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Open

Serenity Prayer
Twelve Traditions
Twelve Concepts of Service
Service Prayer

Welcome new participants

Went around the room introducing ourselves

Roll Call

Servants

Position	Present	Position	Present
Facilitator	Yes	Co-Facilitator	Yes
Treasurer	Yes	Co-Treasurer	Open
Regional Delegate	Yes	Regional Delegate Alternate	Yes
Recorder	Yes	Policy	Yes
Hospitals & Institutions	No	Adopt An Inmate	Yes
Public Relations	Yes	Literature Review	Yes
Internet Technologies	Open	Convention Advisory Committee	Yes
TBRCNA 17	Yes	TBRCNA 18	Yes
Service Pool ad-hoc	Yes		

Representatives (Regional Committee Members (RCM))

Area	Present	Area	Present
Brazos Valley	Yes	Central Texas	Yes
Coastal Bend	No	Esperanza	Yes
Freedom	No	Hill Country	Yes
Houston	Yes	Northside	Yes
Rio Grande Valley	Yes	Southeast Texas	Yes
Texas Tri-County	Yes		

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Elections

Elected at the Regional Assembly

Dennis R – Regional Delegate

Brandon C – Regional Delegate Alternate

Co-Treasurer

No nominations or volunteers

Convention Advisory Board Member

No nominations or volunteers

Internet Technologies Facilitator

No nominations or volunteers

Open positions

- Co-Treasurer
- Internet Technologies Facilitator
- One more Convention Advisory Board Member

Administration Reports

Facilitator

Bryan provided his report in an email

As usual there has not been much on my plate. Patsy has been taking care of the requests for proof of insurance, this seems to be going smoothly. From my perspective the regional assembly was a spiritual experience, things seemed to go well. Maybe having a workshop before voting is a good idea going forward, it brought us together prior to doing business.

Bryan added that Brandon C was elected RDA and Dennis R as RD

Brandon introduces himself

Dennis introduces himself

Co-Facilitator

Patsy

Attended the Texas State Convention Advisory Board meeting in March and returned \$10 of travel funds provided.

From the meeting:

- Liaisons travel will now be funded by the Texas State Convention Advisory Board. This is to allow all to participate without financial burden on the Regions.

- Liaisons are now allowed to share at the Convention. This is to clear up a previous guideline interpretation issue.
- The next convention is in Austin. If you or your Areas would like any information contact Me (Patsy) and I will get you in touch with Raymond, the Information Contact.
- If someone with 6 months or less wants to serve, a position will be created on the Advisory Board to not limit a person's desire to serve for lack of clean time.
- Will not be able to attend upcoming Advisory Board meetings at the end of May.

I will scan and email the Lubbock and Austin convention reports.

Processed several requests for insurance certificates. If you requested and I did not respond, contact me via email or phone.

Recorder

No comments on the Record

Policy Facilitator

Layna

Policy is up to date and published. <https://tbrna.org/document/policy-february-2017>

Regional Delegate (RD)

Dennis read with embellishments

Hello all! I thank God and Tejas Bluebonnet Region of Narcotics Anonymous (TBRNA) for the opportunity to serve! I'm motivated and enthusiastic about serving. I want to thank our outgoing RD Heidi M. for continuing to be a source of experience and knowledge for me as I integrate into this service position.

Narcotics Anonymous World Service (NAWS) facilitated two conference participant or CP's webinars. I attended two webinars and was amazed at how technology has brought the fellowship closer in that aspect. My first experience was great! Being able to view and communicate directly to the world board members and RD's from all over the world gave me the feeling of the spirit of unity of purpose. During the last 2014-2016 WSC cycle concerns were raised about the WSC process. One such issue was, what is being worked on in between cycles. How long meetings lasted and seating at the WSC. The webinars are a way of communicating ideas from the world-wide fellowship on how to solve some of the concerns. Although, I have never attended the WSC, the webinars are a great way to communicate in between cycles. I personally feel it's a good idea being new into the RD position. RD's shared ideas in our small group discussions on how to improve the process, what they liked and did not like. Our previous RD Heidi mentioned that they were in one meeting discussions until 1:30 am at the WSC. These webinars will mitigate some of the long discussion through RD teams discussing ideas to better the WSC process prior to the WSC.

In my small group discussion, these are some of the ideas and concerns from other RD's

- Concerns about limiting time on new business

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- Concerns about all members are not happy with the ideas approved at the conference
- Concern about new business not being discussed at regions or zones
- Concerned about new business and CAR discussion. Don't want everything pushed to Friday. No CAR motions in the CAT

In order for me to participate in the discussion in these webinar's, the RD team would like feedback from TBRNA. If you have ideas and concerns we welcome them. We can work on solutions together! The deadline is 23 June 2017. The next webinar is 24 June 2017. Anyone can answer these questions. Please email me or text me with your ideas and the RD team will provide feedback for TBRNA at the next webinar.

What are your thoughts on:

- CAR related discussions and decisions?
- Cat related discussion and decisions?
- New Business proposals made at WSC?
- Voting Percentage?

