

NEW DOMINION AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 13, 2011

1. Opened with Serenity Prayer at 4:00 p.m. by Richard S.
2. Purpose was read by Johnny C.
3. Traditions read by Robert W.
4. Concepts read by Bill M.
5. Attendance:
 - a. Roll Call: Quorum met with 22 voting and 4 reporting GSR's.
 - b. New Meetings: Better Understanding Recovery (Meets Thursdays at 2:00PM at Hatcher)
 - c. Motion: To accept minutes as written. Mover: Johnny C.. 2nd: Bill M. Approved 21-0-0.
 - d. Call for new motions to Policy to be given to Policy Subcommittee Chair.

6. Executive Committee Reports

Chair: Hello Area. After seeing how our elections calendar looks after our changes to ease the Executive Committee transition for banking responsibility and accountability, I think we should figure out a better stagger than we have. Looking at the policy calendar, I see we missed the H&I Chair election that we were supposed to do last month. After communicating with the H&I Chair, he suggested we table elections for that position until next month. – ILS, Richard S.

Vice Chair: Special Events is in complete disarray, I am now trying to get on top of it. Holiday events are coming, working with TAPS to have an inexpensive New Years Eve celebration any and all help would be greatly appreciated. I will be leaving after the report to go bail my dog out of puppy prison. Tom and Donna Lee have done an outstanding job in carrying out this body's desire to have a workshop, that's the kind of service this fellowship deserves. Keep in mind nominations and elections for Executive Committee positions are upon us; please announce and think hard about serving. – ILS, Oley O.

<u>Treasurer</u> :	October 7 th Tradition Income	1,169.80
	Literature Income	883.21
	Expenses	(1,265.74)
	Bank Balance	6,153.59
	Uncleared Checks	(1,230.27)
	Prudent Reserve	(1,500.00)
	Available Balance	3,423.32

Elections for Treasurer are being held in December.

- ILS, Jim M.

Secretary: All is well. – ILS, Brian C.

7. Group Reports

All Are Welcome: Not Present.

Another Look: Not Present.

Courage To Change: Not present.

Courthouse Freedom: We meet on Fridays at 8:00PM at the Central Baptist Church in the annex building. Attendance has dropped due to hunting season. We have had 10-15 recovering addicts attending. We are continuing to carry the 5th and 7th tradition. All is well with no special needs. – ILS, Harry M. (No Donation.)

Fan Club: Not present.

Gratitude Group: All is well at Gratitude. We meet Monday nights at 7:30 at Bon Air United Methodist Church on Buford Road. We are an open discussion meeting with 25-35 addicts regularly in attendance. No special needs at this time. – ILS, Chris S. (Donation \$80.00)

Grow or Go: Not present.

High Hopes High Hopes meets every Thursday night from 7:30-8:30PM at the Cool Springs Baptist Church in Mechanicsville. We have been doing a little better with attendance as of late, but are in need of more home group members, especially one with clean time.– ILS, Lee T. (No Donation)

Hope Fiends Since the last ASC, Hope Fiends weekly attendance at the Mt. Pisgah Preschool in Midlothian rose to about 30 addicts. Our home group consists of 11 active members with the addition of a new home group member last Thursday evening. The weather was perfect for our 11th Annual Bonfire and Brunswick stew. This year, during the first meeting, I counted about 200 in attendance. Our first speaker, Holly P., made the drive from Northern Virginia and the experience, strength, and hope she shared made for an inspirational message of recovery. The evening was filled with fellowship, food, inspirational meetings, pumpkin carving and the laughter of children. Hope Fiends wishes to thank everyone who attended for a wonderful evening and we are already looking forward to the next Bonfire. Our next event is our annual Thanksgiving day eating meeting. The doors to the Mt. Pisgah Preschool will open at 6:30 and we will have tables set up for food. This is a pot-luck event so please bring any left-overs to the meeting to share with those looking for a safe place to enjoy the holiday meal. This last month Bill M. celebrated 6 years in recovery and next Thursday, Tim C. will celebrate 23 years.. – ILS, Bill M. (Donation \$100.00)

HOW: Not present.

