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Date: February 10, 2008

Time: 1:11 pm

Location: Cheyenne, WY

Ray B. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
Robert N. read the 12 Traditions of N.A.
Lucretia M. read the 12 Concepts of N.A.
Robert N. read the 12 Values of WBASC

Group Response to Concept 6 & Question 4 from last meeting:

Group conscience is the spiritual means by which we invite a loving God to influence our decisions.

Group conscience is the means by which we bring the spiritual awakening of the Twelve Steps to bear in making service-related decisions. It is fundamental to our fellowship's decision-making process. It is not, however, merely a euphemism for "voting" and is not itself the NA decision-making process.

4. Read NA's Twelfth Tradition. How does the practice of the Sixth Concept help us focus on "principles, not personalities" when we make service decisions?

Spirituality is a principal and people have personalities. The sixth concept actually defines the difference between the two words in the twelfth tradition. Anonymity is a principle that is not operating on self-will.

Reading/Study/Discussion of Concept 7 using chapter questions.

All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes.

Who should take part in our decision-making processes? The participation of all members of a service body provides the broadest group conscience and the soundest foundation for service decisions.

Study and discussion questions

1. Right now, who participates in your ASC meetings? Why?

Trusted Servants, GSRs and hosting group members. Why? Because the guidelines require it, because members have made the commitment and are responsible and because of the meeting being held locally.

2. Who participates in your group's business meetings? Why?

GSRs -- take this question back to groups for input.

3. Do all the members of your ASC bear substantial responsibility for the NA services delivered in your area? Do all the members of a particular subcommittee bear substantial responsibility for that subcommittee's work? Are there any differences in the way members participate in area committee meetings and in a subcommittee meeting? Why, or why not?

While often given the responsibility some don't always follow thru with their duties. Substantial also implies equal and not everyone can or will do as much as others. ASC meetings aren't a lot different from the subcommittee meetings when they occur. A few show up and fewer actually do what's necessary. Bottom line is that those who want to get things done mostly do and others do what they can which sometimes may not be much.

Roll Call: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, 2nd RCM, Literature Chair, Webservant

GSR, Alternates and guests: Tommy O. (Rep for – Clean and Free), Robert N. (GSR – Saturday Nite Live), Richard M. (GSR – Clean & Serene), Chris B. (GSR – Live from Laramie), Lucretia M. (GSR – Free Bird), Juan P. & Richard Y. – Scottsbluff.

Absent: Vice Chair, RCM, PR Chair (vacant), Activities/UD Chair, (Footsteps in Recovery), (On Life's Terms), (Vision of Hope), (Staying Clean in Sidney), (We Do Recover) .

NA Recovery Birthdays: Richard M. Jan. 13 - 4 yrs., Tommy O. Jan. 24 - 19 yrs. Congrats to you both!!!

Recognition of new groups: None

Approval of last month's minutes:

Chris B. moved to accept / Crystal L. seconded / Motion carries unanimously to accept Jan minutes with correcting the amount of the meeting hall rent from \$25.00 to \$20.00.

Treasurer's Beginning Balance: \$2,510.84

Break: 2 – 2:10 pm

Officers Reports:

Chair: Report given and filed as follows:

Hello Friends

Today we will be conducting some pretty serious business & I would like to remind you all to place principals before personalities. We are here to help the groups fulfill their primary purpose & that is to carry the message to the addict that still suffers. With that I must remind you that concept #4 tells us that leadership qualities should be carefully considered when electing trusted servants. I also believe we need to be careful of the load we put on each person & if we need help that we ask for it.

As I have heard before we should all be familiar with the guidelines & our roles as trusted servants.

The chair's account balance stands at \$100.00

In Loving Service
Ray B.

Vice-Chair: Absent

Treasurer: Report given and filed as follows:

Thank you all for making it today. I am glad to be here clean. I have such a busy schedule lately, I am hoping that it is going to be tapering off some next week. I recently started a new job. Not that that is an excuse because it is not. As I am sure that Richard knows I was unable to get a chance to send off the minutes of last month. However, I did send them via e-mail. I was also unable to get with Ray to go and get a signature card from the bank. We will be getting together next week to do so.

Check #1238 was returned by Tara T. from the New Year's Eve bash.

