

October 2008

The following are the minutes from the Greater Pensacola Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous that met on October 20, 2008 at 7:34 pm. Chad opened the meeting with the "We" version of the Serenity Prayer. Ron P. read the 12 concepts. Dan H. read the 12 Traditions. Angie H. read the Service Prayer.

ROLL CALL-P-PRESENT/A-ABSENT/V-VACANT

POSITION	NAME	P-A-V	HOMEGROUP	P-A-V
CHAIR	CHAD R.	P	A New Beginning	P
VICE CHAIR	V	V	Back to Life	P
POLICY	REAGAN H.	P	Come As You Are	P
TREASURER	SEAN A.	P	Complete Surrender	P
SECRETARY	MICKETTRIC M.	P	Gratitude	P
RCM	CURTIS W.	P	Hugs Not Drugs	P
RCMA	V	V	Live Your Dreams	P
ACTIVITIES	V	V	New Attitude	P
PI	V	V	Northside Connection	P
H&I	SHELLY L.	P	Out of the Darkness	A
HOWL	WENDY M.	P	Progress Not Perfection	P
			Progressive Recovery	A
			Soundside	P
			3 rd Tradition	P
			Last Chance	P

REPORTS

POSITION	NAME AND NUMBER			REPORT STATUS
CHAIR	Chad R	380-9892	PNS	Report given – see attached
VICE CHAIR	Vacant			Vacant
POLICY	Reagan H	380-2961	PNS	No Report
TREASURER	Sean A	549-3691	PNS	Report given- see attached
SECRETARY	Mickettric M	505-9977	PNS	September minutes reviewed
RCM	Curtis W	598-9969	Destin	Report given- see attached
RCMA	Vacant			Vacant
ACTIVITIES	Vacant			Vacant
PI	Vacant			Vacant
H&I	Shelly L	368-7777	Mary Esther	Report given-see attached
HOWL	Wendy M	602-6601	PNS	Report given-see attached
GSR				Reports given- see attached

OPEN FORUM

Mark B. - In response to Curtis's report-The author of the newspaper article was supposed to let them review the article before it was published. They did not give them a chance to proof the article, it went straight to print. The HOWL is posted on the web site, both Area and Region. So the fact it was put in the paper is not an issue. I was pissed off about not having an opportunity to review the article. Working with the media is a double edged sword.

Amy S. - In response to not having an activity chair, suggests that maybe other home groups might want to sponsor events in the area to help get addicts through the holidays. Back To Life will be hosting the annual Christmas Dinner, but that leaves Halloween, Thanksgiving, and New Year's Eve.

Dan expressed willingness to be Activities Chair.

Kate stated that the HOWL being published in the newspaper is an issue because addicts are going to the web site. Where as if it is printed in the paper, non-addicts can just happen upon the information.

Bev M. stated that the Hot line number that was printed in the paper with the article was incorrect. And at the very least, a correction should be submitted.

Lloyd stated that it was a good article, but wanted to know if this sort of thing was going to happen again in the future.

Ron P. stated that he feels that the article borders on violating a tradition. The media often gets facts wrong. It is good that the message is getting out. It just needs to be done in the right way. And that those types of issues should be brought back to the ASC, where all the GSR's can make a decision about it.

There was much lengthy discussion concerning the news article that was printed in the paper.

The general consensus is that the action should not occur again without the prior approval of this ASC.

Curtis W. asked if the GSR's thought that money being given to the Regional Executive Committee should be able to be used to buy food while at Region.

Angie H. stated that they have to eat anyway, so why should they be allowed to get food with that money?

Amy S asked for some clarification about what happened with Robert A, and why was he sent a threatening letter?

Chad R. stated that Robert A. had missed a HOWL committee meeting and ASC. Also, he had not returned any phone calls, text messages or e-mails. He was considered MIA.

John stated that the Camel Club has activities for every holiday and that more people should come over and check them out. They always have a great time.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 1

Reimbursement of funds to RCM for expenses to Region.

Intent: To clarify Area's position in this matter.

The issue was addressed because Curtis lost his receipts from traveling to Region.

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

PASSED

Motion 2

To relieve Robert A from the committee as Activities Chair.

Intent: To open the position for a more dependable and willing servant.

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

PASSED**NOMINATION & ELECTIONS**

Nomination and election of Bev M. for the position of Vice Chair. (Willingness letter attached)

Passed

Nomination for Dan to be voted in as Activities Chair, motion passed to refer to groups. (Willingness letter attached).

Nomination for Diana M. to be the next HOWL Chair. The policy states that the HOWL Chair position will be voted on in December. (Willingness letter attached).

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None noted.

The meeting adjourned closed with the Third Step Prayer.

The next ASC meeting will be held on **November 17, 2008.**