The Red River Region will host the next Southern Zonal Forum 29-30 July 2017 at the Hampton Inn Sherman, 2904 Michelle Drive, Sherman, TX 75090. (903)-893-9333. For concerns or question contact Mike N. 580-317-7888 or BJ 580-775-3820. I have booked a room already and the RD team has plans to attend.

TBRNA will host the Southern Zonal Forum (SZF) meeting 28-29 Oct 2017 at the Pear Tree Inn Hotel at 143 NE Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78216. Ph# (210)366-9300. The members of the SZF should check in under SZF, the hotel has shuttle transportation to and from the airport. SZF members can reserve rooms immediately check-in 27-29 Oct. TBRNA thanks the Esperanza Area for the coordination and planning for this event.

This quarter the RD team would like to visit all the Area's to introduce ourselves to you personally. I feel that it's important for you to know who is representing you at the WSC. I ask that if every area can please email me your Area name, physical address, day, and time you meet. The Rd team would really appreciate it.
Learning Day is tomorrow! and I hope to see you all there.

Discussion

Paul – Can I get the room discount at SZF?

Dennis – The reduced rate is only for the participants. Blocked 8 rooms for them

Bryan explains the purpose of Learning Days. A way for the RD Team to get information from the Southern Zonal Forum to the Areas and Groups. There will be discussion later on how we provide the Learning Days.

Regional Delegate Alternate (RDA)

Brandon read with embellishments

Dear Family,

It's been an exciting couple of months serving as your alternate delegate. With two conference participant webinars discussing different parts of the February 2017 Future of the WSC report (located [here](#)) and a visit to the Hill Country Area's Learning Day, I feel like I'm getting right back into the swing of things. I have to thank Dennis for being a great teammate. He welcomed me to his home for the second CP webinar on April 8th, 2017 then showed me around his area's Taste of NA event before we visited the Hill Country Area's Hot Diggety Dog Local Service Learning Day. I believe we will make a great team and will work well together at the conference and at regional and zonal service opportunities.

While it may seem to have been a bit busy so far, it is only the beginning. This conference cycle is shaping up to be packed with projects to participate in. Many of these projects have deadlines quickly approaching. To stay on top of all the upcoming deadlines, NAWS has added an "Important Dates and Deadlines" page (located [here](#)). Amongst these deadlines is the deadline for regions to



1. Submit motions by August 1st and by in CAR ready format by August 30th, and 2. Submit candidates to the HRP for nomination at WSC 2018 deadline being October 31st, 2017. Also mentioned are three more upcoming webinars for conference participants. Further showing how busy Dennis and I will be in the coming weeks as we discuss and prepare for WSC 2018.

I want to thank you all for the opportunity to be of service to this region and invite anyone I haven't yet met to come introduce yourself to me and let me know of any questions you have about this upcoming conference cycle.

Discussion

Where do we find the Issue Discussion Topics for our Areas' workshops?

<https://na.org/?ID=IDT-IDT>

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Treasurers Report

Cyndi read attached report with embellishments

Attached pre-RSC report as Appendix A

Discussion

Laura – What is your recommendation for quarterly or annual tax filing.

Cyndi – With the amount that we pay, ~\$500, and the number of funds we typically have, it would be better to file annually.

Proposal to move sales tax payments from quarterly to annually.

Consensus

Shelby – Tom and I had confusion about the creation of an additional Square account.

Area Reports

Brazos Valley

Leeann with embellishments

Brazos Valley area consists of four groups. New Freedom, Miracles Happen, Keep it Simple and New Day. Our web address is bvana.org but needs to be updated. We are working on trying to get someone to edit this for us.

New Freedom: 503 Freeman Street Caldwell, Texas. Holding meetings Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30pm.

Miracles Happen: Has three different locations. 410 Randolph Bryan, Texas meets Monday at 8pm and Friday at 6:30 pm to accommodate half way house residents. 506 East 28th Street, Bryan Texas meets Tuesday and Thursday at 8pm. 837 N. Harvey Mitchell Pkwy., Bryan TX meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:05pm. Planning an upcoming Speaker Jam! Also planning on adding an 8pm Friday night meeting, awaiting confirmation from location.

Keep it Simple: 1101Rock PrairieRd College Station, Texas. Meets Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm.

New Day: 906 George Bush Dr. College Station, Texas. Meets Saturday at 6pm.

Area officers:

Facilitator – Arthur S.

Co-Facilitators – Tom

Recorder: Leeann B.

Treasurer – DeAngela S.

Literature- Mike H.

PI – Willie D.

H&I- James J.

RCM – Leeann B.

RCM2 – Open

We have some positions available that we will be trying to fill at our next area meeting. BVANA is a small area and we are trying as best we can to carry the message. Some of us hold multiple service positions, but we are slowly growing in numbers and hoping to get more people involved. Thank you everyone for your patience and guidance!

Discussion

Would like a workshop on what we are not doing. And H&I. And PR. Stuff to help our fellowship become solid and a resource in our community.

Central Texas

Steve

Hello from the Central Texas Area.

