

SOUTHERN FOOTHILLS AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Regular Meeting February 18, 2007

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 David D.

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

OFFICERS PRESENT

Co-Chair - A.J. R.

Secretary - Laura B.

Treasurer - Scott D.

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

OPEN OFFICER POSITIONS

Chair

Alt. RCM

HOME GROUPS PRESENT

Addicts R Us

Agape

Beaten Path

Clean & Serene

Courage to Change

EZ Riders

Just for Today

HOME GROUPS ABSENT

Back to Basics

Carry the Message

Found Freedom

Miracles-N-Tha Makin'

Minutes were accepted for the month of January.

Secretary, Laura B. called for reports. (See attached.)

OLD BUSINESS

Motion 1-1-07 - To increase PI budget from \$240 to \$250 - **Passed**

Motion 1-3-07 - Decrease Secretary budget - **Failed**

Nomination - Tommy S. - Chair - **Failed**

OPEN FORUM

Joe P.: I would like to see our RCM bring it up at Region about why they aren't meeting there. That is one of the reasons they said that they wanted to have it up there is because there was room for everyone and that it would save us money because they are paying three times compared to what they were paying at the last facility. It would be nice if we could save some money and I would like them to tell us why they aren't doing it.

Jeff B.: We could also request to have it in our area. What has happened in the past is that an area would submit a motion to have the RC at our area. I think the people have a right to see what happens and hear what happens there as anyone else at Region.

Joe P.: Last time we did it only ten people showed up and paid attention to what was going on. I was there and a few other people were there. It is just a shame that more people didn't show up to find out what was going on. Maybe if we did it again, some more people would show up and be interested. Last time, we really had a poor showing.

AJ: What would be involved for our area in doing this? I assume you don't just go up and say come set it up.

Jeff B.: We have to select a hotel that has a good-sized room to have the meeting in.

James Y.: We have to provide a meal.

Joe P.: What has happened in the past is that if the area can afford to put their funds for it, which is good. If they can't, they can ask the region for some money to be reimbursed.

Karen: The original plan was to hold this meeting at the place that was voted on. For me, that is what should be addressed first. Then if for some reason, it doesn't happen that way, then we can go up and ask to have it here. I think originally, we should address why it isn't going to happen like it was intended.

AJ: That is what he was getting at. If they are not going to have it at Fort Mill, the next region, do we want to put in a bid for the July Region?

Joe P.: I think we should go back to home groups and have them vote on it.

AJ: Have all of the subcommittees turned in their guidelines? Rookie, if you could turn in a copy of what you all are using by the end of the day.

Tommy S.: My home group has some concerns about the guidelines not going out in November. Policy states that they should be reviewed every November by the home groups and they should be collected and sent out as a package for the home groups' review and Policy isn't being followed. My home group wants to adhere to what Policy says. It is February now and these haven't gone out. We need to treat the home groups with the information they should have already had and why isn't this being done?

Joe P.: Activities was turned in on time.

Tommy S.: What we are saying is all of this stuff is supposed to be sent out together so the home groups can review it and have a group conscious of all of the policies and let the area know what we are okay with and what we aren't. We have a problem with what is clearly stated in policy being put off for another month and another month and another. We want to know when policy is going to start being followed and when is somebody going to take responsibility for it not being followed.

AJ: Do you have any suggestions for what we should do?

Tommy S.: We are asking the area what is going on? Why isn't policy being followed?

Marcia: As far as PI goes, nobody knows where the guidelines are and we don't have any. We are starting from the beginning, so I am working on it with the information that I have to put these together. That is why it is taking me so long.

AJ: So Activities was turned in on time, so they did their part and I guess they just went in the minutes late. PI doesn't have any, Outreach turned theirs in before November so they should turn in another copy or at least state to the Secretary that they are the same.

James Y.: What sense does it make for any subcommittee to turn in the same copy of the guidelines that are already in the records? All we have to say is that nothing has changed.

