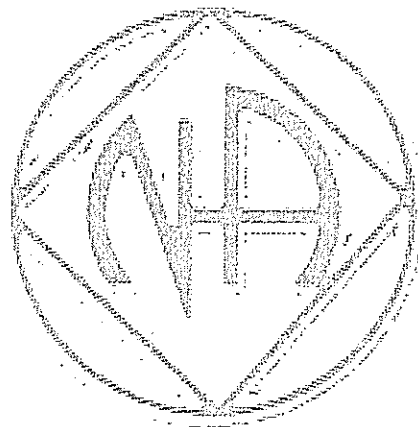


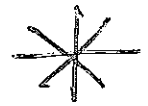


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LOUISIVLLE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE
OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS



OCTOBER 2009 MEETING MINUTES



Oct 4, 2009
LASCNA

Bobby (ASC Vice Chair) opened the meeting at 3pm with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. He asked inexperienced GSR's or anyone needing help with their duties to sit with more experienced members.

Marsha read the 12 traditions of NA and Ron read the definition of an Area service committee. Secretary called roll and new groups were introduced. None Quorum was established at 15

Out of Control moved to accept last month's minutes and The Step up Group seconded that motion.

Optional Chairpersons report – Report given by Bobby (see attached).

Monthly Administrative Meeting report/ Secretary Report given by Jenn A. (see attached).

Treasurer's Report given by Jana (see attached). Recovery today moved to accept and The NA Mtg seconded.

RCM Report given by Mark S.-See attached

Activity report -N/A- See attached

Helpline/PI report given by Lara B. - See attached

H & I report given by Chris C. - See attached

LACNA 20 report given by Rodney B. - See attached

Literature report given by Frazier M. -See attached

Newsletter report given by Brenda E. - See attached

P&P report given by Keith S. –See attached

Break at 4:05 and Returned at 4:15

Old business: Out come of last months elections:

9A-09 Submitted by Point of Freedom- Request for a copy of LACNA contract to be submitted for distribution in ASC Monthly Minutes – Passed 25 for and 5 against

9B-09 Submitted by Why Are We Here- Request for more information regarding missing LACNA funds –Passed 18 for and 12 against

New Business: Nominations and Motions

Nominations: LACNA 21 Chairperson -Submitted by Just Us- Stephanie C.

LACNA 21 Chairperson- Submitted by Reach for Recovery- Donna G.

Motions: 10A-09 Submitted by The NA Mtg- Request that LACNA 20 prepare and submit financial information for a complete audit before the next ASC mtg on November 1, 2009 (On the floor vote Passed 20 for, 13 against, and 8 abstained)

10B-09 Submitted by The Na Mtg- Request that in the event that LACNA 20 fails to comply with the audit that all LACNA 20 funds will be frozen until compliance.

10C-09 Submitted How it Works- Increase in RCM's monthly budget to allow RCMA to be able to attend Regional Mtg.

10D-09 Submitted by Lose the Desire- Homegroups that do not sign papers submit this information so that it can be listed in meeting schedules.

Next ASC meeting will be on Nov 1, 2009 at 3PM Secretary reviewed business of the day. Meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Jennifer A., Area Secretary



October 4, 2009

Hello Family,

We have a lot of work to do today and I am excited about the opportunity for growth. There are some motions that were submitted last month, they were reactionary and did not address the challenge that we are faced with. The only way we are going to address this issue is to submit a motion or motions that put into place some guidelines that will give us some guidance when and if something like this happen again. Let us think about the future and bring solutions to the table that addresses the problem not the symptom.

There have been two times where the LACNA Chair was not at the monthly business meeting this year and that subcommittee was not represented by anyone. If the chair of a subcommittee cannot come to the ASC business meeting then a representative should be there such as the Vice-Chair, or someone to bring a report of that subcommittee's activities for that month to the ASC.

