on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, at 1 p.m., at Zena. A moment of silence and the serenity prayer followed.

Readings:

12 Traditions- Michelle
12 Concepts- Jason
JFT - Buck

Roll Call: 10 Officers; 24 GSR's

This made a total of 30 voting members with 21 being the quorum (2/3).

Secretary read the minutes. Minutes accepted as amended.

SUB- COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Judd reported

Beginning Bal.	\$ 1,410.86
Revenue	\$ 902.20
Expenses	\$ 385.65
Region	\$ 0
Ending Balance	\$ 1927.41

Over prudent reserve \$ 227.41
Positive cash flow \$ 516.55

Audit held of accounts. EASC account was found to have no errors. Couple errors found on literature account due to clerical errors. A couple items were entered twice. Literature account had \$669.82 more than what was shown in report.

Activities: Buck / Chair reported

Lists being passed around for unity/area meetings in 2010. Unity meeting attendance was really low last time. Some ideas being tossed around about holding a crock pot cookoff at each unity meeting to increase attendance. Activities chair asked GSRs to ask their groups whether they'd like to see such a thing. Activities committee would purchase a registration to the next region event and another prize for winner of cookoff. This would be up to groups hosting unity if they'd like to have cookoff during unity meeting. The November unity meeting is the same weekend of Fall Spiritual Retreat, so activities committee didn't know if area would like to change that or leave it the same.

H & I (Hospitals and Institutions): Doug S. / Chair reporting

Panel leader stepped down at David L. Moss. Steve S. was elected as new panel leader of that facility. The H&I literature chair stepped down and an intent to fill is being issued for this position. David D. with Zena group is panel leader of H&I meeting at Care Facility for men only. H&I chair

asked GSRs from that surrounding area to ask group members to help with H&I meeting at that facility.

PR (Public Relations): Brett M. / Chair reporting

PR conducted a Q&A presentation with Drug Court at HSR facility in Tulsa. This facility would like NA to come in and do weekly meeting at their facility and monthly orientation for new members.

Nothing has been decided as of yet.

WEST FEST: People putting on West Fest requested PR submit all literature that was to be distributed a week before the festival. The deadline was missed, so PR did not attend West Fest, but did send a letter and literature for consideration for next year.

PR WORKSHOP: PR will host a workshop next month in Pryor before the main area meeting. In December, PR is looking to host another longer workshop, but date hasn't been decided yet.

BEHAVIOR IN PUBLIC: PR is having to put out fires on regular basis at facilities where we meet or hold activities or conventions. Members' behavior is scarring image of NA as a whole between cigarette butts, fowl language and other actions conducted by members in public. PR chair said this is an issue worldwide and all members need to be aware they represent NA when they are in public. PR chair requested this be discussed at our groups and between sponsors and sponsees to try to address the issue.

Literature: Heather P. / Chair reporting

Inventory no total – Lit chair unable to take inventory total this month due to move of literature inventory

Beginning balance \$2,901.47

Deposit \$1,128.34

Expenses \$1,625.32

Ending Balance \$2,404.49

Taxes collected \$ 104.61

The cost to purchase additional cabinet was \$130.73

RCM Report: Megan S. / RCM reported

Region hasn't met yet. EASC is where region meeting is to be held on Oct. 11, at 11 a.m. A facility has yet to be found for the meeting. (A little later, RCM announced the region meeting will be held in Zena, at the community center.)

OldBusiness:

GSR brought up suggestion for a newcomer workshop to be held in eastern area since activities committee requested input from groups last month. GSR was to get with Activities chair about the suggestion.

Elections:

INTENT TO FILL:

EASC Chair

EASC Vice-Chair

EASC Treasurer

EASC Secretary

BREAK: 1:56 p.m. Reconvene: 2:11 p.m.

10 officers; 25 GSRs, 31 voting members, 22 quorum

GSR Reports: Reports were given by 25 NA Groups.