News and Info:

- Our area currently has 39 groups holding 76 meetings.
- H&I is carrying a message of hope into 13 Facilities.
- CTANA currently has no vacant area service positions.
- Our next ASC meeting is Sunday, June 4, 2017.
- Our English-speaking hot line is 866-792-8262, and a Spanish Language hot line is available at 888-600-6229.

Issues

- We have no issues, CTANA is sponsoring a proposal today to add language to regional policy requiring the RD and RDA to hold workshops requested by Areas who would sponsor.

Upcoming Events:

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- Miracles & Solutions Men of NA Speak - Saturday June 17th, 12:00pm - 09:00pm
David Chapel Church Activity Center, 2207 E Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Austin, TX 78702
Speakers, Food, Fun, and Fellowship
- Miracles & Solutions Family Event - Saturday July 22nd, 12:00pm - 09:00pm
David Chapel Church Activity Center, 2207 E Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Austin, TX 78702
Speakers, Food, Fun, and Fellowship
- Miracles & Solutions Group 24th Anniversary - Sponsorship is the Heart Beat of NA
Friday to Sunday September 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Holiday Inn 6000 Middle Fiskville Rd, Austin, TX 78752
- More at ctana.org

Upcoming Meetings

- Area Service Committee – June 4th @ 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, 5701 Cameron Rd, Austin 78723
- Our subcommittees all meet on the same day, the last Sunday of the month May the 28th at Austin Galano Club 6809 Guadalupe St Austin, TX 78752 Activities Subcommittee 3:00pm, Hospitals & Institutions Subcommittee 4:00pm, and Public Relations Subcommittee 5:15pm
- Texas State Convention NA 18 Committee Meets the first Saturday of the Month, Saturday 03 June 2017, 02:00pm - 04:00pm - Austin Galano Club 6809 Guadalupe St. Austin, TX 78752

Yours in service,

Steve
Chris

Esperanza

Christina R

Esperanza area currently has 53 groups and 34 are voting groups and approximately 107 meetings per week.

Open positions: Secretary

Our **website** www.eanaonline.org is monitored by Savannah D. 210-837-5633, she is doing an outstanding job updating our website.

H&I: We attend 14 facilities in the Esperanza Area.

Literature bank is Nikki J. and she is doing an excellent job.

Treasurer Donnie B.

Esperanza Area Convention IV (EACNA)

Fri-Sun Jan 12-14 2018

Registration: Patricia M. Ph: 210-995-78710

www.eacnasa.org

Frolic in the Woods (**FITW**): 26th Year Celebration Will be held Sept 29, 30th, - Oct. 1, 2017 Garner State Park. Contact: Registration Chair Monica A. @ 210-803-6495 Or EANA web page to register.

Esperanza Area Service Committee Meeting (ASC) next meeting date will be on 21 May 2017 at 11AM

The Esperanza Area has agreed to host the Southern Zonal Forum (SZF) for October 2017. We are planning a Saturday Night event ... more will be revealed.

Mentioned some Upcoming Events

Larry M introduced himself as the new RCM1

First time in service outside of the group and area and very excited about this journey

Hill Country

Laura

Greetings from Hill Country Area!

Our Area is very supportive and continuing to grow. We have 8 groups with 11 meetings between them. At this point we have meetings 6 days a week. There are no meetings in our Area on Sundays. Meetings vary in size from 6 to 30 or more. We have meetings in Lockhart, Universal City, Schertz, New Braunfels, and San Marcos, and Canyon Lake. We provide a \$65 start-up fund for new meetings wishing to buy supplies, pay rent, purchase literature.

We had a recent situation where the meeting in Canyon Lake quit meeting for a short period and the supply box and funds were lost. We were able to get the key back for the building and have started meeting again. That group will be formally asking for start-up funds to purchase literature at our next ASC.

We recently increased our H&I and PR/PI budgets to accommodate growth.

Our Learning Day in which we set up tables for H&I, PR, Activities, Area Policy, and Group Service. Our regional PR was present and really set up a great presentation. Also in attendance were the RD and RDA. They came and met and greeted Area members. Thank you Paul, Dennis, and Brandon for your part in making our learning day a success.

Our new Activities Chair and subcommittee is gearing up for ROAR (recovery on a river) on June 24th from noon to sixish at Cypress Bend Park in New Braunfels. Lynn will be presenting new literature and we have 2 speakers. There will be Barbecue and sides with plenty of food to go around. We do not set a price, but do accept donations. Water balloons, tubes, lawn games, and fellowship will be plentiful. Please come and join us for a fun day by the Guadalupe River. We will also host a night float one evening in July on the Comal River. More will be revealed...check the website periodically.

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Our groups were emailed the proposals from last RSC a couple of times. The response was minimal. 2 groups did voice opinions: both like the idea of the RD's presenting after attending SZF's. One group was especially interested in why there is so much discussion about AAI getting a new name and separating purpose from the previous body that was helping (still is?). The idea that maybe we as a region may want to look at our reasons for the controversy and ask ourselves if personalities may be coming before principals. One member recollected a time in his service that the "bookstore" was the most helpful way to get books and literature to inmates during his term as H&I chair for TBR. Other members with decades of service experience at different levels within the service structure were concerned and wondered if this isn't something like the old saying "a coffee pot and a resentment is all it takes for a new group". We are excited about the softball tournament to be held in Central Texas and are working on building a team. We presented a sample service resume guideline for interested members to use. Some interest was present.

