

NDANA AREA MEETING MINUTES FOR August 11, 2024

Tina S opened with the Serenity Prayer

Purpose read by: Thomas

Twelve Traditions read by: Pam

Twelve Concepts read by: James

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Administrative Committee Reports:

Chair:

Hi Family, all is well!

Just want to let everyone know that our administrative committee has been continually meeting once a month a week prior to area. When we have met it has been very informative and helpful so when we meet here at Area we have all our ducks in a row. Last month our treasurer had reported that the Tri-Cities check had not cleared our account. I have since reached out to their Chair Bob G, he plans on letting me know soon after he speaks with their treasurer.

It was brought to my attention that our VRCC Alt Director has not attended or turned in a report in over two months. Per our policy that position is to be vacated and sent back to our homegroups to bring in a new nominee the following month. I did reach out to Butch to allow him to know. If there is a need for discussion on this we can discuss it in new business today.

Thank you all for your service.

In Loving Service,
Tina S

Vice-Chair:

Hi Family,

Not much to report this month.

We did receive two additional checks from Tri-Cities area. I will be voiding them and returning them to the Tri-Cities area post office with an explanation as to why.

In Loving Service,
John M

Secretary:

Hey fam! All is well with Secretary. A few things to note:

1. Met with administrative committee last Sunday.
2. As y'all (hopefully) noticed, I was able to send out minutes, Back to HG report, and a celebration/events list the day after Area last month. I still have concerns that people are now even less likely to actually read the minutes, but today I'm practicing accepting the things I cannot change. I did happen to be off that Monday, so it wasn't a true test of how sustainable that will be, but now that I'm work from home on Mondays I believe it will be. Gentle reminder that neither Back to HG summaries nor a separate celebrations/events list is part of Secretary responsibilities per policy.
3. I realized last Area I may have accidentally been setting future Secretaries up for failure regarding the budget. With the exception of a single \$5.40 check, I have not been filing for reimbursement for the blank reports and forms provided at Area, as I'm able to afford it out of pocket and had been considering it a form of 7th tradition donation. What I realized is that, in so doing, the Area doesn't have a way to track the costs incurred by Secretary. I want to be sure those costs are recorded so they don't get taken out of the budget and make things more difficult for future Secretaries, so I will be filing for reimbursements moving forward. Mostly I just wanted to make note of this so that it's on record that spending for Secretary this year will be slightly lower than actual costs incurred as a result of my well-intentioned but poorly-thought-out decision not to file earlier in the year.
4. As always, I appreciate when you all state your names prior to motioning, seconding, or otherwise speaking so that I can most accurately record the minutes.

ILS,
PowPow

Treasurer:

Hello Family -

All is well with the Treasurer.

Numbers:

- See attachment [August NDANA Treasurer.pdf]

Old Business:

- We are still waiting for Tri-Cities to cash an outstanding check and there are still 3 missing invoices from Free State.
- We are ready to send our first CARNA donation in the amount of \$4876.62 for the year. We did not send to CARNA last year and will be discussing how to rectify.
- Ad-Hoc additional child accounts meeting will be on Aug 18
- Rent for Feb to Aug was purchased and will be given to McShin today

New Business

- There is a budget in place for RCM and VRCC to reimburse for travel expenses. While NDANA appreciates those that can afford to not be reimbursed, it affects the budget. Requesting that RCM/VRCC look at their budget numbers and decide if they are in need of the amount listed.
- We need to adhere to policy regarding literature orders. All lit orders are to be made to the Literature Chair on the Sunday BEFORE area and will be in pending status until Treasurer receives notice that order is waiting.
- We are going to be canceling the debit card and reordering a new one

