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Laramie, WY

Chris B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Shannon read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Bill read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Richard M. read the 12 Values of W-BASC

Reading/Study/Discussion of the _10 th _ Concept using chapter questions.

Responses to question from last meeting.

Concept 9

Q #2 In your group, area, or region, how can an individual member voice his or her viewpoint on a service decision at hand?

The GSRs who had discussed this with their groups mainly agreed that the best way to have a say is to get involved – attend business meetings – and speak up. Learning about the service structure and using the chain of communication between trusted servants also helps pass viewpoints along.

Concept 10

*Any member of a service body can petition that body
for the redress of a personal grievance, without fear of reprisal.*

“The Tenth Concept encourages us to treat each other with respect in the service environment, and provides us with a means of making amends when we wrong others. The essay describes ways in which an individual who feels he or she has been wronged can go about seeking redress of his or her grievance.”

Study and discussion questions

1. Do you know of anyone who has been wronged in service? Has that wrong been made right?

Not many could think of anyone wronged specifically in service. Some ‘wrongs’ were more of a personal nature rather than service related. One individual was known of who was removed from a position during a regular meeting that he was unable to attend and was actually offered the opportunity to file a grievance at the next meeting. For whatever reason the offer was declined and the matter settled.

2. “Together, the Ninth and Tenth Concepts support an atmosphere in which our members feel free to express themselves frankly on matters at hand.” Have you ever been afraid to speak your conscience in service meetings? Do you know of anyone, in your area or elsewhere, who has been afraid to speak freely? If so, why? Would the Tenth Concept ease such fears?

The only time one may be reluctant to speak is if (s)he is a new comer to the service setting and unaware of the concepts or that everyone has a right to speak freely. Of course knowledge of the concepts would help ease one’s fears in speaking.

3. When is it appropriate to apply the Tenth Concept? When is it not appropriate?

GSRs take this question to your groups for input.

Roll Call: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, RCM, Literature Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Mary G. (Temp. GSRA – Clean and Free), Mike G. (GSR – Vision of Hope), Ray B. (Rep for Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Jeanne S. & Tim H. (GSR & GSRA – Live from Laramie), Ray B. (GSR – Free Bird), Richard M. (Reporting for Staying Clean in Sidney), Paul B. (GSR – We Do Recover).

Absent: Treasurer, 2nd RCM, PR Chair, Activities Chair & UD Chair, Footsteps in Recovery, On Life's Terms.

NA Recovery Birthdays: Mary G. – 2 yrs, Shannon – 120 days, Bill – 30 days.

Recognition of new groups: Paul B. GSR from the “We Do Recover” group in Torrington, WY introduced himself and informed us that a handful of members have been meeting regularly for a few months now.

Approval of last month's minutes:

Mary G. moved and Ray B. seconded to accept minutes as presented and with the closing Treasury balance amended to read \$1,996.53/\$1,955.94. Motion carried unanimously.

Opening Treasurers report:

Beginning Balance: \$1,955.94 (Calculated) \$1,996.53 (Spreadsheet Balance)

Break: 1:36 – 1:46 pm

Officers Reports:

Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Dear Fellow ASC Members:

There is nothing to report other than Jeanne and I will be out of town in August for family visits and my 30 year high school reunion. Thus, July will be my last month of service as Area chair; please keep this in mind for transitioning trusted servants into vacant and/or vacating positions.

I do have a request from the ASC members: please give me your opinion regarding May ASC scheduling (see agenda bullet: Adjournment/Next Area Meeting).

The Chair's account balance stands at \$16.86.

In Loving Service,
Chris B. – Chair

Vice-Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

ASC Members,

Over the last month we had the two following activates on April 7th

Workshop in Cheyenne for the Youth IP. Attendance was about 7 people and there was good discussion about the IP. After that we had the fundraiser for the Convention (Mark may have more information on that)

Since we no longer have a Treasurer I need to know how I can get on the signature card at the bank. Would the Treasurer still have to go down to the bank with me and add me?