If you are passing through or visiting in our Area please know you are welcome. If you happen to be celebrating a clean date, let us know in advance (hours ok, days preferred) and we will have a medallion and a cake for you. We especially love to celebrate recovery in Hill Country.

Grateful to be able to be of service,

Laura Beatty (homegroup is Freedom in New Braunfels) 210-2734901

Discussion

Recovery on a River shirts for sale

Houston

John

According to the most recent count there are 51 HASCONA Area Narcotics Anonymous Groups providing 198 meetings a week.

Upcoming Houston Area Events:

1) Cover 2 Cover Group 3rd Anniversary Celebration – June 10, 2017 (1-5pm) Flyer

Attached.

2) Our Common Bond Group 3rd Annual Summer Picnic – June 11, 2017 (1-6pm)

Flyer Attached.

3) HASCONA Learning Day & Unity Picnic – July 1, 2017 (1-6pm) Flyer Attached.

New May ASC Proposal:

To add a tenth section in the HASCONA policy that describes how proposals for changes to policy will be reviewed and integrated into the

HASCONA Policy document.

June ASC Meeting Discussions:

Topics suggested for discussion at the next meeting on June 4th included: fund raising by committees, phone line and meeting schedule support from other areas, the possibility of a co-recorder position, an idea of reading portions of the ASC policy at ASC meetings, and the HASCONA website. In Loving Service,

John E

RCM 1

832-658-9265

Additional

Gave event details

Jessi, RCM 2, added to the report

Houston votes yes for the TBRCNA devices

AAI name change to "Books for Crooks"

HASCONA dipped into prudent reserve and the helpline was disconnected from May 11th to the 18th ... not sure why.

Glad to have this opportunity to server

Northside

Debbie, kind of like this

Hello! Greetings from the Northside Area!

We have 51 meetings, and 10 groups.

Fellowship by the Lake just occurred, April 28-May 1.

We have a new secretary.

H&I chair just stepped down. And need treasure, co-facilitator and literature

New RCM Kerry L

Region Info:

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposal to create a Regional Service Pool

Ad-hoc is formed with Heidi and Tom. Will bring back a plan in May.

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Proposal to move the convention to November

No consensus

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposal to purchase two tablets & 4 Bluetooth Square readers for the TBRCNA.

Reader cost - ~\$49/ea [Tablets will be \$75/ea]

Answer: Yes

Proposal to change the name of Adopt An Inmate
Goes back to Areas for ideas

Answer: TBRNA Adopt an Inmate

We are really laid back

Rio Grande Valley

Kristina

Hello Family!

Things have been busy in the Rio Grande Valley as we continue to watch our meetings grow and more newcomers find our meetings every day. We currently have four (4) homegroups and nine (9) meetings per week. Many of the meetings are averaging 25-30 people per meeting while our daytime meetings have seen an increase to average 10 people per meeting. This is amazing growth though it has not come without some complications such as changing spaces to accommodate growth and being sure to maintain healthy relationships with our meeting spaces. There has been talk about starting new meetings in Harlingen and Brownsville and we hope to see this happen over the next quarter! Our phoneline has seen an increase of calls from the Lower Valley so starting meetings in these locations will definitely benefit the addict who still suffers in those locales.

Our Local Service Board has been busy staying on top of our phoneline and PR efforts around the Valley and we have another scheduled flyer day coming up in June. We currently have no H&I commitments, but hope this will change as we continue to grow and have more people involved in service. We have also been holding fellowship events every month to

increase unity in the area and show our newcomers that recovery is just as much fun as it is serious. We have recently held a picnic day, a game night, a movie night, and we are planning a bowling event for this month, as well as a beach day in June. Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, July 8th because that will be our 2nd Annual Speaker "Jim!" We are busy finalizing plans so be sure to check out our website and Facebook for updates. Everything will be finalized when our LSB meets next week!

If you're ever in the Valley, we hope you'll stop by!

In Loving Service,
Kristina C.
RCM-RGVANA

Additional

One group meeting place had a break in after a meeting.
Having a lot more local events

Southeast Texas

Vyki

SETANA Meetings

We have 10 groups and 60 meeting in the Southeast Texas Area. Our groups include: Agape Freedom in Orange, CCC in Beaumont, Just For Today in Beaumont, New Life in Rose City, Silsbee Group in Silsbee, Subject to Change in Beaumont, Wings of Freedom in Nederland, Freedom to Change in Orange, Partners in Recovery in Newton, and New Attitudes in Jasper. The SETANA ASC meets the last Sunday of every month.

H&I

Our H&I Committee currently brings meetings into 5 facilities.

Open Positions:

PI/PR will be open at our next ASC

We are also discussing creating an Outreach Chair position for the area – this subcommittee would go out to struggling groups in the area and help them with attendance, sponsorship, etc.