Thanks for letting me be of service,

Deb W

Questions for Treasurer

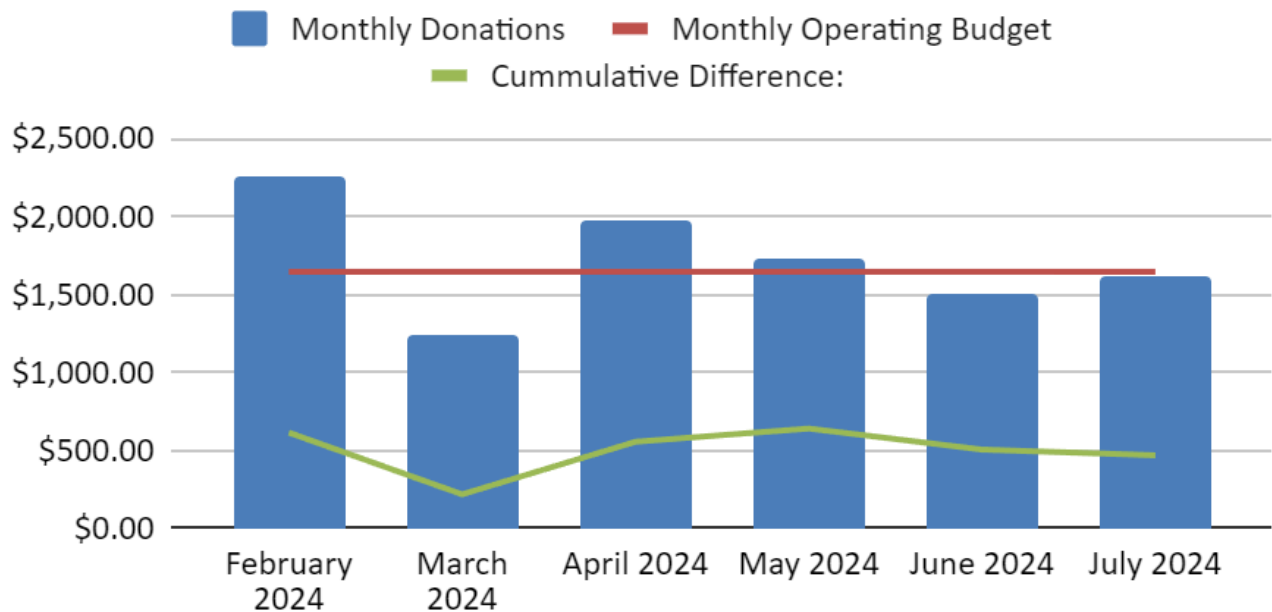
Bryan asked for clarification on whether literature orders needing to be placed by the Sunday before Area means a full week beforehand. Answer was yes, per existing policy. Adam asked if that applies to HGs or all orders. Answer was that it applies to all. John M asked if that date could be moved to Monday the week of Area in order to accommodate Sunday night meetings, however that would need to be a policy change. Hilary (Literature Chair) stated meetings that meet Sunday evening can still send texts to her that Sunday night and will be considered within deadline.

Vice-Treasurer:

Hey Family,

All is well with Vice Treasurer. In July the monthly accrued operating budgets totaled \$1645.42 and we brought in \$1608.81 in donations. Total accrued budgets so far this fiscal year are \$9872.50, and total donations received so far this year are \$10,340.36. I have included in my report a chart showing our monthly accrued expenses compared to donation income.

Monthly Donations, Monthly Operating Budget and Difference:



ILS,
Scott M

Policy:

I apologize for missing last month's ASC. All is well with Policy. I recently received an editable copy of the policy to make recent motion changes. Will also be following up with interested parties to continue ad hoc work on policy updates. Heads up, next month will hold election for PR Chair. Please bring nominations/volunteers to next month's ASC. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

ILS,
Allison R

RCM:

The last RSC convened on June 15, 2024. No meet was held in July. The next RCM will be held on 8/17.

Etta L and I manned the CARNA-sponsored NA table/booth at the Virginia Summer Institute for Addiction Policy Studies in Williamsburg. We had a decent amount of traffic at our table—professionals were asking about NA's stance on medical marijuana and DRT/MAT. Some of the conversations were constructive and informative; others were angry. We provided IPs etc. on NA and medication and reiterated that NA has no opinion on outside issues.