I am requesting a dispersment for printing supplies (ink) so that I may print out meeting lists once they are updated. (\$22)

ILS, Mike G.

Also I will be contacting the PR Chair who is the former Chair about obtaining the PO Box key so I can get the mail.

Treasurer: Report given by Vice-Chair and filed as follows:
Greetings WBASC,

The activity on the treasury for this report is as follows:

Moved 105.44 from general to lit to zero out account (per prior authorization for this account that general would fund the overage).

Wrote the following checks for PR Sub-committee:

Check # 1205 for \$43.43 to Freedom Voice info-line

Check # 1206 for 107.80 to Qwest

These are disbursements that have already been approved by the WBASC as ongoing expenses and did not need a vote or new approval.

Moved H&I funds over to PR Sub-committee and deleted H&I column (per the WBASC motion # 3 in the March 2007 WBASC meeting).

Saved new Fiscal Year Sept 06-Sept 07 spreadsheets to reflect new changes and titled it "Fiscal Year Sept 06-Sept 07 new".

Now for the numbers:

The bank statement has us at \$ 2157.17

Our spreadsheet has us at \$ 1996.53

After deducting the checks that have not cleared: 1203 for 50.00, 1205 for 43.43, 1206 for 107.80 my calculations have us at \$ 1955.94 with a difference of \$ 40.59.

I have gone over the check book and prior minutes to see if there was a deposit or debit missed but have found none.

Until that figure can be reconciled, the beginning balance should be \$ 1955.94.

With much thought and reflection it has become apparent that with all the changes in my life that I need to re-evaluate my priorities. I have assumed custody of my 1 year old grandson, who needs a stable and consistent environment, and I have resumed my academic goals by enrolling in school again. With the responsibilities of working full time, having a baby in my life and school full time, I am becoming aware of the serious effects of overloading my scales. Something had to give or I would be facing the risks that many addicts before us have fallen into by not keeping our priorities straight.

At this time I will tendering my resignation from service as the treasurer of this committee. I will continue my service on a sub-committee basis for PR, taking the message of recovery into the Laramie County Detention Center and the Wyoming Women's Center.

I am forwarding this report to the entire WBASC committee members who have electronic means to receive it, along with the complete spreadsheets for the treasury to the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

I will offer assistance to the new treasurer if needed but only on a limited basis.

I would like to thank the committee for allowing me to participate in service; it has taught me many values and lessons. I wish the best of life to all.

JFT

Gail W

WBASC Treasurer

Secretary: Report given and filed as follows:

Hey All,

Minutes were e-mailed to everyone on our current contact list on April 7, 2007. Thank you all for typing your reports and turning them in. It makes it a lot easier to do up the minutes.

Guidelines approved last November have been formatted, posted on the ASC web site and were e-mailed to everyone on our current contact list on April 2, 2007 in the PDF format. The last page, "Amendments" under Article 14 have been updated and are available here today. There has been only one significant change as recorded in the minutes – that pertaining to the change to the PR subcommittee. The "Guidelines" will be updated accordingly at the appropriate time.

The order of elections sheet has been updated to reflect the revised guidelines and is available.

The contact list has been updated with information from last months reports and sign-in sheet. REMEMBER! This sheet includes personal information and as such is for internal use only. It will not be e-mailed, posted on the web site nor made available to the general public. If any changes need made please let me know.

Updates for the PR handbook are now available for download from the NAWs web site at www.na.org/PR/index.htm. Included are portions of 7 pages of the main text with changes indicating updated numbers for world wide meetings and number of participating countries as well as content pages reflecting new resource material. The bulk of the updates are resource materials for Chapters 2, 4 – 7 inclusive, 9 and 11. Added are 3 pgs for chapters on "Core PR Principles," 22 pgs for "Preparation & Training for Interacting w/ the Public," 18 pgs concerning working w/ "Media," 16 pgs "Criminal Justice," 8 pgs for treatment settings, 16 pgs on "Phonelines," and 8 pgs on "Event Planning."