SETANA Events

We have several upcoming events over the next two months. They are:

- R_o_c_k_N'_R_e_c_o_v_e_r_y_o_n_5/20/2017_a_t_S_u_b_j_e_c_t_t_o_C_h_a_n_g_e_G_r_o_u_p_i_n_B_e_a_u_m_o_n_t,_T_X_ (s_t_a_r_t_s after the RSC). Christina R from San Antonio will be speaking. We will also have live music from Sea State 12, a potluck dinner (SETANA Activities committee will be providing burgers), auction, and clean time countdown.
- O_u_r_r_e_g_i_o_n_a_l_d_e_l_e_g_a_t_e/TBRNA will be facilitating a Learning Day on 5/21/2017 at the Wings of Freedom Group, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and lunch will be provided. Topics are: Atmosphere of Recovery in Service, How to Use our Guiding Principles, and Applying our Principles to

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Technology and Social Media. Lunch will be provided by the SETANA activities sub-committee.

- • _New Life is holding their 14th anniversary at Joe Hopkins Park in Vidor on June 3rd, 2017. 10 a.m. – _5 p.m. Thanh V. from New Life is speaking at Noon and Amy G. from GIGNA is speaking at 4 p.m.
- • _The SETANA Activities subcommittee is planning an area campout tentatively scheduled later this year. Any and all help would be appreciated.

See SETANA website for more event details.

Votes

Our ASC voted “yes” _to allowing TBRCNA to purchases card readers & tablets for the conventions.

Did not receive any suggestions for renaming the TBRNA Adopt an Inmate.

Other

We have several groups in the area that are struggling with attendance and lack of sponsors. These groups are requesting names and numbers of willing sponsors from other groups in our area. I’m sure contact info from willing members in our region would also be greatly appreciated.

In loving service,
Vyki D.

Discussion

They have a facility that is requesting books for their library. How can that happen?

Ed – You can give them the flyer but we normally send them to inmates

Tom – In McConnell and Garza East Units we worked with the counselors and were able to carry them in. This was for their library and not individual offenders.

Texas Tri-County

Vic

Area Groups and Meetings

14 groups

97 meetings per week

Area Business

PR and H&I – Regularly schedule subcommittee meeting The first Wednesday of every month at Kelly’s in Alvin@ 6:30 PM

Currently going into 3 prisons, 1 jail, and 4 treatment facilities.

Open positions at our area are Co-Treasurer

Area Events

GIGNA Tiki Torch meeting on the 3rd Sunday of the month

Texas City Here and Now Group Bonfires (see the Flyer)

Next RSC will be held at the New Hope Group in Alvin. Address is 204 S. Taylor St. Alvin TX. 77511.

Thank you to Paul S. for Coming to our areas Events to put up the Awesome P.R. Booth.

Area Donation
\$0.00

Presented by: Vic G RCM 1 and Trey J. RCM 2

Additional

Trey and Vic gave some details on upcoming events

Discussion

Tri-County has been removed from the Houston Metro schedule.

Jessi clarifies that Houston has not been able to contact Tri-County so they were removed

Tom – Talks about the PDF meeting maker at <https://pdfnameetings.org/>

Vic asks about the status on insurance certs.

Patsy – send me the groups that need certs and I will follow up. The request form is online at <https://tbrna.org/insurance-information>

Freedom

Bryan reads Mary report

Carrie C. and I are attending an NA convention in Baton Rouge this weekend.

The Freedom Area currently consists of 4 groups: Basic Recovery Group, Familia Unida, Living Clean Group and the New Heights Group. Our website address is: www.nafreedom.com

Area officers:

Facilitator – rotating

Co-Facilitators – Max K., Lisa H.

Recorder: Armicia C.

Treasurer – Patric G.

Co-Treasurer – Richard K.

Web Servant: Gordon M.

Policy – Max K.

RCM – Mary M.

RCM2 – Carrie C.

Basic Recovery Group, 1245 Heights Blvd., Houston, TX 77008. As of this RSC, the accounting of this group's monies from its former treasurer has not been resolved. Basic holds meetings on Fridays @ 8p.

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Familia Unida, 7301 Ave. F, Houston, TX 77011 holds meetings Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays @ 7p. Familia had their anniversary on April 22, 2017. Many of their speakers came from the Esperanza Area. Thank you Esperanza Area! It was a great success.

Living Clean Group, 11140 Green Bay, Houston, TX 77024 holds meetings on Saturdays @ 7p. This meeting predominately consists of addicts from H&I facilities. They are in need of support.

New Heights Group, 1245 Heights Blvd., Houston, TX 77008 holds meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays @ 8p and Tues. @ noon.

We have adopted the LSB service model. The AAI function held on Sunday, February 26, 2017 from 1-5p raised \$550.56. Our speaker was Evony M. This was a great success.

We are currently developing our Area policy. We have voted, as an Area, to give new groups who join Freedom, a group starter kit at no cost to them. One of our members, Kenny C. passed away on March 30, 2017. He was involved in all areas of service and organized the NA History Learning Day in November, 2016. He was instrumental in helping form Freedom, and continued the Adopt-an-Inmate effort in Houston. He is survived by his wife, Armicia C., 2 children, and 4 grandsons. He was and continues to be missed by all.