Attached with my report will be a flyer for the Tidewater Unity Day in the Park Cookout on Sat 8/24 from 12-4pm at Lafayette Park in Norfolk. [\[see attachment Unity-Day-Norfolk-2024.pdf\]](#)

ILS,

Carol M

RCM, Alternate:

Same as above.

ILS,
Linda C.

VRCC Director:

Hello Family

The VRCC is doing well. All positions are filled except Policy. We have a new Executive Committee that is working hard to get the AVCNA back on track. Missing a convention this past year brought more participation to the VRCC. Along with the new executive officers there are 10 areas represented by their directors.

The VRCC is actively helping the 41st AVCNA in their efforts to host the 41st here in New Dominion and helping the host committee from Roanoke Valley to get started on the 42nd AVCNA. At our last VRCC meeting in July the host committee officers were confirmed for the 42nd. We are on track for the next two conventions for 2025 and 2026.

The VRCC is actively working to develop the 3-year rotation. Currently they are researching hotel sites in Hampton Roads to hold the 43rd AVCNA in 2027. As part of the rotation development, new bid guidelines are being developed to adopt the 3-year rotation. Watching the rotation development is exciting because it is the future of the AVCNA and its success.

Our next VRCC meeting will be September 15th in Charlottesville at the UVA hospital. Please announce that the Policy position is open, and elections will be held in the next business meeting.

ILS
Jeff H

VRCC Alt. Director:

I have nothing to report from the VRCC but I do have some explaining to do to NDANA. I have had a lot going on in my life that absorbed every minute of time that I had. My life has returned back to as normal as it can be for this addict. I realize that I have not kept up with my commitment as the VRCC Alt Director. Service work does mean a lot to me because it is part of what keeps me clean. I will participate in my commitment and plan to follow through with it from now on. I hope that NDANA will allow me to continue to serve as the VRCC Alt Director.

ILS,
Butch N.

Subcommittee Reports:

Campout:

All is well with Campout. Christopher Run is coming up September 6th-6th hope to see everyone there. We need black key taggers to come if possible, lots of newcomers will be attending. T-shirts will be available there, other than that that's all I have..

ILS,
Howard H

Questions for Campout:

John M asked if they put in a money order req. Howard answered, yes, 4k out of escrow.

[see attachment [Christopher Run.pdf](#)]

Hospitals & Institutions:

Hey Family,

H&I meets the second Sunday of every month at 2pm here at Hatcher Memorial prior to ASC. We currently have one position open and that is for our H&I Regional Representative Chair. The Richmond Metropolitan Area PR and H&I subcommittees had their first of 2 Learning days this year on August 3. We will be requesting reimbursement of \$129.24 for food for this event. The Event went well and we will meet again next Monday, August 19th to discuss the 2nd event for October. We have also approved more policy changes and will update soon.

We have 3 facilities that are going to be opening up in the near future. Women's CCAP, Chesterfield Men's, and the Women's State Farm Work Center. With these facilities opening up we are in search of a number of men and women trusted servants that would like to be of service taking meetings into our institutions. Please see the list of facilities and contact information in the minutes.

Beaumont Prison every other Thursday 7-8 (need clearance) Mark C jaws7658@gmail.com

VCBR Wednesdays 7-8 (need clearance) Mike "Monte" livninthesticks@aol.com

James River Juvenile every other Thursday 6:30-7:30 Chelsea R (need clearance)

chelsearndana@gmail.com

The Healing Place Friday 6:30-7:30 sjmiles2013@gmail.com

Women's State Farm Work Camp scootz44@yahoo.com

Women's CCAP ndanachair@gmail.com

Men's Chesterfield pait4261@yahoo.com

Please reach out to me at 804-735-3852 for more information.