The positions that are open immediately are; Area Chair and Activities Chair. Positions that are open for nominations for the upcoming year are; Area Vice-chair, treasurer, secretary, LACNA 21 Chair, Activities Chair, RCM and P&P Chair. Please take the notification of these openings to your home group members so we can have a smooth transition in January.

Thank you for your commitment to serve.

I remain your humble servant,

Bobby Edelen

502-767-5436



Dear Louisville Area,

This month I spent \$321.31 on the preparation and distribution of September Minutes and I am returning \$28.69.

\$100.39- Postage

\$215.92- FedEx Kinko's

\$5.00 – PNC check fee

\$321.31- Total

\$350.00- Seed Money

\$28.69- Funds Return

All Service positions are up for nominations and will be open in January of 2010. The ASC meeting on December 6, 2009 will be the last meeting I attend as Area Secretary. So, please take it to your homegroup and step up to serve the area that serves you.

Thank You for allowing me to serve,

Jennifer A.

502-408-1842

LOUISVILLE ASC



October 4, 2009

Dear ASC

Our beginning balance is \$7,546.52 - \$5,000.00 (prudent reserve) leaves a balance of \$2,546.52 operating income. Attached is the bank statement for August and a excel worksheet for September.

Next area, November 1 @ 1:30 we will have are quarterly audit. It will be for the months of July, August and September.

Thanks for allowing me to service,

Jana W.



RCM Report to the Area October 4, 2009

Hi Family

We had our regional meeting on September 27 instead of the 20th because of the camp out in Western Ky. So I haven't received the minutes yet and I'm going by the notes I took while I was there.

There was \$ 18,329.20 in the regional account at the beginning of the business meeting last weekend. There was a check for \$ 5,700.00 written to the LACNA 24 convention on the 20th which would leave the region with \$ 12,629.20 left in the account. We sent \$ 3835.01 to the world service office after the final checks were turned into the region from the KRCNA 23 convention. Its in our policy that 40 % of the monies from the convention be sent to the world after the seed money and all expenses have been paid. The treasure gave me a lot of receipts from the donations she received from the Home groups and the area to give back to everyone today. I'll give them out after my report.

We have a couple of functions coming up this month. The first I'd like to report is for the Southern Zonal Forum which is in Louisville Ky on Oct 30, 31 and Nov 1st. I don't have the flyers for the function and can't tell you much about it. The RDA didn't have flyers to give to the areas to take back and give out. He said we could go on line but my printer at home doesn't work with the laptop and I didn't think to do that at work this week.

There are four functions in other areas that are coming up this month. I'll be passing out flyers to them during this meeting. Two are on October 31st and I believe we're having a function that day also. This shows how we need the areas all talking to each other around having functions so we can try and not schedule on top of each other. The function in Henderson Ky. Is a KRCNA 24 fund raiser and the Across the Rivers area is putting it on. I know the KRCNA 24 committee needs to show up there and support the fundraiser and bring pre convention merchandise to be sold there.

There is a year end report coming up either in Decembers that has to be turned in to the region about the area this past year. How many Home groups there are and amount of meetings we have. The geographic area of the Louisville area. How each committee did this past yr and what struggles we've had. If each committee could give me a year end report than I could take that information and put it in our report to the region which in turn gets sent to the world. I would need that but the next area meeting so please take the time to put one together, you know your committee's a lot better than I do. If I have to do it the report on the committees will be vague and incomplete because I don't have all the information. I need one from H & I, Public Information, Help line, Newsletter, LACNA 20, Activities, Literature, and Policy and Procedures. Please call me with any questions you have I will take all the information and turn it into the region along with my year end report as RCM.

My term is almost over. I didn't realize that until this past meeting. I've done this for two years and Mat has been going to the regional meeting with me since he took his position as RCMA. He has gotten comfortable at the regional meetings and will easily feel my shoes as the next RCM. He's not afraid to speak up, share his opinion and experience on issues and ask the questions that need to be asked. We as an area need to look for someone to step into the RCMA position and go with him when my term is up.