Votes for proposals are as follows:

- Move convention to November; changing from February - OPPOSED
- Upgrade security certificate. May cost \$264. This will enable regional website members to submit service resume; and AAI link to donate money. - APPROVED
- Co-hosting the regional meeting with Hascona – OPPOSED
- A name was submitted for the Regional AAI by email: TBRNA Inmate Request.

Our report reflects the conscience of the Freedom Area groups.

In loving service,

Mary M.

Cell: 281.650.1566

Carrie C.

Cell: 713.478.4569

Subcommittee Reports

Convention Advisory Committee

Shelby

The CAC met via GoToMeeting on April 23, 2017.

Present were: Michael S., John C., Allen E, Kristine B., Shelby T and Randie B. Dickie B. was absent.

We reviewed and proposed many updates to the Convention Guidelines. Those will be presented t next RSC. Input from this body will be accepted as well. Please contact Randie Benno at 214-537-6507.

Many questions were answered for Kristine and direction was given.

It was proposed and accepted that for TBRCNA 18 that the following will oversee:

Budget – Michael Timeline – John

Minutes – Randie Contract – Allen

Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention Narcotics Anonymous 17 (TBRCNA 17)

Shelby read report with embellishments

Thank you all for allowing me to be of service over the past years with TBRCNA 17. I covered most everything in my report at last region, so this will be short.

Myself, the TBRCNA 17 Treasurer, TBRCNA 18 Facilitator and Treasurer, and Regional Treasurer met on March 19th for TBRCNA 17 audit. All transactions were reconciled and the account was passed on to TBRCNA 18.

The final amount given to the Region was \$7771.64.

Thank you all again and I look forward to helping with the CAC over the next year.

Sincerely,

Shelby T.
TBRCNA 17 Facilitator

May 20, 2017

Discussion

Christina – Our Area, Esperanza, would like to know what happened to the room funds money and they have a proposal for the funds to get reimbursed.

Bryan asked that the proposal be presented in New Business

Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention Narcotics Anonymous 18 (TBRCNA 18)

Brian

Reviewed last convention committee meeting

Talked a little about a misprint on the first batch of pre-convention t-shirt. Cost will be an additional \$2/shirt to get the correct ones.

Making final touches on flyers

Discussion

Suggested by a few that the committee try to receive the misprinted shirts rather than have the vendor destroy them. They could be given to newcomers.

Literature Review

Lynn

Hello from Literature Review! It's great to be back at Region!

Literature Review is gathering input on two literature projects, a new IP about mental health in recovery and a new daily meditation book based on spiritual principles or Living Clean. The workgroup wants to know what you want the title to be for the IP – Mental Health in Recovery or Mental Illness in Recovery. Also do you want the meditation book to be based on spiritual principles or Living Clean?

There are many other questions for you to answer on questionnaires that you can find at na.org. Click on 'For Our Members' on the main menu, select 'Projects and Surveys' and you'll see the links for the questionnaires. Also I've brought some with me today.

Please let your Areas know that all input is welcome. If you don't want to fill out a questionnaire but have some opinions or ideas to share let me know.

The deadline for gathering input is June 1 so there's still time to Let Your Voice Be Heard!

Literature Review is always available to give workshops for Areas and Groups. Please let me know if you're interested. I love traveling!

If you need more information or have questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

In Loving Service,

Lynn S
210-379-1377

Additional

There are content questions at the end meditation book form
Proposed subcommittee policy is attached as Appendix B for voting at next RSC

[<https://na.org/?ID=projects>]

Discussion

Jessi – Is the deadline for the meditation book June 1st?

Lynn - The deadline for the questionnaire is June 1st, but I can still submit opinions or ideas.

Questionnaire looks brief

Many of the questions ask for essay responses but you do not have to answer ones that may intimidate you or are too long

Regional Service Pool Ad-hoc

Tom

There is a demo at <http://tbrdevel.com/>. Do not put sensitive information in this form. It was patterned after the World HR form with some additional information from a form that Paul provided.

There is a list of submissions at <http://tbrdevel.com/resume-list>

There will be work to determine the level of access for each participant in the process.

Public Relations

Paul with many embellishments

The TBRNA PI/PR subcommittee was asked to attend several events throughout the region this last quarter. I attended the HCANA service/learning day in New Braunfels. Much information was shared and NA literature was given out. I attended GIGNA's 36th Anniversary event in Galveston. Much NA information was shared and IP's & New Comer kits were given out at the clean time countdown. I attended NASCONA's Fellowship by the Lake event and conducted a "Unity In Action" Learning Day. It was based on the current IDT & Tradition One, "How to Use Guiding Principles" There was over 20 members in attendance and everyone participated.

I was well greeted at every event and the love for the fellowship was evident throughout these hard worked events.