I Can't We Can: All is well at I Can't We Can. Please join us every Friday night at 8:00PM at Westminster Presbyterian Church at the corner of Monument and Malvern The meeting starts with a speaker for the first 15 minutes who shares on a spiritual principle. The rest of the meeting is open discussion. – ILS, Charles L. (Donation \$180.00)

Inside Hope: Not present.

Into the Light: All is well at Into the Light. We meet Wed at 7:30PM. Attendance is 30-50 and home group membership is still growing. No special needs. – ILS Jeff S. (Donation \$60.00)

It Works How and Why: Not Present. (No Donation)

Just Steppin': This meeting is doing well in attendance. We usually have 55-60 in addicts Most are newcomers. We purchased 85.26 of literature in including keytags and basic texts and have \$27.24 for a donation. We had an addict celebrate a year and have another addict celebrating a year coming up this week. – ILS, Chris T. (Donation \$27.24)

Keep Coming Back: Keep Coming Back meets Tuesday nights from 8:00-9:00PM at Epiphany Catholic Church at 11000 Smoketree lane in Chesterfield VA. We have a round-robin, open discussion format. We have about 15-20 people meeting on a regular basis. We have one homegroup member, Monica, celebrating her one year anniversary this Tuesday night. Keep Coming Back and HOW are sponsoring a Christmas party on Dec 20th from 6:30-9:00PM at Epiphany Episcopal Church. We will be having a pot luck dinner and all are welcome. – ILS Papa John (Donation \$25.00)

Keeping It Simple Hello everyone. Keeping it Simple meets every Wednesday at 5:30pm at 306 Turner Road. We are a It Works: How and Why (you know the “other Basic Text”) study meeting. Our attendance is averaging about 6-12 addicts weekly... No special needs at this time except your attendance. We have a \$20.00 donation to the AREA. – ILS, Johnny C. (Donation \$20.00)

Let the Healing Begin: all is well at Let the Healing Begin. There are between 10-15 addicts attending every Thursday night from 7:30-8:30PM. Please come and join us for meditation and discussion. – ILS, Mimi B.. (No Donation)

MFS: All is well at MFS. We meet Mondays at 8:00PM at Gayton Road Christian Church. We average 8-15 addicts a week and picked up two new homegroup members. Our GSR resigned and I will be acting GSR. In terms of special needs, we need more people in our meeting as AA is getting on our backs! (Donation \$20.00)

Never Alone: Not present.

No Matter What: Not Present.

No Strings Attached: This meeting is going well but we could use some support with clean time. 8-10 addicts attending weekly. We have no donation this month as I was not in attendance at our monthly business meeting (I was sick.) Naturally, or donation will be better next month. – ILS, Mike P. (No Donation)

Not High Noon: All is well at Not High Noon. We meet Monday – Thursday from 12:15-1:15PM at the Family Counseling Center of Richmond just off Midlothian Turnpike. We average 20 addicts per meeting, and have a donation of \$80.00. FCCR will be closed Thanksgiving Thursday, so we will not be having a meeting that day. – ILS, Gwen T. (Donation \$80.00)

On Our Way: All is well at On Our Way. We meet at 6:00 every Thursday night at the Hatcher Memorial Church. We average about 40-60 addicts a week. – ILS, Tony. (No Donation)

P.U.H.: All is well. P.U.H. is a rotating format meeting that meets every Tuesday here at Hatcher at 5:30PM. We average about 20 people per meeting. – ILS, Ian B. (Donation \$20.93)

Riverside Recovery: All is well at Riverside Recovery. Attendance has varied from 4-19 people – we are grateful for those who brave the cold. On Nov. 27th Thomas S will celebrate 24 years clean. – ILS, Walter B. (Donation \$46.00)

Serene Women: We meet Mondays at 5:30PM here at Hatcher, all is well. Always in need of strong women. – ILS, Megan V. (Donation \$20.00)