There have not been any checks wrote from this month that would reflect on the account. However, the phone bill was sent off as well as the Freedom Voice bill.

FYI – The phone lines are now working.

The opening balance is \$2,522.76 (according to the on-line bank statement), the same balance that I show.

Sorry for being so disorganized this month, it will get better.

In Loving Service
Lucretia M.

Addendum: \$2,623.87 Closing balance in Jan. based on the ledger, according to the minutes.
\$2,651.91 According to the bank.
 \$ 28.04 Difference

Checks that hadn't cleared
 \$ 64.15 # 1240 NAWS for literature
 + \$ 65.00 # 1242 NAWS for literature
 + \$ 11.92 # 1244 Freedom Voice
 \$ 141.07

\$2,651.91 According to bank
 - \$ 141.07 Less outstanding
 \$2,510.84 Opening according to the bank
 - \$ 28.04 Difference
 \$2,482.80 Opening according to the ledger and hence the opening balance???

Secretary: Report given orally only:

Having been sick for most of January, not much has been done including the December minutes addendum. Will tend to them before the next meeting. The contact list has been updated and everyone is reminded that this is for internal use only due to the personal information on it. If anything needs to be corrected let me know and I'll see to it. Didn't get a chance to print out more copies of the guidelines, but they, as well as most all of the other documents and report forms are on the web site for anyone to download and print.

Account balance remains @ \$100 ILS, Richard

RCM: Absent

RCM 2: Report given and filed as follows along w/ a copy of RSC minutes from February:

Dear Fellow ASC Members:

I am recovering well from my arthroscopic surgery a week ago Wednesday; however, I was unable to attend the RSC last Saturday due to the surgery. Thus I have nothing to report at this time. I hope our esteemed Chair has provided info regarding RSC happenings.

In Loving Service,

Chris B.
 RCM2

Ray B. and/or Chris B. let us know that the May 2009 regional convention is scheduled to be hosted by our area. The RSC was going to elect a convention chair at the February meeting, but there were no takers. We were reminded that the chair elected in February would attend meetings and help out with this year's convention and after May begin planning the 2009 convention. The overlap helps with a smoother transition. The chair requires 5 years clean time.

RD/RDA Report: None

Group Reports:

Footsteps in Recovery: Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

On Life's Terms: Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Clean & Free:

Concerns: Group voted to change start time to 7pm beginning Tues. March 4th for both nights. Also, Friday meeting will change back to one hour from 1 ½ hrs.

Needs: Group needs GSRA

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: 0 Other: \$40 to URMRS

Vision of Hope: Absent??

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Saturday Nite Live:

Concerns: None at this time.

Needs: More attendance, more people sharing experience, strength and hope.

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: \$12.00 Other:

Clean & Serene:

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions: None

7th Tradition: \$14.01 Other:

Live from Laramie:

Concerns:

Needs: Still needs an alternate GSR

Votes and /or motions: This group did not discuss the concept, but did want to keep the ASC guidelines the same regarding monthly meetings; they felt that it would severely restrict/limit the functioning of ASC and area business.

7th Tradition: We are unable to make donations to ASC, RSC and NAWS this month due to misplacement of treasury report.

Other: A flier has been prepared and is available for the LFL-WyoBraska Area CO #4 on 6 - 13, 14, 15-2008. The registration is \$10.00 for adults 12+ (under 12 free), which would include 2 meals and two nights of camping. Remember: There is a limit of 50 campers in the campground; however, there is ample room outside of the campground proper and those not in the campground could make donations at the event.

In Loving Service

Chris B., GSR – Live from Laramie, Laramie, WY

Free Bird:

Concerns:

Needs: Need everything but GSR.

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: \$20.00 Other:

Staying Clean in Sidney: Absent, but had called secretary to report.

Concerns: None

Needs: None

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: 0 Other:

We Do Recover (Torrington): Absent

Concerns:

Needs:

Votes and /or motions:

7th Tradition: Other:

Sub-Committee reports:

Activities: Absent – Chris B. did report of the LFL campout.

UD: Report given by Chris and filed as follows:

Attendees:

Lucretia, Robert, Richard, Rich, Juan, Gail, Crystal, Tommy, Ray & Chris.

Merchandise:

Still checking prices and vendors: suggested Pony Express, and others local. Richard will check in Scottsbluff.