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Special thanks to Vic G.GIGNA / Suni H. Susan, Laura from HCANA / & Gleena K. Laura B. NASCONA

ACCOMPLISHMENTS, GOALS, ACTIVITIES:

Set up NA PI display at Hill Country Area Hot-Digity Dog Service Workshop/Learning Day

Set up NA display at GIGNA Anniversary Event

Conducted a Learning Day from IDT on Unity from Guiding Principles Book NASCONA

ITEMIZED MONTHLY EXPENSES (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY)

Gave away 6 New Comer Survival Kits and various IP's at HCANA Learning Day

Gave away 17 Newcomer Survival Kits and various IP's at GIGNA Event gave away 6 New Comer Survival Kits at NASCONA Event

****RECIEPTS FOR GAS & ETC. on SEPERATE SHEET**

MOTIONS FOR ASC

PI/PR Sub Committee needs Literature supplies, 6 foot folding table

If any Area needs a workshop or would like the PI Display setup at their event, let me know

Additional

Needs \$300 for listed items. In budget but needs to be approved.
Consensus

Discussion

Clarification on what quarter these charges are for.

Next

Consensus to reimburse Paul for last quarter

Paul – Asks that a provided form be used to get contact information of Subcommittee facilitators. Particularly PI/PR members. It also requests event information.

Adopt an Inmate

Ed

Good afternoon everyone!!! It is an absolute honor and privilege to be of service to our region and to NA as a whole. My goal as AAI Facilitator is to work within the Tejas Bluebonnet Region to provide literature to the still suffering addict behind the walls through generating funds and also using the allotted budget.

I have to start this report, by expressing my disappointment in how the mail was not sent to me. In the last region I brought up the idea that if someone in Austin could send me the mail, we could get Basic Texts to Inmates faster. We agreed that I would turn over the mailbox key to Pasty P. I did not receive any mail, and I was just informed that a stack of mail was in the P.O. Box dating back to March. I have several ideas to alleviate this ongoing problem.

I am happy to report that we have been receiving orders from several Areas, via email. Esperanza Area for one, has been sending me regular request. They are taking the time as well to physically scan the letters and then emailing them to me. The majority of the orders for this quarter were from these very emails.

I would like to present a plan to hopefully solve our mail dilemma. Upon contemplation from the various emails concerning the AAI name change, I firmly believe the proposal to change the name may be unnecessary at this point.

This last quarter I was able to send out 29 copies of the Basic Text to 12 different facilities, 1 BT were sent to Garza West, 1 BT was sent to Hobby Unit, 1 BT were sent to Marlin Unit, 8 BT were sent to Dominguez Unit, 2 BT were sent to Wayne Scott Unit, 1 BT was sent to Lockhart Unit, 3 BT North Dorm SATF, 6 BT Halbert Unit, 1 BT Gatesville Unit, 1 BT Woodsman Unit.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the region and the still suffering addict in this capacity.

IN LOVING SERVICE,
Ed C.

Additional

Overview of the current mail flow.

Proposal to us UPS Store forwarding services

Shelby – Will there be an address store

Yes

Debbie – have local Austin folks email or text requests

Steve – What about the old address?

It will still be an active

Bryan – Some of the other changes will affect this

Jessi – Single point is defined. Just because it didn't work this time, doesn't mean its broken.

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Patsy – Will check the mail

John – There are other entities that have process that work

Stand asides for not having firm UPS charges and that we already have a system

No consensus

Proposal to have a form on the website for family members to request for inmates.

Shelby – Good idea

Layna & Lynn & Steve – but leave the mail system in place for inmates that do not have family

Debbie – Will the emails go to W Servant and then to AAI

Ed – No, directly to me

Debbie – Since it is readily available we may get an influx of requests. Make this in addition to the mail system

John – Letters are better for an addict showing a desire. But the electronic in addition

Paul – Set it by the donation button so families can donate
We do not take donations from non-members

Shelby – Limit it to Texas inmates. Make the form informative

Christina – Check out the project “Primary Purpose” in Nebraska

Tom – is the a limit to our scope. Units only in our Region? Texas?

Ed – Long term facilities in Texas

Tom – Form with TDCJ Unit selector and one for treatment center.

Ed will take this back and provide more information. Look at other service bodies that are providing similar services.

Proposal to have printed forms available so, if the facility will allow it, the H&I panel leader will collect them from the inmates.

Bryan – You are not supposed to communicate with the offenders

Jessi – You can get permission to do this

Make sure the facility agrees to let us do this.
This should be coordinated with H&I.

Consensus

Proposal to create database of recipients to avoid duplicates.

Shelby – just develop a method to check for duplicates

Bryan – maybe keep a list of TDCJ id numbers

Laura – let an inmate give away texts. What is the harm

John – we should have some parameters. Maybe one per year

Christine – We had discussed this at a previous RSC that AAI would create a list

Steve – There are many opportunities to lose your Basic Text in the Joint. I say, if an inmate wants a book, send them one.

No consensus

Open Discussion

Proposals for 2018 WSC (World Service Conference)

Bryan – There is an August 1st deadline for getting Regional Proposals into the CAR (Conference Agenda Report). Most likely, if we did, we would have had discussions and a lucid, viable proposal by now. As the RD team pointed out, there is the possibility that we could get something together to be presented on the floor of the conference.