S.H.A.R.E.: S.H.A.R.E. (Sharing Hope And Recovery Environment) is a group focusing on the spiritual principles behind the steps and traditions. We meet Tuesdays at 8:00PM at Lakeside United Methodist Church on Hilliard Rd. Last week we celebrated Chris S.'s one year of recovery. All is well and all are welcome. – ILS, Bruce H. (Donation \$40.00)

South of the James: We have a few new home group members and are averaging ten addicts in attendance. South of the James continues to be a Basic Text study meeting with an intimate loving atmosphere.. – ILS, Bronwen M.. (Donation \$20.00)

Spiritual Connection: Spiritual Connection meets every Saturday night from 6:30-7:30PM at the Johnston-Willis 4th floor auditorium. We average 30-40 addicts a week. An addict by the name of John F. celebrated last night. Spiritual Connection is having a holiday open house before our meeting on Saturday Christmas Eve starting at 5:30-6:30PM, prior to our regular meeting. Please come out and join us. – ILS, John F. (Donation \$90.00)

Sunday Hope: Everything is great at Sunday Hope. We are just getting a strong home group back together and are excited to be back at area. We are in need of new home group members to fill some positions. We meet on Sundays at 6:00PM at Hatcher Church. – ILS, Tracey N. (Donation \$50.00)

Survivors: All is well. – ILS Danny H. (Donation \$134.00)

T.A.P.S.: TAPS has an average of 30-40 addicts in attendance which the majority are under a year clean and encourages those with black keytags to attend for sponsorship purposes. Homegroup consists of approximately ten people, four are new. The Wednesday before Thanksgiving, food will be served at 5:00PM with a speaker meeting. TAPS proposes to sponsor the annual New Years Dance and hopes to have the support of Area Service. All else is well. – ILS, Tammie N. (No Donation)

Together We Can: Meeting is held at the Rogers building in Chesterfield from 7:30-8:30PM. Attendance is steady at 15-20. We have a number of newcomers each week, and two celebrations in the next month. Please note the fact that we pay our rent with literature; this is why we have no donation to area most months. – ILS, David D. (No Donation)

Vision Without Limits: We are doing well at the Visions Without Limits homegroup. Our attendance has been steady with 10-15 addicts each week. We meet every Wednesday at Mount Vernon Baptist Church on Nuckols Road from 7:00-8:00PM. We just had a homegroup member celebrate his first year of recovery (Chris G.) last month and we are looking forward to celebrating many more. Please come out and visit us as all are welcome and encouraged to attend.. – ILS Steve K (Donation \$23.00)

We Women Do Recover: We are a women's group that meets Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:00PM at the Parish house next to Boulevard United Methodist Church. This is an NA approved literature study meeting, with discussion afterwards for the 1st - 3rd Tues of every month; for the

4th Tuesday it is open discussion. If there is a fifth Tuesday, we try to have a speaker.. – ILS, Jody S. and Jaelle M. (Donation \$75.00)

What Can We Do: All is well at What Can We Do. Attendance is low, mostly treatment addicts. Need more experience, strength and hope. Please support.. – ILS, Kenny J. (Donation \$10.00)

Winner's Circle: Not present.

8. Subcommittee Reports 4:31p.m.

Public Relations: We had a phone line workshop on October 31, 2011 and added four new members. I went to unit PR on Nov. 7. We went over the meeting lists, the phone bill and updated the phone line workshop book. I am collecting all information on phone bill expenses from the past year in order to compare different companies and find the best rate. Caitlyn is working on the poster for GRTC. WE hope to have that completed by January 2012. The meeting lists are available thanks to Unity PR and Randy. WE are in need of members for the PR Subcommittee. We have a lot of work and only a few members to do it. Jerry is also looking for a person to help with the website. He would like to train others who would take over his position in the future. A laptop or PC is necessary for this position. Anybody interested please come to the next PR Subcommitte meeting on Dec 11, 2011 at 2:30PM. October's phone bill was \$239.63. If anyone knows of new or closed meetings please let me know ASAP. If there are any holiday parties or open houses please make a flyer and send it to Jerry ASAP (webmaster@metrorichna.org) so it can be posted on our website. - ILS, Diane R.