Venue info:

1 bunkhouse part of estimate (sleeps 12)

Registration:

Approved \$25 per need 30 registrations to break even, 12 and under free.

Meals:

Approved \$400 cost 4 meals: Fri. Taco bar (Chris); Sat. morning continental buffet (Gail); Sat. night TBA (Crystal); and Sun. eggs, bacon, pancake breakfast (Robert). People listed will provide estimates of food needs and proposal of menus, costs for each meal will be figured after meals approved.

Fundraiser:

Approved Richard M. NA book set raffle, will provide tickets (\$1 ea.) Starting Wed. 2-13-08 drawing at ASC April 13, 2008.

Next UD committee meeting 9 pm Sat. 2-23-08 @ Shari's on East Lincolnway off College Drive in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

PR:

H&I component: Richard reports that since the new, Scotts Bluff County correctional facility has been opened, the Clean & Serene group has had enough volunteers approved to hold two both men and women's meetings – two each. The juvenile section has asked from AA meetings at this time, but the group will respond when asked. As usual, the group is still looking for more volunteers.

PI component:

Web site: Richard reported that as of last night there had been a total of 5510 visits to the site since it was re-established. There is a way to use the Google advanced search to determine how many other web sites are linked to our own. Currently there are four other sites linked to ours. In the coming months he will try to increase that number. Other than this all remains the same with all fees paid up until next September.

Phoneline: Unknown.

Literature: Crystal reported \$79.00 in sale receipts. She is still unsure of exactly how to keep track of everything and needs to know what past minutes say about the literature fund cap. It was suggested that she check past minutes on the web site for reports from her predecessor.

Break : 3:02 – 3:10 pm.

Sharing Session:

- 1) Regional Assemblies – Discussed how many meetings we feel necessary. Currently there is one a year which would mean one before the World Conference, for our input on the CAR, and one the next year to get information and have an opportunity to have a GSR learning day.

Richard read from the "Guide to Local Service," page 100, about what NAWs has compiled regarding what these assemblies are for. Other comments included how hard it is to get GSR unity and participation at the area as it is. Adding another meeting a year most likely would not be well attended. It was felt that the current chain of service/communication would suffice.

- 2) The URMRCNA X is scheduled to be held in our area in 2009 and it needs to have a chair, preferably from our area and who has 5 years clean time. There was no one elected at the URMRC meeting yesterday. We discussed limits of service and how can we attract those with enough clean time to participate. About all we can do is announce the need for trusted servants, maybe make up some fliers, ask our sponsors and even sponsees who may have it together.

Old Business:

Motions #1 (from last meeting which had to be announced to the groups as per our area guidelines)

Motion: Area meeting held every two months [as indicated in guideline change below].
Intent: Make it easy for people to participate. . .

Propose changes in Article 3 of the "GUIDELINES OF THE WYO-BRASKA AREA . . ." are abbreviated as follows:

In paragraph 1, sentence 1 change it to read "The regular meeting of the WBASC is held on the second Sunday ~~of each~~ **every other** month . . ." Change sentence 3 to read ". . . hosting the **ever other** monthly WBASC meeting." And in paragraph 2 delete the entire 2nd sentence, "~~The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, on being advised of a matter of special urgency, may call a special meeting.~~" and change sentence three to read "The Chair **person** must give reasonable . . ."

Motion failed unanimously.

New Business:

- 1) Replacing Vice Chair/Activities Chair and RCM – Based on Article 7 of the area guidelines the WBASC declares these three positions vacant, by unanimous vote, in accordance with condition 1 & 2. GSRs are instructed to announce these three positions vacant and search for volunteers.

So everyone present was informed, the requirements and duties for all of these positions was read as well as for the PR Chair. All positions suggest two years clean time except the RCM which is three years.

Motions ~ None

Elections ~ PR Chair – No volunteers or nominations. Please take back to your groups.

In accordance with the area guidelines, the Chair appointed Richard M. the Unity Days ad hoc committee chair. He accepted the appointment.

Disbursements:

\$214.39 NAWS for literature.

Closing Treasury balance: \$2,534.58

Area 7th Tradition of \$17.00 to the SNL group.

Next mtg: March 9, 2008 in Sidney, NE at the Cheyenne County Community Center.

WBASC/rlm