I believe my term is up at the January area meeting but to be honest I don't remember when the elections took place. That's all I have, In Service

Mark Sneed, RCM 502-593-7824



Helpline / PI Area Service Report

October 4, 2009

Dear Louisville Area,

We are turning in 2 Funds Request Forms today.

- 1) \$343.75 to Lara B. for reimbursement for the Helpline / PI Learning Day food.
- 2) \$50.00 to Bardstown Road Pres. Church for the Helpline / PI Learning Day location.

Learning Day will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2009 @ 3:00pm at the Bardstown Road Pres. Church at 1722 Bardstown Road, no affiliation. Greg P. the regional Helpline & Public Information Chair will be speaking at 7:00pm. There will be free food and live music. Next Saturday is the Helpline / PI & H&I Learning Day Event. Please spread the word at your home groups this week. We hope to see you all there.

The Kentuckiana Region had their Helpline / PI Learning Day in Bowling Green, KY on Saturday, September 26, 2009. Both the Louisville Area H&I and the Louisville Helpline PI Subcommittee had members present for that event. It was a great opportunity for our area to connect and learn about what efforts are working in other areas.

Our last Ad-hock Learning Day Planning Meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 7:00pm at Highland United Methodist Church – 1140 Cherokee Road – following The Basic Meeting. If you would like to participate in the Learning Day on Saturday, please attend this meeting on Tuesday night.

Our next PI Helpline Subcommittee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 7:00pm at Highland United Methodist Church – 1140 Cherokee Road – Corner of Patterson Ave. and Cherokee Road, across Bardstown road from Highland Coffee and Blockbuster Video. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Lara B.
502.235.5573
lara.baxter@ymail.com

Updated Meeting Schedules are Here
for October - December 2009



LASCNA H&I SUB-
COMMITTEE REPORT
4 October 2009

Hello N.A. Family,

Your Louisville Area H&I Subcommittee is doing the best we can to carry our message of hope the N.A. way to addicts that can not get to our regularly scheduled meetings.

We may have to consider cutting back on some of our commitments, because we don't have enough addicts with the required clean time and recovery (1 year) to lead a panel.

The Learning Day in Bowling Green was very informative and inspiring. Many H&I members, as well as some P.I. members, attended. We had a great time out.

It was encouraging for addicts from other areas to see Louisville Area show up. It was a great day to be clean.

O.K. If you didn't make it to Bowling Green we will be having your Louisville Area P.I./H&I Learning Day October 10, 2009 from 3pm to 9pm right here at 1722 Bardstown Road. It will be a great day to fellowship and learn the N.A. way to help other addicts seeking recovery. Make the effort to come out and show support for your area H&I/P.I.

We still need willing addicts with clean time and recovery to help facilitate our primary purpose!

Your Trusted Servant,

E. Michael C., Chair

cc: LASCNA Secretary
H&I Secretary



LACNA 20 Subcommittee
3 October 2009

Hey Folks,

As always, I want to 1st thank this area for the opportunity to serve. Service at this level is sometimes bitter sweet to say the least, but I continue to take the good times with the bad knowing that in the end, this committee will play a vital role at carrying the message to the addict who still suffers. When I witness the impact the convention has on the newer members at the convention I know it all be worth while.

Today I have a lot to report. I want to take a moment to update the area on the planning process of the convention committee. I also would like to update you all on the issue regarding the missing funds from the May fundraiser and what steps we need to take at this point. Lastly, I'd like to address the overarching issue regarding the loss of funds, possible solutions and the potential impact on the individual and the fellowship as a whole should we not treat this issue with the same sensitivity as any other manifestation of the disease.

I will begin with offering my personal expression of gratitude to the members of the convention committee. We have yet to fill the position of Functions & Fundraising Chair, yet the members continue to come together, take on additional responsibilities, and work diligently to achieve the common goal of putting on a great convention for this area. I think that every member of the convention committee on at least one occasion this year has threatened to quit; but even in the face of many distractions, hurtful criticism and verbal attacks, they continue to press on. I am honored to serve with them.

