

## Suncoast Area Service

September 2013

### ASC Report

Chair	Lilia M.	P	FDC Chair	Donald	P
Vice Chair	Jack G.	P	FDC Vice Chair	Jessica A.	P
Secretary	Sophie S.	P	Policy	Tiffany C.	A
Alt. Secretary	Rachel B.	P	Alt. Policy	Robbie	P
Treasurer	Jim L.	P	Lit. Distribution	Roger S.	P
Alt. Treasurer	Laura L.	P	GSR O&M	Sean	P
RCM 1	Will S.	P	Activities	--	
RCM 2	--	--	IT	Scott W.	P

#### Open Forum/ Announcements:

Lilia will send a spreadsheet to add to the minutes with the elections on it so that we can start to bring the nominations to the body.

There were two meetings on the role call that have missed 3 or more area service meetings. A member has volunteered to go check on these meetings to make sure they are still running. These meetings are the "steps to change" and "Work the steps or die"

The body was informed that the "Miracles in the making" group that is listed on the meeting list is actually an H&I meeting. This meeting will be removed from the meeting list and from the roll call at Area.

The body was informed that the "New Directions" Friday night meeting was not carrying an atmosphere of recovery. There were concerns about this, the chair and vice chair of area agreed to go to this meeting and participate in helping to bring a better understanding

#### Secretary Report:

Sophie thanked Rachel for typing the minutes last month while she was away.

RCM Report: Region will be held September 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. See attached to read report.

#### Activities:

**Old/Current Business:** Activities met at Starbucks on University and Tuttle. They will continue to meet here the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6pm.

**New Business:** “Getting saucy with the steps” will be September 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9 at Brethren Church, 150 N Shade Ave, Sarasota, FL. This is where the solution in the steps meeting is held. If you can cook bring a sauce to be judged. Prizes will be awarded. Pasta will be provided

**Situations /Change:** Activities chair has been filled!! We would like to welcome Jackie, and thank her for her willingness to serve Narcotics Anonymous

**Policy:**

**Old/Current Business:** The Suncoast Area Policy was updated with the latest motion passed at the last area. Also, you will notice the long awaited housekeeping updates that include a revised table of contents and through scrubbing of spelling and grammatical errors. There were also hyperlinks included for better navigation. Policy would like the body to look over the updated policy and would appreciate some feedback.

**New Business:** We did not meet this month but anticipate a meeting next month per schedule. We would like to meet a half hour early prior to area start. If other policy meetings are scheduled, we will announce it at meetings with sufficient notice.

**Situations/Changes:** Policy has submitted a motion to edit/update our motion form with a space for policy changes.

**GSR O&M:**

**Old/ Current Business:** None

**New Business:** Sean met 3 individuals at 3:30 and went over the rules and responsibilities of a GSR.

**Situations /Changes:** None

**Literature:**

**Old/Current Business:** None     **New Business:** None

**Situations/Changes:** Literature order was \$2,459 – FDC & H&I -\$680, Rack (bi-monthly) - \$462

**Treasurer’s Report:**

**Old /Current Business:** See attached.

**New Business:** Taxes should before the cut off at the end of September

**FDC:** See attached

**Group Reports:**

**Friday Night Clean:** Anniversaries: Bill M 12-10-11, Fransisco D. 10-28-07

**Fresh Start Group:** New ALT GSR Jacob K.

**Girls Gone Good:** We need home group support form women. Open discussion, women's mtg.

**Keep it simple:** Now has a new GSR Tim G.

Our group is moving on September 12th to Hope Lutheran Church @ 4635 26<sup>th</sup> Street west Bradenton, FL 34207. Flyers went out to groups for notice of change.

Anniversaries: Aruther 11-23-12, Dee K. 10-17-04, Tim G. 10-12-12, Dan W. 11-20-88, Tiffany C 11-20-08

**More Gratitude less attitude:** Open discussion, Speaker meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month

**New Directions:** Still very small in need of support!

**Recovery Ranch:** In need of support would appreciate any and all help

**Serenity in the Morning:** Anniversaries: Tim G 9-5-11

**Solutions in the steps:** Correct name is Solutions in the steps. Not **solution**

**The Burning Desire Group:** New group in need of clean time support

**The Wednesday Meeting:** Home group in need of members

**Unity and Serenity:** Beach Bash September 21<sup>st</sup>, 11-4 (2pm speaker) food and beverage provided, bring a dish to pass

**Old Business:**

**Motion 8-01**

By Jim L. – Treasurer

To obtain a storage unit for the Area use. Three bids were obtained by Jim and the lowest cost was \$49.00/month. This unit is located near University and 301.

Intent: To hold archives for Secretary, Chair, and Treasurer and also to hold Activities Supplies.

**Motion 8-01 “PASSED”**

**Motion 8-02**

By Jim L.- Treasurer Sec by Sandy- Recovery by the Books

Home groups submit funds to the Treasurer in the form of money order or cashier’s check, made Payable to Suncoast Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous.

Intent: 11<sup>th</sup> Concept

“NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose and must be managed properly”

This motion will also be making a **change in the policy**. The changes are as follows:

If passed; delete “Treasurer is unable to accept coins”

If passed; “change to “Disallow personal checks, coins, and cash in favor of money order or cashier’s check.”

You can find this information on page 10 of our policy-financial section: General Financial Guidelines

**Motion 8-02 “DID NOT PASS”**

**New Business:**

**Motion 9-01**

By: Robbie G. Seconded by: Jim L.

