

October 15, 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 Ashley R. and the Twelve Concepts read by Heath W.

A.J. : Are there any home groups that would like to join this Area?

Yes, the meeting is called Courage to Change. We meet Monday nights at 6:30 at Catawba Heights Baptist Church.

Laura B. called the roll of Officers and Home Groups.

### **OFFICERS PRESENT**

Co-Chair - A.J. R.

Secretary - Laura B.

Alt. Secretary - Ashley R.

Treasurer - Scott D.

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

### **HOME GROUPS PRESENT**

Addicts R Us

Agape

Beaten Path

Carry the Message

Clean & Serene

EZ Riders

Just for Today

Learning to Live

Miracles-N-Tha Makin'

Mustard Seed

Not Anymore

Positive Connections

Road To Recovery

Surrender at High Noon

### **HOME GROUPS ABSENT**

Back to Basics

Found Freedom

Never Too Late

Minutes were accepted for the month of September.  
Secretary, Laura B. called for reports. (See attached.)

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Motion 9-6-06** - To add literature revolving budget of \$20 for supplies- **Passed**

### **OPEN FORUM**

Karen H.: I have one question about that motion that just got passed. Does that \$20 come out of her pocket where she has to continue to fill out a form every month to get the money back or does she get the money first?

AJ R.: She can do it however she wants, but the purpose of a revolving budget is to allow her to get the \$20 and spend it, turn in the receipt and get the \$20 back. Unless she doesn't want to hold on to the \$20. She can have the \$20 and hold it until she is ready to spend it.

Joe P.: I would like to express thanks to the activities committee for all of the people that helped with the softball tournament yesterday. We really needed the help and we appreciate it. The activities committee and the team would like to present the trophy to this area. Heath was going to bring that up.

Heath W.: We had nothing to do with the trophy, Activities committee would like to donate this trophy to the Area.

Ashley R.: I have a question for Jeff. I don't quite understand about the RCM report. It raises some questions in my home group and with myself and I wanted to know that whenever you were talking about adding expenses for moving. I guess my question is this move is inevitable, it is happening. Who votes on paying \$750 to move a copier and things like that?

Jeff B.: All of the RCMs vote on that. Anything below \$1000 is voted on by the RCM.

Joe P.: I like the idea of the Fort Mill location but I don't really like the way that they done it. Because I think the way they done it was to slide it by the Area and the home groups and they just did it on their own self-will up there at the Region. That's the way I feel about it. I personally want it to be down there, but like right now I am putting in a motion to change our checking account to have 3 signees to 4 signees to make policies match, little things like that. We are talking about thousands and thousands of dollars that they are entitled to. I want to fix the rules to do things the right way and I just don't believe that they have done this. You even mentioned that they are going to have a power bill to pay. We didn't even have a power bill at the old place. The old place, the \$500 didn't even include a power bill or water bill, it included everything. This is going to be a whole lot more expensive that what they are trying to lead us to believe. And I really believe that this whole thing just came back for a vote for the home groups and I believe that when I talked

to you, what they did up there is they just decided to have the RCMs they took a vote to see if they would vote on it in November not to send it back to us and the RCMs voted to vote on it themselves without sending it back to us. And one of the things I guess I can say in their defense is they did it right when the new RCMs took office up there and the new RCMs didn't know that they should send it back to us. I don't know how other areas feel about this but I think our area would like to vote on this as far as having moved or not. I personally feel like I like being down there but I would like to have a vote on matters myself.

Jeff B.: The way the whole process began is they have been looking for a new place for a long time. Where I think they slipped the will of that is when they sent it off to PI and they sent it off to O&F. They made their report back to the region but never included it in the minutes for whatever reason. July RSC is when it was voted on. James was still RCM at that time. This was before I took over as RCM. There was one area that wanted it to go back to the homegroups, everyone else did not. I do agree that there was some dope-fiend behavior done in that. As far as the budget goes, that is voted on during budget reviews, but that goes back to homegroups. The budget review will be done in January, go back to the homegroups then back to the region in June or July.

Karen H.: I have a 2 part question about the move. First of all, is there going to be any changes in shipping and handling for literature since they are closer to us now?

Jeff B.: Very possible. They are negotiating right now with UPS and DHL, since they are located right there in Charlotte, to get the best deal possible.

Karen H.: My second question is also about the literature position. In the next month, when all this moving is taking place, is there any chance that you can tell that there will be some kind of delay on getting our literature?

Jeff B.: There possibly will be. I don't know what the turn around time will be when they get ready to load the trucks, they don't know that. They figure it will probably be a week or two. There will be a drop in the sales tax by 1.5 cents.

Karen H.: So our literature chair needs to keep her eyes open for that drop on our orders so she can adjust it. So that means all of our home groups will be actually paying less tax on their orders.

Jeff B.: One thing I am not sure about, I have to talk to a couple of people about it, but it just hit me the other day, if you order from the world, it is not yet tax free because it is not California.