ILS,
Chelsea R/ Linda S

Literature:

Hi family, all is well with literature. I wanted to remind everyone of the ordering deadline, which as Debbie said, is now the end of the day the Sunday prior to area. I also will not be continuing my position as literature chair when my time is up in January, so if anyone is interested in being nominated, please let me know, and I can let you know what the requirements are and what it entails.

Thanks, ILS, Hilary

Questions for Literature:

Linda asked if we no longer have a literature subcommittee. Hilary answered it's just her doing the work. Linda asked if there could be a subcommittee. Tina advised it is usually just one person. Linda asked for clarity on whether a subcommittee is required per policy, the answer was no.

Hilary also provided copies of bulk order forms, which Secretary has also scanned for distribution. [see [attachments 2023 NAWS ORDER FORM.pdf & BULK FROM FREESTATE.pdf](#)]

Public Relations:

The PR unified subcommittee met on July 15, 2024 via Zoom. We continued to prepare for our Unified Public Relations & H&I subcommittee workshop day. The workshop was held on August 3, 2024 in Petersburg VA. We had a good turnout and I believe the individuals that attended the workshop left with a better understanding of what the PR and H&I subcommittees do to help the sick and suffering addict. We plan on holding another workshop in the New Dominion or Richmond area later in the year. I will probably have more information on that next month. The purpose of this event is to inform, educate, and recruit for both the PR and H&I subcommittees. This is a wonderful event for any recovering addict who is looking to serve N.A. Our next subcommittee meeting is next Monday, August 19th @ 6:00pm on zoom, I have included the login information below:

Unified Zoom info:
ID # - 84907943584
Password - PR

For the month of July, the phone line had 13 volunteer calls, 3 missed calls, and 1 meeting lookup.

For the month of July, the website had 6,547 visitors and 13,848 views.

Meeting lists are available on the table.

ILS,
Jenny M

Outreach:

Hello family, in case I don't make it in time. All is well. I had ordered a new meeting kit two to be exact, one was given to "The Bridge." And the other one will be for the other new meeting that just started. Outreach will meeting again towards the end of this month at a time to be announced within the next couple days.

As always, in loving service Esteban, your outreach coordinator.

Any questions please feel free to reach me at 7575892287.

ILS,
Esteban

Questions for Outreach:

Outreach was not yet present, but PowPow asked on the floor if Outreach would be settling on a regular meeting time and location, a topic revisited later during open forum.

Special Events:

All is well with Special Events. The pool party last night was a success. We haven't had a chance to fully process the numbers but was well attended and definitely in the black. Will have a full report next Area. Thanks again for all who helped make it a good time.

ILS,
John-Mark B

[Ad Hoc] 41st AVCNA:

All is well, still in the planning stages. List of all subcommittee meeting times on Facebook. Flyers will be going out soon if not already. Meet the 3rd Saturday of the month at McShin either in Chapel or 3rd floor at 10am, help needed and welcome.

ILS,
Bryan (Ben F not present, no report from him)

[Ad Hoc] History:

We did not have a meeting this month. I had an emergency surgery so I didn't try to coordinate a meeting. There was no meeting in July because Richmond's liaison was not able to attend.

I would like to table this ad hoc committee until February due to both Areas having crunch time on their conventions.

ILS,
Linda C

[Ad Hoc] Policy Review:

I plan on following up today to get an updated list of interested parties for a weekly/ bi-weekly zoom policy review. Anyone interested can e-mail me at rullial0822@gmail.com

ILS,
Allison R

[Ad Hoc] Child Accounts:

The first meeting of the Ad-Hoc Child Accounts committee will be meeting virtually on Aug 18 at 10:00am. Members include Bryan M, Johnmark, Allison R (Policy), Scott M (Vice Treasurer), and Tina S (Chair).