Laura B.: I understand what you are saying and I agree with that. All I was saying is that it says in policy that it is submitted to the Secretary each November for review. So if we need to change that to the Secretary being "notified" that the guidelines are the same, that is what we need to do.

Pam O.: It says in policy that updated copies are submitted. So if there are not any updates, what needs to be submitted?

AJ: So it is just as simple as coming to the November ASC and saying that our guidelines are the same, please submit them again for review.

James Y.: That is not what policy says. It says submit updated guidelines.

AJ: You don't have to submit any guidelines. If November ASC and I don't know if we did it this November, but I know the past 2 months I have asked if all subcommittees have turned in their guidelines, which is all I can do. In the November ASC, when the chair says are all the guidelines turned in, you either give her some guidelines or raise your hand and say we would like to put in the same guidelines as last year. It is that simple.

James Y.: That isn't what policy says. Policy says updated guidelines

AJ: So you are saying you don't need to review the guidelines again?

Joe P.: If a subcommittee doesn't submit guidelines, they at least need to tell the Secretary that there are no guidelines so that at least the area knows that there aren't any.

AJ: So as far as these guidelines go, all I know is that all I can do is state it at the beginning of area and ask the subcommittee chairs to turn them in. Does anyone else have any suggestions of what else I can do to make sure these are done?

Joe P.: I think that if I don't turn mine in, then the home groups should ask me why I didn't and I should give a reason why I didn't. If I didn't have a reason I should just say that I didn't do my job very well. I think the home groups should ask me why I didn't turn them in, not ask you why.

Pam O.: I think this a gray area in policy that needs to be reviewed.

Tommy S.: My home group feels like it is a responsibility of the chair because it says in his directives that he is held responsible to make sure that it is being taking care of. He is a mediator between ASC and Officers and if they didn't turn them in on time, then someone needs to find out why and it says in policy that that is the chair's responsibility.

AJ: And if I sit at this ASC and say subcommittees, have you turned in your guidelines and go to them personally, which I have done in H&I and PI, I don't know what else I can do. So, moving on March is due for Literature and Treasurer audits again. I know we have done a treasurer audit, but this is an official one and it should go quickly, everything is done. It is just a matter of showing up here at 3:00 next area. Home groups that are next on the list, I think that 2 GSRs and one officer to oversee along with the treasurer and the alternate is sufficient. That is what we had at the last one and it worked out well. So I have Clean and Serene and Courage to Change to do the Treasurers audit next month at 3:00 before next area.

Lane: We formed an Outreach subcommittee, you all set guidelines and this area voted on it. I know James is acting as Chair and it is an elected position. Elections are coming up and it doesn't say in our policy that that is an elected position. That is something we need to look at before we get too close to that time.

Pam O.: It will be in the next update of the policy.

AJ: The literature audit will be done at my Addicts R' Us with Literature Chair, Literature Alternate, Mustard Seed and Just for Today at 1:15 on Saturday March 10th.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff B.: I've got 4 motions from the Region that were sent back to the home groups and a letter (see attached)

Joe P.: If we got free office furniture, we have extra basket money and we send that on to the World as regular NA funds. It would get turned into regular NA money because that is money that we wouldn't have to spend on chairs and desks. That would be another way for us to get money to send to the World. If a church came up and wanted to donate coffee, would that be okay? That would give us more money to send to World.

David D.: (Regarding the letter that is attached) Our 7th tradition is ambiguous, it clearly states that we are to decline all contributions from all outside agencies regardless of the circumstance. It may be convenient for us and allow us more money, but it doesn't change the fact that it is a direct violation of the traditions and that is not my opinion.

Jeff B.: He put NA's name in the hat to get furniture and then removed it because people were upset. We need to have the GSRs talk to the home groups about this so I can go to the RSC and let them know how you feel.

Next Area business meeting will be March 18, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

OPEN POSITIONS:

Chair

Alternate RCM