James Y.: I voted to pass that motion at Region. At the time a lot of questions were being asked about the money and stuff and how much is this and that but we were told that volunteers were going to be helping out. We were given scenarios that the rent is going to go up, but our literature sales are going to go up, too. My thinking was at that time, we wouldn't be spending anymore money than we are now. If I would have known that it would cost more to move to Fort Mill than it does now, I would have voted no. When it is all said and done, it will profit us to move.

Ashley R.: Jeff was saying that anything under \$1000 is a housekeeping vote, but the entire moving bill is costing obviously a lot more than \$1000, how did they vote on that?

James Y.: I didn't vote on more rent, I voted on bringing in more revenue.

Jeff B.: Talking about the questions about costs, the way they got through is not being voted on all together. At the first meeting they had about it, all these costs weren't there. They voted on increasing the rent cost at \$828 a month. The other two numbers were to move the copier that cost \$935 and such were put into separate motions. That is how they got through there so that it would be a housekeeping issue. The O&F put in for the 750 to move the copier and one of the other RCM members put in for the cost.

AJ R.: Since nothing else can be decided right now, we need to move on to what else we can talk about. I think James covered most of the stuff about Outreach. Are there any more questions about Outreach?

Lane H.: I don't understand about your comment about "we don't want to get this thing started then have it fall apart". Once Outreach goes in there and helps them get their meeting started, if an Outreach member doesn't happen to show up at 1:30 on a Saturday, they still have their meeting don't they?

James Y.: We talked about in the Outreach Committee meeting about how long we think it will take, and we figured it would take about 3-6 months for a facility to do it on their own.

AJ R.: Is that the ultimate goal? To have them meeting by themselves?

James Y.: Yes.

Lane H.: The reason I am asking that is, when they read the purpose of the Outreach Subcommittee, it doesn't go along with what that statement says. I was wondering if Outreach was going to Catawba Heights on Monday nights and going to Forest City and helping that meeting, does Outreach go to Shelby to the Red Cross building and help that meeting whatever way they can help them. That is what the statement of Outreach was all about. The purpose was to help meetings get started.

James Y.: We all agreed in Outreach that we would help if we were asked.

Pam O.: How can you put a time limit on say 6 months when you aren't going to have the same people in there all of the time? People won't stay in there. I should hope not. Is the staff going to help do that?

James Y.: We didn't write this into stone. There are also going to be long term inmates.

Karen H.: Once they are comfortable, what will you do?

James Y.: Whatever you want us to do.

AJ R.: They serve the area.

Pam O.: How is that different from PI?

James Y.: PI is for the non-using public.

Pam O.: How is that different from H&I?

James Y.: H&I is we talk, you listen. Our format, our structure.

Diane: Outreach is in the middle of PI and H&I, they just cover the gray areas.

AJ R.: Laura just stated that pretty much all of this stuff is in the August minutes, things that we have already been over, purpose of the Outreach Committee and that kind of stuff.

Karen H.: When people come in and want to start a new home group, maybe we should say, when they want to start a new home group, "Hey, we have an Outreach Committee to help you with that home group." When we offer a start-up kit, we need to offer our Outreach Committee's help.

AJ R.: Marcia's report says they have a new webmaster. PI committee elected a new webmaster, because the webmaster had not been to a PI meeting in three months. It is Yvonne. PI elected all new officers today. She will get with Scott B. to get it transferred over. The webmaster needs to be attending the PI meetings. The area needs to know what is going on. Basically it is, if you don't e-mail it, it ain't going on. I was asked to call him and that is the answer I got.

Rookie K.: His term expired and he was not here to state his willingness.

Sandra: I e-mailed him to find out about getting our meeting posted on the web site and I got no response.

James Y.: I was asked about the pager, there seems to have been a lot of calls that have gone unanswered.

Marcia: Road to Recovery has it.

Donnie: It only paged once, I have it on me 24-7 and it only paged once.

AJ R.: PI is rebuilding. Hopefully by next month, things will be together. We are getting the officers of the subcommittee orientated with the pager, so they all understand how to use it, then branch out and explain to the home groups.

Jason W.: About the web site, we voted to do the up-keep on that, where is the money going?

Ronnie: It is a one time cost.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion 10-1-06 - Housekeeping - Reimburse Dana A. for literature supplies - Passed**

Scott: How was this spent without being in a motion? The money was spent before the budget was established.

Dana: It is a one time expense.

Karen: What did you buy?

Jessica: Box for chips, calculator, pens, copies.

**Motion 10-2-06 - Home groups - GSR's should attend P&P orientation**

Karen H.: I thought we weren't supposed to tell them what to do.

AJ R.: We can change the wording from suggested to “should”.

Heath W.: Is this just for orientation?

Pam O.: Yes

Heath W.: It would be a good learning experience.

**Motion 10-3-06 - Housekeeping - Withdrawn**

**Motion 10-4-06 - Homegroups** - Revise P&P to have 4 persons sign checks.

**Motion 10-5-06 - Homegroups** - Add questions to the SFANA resume.

**Nomination:** James Y. - Outreach Chair.

**Nomination:** Marcia B. - PI Chair

Next Area business meeting will be November 19, 2006 at 4:00p.m.

**OPEN POSITIONS:**

Chair

Alternate Literature

Alternate RCM

PI Chair

(No P&P meeting next month.)