

SOUTHERN FOOTHILLS AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Regular Meeting December 17, 2006

The regularly scheduled meeting of the SFANA opened at 4:00 p.m. Chairperson, A.J. R.. opened with the “We” version of the Serenity Prayer, followed by the Twelve Traditions read by Jason W. and the Twelve Concepts read by Karen H.

Alt. Secretary Ashley R. called the roll of Officers and Home Groups.

OFFICERS PRESENT

Co-Chair - A.J. R.
Alt. Secretary - Ashley R
Policy & Procedure - Pam O.
Literature Chair - Jessica N.
Alt. Literature Chair - Dana A.
RCM - Jeff B.
Activities Chair - Joe P.
H&I Chair - Rookie K.
Outreach - James Y.
PI Chair – Marsha

OFFICERS ABSENT

Secretary - Laura B.
Treasurer - Scott D.

OPEN OFFICER POSITIONS

Chair
Alt. Treasurer
Alt. RCM

HOME GROUPS PRESENT

Addicts R Us
Agape
Back to Basics
Beaten Path
Clean & Serene
Courage to Change
EZ Riders
Found Freedom
Just for Today

Learning to Live
Miracles-N-Tha Makin'
Mustard Seed
Never Too Late
Not Anymore
Positive Connections
Surrender at High Noon

HOME GROUPS ABSENT

Carry the Message
Road To Recovery

Minutes were accepted for the month of November.

Alt. Secretary, Ashley R. called for reports. (See attached.)

OLD BUSINESS

Motion 11-1-06 - Reschedule Area meeting on holidays. - **Failed**

Motion 11-2-06 - Basic Text workshop. - **Failed**

OPEN FORUM

Ronnie B.: Our home group voted to not accept the minutes because the Treasurer's report was not in it. Policy says that it should be included in the minutes. We don't know where the money is and it is not being accounted for.

Karen H.: There has been some problems with getting the literature order taken care of on the Treasurer's part and apparently there is a problem with getting the Secretary the Treasurer's report. This is not something that we should just say okay, whatever, let's go. We did that before and it ended up in a big mess.

AJ: I asked him about the literature order. He mailed the check two weeks after the last ASC. He mailed the checks to my old address because we are the only two in this Area who can sign checks. He had me sign a couple of checks ahead of time so that he could get them filled out and sent out, which is really not the way we should do it, but he lives in Forest City and I live in Dallas. I would really like to open up the floor for that for how we can accomplish this. I am not driving to Forest City to sign a check. If he has to sit here and fill them all out, that is what we will do. I am not really familiar with the way the Treasurer does stuff. So what he did was mailed those checks to me to sign, which is the better way to do it, with stamped envelopes to mail to the region. He waited until he got the H&I literature order so he could mail both checks at the same time so that I could mail them to the Region at the same time to save two stamps. I told him that when she places her order the day after area, he needs to mail the checks the day after because she needs it before Thursday before area. H&I is not quite as important to get it on a certain day. There are only two of us to sign checks out of the 4 that policy allows. That is where a lot of confusion is coming in is from the lack of officers.

Pam O.: It says under the Treasurer's duties that it is the Treasurer's duty to make sure all checks written

from Area checking account have two signatures. It is his responsibility to take care of this.

Joe P.: With the Treasurer being in a different city, it is probably the best idea to mail it, let you sign it and send it on.

Dana: This needs to be done in a timely manner.

AJ: The checks got to me 9 days after he mailed them because they were sent to my old address and it got forwarded to my parent's house, not my house.

Ronnie B.: Our home group wants to know if someone is following him to the bank and if AJ has seen a bank statement.

AJ: Out of the three months, I made it one month and Heath accompanied me. Last month, James went with Scott. I know that he asks for someone to accompany him. Two out of the last three months, we have been consistent about asking someone to go with him. As far as checking the bank statement, I have tried to do that three months in a row and he is not getting here until 4:00 and I can't do it at 4:00. And afterwards, we are all in a big hurry to rush out of here and there is three of us that are still here to count the money and clean up. I know we are giving up our Sunday, but if we could all stay and do this stuff, we could all go home soon. This money has to be counted by at least one person other than him and it has to be bagged up and the floor has to be swept and if it is dirty, the floor has to be mopped. We as an Area have to be sure this gets done. From now on, we will appoint someone to go make the deposit before we close. I have requested that our Treasurer be here by at least 3:30 so that I can start checking the monthly bank statements.