Tom – Is there a way for you guys to blast a proposal as it is brought to the floor.

Dennis – Heidi posted everything that was brought up at the conference. We couldn't respond as a region, but we were up to date on what was going on.

Tom – So, if TBR comes up with something in the next couple of RSCs, could you discuss it with other participants in your webinars? So that they know what Tejas Bluebonnet is going to present?

Brandon – Hungry kid analogy about members gathering all the information that they can. Before the Conference, there are postings on message boards about amendments to the CAR so participants have a pretty good idea of what is coming up.

Dennis – The proposal can go in one way, but it could change in the process. We have to be present and use our conscience to guide us.

Christina – Blogged from the floor and it can change quickly. At Mountaineer Region our delegates had a vote of confidence from the Region and trust that they know, generally, how the Region feels. The message boards are great for getting information out before it hits new business.

Subcommittee support

Bryan – Michelle, Lynn and Paul make an effort to contact Area Subcommittee Facilitators and ask them to participate.

Lynn – Urges that you let your Areas know that if there is anyone interested in finding out about Literature Review, not only Facilitator, give them her contact information. Loves talking to members that are interested in Literature. [210-379-1377]

Later in the meeting

Kelly explained her understanding of the HASO/TBR AAI issues.

Some light discussion ensues

HASO is incorporated but Adopt An Inmate is not

Let's keep it simple "TBR Adopt An Inmate"

We're not really adopting and inmate

Proposals (New Business)

Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention 17

Bryan – Last RSC there were some pretty harsh "You shouldn't have done that" discussion. We are not going back there. There are 2 contradictory proposals upcoming.

Proposal 1 – That the staff rooms be refunded to the Region by the individuals that used them.

Proposal 2 – That the CAC (Convention Advisory Committee) research the wording regarding staff rooms made available in the hotel contracts and that it be made specific and clear in wording so that future Convention Committees have no confusion about financial responsibility regarding contracted rooms. And that no reimbursement be sought at this time.

Shelby – Talks a bit more about the history of the complimentary rooms usage during the 2017 cycle.

Cyndi – At previous conventions we have allowed staff members to pay for discounted rooms. The Treasurer is provided a room during the convention. There

are 2 sets of guidelines going around this region. Convention Facilitator and Treasurer are to remain on site the whole weekend, while other members are only required to be on site during the hours of the convention.

Dennis – Which set of guidelines are we following?

Shelby – We are using TBRCC Guidelines version 2.2

Christina – Esperanza wants to make it clear that it is not okay to do this. That why we are asking for reimbursement.

A bit of back and forth about 2 sets of guidelines

Steve – Maybe the best version of the Guidelines need to be decided on.

Christina – Askes Shelby if his set of guidelines says that you can give staff rooms to committee members.

Shelby – No

Christina – Then why are we discussing the guidelines? Not relevant to the proposals.

Bryan to Brian – Have your committee get with the CAC and make sure that the guidelines are current and we will approve them in the next 2 RSCs.

Shelby – We (as CAC) have started the process of reviewing guidelines

Steve – Have guidelines define which members must be on site during weekend of operating hours.

Cyndi – Make it clear that the convention does not pay for the extra rooms

After discussion the voting went like this:

Proposal 1

Stand asides:

Cause financial harm to members

Unclear guidelines

No mal intent

Tacky to ask someone to pay for something you already gave them

Hotel and Fellowship have different language

No Consensus

Proposal 2

Consensus

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Proposal to amend the TBR Policy to require the RD & RDA to facilitate at least one Regional Learning Day per quarter. With workshops based on topics discussed at the Southern Zonal Forum meetings. The RD/RDA will be responsible for coordinating with interested Areas scheduling and hosting. The hosting Area will be responsible for providing the venue.

Last RSC removed the requirement of bi-annual scheduled learning days. This proposal will increase the previous requirement.

Christina – Would like to take it back to Areas to see what they would want to fund

Kristina – What in the financial policy will this effect?

Dennis – Previous requirement had the November Learning Day was used for CAR review.

So maybe we need one schedule workshop once every two years.

This goes back to the Areas

Proposal to have the Region to pay up to \$100 to get the Brazos Valley Area website up to date.

Consensus

Proposal to provide \$350 to the Bravos Valley Area for literature

Consensus

She needs to stop crying because she is making the rest of us cry

Proposals (Old Business)

Proposal to purchase two tablets & 4 Bluetooth Square readers for the TBRCNA.

Consensus

Proposal to change the name of Adopt An Inmate

Stand asides:

Not necessary at this time

It is working just fine

No Consensus

Final balance

Cyndi – During meeting

\$1687.28 << checks

\$12865.09 << final

\$4500 << prudent

\$8365 << working

\$6526.58 << to World (50% convention proceeds to World and 20% quarterly)

\$1838.51 << remaining

Announcements

Open positions

- Co-Treasurer
- Internet Technologies Facilitator
- One more Convention Advisory Board Member

Regional Service Conference Summer 2017

Saturday, August 12, 2017, 9am - 5pm

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