

**NLANA Minutes of ASC**  
**February 4th, 2012**  
**Lincoln Park Community Church, Duluth**

**Opened** with the Serenity Prayer

**Present:** Jane, Trac, Julie M., Sheila, Robyn, Bryan, Sue, Rachel, Lindsey, John, Nicole, Marvella, Tracy, Donnie, Charles, Caitlin

**Read 12 Traditions:** Nicole

**Read 12 Concepts:** Charles

**Agenda Review:**

- No minutes from January 21, 2012 available
- Will add minutes to next agenda

**Quorum:**

- Robyn explained that Lindsey cannot be GSR and executive committee member
  - Lindsey will step down as GSR to Friday Night NA in order to remain a voting member and part of executive committee
- We have quorum

**Presentation:**

- Concept 4
  - Lindsey said that we have leaders within positions and leaders in general
  - Charles said we put someone in charge of a meeting that wasn't ready to be and we need to be careful of who we put as leaders
  - Robyn said that we have had newcomers as leaders; that leadership is a quality someone can come into the rooms with
  - Lindsey asked how someone would approach a situation like the one with the Thursday meeting; to the person, the group, or both
    - Robyn said that if isn't one's home group, they shouldn't have an opinion
      - the options then being go to meeting regularly and voice concerns once you have experience within meeting or go to AREA and

### approach GSR

- Charles referenced 4th concept and stated that leaders know they don't have to do everything themselves; stated that leaders can be in any form

### Open Forum:

- Trac said we should discuss last AREA meeting and how questions came up about how fiscal year is structured
  - should we begin fiscal year in October?
  - Robyn: we start budget in November because it is based on Vermilion income
  - Sheila: we have proposed budget but we are counting on income we don't have yet
  - Lindsey: we are saying we can spend \$ that we don't actually have yet
  - Tracy: have to have a zero balance at the end of the year
    - last Vermilion - paying for kitchen with pre-registration was close
  - Robyn: we can't use beginning of the year balance when creating our budget for the year because it is much less than what the amount of total annual income available for use will be
    - only option is to put \$5000 aside for Vermilion and don't touch it (appropriated)
  - Tracy thinks that putting the \$5000 aside would be a good idea; make it easier but isn't possible with current cash on hand situation
  - Robyn: would like if there is more thought by all while budget is being discussed/decided upon instead of just reaction when the \$ is wanted for specific things
  - Caitlin: we should give an explanation of a budget
  - Robyn: will put together a budget committee to look into cash versus accrual for October

### Agenda Items

### Group Reports:

Received from:

- Rompin N Stompin
- New Horizons
- How It Works
  - Caitlin is only position holder

- Spread the word about meeting to halfway houses

- Friday Night NA
- TGIF
  - \$20 Donation
  - Need extra meeting lists (large group)
- Dr. Hug
  - Meeting needs support

\*Hope Not Dope meeting:

- open; back balance of \$100 which they are bringing to AREA to ask for help with
- Robyn: when something affects NA as a whole, we as an AREA need to step up
- Donnie: meetings do not need have large amounts of people to be a meeting; we only need 2 - 3 people for meeting; doesn't matter how many people are there

**Motion:** Robyn made a motion to pay back rent of \$100 for Hope Not Dope meeting. Lindsey seconded it.

- one yellow card - Caitlin asked if we pay debt now, what happens if this happens again?

**Passed with one exception**

#### **Administrative Committee Report:**

- Bryan is project manager for project within Carry the Message
- Tracy: explained motion being brought to AREA by Administrative Committee
  - Motion reads "On a trial basis, for April, June, and Aug. of 2012, merge the Admin Committee meeting with the regular ASC meeting, change the ASC meeting time to begin at 12:30 and end at 4:30."
  - Reasons behind motion included changing to a more project-based structure and to be able to better carry the message to addicts by broadening participation by NA members

**Motion:** Motion made by Tracy to accept motion from Admin. Committee.

**Passed**

#### **Vermilion Committee Report:**

- Sheila: still have open positions
  - Sheila said she will make a flyer with open positions to bring to groups

- Theme/Logo: doing a competition for free camp reg. for coming up with this year's theme/logo
  - deadline for admission is June 1st
- Facebook: an event has been created on Facebook for Vermilion
  - Invite your friends
  - Event is private in order to maintain anonymity
- Will have 1 communal cabin for use by those with day pass
- Next meeting is Sunday, March 4th, 2:30, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Superior
- Robyn: suggested we give out one free camp reg. to each area for them to give away as they see fit

#### **Regional Committee Member (RCM/A):**

- Bryan and Charles are going to Region next Saturday
  - Any one that would like to ride with, let Bryan know
  - They will present request for \$500 for reimbursement of cost to put info in buses

#### **Treasurer:**

Tracy

- Our P.O. Box rent was raised from \$44 to \$46. Then, Tracy found a notice that it was raised again to \$58. She paid the cost.
- DTA Bus project cost was divided \$1300 to Carry the Message and \$500 to Special Projects
- Marvella: will be using Lincoln Park Community Church regularly but need to discuss childcare
  - Sheila: needs to be from the beginning of Vermilion meeting to end of AREA and needs to be an adult
  - Robyn: set guidelines and put it out there for people to look in to
  - How much should we pay? Min. wage?
  - Rachel: asked if \$ should be paid separately by each committee
  - Jane: suggested it be an adult with at least 1 yr clean
  - Sue, Rachel, and Lindsey all appreciate AREA for helping with children
  - Sue and Rachel would prefer an adult
  - Nicole offered to do it, said that doing it would make her feel like she was

- contributing, and she said she doesn't care about the \$
- Tracy: said that AREA is for the addict and we don't want to get addicts to come here just to babysit
- Robyn: we can not do it in a manner that would make us an employer and we need to contact NAWS for advice
  - Bryan will bring it to Region
- Marvella: asked parents to get together to discuss

### **Election of Executive Officers:**

- Treasurer: Sheila nominated Julie M
  - Julie: said she doesn't have a working computer so can it be done in paper?
    - Tracy: right now it is on Quickbooks but will be transferred to more user-friendly program
    - Tracy: said she will help Julie
    - Robyn: treasury needs to be on Google Docs at least
      - How familiar is Julie with Google Docs
    - Julie accepted nomination
  - Robyn: Julie make a safety plan for cash handling at Vermilion
- Julie M elected as Treasurer (with one exception)
  - GSRs bring to groups that we are looking for a Co-treasurer (3 year clean time requirement)
- Outreach/Activities/Web Publisher Coordinators will be re-elected in April
  - Bring to groups

### **Discussion of Point System:**

- Dropped

### **Next Agenda:**

- Time for AREA inventory
  - Marvella is sending info for GSR's to bring to groups
- Robyn: can we send out a new copy of guidelines so we all can look over; look at how they will apply with a project-based system

- Bryan will email
  - Sheila: we need a hard copy
  - AREA Secretary (Lindsey) needs to make sure that those on sign in sheet that need it via postal mail get one
- Lincoln Park Community Church contact person is Almeda
  - Get 2 keys

**Closed** at 4:40 with the Gratitude Prayer