Our latest fundraiser was held on this past Friday, October 2nd and was a successful event. We continue to attract a good turnout for the meeting as well as the dance. We also hosted a speaker jam on Aug 22nd with workshop topics specifically geared toward the 12 steps and attracted many addicts from outside the Louisville area as well as within. This was also a success. We had planned to work with the activities committee to put on the monster bash in conjunction with the Southern Zonal Forum. However, I was informed that since the activities subcommittee has no participation, the Area Executive Committee will host this event and will not be collaborating with LACNA. I personally feel as though this is a sorely missed opportunity for the convention committee and a lot of work for the Executive Committee that could have been shared and made easier. We have been taking the last portion of the convention committee meeting to work on fundraisers and will likely take the time of the next couple meetings to plan a big event in November so stay tuned for details of that. At the last couple of meetings that were held, we put a lot of emphasis on the budgets and where we stood at this stage in the planning. Much of our cost is covered and there will be some charges, such as the hotel bill that we won't be responsible for until the convention has ended, so we feel good about where we are financially at this point, although we will still continue to fundraise. On that note, if you have not done so, please register as soon as possible for the convention.



Now, related to the lost funds. I want to take a moment to recap the events up to this point. As I reported to the ASC in August, We had a fundraiser in May with an established budget of \$540.00. In the absence of a Functions & Fundraising committee, the responsibilities for putting on this function were divided up by the LACNA Executive Committee. The Secretary offered to do the shopping for the event and was written a check for the total budget. The remainder was \$100 to pay for the facility, \$140 for the DJ and \$100 start-up charge for the event. All shopping was completed for the event and the remaining balance of the check was left in a bank bag. When asked for the receipts and the rest of the funds, the secretary could not find the bag. She stated that she thought she had brought it, but might have left it at home. Other members said that they thought they remembered seeing the bag in the car, but could not be certain. Nevertheless, we went on with the fundraiser as planned, raised the money that night to pay the remainder of the expenses and hoped that the addict would discover what actually happened to the remaining funds and receipts. A subsequent deposit was made later in the amount of \$482 which was reflected in the ledger and bank statements I presented in August. The bag never turned up and they were convinced that someone must have taken the bag out of the car while it was parked in front of the function. No police report was taken at the time because she wasn't certain if it had been in the car or at her home.

As reported at the August ASC meeting, the addict took responsibility for the loss of the funds and offered to make payments to reimburse the funds as they could not afford to cover the \$540 total in one payment. An agreement was made for these payments to commence and the 1st payment was made in July. These payments would end on or before the close of LACNA 20 business in 2010.

We have received a lot of criticism for the way this process was handled. I want to say today that this was certainly not easy work. We were faced with a dilemma that could have wide reaching ramifications for this committee as well as the area a whole. Armed with no policy related to this issue, we drew from the experience of the members of our committee and got into the solution. Keep in mind that there are only 4 service positions at the area level that require more than 2 years clean. 5 years for the area treasurer and Chair, V. Chair & Treasurer of LACNA. Therefore 3 of them are on the convention committee. I think we are well equip to address this issue. Not everyone may agree with the decision we made yet, that doesn't mean that we did anything wrong.

The thing we did 1st was subscribe to the foundation principles of our fellowship and allow the member to work the steps and take responsibility for themselves. I don't think there is any more we can ask of any addict.

Unfortunately, we now have a new problem. Since the initial report, there have been no additional payments made. At this point, we are turning over this process to the ASC chair for further resolution. Again, we have struggled as a committee with each step in the process. There have been a variety of opinions as to how to proceed from the very start, but we came up with a collective conscience each step of the way.

This area now has the difficult challenge as to how to proceed as well. To this point, we have had no assistance with formulating a principled resolution for the addict or for this issue. Instead, all we've been given is things that I believe only criminalize the mistake and demonize the individual. The way in which we move forward from this point will prove to have ramifications that will reach far beyond this member and this convention committee. Anyone considering service at any level will certainly make note of the consequence for