I received e-mails from the GSR and GSRA for Sidney who regret they are unable to attend this month, but submitted a report.

Finally, remember that forms and documents are available for download and printing on the ASC web site and if anyone would like minutes, guidelines, etc. snail mailed just let me know.

ILS

Richard M.

Wyo-Braska Area Service Committee Secretary

RCM: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello friends it is good to see you all again & I hope we all enjoyed our spring break. Nothing to report for the month of March In April we had a couple of things go on April 7th we had the youth& recovery workshop followed by a potluck dinner, speaker meeting & recovery bingo if you could not attend you missed a great time of fellowship. May 5th is our next region meeting & I will be taking information about insurance to that forum also any logo ideas as well. That is it for now

In loving service

Ray. B.

RCM 2: No report:

Group Reports:

Footsteps in Recovery: absent

Concerns:

7th Tradition:

Votes and /or motions:

Needs: Other:

On Life's Terms: absent

Concerns:

7th Tradition:

Votes and/or motions:

Needs: Other:

Clean & Free:

Concerns: Who is accountable for the info line?

7th Tradition:\$32.87

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: 2 yr medallion Other: None

Vision of Hope:

Concerns: None

7th Tradition: \$6.31

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: 1 BT Other: None

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns: None

7th Tradition: \$30.00

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

Clean & Serene:

Concerns: Having a difficult time balancing the treasury because recently members have been donating supplies that the group would normally have to buy. If this should suddenly stop we could find ourselves in a financial bind. Working on a way to deal with this.

Also we have temporarily suspended the Tuesday evening “Young at Heart” meeting due to noone at all attending for the last six weeks. Part of this may be addressed by meeting with the recently formed adult/family/youth drug court program director.

Finally, we reviewed Bulletin #33 from NAWS in re liability insurance and are checking with the landlady to see what kind of coverage she has which will help us determine what we may need.

7th Tradition: 0

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: Review PR literature and meet with the court program director. Other: None

Still need an alternate GSR.

Live from Laramie:

Concerns: None

7th Tradition: \$37.50 - ASC, \$30.00 - RSC, \$7.50 - NAWS

Votes and/or motions: Our group does not support buying insurance, the church has some liability insurance.

Needs: More people to sign up for the campout. Other: None

Free Bird:

Concerns: None

7th Tradition: \$20.00

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

Staying Clean in Sidney

Concerns: None, attendance really picking up.

7th Tradition: 0

Votes and /or motions: None

Needs: None Other: None

We Do Recover (Torrington, WY)

Concerns: None

7th Tradition: 0

Votes and/or motions: None

Needs: GSRA Other: None

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities/UD: No report except LFL Campout report given by Jeanne:

Live from Laramie Campout Update

As of Thursday April 19 we have 9 adults paid and 3 child preregistered for a total of 12. There were 2 checks for \$20.00 each which were forwarded to Area – total checks \$40.00 and I have \$50.00 cash.

We are progressing on the meals and speakers for the meeting and other activities.

We would like to request complimentary tickets for the guest speakers.

Craig H.

PR: Report given and filed as follows:

Outreach

We need to update meeting list for Spring 07 and circulate them.

Info-Line/Phone Books

Info-Line \$43.43

Phone Books \$107.80

TommyO will work on updating the Info-Line

Web Site

See web servant report

H&I

We are back at the Wyoming Women's Center and we have added a second meeting there. We meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 2:30pm and 7:00pm.

Russ B. is approved, trained and attending the men's meetings at LCDC. Pretty cool. We still need more women members at LCDC; we currently are down to one.

KCB,

Kathleen L.

Public Relations Chair

Webservant report: Verbal only.

Due to illness the web site has not been redesigned and the meeting list hasn't been updated yet. For more info see the Secretary's report.

Literature: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello Family!

We now have an inventory worth \$827.43, as of 4/7/07. Please have all your literature purchased for your groups before the last break so I can figure up the new order before disbursements. GSR's feel free to contact me if you need literature in between area meetings. Just as a reminder, my term will be up as literature chair in June, and I've already done it twice so our guidelines say I may not continue. So, GSR's please make sure someone is at the June meeting who is interested in being our literature chair. It is a fun position, I have enjoyed it.