In service,
Deb W

Home Group Reports:

A New Way to Live	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

A Spiritual Connection	Voting
Donation:	0
Literature Order:	0
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Susan S

A Simple Solution	Reporting
Donation:	0
Literature Order:	0
Special Needs:	In need of experience, strength, and hope.
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Joel C

Another Chance	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Any Lengths	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service	

Atheists Recover Too	
Donation:	
Literature:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Back Door Group	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Basic Text Recovery	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	

Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Building Bridges	Voting
Donation:	40.00
Literature Order:	24.60
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	Fri Sept 20 @ 7pm @ Mechanicsville United Methodist an addict by the name of Jeff E will be celebrating 3 years of clean time!
In Loving Service,	Jeffrey E

Clean Air	Voting
Donation:	150.00
Literature Order:	105.80
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Alan B

Clean Today	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Courthouse Freedom	Voting
Donation:	0
Literature Order:	68.22
Special Needs:	We are in need of folding chair donations if anyone has any to donate please get with me after the meeting.
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Thomas G

Crossroads	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Desire	
Donation:	
Literature:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	

In Loving Service,	
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Fan Club Winner's Circle	Voting
Donation:	50.00
Literature Order:	53.30
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	An addict named PowPow will be celebrating two years of clean time and recovery on Sept 10
In Loving Service,	James S

Find Your Tribe	Voting
Donation:	56.30
Literature Order:	52.70
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service:	Mackenzie M

Friday Night Alive	Reporting
Donation:	18.00
Literature Order:	26.00
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service:	Thomas S

Gifts of Recovery	Closed Meeting
Donation:	96.36
Literature:	0
Special Needs:	This meeting closed at the beginning of COVID and never reopened. This money is what is left from when it closed in March 2020.
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Nancy W

Gratitude	
Donation:	
Literature:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Hanover Hope	Reporting
Donation:	18.75
Literature Order:	0
Special Needs:	We are a new meeting in Mechanicsville in need of support. We meet every Tuesday 6pm at Immanuel Episcopal Church. 3263 Old Church Rd

Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Tina S

High Hopes	Reporting
Donation:	60.50
Literature Order:	0
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	High Hopes is a rotating format meeting that meets on Thurs at 7:30pm at Cool Springs Baptist Church. Our meeting is growing but we can always use black key tagger support.
In Loving Service,	Carol M

Hope Fiends	Voting
Donation:	126.00
Literature Order:	0
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Jenny M

H.O.W.	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Hug Dealers	Reporting
Donation:	36.45
Literature Order:	38.55
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Robert B

I Can't We Can	Reporting
Donation:	20.00
Literature Order:	34.10
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	Format is changing slightly: 3rd Friday speaker meeting will be replaced with an Ask It Basket beginning this month.
In Loving Service,	Eric A

It Works, How & Why	Reporting
Donation:	95.00
Literature Order:	0

Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	Chris J 7 years tonight 8/11 Richard S Sept 1st 34 years
In Loving Service,	Chris

Just for Today	
Donation:	
Literature:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Just Steppin'	Voting
Donation:	29.00
Literature:	40.00
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Adam B

Keep Coming Back	Voting
Donation:	4.30
Literature:	92.70
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	On Tuesday, August 27th at Keep Coming Back, an addict by the name of Pam K will be celebrating 49 years. Come out and witness that this program works!
In Loving Service,	Pam K

Keeping the Faith	
Donation:	
Literature:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Let the Healing Begin	
Donation:	
Literature:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Living Clean	Voting
Donation:	141.00
Literature:	0
Special Needs:	None

Announcements:	September 22nd our homegroup will be putting on an event with games and food. This will be a fundraiser for the Central Atlantic Region's ACVNA convection. We will have more information shortly.
In Loving Service,	Brandon H

MFS	
Donation:	
Literature:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Miracles Happen	Voting
Donation:	21.11
Literature Order:	31.00
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Nancy W

Moment of Clarity	Voting
Donation:	73.00
Literature Order:	19.60
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Victoria L