Lane: When the money is being counted, the numbers don't add up. I have watched and the numbers never add up. That is a problem. We've got bank statements not being looked at, audits not being done. This is a problem that needs to be addressed. I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings but I was wondering if this individual is even capable of carrying out these responsibilities.

Karen: I was here when we went thru this same exact thing and everyone kept saying okay, okay, okay and ended up getting ripped off a bunch of money. We ended up getting it back, but we went thru a whole lot of disunity, emotions, drama, we don't have to put ourselves in that place anymore.

AJ: I personally have some responsibility in checking the bank statements and it hasn't been done, not just because I don't want to but because, like I said it hasn't gotten here on time and by the time it is time to go, everything is packed up and instead of me saying we should do it, I said we could do it next month. That was last month. I did attempt to do it. We are all learning, I will say that we need to figure something out with this. It isn't going to go away. It has been a little bit of a mess. It has affected literature, the minutes, it has affected my ability to do my duties.

Pam: Whose responsibility is it to contact him? (AJ's)Will you contact him and get up with him to review the bank statements? Or try to reschedule an audit.

AJ: The audit was supposed to be done today, but we can't do it without the Treasurer here. The literature audit was supposed to be done at 3:00 but we determined that there wasn't enough time before area to do it. Both of these audits are going to be done before next area and it isn't going to be done here.

Barbara: I heard that the Treasurer wasn't going to be here today because it was his mother's 65th birthday and also it was stated that it was not his error some of the stuff got to him too late.

James: Treasurer's business should be done at Area.

AJ: There doesn't need to be anything else added in the policy, we just need to start doing it. If you are GSR, do not leave here before the prayer because the Treasurer's report won't be heard and the final balance.

Ronnie: That can be done today with no problems, I will do it today.

AJ: Ronnie is a GSR not Alt Treasurer, he shouldn't be doing it, I should be doing it, so good luck with that. I can't do both. It all boils down to we have got to get these positions filled. WE NEED AN ALTERNATE, WE NEED A CHAIR, we can't blame this all on the Treasurer.

Karen: Our home group wanted to bring up that the P&P has not been updated in months.

Pam: We are meeting next month and it will be revised

AJ: I need 3 GSR's for the audits. Treasurer's audit, Addicts R Us, Agape and Back to Basics.

Pam: I don't think that they should have to do it two months in a row. They showed up with the willingness, it isn't their fault.

AJ: If they don't have the willingness, that is fine but it has to be done. I should have called people. The literature audit, I was here, there were enough people here to do it, but we didn't have time. We are learning as we go, and we learned that we can no longer do it at 3:00. We don't have enough time. I will call Scott at break and set up a time in the next couple of weeks. The literature audit will be Dec 30 at Addicts R Us after the meeting.

AJ: Did everyone understand Rookie's report?

Karen: We have copies of the bulletin that he read if anybody wants one.

Heath: What exactly is going in the guidelines?

Rookie: We are going to form an add hock committee.

Ronnie: What were we supposed to do with the suggestion that was in the minutes?

Kim: My home group feels it is breaking a person's anonymity and this should be left to each person and their HP. This should not have been brought up in the first place.

AJ: No further discussion will be done unless a homegroup puts in a motion.

NEW BUSINESS

AJ: Treasurer's audit will be Dec 29 @ 6:30 p.m. at the serenity club but Pam suggested we do them at the same place.

James: I will oversee the audit if we do it the 29th.

Pam: I am not doing it here.

AJ: Both audits will be at Addicts R Us on Dec 30th at 1:00.

Motion 12-1-06 - Housekeeping - Increase stockpile of Basic Text - Passed

Pro - Karen: We need more Basic Texts since people are actually using literature now.

Jessica: Last month, 8 home groups didn't get a Basic Text and this month we were short 5.

Nomination: - *Lane H. Alternate Treasurer*

Next Area business meeting will be January 21st, 2007 at 4:00p.m.

OPEN POSITIONS:

Chair

Alternate Treasurer

Alternate RCM