In loving service,

Jeanne S.

Break : 2:31 – 2:36 pm

Sharing Session:

- 1) Mail – Mike G. will get the key and begin collecting and distributing the mail.
- 2) Web site – Both meeting lists need to be updated and the site still needs some redesign. The meeting lists can be updated within a week and the rest as time allows. Decided to get the meeting lists updated and posted before midnight tonight.
- 3) Liability insurance – Two groups are not interested and one group is still checking on it.
- 4) Treasurer's resignation – Discussed accepting the resignation since our guidelines state in Article 6, par. 3 "An officer or standing subcommittee chair may resign by providing written notice to the WBASC chairperson thirty (30) days in advance of vacating an office or position. Article 6, par 6 was also brought up in reference to the final statement ". . . explaining how they have best found to do their duties. Archives should explain what the committee/officer did and how they accomplished it. Collective archives should be passed on the next committee/officer to further our work in the most productive manner."

Since we already have in place a procedure for fulfilling duties of a vacated office and the Treasurer does state that she will assist the new treasurer on a limited basis a consensus was reached that we would accept the

resignation without the 30 day notice as stipulated in Article 6, par. 3 or the final statement as mentioned in Article 6, par. 6.

This also brought up the exact length of term for an officer elected into a position during a month other than that which is outlined in the guidelines. Most thought that the term would last for the rest of the term plus 1 full year. However, the guidelines stipulate in Article 6, par. 3 that with “. . . a 2/3 majority vote of the present GSRs, . . . the two (2) full year consecutive terms [would begin] in the month elected.” Since this would throw off the elections and make it difficult to keep up with the terms, a motion will be presented at the next ASC meeting changing the guidelines to coincide with the consensus of finishing a term plus 1 year before re-election is necessary.

5) Info line – Three issues involving the info line were discussed. First, where is the single point of accountability since there seemed to be some confusion on this. In our case, the PR Chair is the single point of accountability. Second, for almost a month when dialing the phone number the only answer was something to the effect of “Thank you for calling” and for the last day or so the number wasn’t working at all. This really needs to be addressed and as soon as possible. Finally, the phone book shows our listing as being a “hotline” which implies that someone in trouble can call and actually speak to someone. If we just want the meeting lists announced then it seems more appropriate to have the phone book listing state that it is an “Info Line.” The Chair said he would get with the PR Chair and see about getting everything straightened out.

6) Removal of groups from WBASC meeting lists was revisited. Essentially, the same guideline for removal of an officer applies to removal of a group from our meeting lists except that since it takes three (3) consecutive meetings for a new group to be recognized it ought to take three (3) consecutive missed meetings without representation in order for a group to be removed from the roster and meeting lists. A motion to this affect will be presented at the next ASC meeting for consideration in clarifying the guidelines on this matter.

Old Business:

1) Unity Day venue – Since Wyoming State Parks require a daily or annual permit for vehicles to enter and National Forests do not it was suggested that we try to hold the campout in a National Forest area such as Glendo. Mary G. volunteered to get with the UD Chair and offer her experiences in checking this out. They will also get with the RCM and see if a combined UD campout/RSC meeting could be worked out for August.

New Business: None

Motions ~ None

Elections ~ None. However, GSRs, make sure to let your groups know that we are in need of a Treasurer and the PR Sub-Committee Chair position is up for election next month. Also we will be definitely needing a Literature Rep in June and a Chair in August.

Disbursements:

\$43.43	Freedom Voice Info-Line
\$107.80	Quest
\$22.00	Mike G. PR funds for printing
\$20.00	Chris B. General funds for printing (used cash for donations received)

Closing Treasury balance: \$2110.89

Area 7th Tradition of \$7.00 to: LFL

Next mtg: May 20, 2007 at LCCC in Cheyenne, Wyoming, room 336.

Adjourned at 3:45 pm