MONA	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

New Connections	
Donations:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

No Matter What	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	

In Loving Service,	
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No Strings Attached	Reporting
Donation:	50.90
Literature Order:	79.10
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Kyle G

Not High Noon	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

On Our Way	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Outside the Walls	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

RAW Recovery	Reporting
Donation:	88.78
Literature Order:	64.22
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Stacey T

Recovery Rockstars	Reporting
Donation:	0
Literature Order:	0
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Chrissy R

Riverside Recovery	

Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Serene Recovery	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Serenity of Farmville	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Show Me How To Live	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Simplicity	Voting
Donation:	183.00
Literature Order:	26.00
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	Butch N 14 years September 4th at 7:30pm
In Loving Service,	Bryan M

Spiritual Sisters	Reporting
Donation:	0
Literature Order:	51.15
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Davis B

Start Living	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	

Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Strength In Diversity	Voting
Donation:	14.21
Literature Order:	32.74
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	Liam O will celebrate his first year in recovery on Wednesday September 4 @ 6:30pm at Diversity Thrift in the classroom. There will be cake!
In Loving Service,	Adam B

Sunday Hope	Reporting
Donation:	53.00
Literature Order:	0
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Archie J

Survivors	Reporting
Donation:	206.00
Literature Order:	0
Special Needs:	We did not get our Literature order in on time. We had already gotten our money order so an order to World cannot be made. We also do not have treasury or credit card to make an online order. We have several anniversaries this month and if a homegroup can lend us a 1 year medallion we have a really large meeting full of newcomers and if we can also borrow 25 white key tags we would appreciate it.
Announcements:	An addict named Wes on Aug 14th Swade September 4th
In Loving Service,	Linda C

Together We Can	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Veterans In Recovery	Reporting
Donation:	0
Literature Order:	0
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None

In Loving Service,	Anthony A
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Visions Without Limits	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Walking the Walk	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

We Do Recover in King William	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Who's An Addict	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

Roll call by Vice Chair to establish quorum:

Total GSRs: 28 (including those who made reports in absentia)

Voting GSR's Present: 14

Number needed to vote: 15

Quorum to pass: N/A

July Minutes unable to be approved due to lack of quorum.

Old Business:

N/A - Unable to address due to lack of quorum.

New Business:

N/A

Regional Motions:

N/A

Money Matters:

N/A

Open Forum:

Tina S began to discuss the matter of VRCC alternate, namely the vacancy required by policy. John M called the discussion out of order, as we do not have quorum to vote regardless. Allison asked if we would be able to simply keep Butch in his position, or if we would have to re-vote him in if we wanted to have him continue as VRCC alternate. Tina confirmed that he would need to be voted back in, as policy dictates that the position be vacated in the case of two consecutive absences at ASC. PowPow pointed out that, as the matter of nominations needs to go back to home groups anyway, there was no point in further discussion—and reminded that NDANA is welcome to reinstate Butch as VRCC alt when it comes time to vote.

Jeff noted that it seems like we're struggling with 7th tradition money, and relayed that he went to a convention where 7th tradition donations were taken electronically, posing the question that perhaps we can do the same and eliminate money orders altogether. Tina responded that she thinks it's a great idea, her only concern being that homegroups also need to be able to fund themselves. Jeff clarified that the electronic money would go to homegroups to then utilize or donate as they see fit. Scott indicated that the ad hoc committee for child accounts can discuss it. Linda agreed it sounds like a great solution, but that in her homegroup there are newcomers who can't support 7th tradition with electronic payments, and that doing both cash and electronic may be a good solution. PowPow stated that it's ultimately a homegroup-level decision but a good idea to bring back to homegroups.

Pam wanted it reiterated for the record that we were one voting GSR shy of meeting quorum.