Add section to motion form to say "Exact change to ASC Policy" in quotes, indicate where inserted/deleted/conflicts with existing policy (specific section, paragraph and line)

**Intent:** Concept B- Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications

**Motion 9-01 "Back to Groups"**

**Motion 9-02—I have attached pages 8&9 of our area policy. The parts that are being discussed in this motion are highlighted. Please read carefully and discuss with your home group.**

By: Robbie Seconded by: Jack G.

Delete the following from the voting section in the policy "Any group absent from three consecutive ASC meetings will be removed from the roll call" not the meeting list

**Intent:** Conflicts with information in General Policy Guidelines which states "After 2 consecutive absences by a group, ASC will send 2 representatives appointed by the ASC chairperson to consult the group and offer guidance and support, in accordance with the 12 traditions and concepts. On the next ASC those representatives will report back to the ASC body with findings, to be discussed by the ASC. At that point the ASC will decide, by vote, if the group is to be removed from the Suncoast Area Meeting list. Any group or meeting where a constant breach of NA Traditions or a lack of an atmosphere of recovery occurs may be removed from the Meeting List, Helpline, and ASC roll call. This will require a 2/3 majority vote of all groups on the current roll call.

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**Elections:**

**Please see attached files for the list of positions up for election and the qualifications for each one.**

## V. Area Service Policy

### A. General Policy Guidelines

- ASC meetings are open to all NA members. Any NA member may have a voice on the floor, but they must raise their hand to be recognized.
- Only the following members may make or second motions: GSR (or any representative given a vote of confidence by their group in the GSR's absence) RCM1 (or RCM2 in the RCM1's absence) Subcommittee Chairperson (or the Vice Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence) Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Each member should acquaint themselves with these ASC guidelines and "A Guide to Local Service in Narcotics Anonymous." The ASC shall make each of these available to all Area Service members.
- GSR's, the FDC Chairperson, FDC Vice Chairperson and ASC Officers, must be present for the duration of the ASC meeting. Any of these positions vacated before the end of the meeting, without subsequent representation, will be marked absent.
- All new groups should register with the World Service Office by filling out a "Narcotics Anonymous New Group Registration Form."
- New Groups may request a Group Starter Kit. The Kit will consist of a limited number of white books, key tags, I.P.s, and pamphlets. Total cost not to exceed \$40.00.
- At their request, any group that has attended three consecutive ASC meetings may be added to the Suncoast Area Meeting List and Helpline.
- After 2 consecutive absences by a group, ASC will send 2 representatives appointed by the ASC chairperson to consult the group and offer guidance and support, in accordance with the 12 traditions and concepts. On the next ASC those representatives will report back to the ASC body with findings, to be discussed by the ASC. At that point the ASC will decide, by vote, if the group is to be removed from the Suncoast Area Meeting list. Any group or meeting where a constant breach of NA Traditions or a lack of an atmosphere of recovery occurs may be removed from the Meeting List, Helpline, and ASC roll call. This will require a 2/3 majority vote of all groups on the current roll call.
- If an issue falls under the responsibility of an existing subcommittee, the issue is automatically tabled to that subcommittee.
- The ASC meeting is non-smoking.
- The Activities Subcommittee must give 30 day notice (2 ASC's) of upcoming events, to coordinate publicity and financing.
- All printed materials handed out at Area Service are to be reviewed by 2 or more members of the Policy subcommittee.
- Printed copies of ASC Policy & Guidelines are to be made available to any ASC members, as well as Group Service Representatives who do not have internet access.

- No activities will be held on any Area Service day.
- All subcommittees shall hold a subcommittee meeting at least once every other month on even numbered months. The next scheduled meeting is announced at Area Service in the subcommittee report, and will also be published with the area minutes, and on the Suncoast NA website.
- The ASC Policy shall establish a meeting 1/2 hour before the ASC meeting.
- Area Service will meet Second Sunday of each month at 4PM except for May when it will meet on first Sunday due to Mothers Day.

## **B. Voting**

1. GSR's (or in their absence any representative given a vote of confidence by their group) are the only voting members.

- Voting will be done by a show of hands.
- The Chairperson may vote only in the case of a tie.
- If the majority is abstaining votes, the motion will be tabled to the next ASC.
- All motions to change Area Policy must go back to all current groups on the ASC roll call.
- To change policy a 2/3 majority of all groups present is required.

2. Quorum is required for any motion to be voted on.

- Quorum is one more than half of all groups present for today's business.
- At their request, any group that has attended three consecutive ASC meetings may be added to the Suncoast Area Meeting List and Helpline. They may then be placed on the roll call.
- Any group absent from three consecutive ASC meetings will be removed from the roll call.

3. Discussion of motions should be limited to 2 pros and 2 cons.

- If longer, consideration to table the motion may be in order.
- If tabled, the motion will automatically be on the following month's agenda.
- A motion may not be tabled more than once.
- A motion to suspend the rule may be made, at the discretion of the Chairperson.

## **C. Reports**

1. GSR reports will be submitted on the GSR Report Form and will consist of the following: *Group Name, When & Where, Treasurers Report, Literature Expense, ASC Contribution, Attendance, Newcomers, Group Conscience, Situations / Changes, Name, and Date*. GSR should give their contributions and Literature Order forms to the Treasurer.

2. Subcommittee reports will be submitted on the Subcommittee Report Form and will consist of the following: *Subcommittee, When & Where, Attendance, Old Business, New Business, Situations/Changes, Name, Date, and next subcommittee meeting*.

## **D. Resignation of ASC Officers**

1. Voluntary

- Given in writing to the ASC Chairperson prior to or during an ASC meeting.

2. Involuntary

A. Automatic:

- Missing more than two (2) consecutive ASC meetings
- Relapse during term of office
- The ASC Chairperson shall notify the individual of their dismissal and the reason for dismissal shall be in writing.