Blind Faith – Mike	Hard Core - Pat
It Works: Melissa	Just In Time – Buck
Just Another Hour – Dwight	Noontime - Mike
Northside Stroll – Janice	Peace of Mind – John
Second Chance – Bryan	Sharing In Recovery – Catherine
Spiritual Connection – Bert	Survivors in Recovery – Steve
Bartlesville – Doug	Foyil – Shawn
Grove – Scott	Hartshorne – Michelle
Jay Last Chance – Marty	Jay Just For You – Rebecca
McAlester Against All Odds – Jason	McAlester The Lie Is Dead – Willy
Owasso Gratitude – Ross	Pryor Hump Day – Tina
Sapulpa – Ronny	Vinita – Rob
Talihina – Ray	

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

HARD CORE: Exploring options for new meeting

JUST ANOTHER HOUR: Possibly moving indoors for the winter months

NOONTIME: Looking at redoing format. Will take written suggestions. Meeting in Pit Room on southwest corner of Green Country Event Center.

NORTHSIDE STROLL: Will be moving the end of the year from the church downtown.

Hoping to stay downtown or just north of there. Anyone with suggestions, contact GSR.

PEACE OF MIND: Joint birthday party with Tulsa Original Group Oct 11 from noon to 4 p.m. at Haikey Creek Park. (Wanted to note the decision to donate literature mentioned in last month's minutes was separate issue and had nothing to do with not donating to area)

SHARING IN RECOVERY: Monster Mash Oct. 31, moving to Bethany Lutheran Church. 5 to 6:30 p.m. trick or treat line. Megan S. speaker Costume contest for kids and adults.

SPIRITUAL CONNECTION: Group C is changing to first Sunday of month

HARTSHORNE: Hosting Dec. 5 unity meeting at American Legion in McAlester. Hosting pizza party, pool games, Christmas cookie contest and sleep-in since area is next morning. GSR workshop at 9:30 a.m. Possible PR workshop Saturday night.

JAY LAST CHANCE: Tuesday night meeting could use support.

JAY JUST FOR YOU: Meetings in Grove Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m, Meetings at NOCA building on 217 W. Delaware on Mondays and Thursdays at noon.

TALIHINA: Lots of newcomers at meeting.

New Business:

Take to Groups

MOTION: To move EASC to the first Saturday of each month to be hosted by same group hosting unity meeting.

Intent: To promote unity, and decrease driving of some to only once per month

Discussion on Motion:

Will area always be done by 4 p.m.?

A lot of unity meetings are hosted with outdoor functions – so facilities need to be considered, as well as taking up a lot of time during activity

Weather should be considered

Thinks more focus should be spent on carrying the message – activities for fun not our primary focus and area has been done by 3:30 p.m. this whole year.

Unity attendance is way low – people attending area would probably stay for unity, increasing attendance three-fold

Only one trip per month to take – several people can't attend unity due to distance and commitment to area. If hosted together, could attend both

If motion passes, those who attend area will have to travel to 12 different places

The people who attend area from outside Tulsa already travel all over the state, even when area in Tulsa

Pros and Cons taken at this point

CONS

Members have number of responsibilities in life. It's a lot easier to dedicate a few hours a couple days than an entire day

One group rents building by hour to schedule unity along with anniversary celebration. Expense would be extreme to host area too

Member works on Saturday, and has freed up Sunday for area. Attending unity is luxury if work permits

PROS

Many people who get involved with spiritual life on Sundays at church and cannot attend and participate due to conflict with area and church – This would allow those people to participate as well

If area hosted by same group, both unity and area meetings are paid for by area at \$75 each meeting.

That should cover expense. Also, was told we should revolve our life around recovery, not recovery around our life

For members who travel great distances, this would help to be able to go one day and attend both functions. Benefit to combine too is great for those from distant meetings

GSRs to bring back vote at next area

LITERATURE :

Literature chair said working out of cabinets at Green Country Event Center isn't working for her. It's also not as secure as she'd like it to be. She asked EASC if they care if she moves inventory to her house and works out of her house. If GSRs need something, they can contact her. She'll bring literature to area each month as well. Service body agreed to allow literature chair to work out of her house. Members are to think of solutions for future location of literature office.

Disbursements:

Starter Packet: none

Region: \$200

Other:

Announcements:

Unity meeting is at Cave-In Campout, Oct. 3, 4 p.m.

Area Meeting at Mayes County Nutrition Center in Pryor, hosted by Pryor Hump Day Group on Sunday, Oct. 25.

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.