With Outreach Chair now present, PowPow brought back her question from the reporting portion of ASC: will the Outreach Subcommittee have a regular meeting time and location? Esteban answered that he's thinking every other month rather than monthly, but needs to talk to Rais and Sean to see if they can settle on a time and place—and also, for transparency's sake, reported that Outreach was worn out from visiting all the outstanding groups in such a short period of time previously. He stated he will announce when and where Outreach will meet once that's decided upon. Mackenzie asked how he planned to disseminate that information once a decision was reached. Tina suggested sending the details to Secretary to email out. Esteban said he will do that, but wants to get an okay from 1-2 people on time and place before deciding. Tina asked if Esteban had considered Zoom. Esteban had not, but agreed it was a good idea. Some discussion on Zoom logistics, with Deb pointing out Google Meet as an alternative that allows for a full hour of free video conferencing time versus Zoom's 40 minute limit. Butch chimed in that, as far as communicating when/where/how Outreach will be meeting, that in addition to having Secretary disseminate that information, PR can post it to the website and it can be posted to Facebook.

Linda pointed out that when there was a Literature Subcommittee, rather than just a Chair, literature was not handed out until the end of ASC, forcing GSRs to stay so we could meet quorum. Esteban suggested she make a motion next Area, to which Linda responded her homegroup would do just that.

Jeff pointed out that sometimes life interferes with being able to stay long enough to vote, with John noting that we also have a lot of homegroups who simply do not come at all. John continued that perhaps we should consider some kind of rule, such as if a homegroup misses 3 ASCs in a row then they lose the right to vote until they've attended twice in a row—as a method to prevent vote bombing from groups which otherwise do not participate in Area. Tina indicated she's familiar with an Area that makes a distinction between meetings and groups, with only groups being able to vote. Brandon suggested that Outreach could visit the groups that don't participate and educate about the importance of voting. Victoria stated she relocated from Rappahanock, where if a group missed 3 ASCs they had to attend 2 in order to be added back, but that caused issues because in Rappahanock's case they would remove those groups from the meeting list and stop servicing them completely—she believes John's suggestion is a better alternative than that. Pam pointed out that if GSRs, especially new ones, are simply giving their report and leaving then what are they learning? When people leave, she noted, they're missing the opportunity to understand what Area service is. Bryan made the point that we don't have enough people to fill all the subcommittees we already have, so we don't exactly have the bodies to fill a Literature subcommittee. He agreed with the idea that homegroups lose voting rights after, say, 2 meetings—but never get taken off the meeting list. Mackenzie asked how we would track that and who would be responsible for telling homegroups should we decide to institute something like that; she asked if that would fall on Outreach as a responsibility. Tina answered yes, with John answering that those details would need to be flushed out. Deb stated that, in her experience, if the policy becomes that a group can only get their order if they stay until the end of the meeting and life interferes, making a GSR unable to attend for the duration, then that's the purpose of having an alt GSR. She also made the point that, regardless of whether or not she agrees with the idea, the issue is that the meetings that don't attend don't care about voting. Tina reminded ASC that previously there had been an ad hoc to look into setting up a GSR learning day. Jeff asked if quorum is based off attendance of the last meeting. Answer was yes. Jeff responded that, in that case, it will be easy to meet quorum next month. He stated that there's a lot going on this month, that NDANA people will step up, and that if we stop talking negatively about ASC and instead speak positively about it we're likely to get better attendance. Brandon stated that the broader attendance issue is rooted in sponsorship, i.e. sponsors teaching their sponsees that they can leave after reporting, or having a negative attitude about ASC. PowPow pointed out it's policy for Outreach to hold GSR learning days as needed, and that over the past year meeting quorum has not been an issue—groups that don't vote don't impact it anyway. Victoria volunteered to assist Outreach, and suggested a GSR welcome packet of educational information. Tina agreed maybe we could put something like that together to give out to new GSRs.

Scott motioned to close. Adam seconded. Meeting closed at 4:52pm.

Announcements:

None.

New Home Groups

None.

ASC next meeting is September 8, 2024 at 3:30pm.

Susan closed the meeting with the Third Step Prayer.