Hospitals and Institutions: Hello Family, all is well with H&I at this time. The chair position for H&I is open, although the committee would ask the ASC to table this until next month so that we can bring forth our nomination. Also the subcommittee was contacted by the Chesterfield Juvenile Detention Center about bringing a meeting in to them. Per the subcommittee I have turned over the info to PR so that they can contact the facility to set up a presentation. Also the subcommittee spent a total of \$337.26 on literature this month. – ILS, Brad J.

Literature: Hello Family, All is well in Literature at this time. Please be advised and make announcements at meetings that the literature chair position is coming open in December. Thank you. Total literature order this month was \$642.90. – ILS, Angel B.

Policy: Policy manual changes are here, please take a look. I hav asked for more money to print out enough finished copies for each homegroup and committee chair to get a finished copy. In terms of elections coming up, we need people to fill the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and H&I Chair positions.. – ILS, Tom B.

Special Events: No report (see vice chair report).

Outreach: Hello all. Nothing major to report. We have managed to hit a couple of new meetings this past month. I might add that one of the great benefits of OutReach is that it gets you to a meeting where you normally wouldn't have gone. It's always feels great that I and we of OutReach can be of service in some small way to your home group. So if there are any home groups out there that need any assistance in any way let us know. I just attended PUH (Pure, Unadulterated Hope) the other week and this meeting already is strong. Though recently started it already has several home group members and a steady state of attendees. I salute whoever had the "vision" to start this meeting at that particular

time slot. We also managed to get to High Hopes on Thursday night and this meeting continues to be in need of support. I do believe we also have a new meeting starting up on Thursday afternoon at 2:00pm at the Hatcher Center and will be giving them a starter kit today. As always if Outreach can help you out in any way please contact myself or one of the Outreach members. – ILS, Johnny C. 615-1099

9. Trusted Servant Reports:

VRCC Director: Not a whole lot to report this month as we approach the convention. There are several contracts that need to be approved and a couple of logo changes to some of the merchandise that that will be sold at the convention (The items are too small and the logo has too much detail). We do have the situation with treasurer duties that were unfulfilled. Hopefully, these things will be resolved by the end of the VRCC meeting. The next VRCC meeting will be held on Sunday, November 20th, 2011 at the UVA hospital on the ground floor meeting room starting at noon. One last note, we need a vice chair for the VRCC. This is a very important position for this service body. Any nominations please bring them to me or this floor, thanks. – ILS, Randy C.

Alt. VRCC Director: No report this month. – ILS, Mike M.

RCM: On October 15th I attended the 152nd RSC here at Hatcher. Surprisingly there were no motions for me to bring back. This was a two day event, but due to being sick I was unable to attend the second day. One thing that was discussed is that it would be helpful for the current regional chairperson to have all of the contact information for the current subcommittee chairs. I am asking all of the New Dominion area subcommittee chairs to please email me this information at bradleyryan72@yahoo.com. Both of the motions we voted in favor of at our last area passed. World Service is also conducting a member survey on the www.na.org website. The deadline is December 31st, and I encourage everyone to participate. It was also brought to my attention that the reservation number on the flyer for the upcoming AVCNA is wrong. The correct number for the Cavalier Hotel is 1-800-446-8199. – ILS, Brad M.

Alt RCM: Not Present, need to re-elect a replacement.

10. Quorum check: 22 voting

11. Call for Policy Chair to bring new motions to Chair. 5:07 pm.

12. Money Matters

13. Old Business: 5:08 pm.

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Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, H&I Chair, Literature Chair and Alt. RCM.

14. New Business: 5:12 pm.

- a. None

15. Motions:

- a. **Motion 1-11**

Mover: Bill M, Seconded Johnny C (Passed 21-0-1)

Moved: To suspend policy regarding the approval and publication of the new Policy Guide until after the budget is approved in January.

Intent: To include correct information about policy changes when the guide is published.

16. Open Forum: 5:20 pm.

- a. Discussion about ordering proper amount of meeting lists. Was determined to order more next time around.

17. Motion to close: Mover: Wes S. 2nd: Bronwen M. 22-0-0.

18. Announcements

17. Closed with Serenity Prayer at 5:35 p.m.