

NDANA AREA MEETING MINUTES FOR September 8, 2024

Tina S. opened with the Serenity Prayer

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Twelve Traditions read by: Christina H

Twelve Concepts read by: Jeff E

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Administrative Committee Reports:

Chair:

Hi Family, not much to report on this month. Last month we did not meet our quorum to conduct business. I am hoping that this month we will. We will need a quorum of 9 this month to move forward. The only business as of today is elections for VRCC Alt Director and Public Relations Chairperson that need to be filled. The next elections will take place in November and those will be for Area Vice Chair and Campout Chair. Please make sure to share at your Homegroups and bring nominations back in November.

In Loving Service,

Tina S

Vice-Chair:

Hi Family,

All is well here. NAWS updated their website and as a result we had a number of dead links on ours. I went through our website and renewed all the links we had to literature.

I also created a new page called "Service Materials", under the "For Members" menu. Here you will find a list of service materials that can be used by groups, new GSRs, and subcommittees. Some of the materials include:

- GSR Basics
- Virtual Meeting Quick Start Guide
- Group Treasury Workbook
- Group Business Meetings (pamphlet)
- Dealing with Disruptive and Violent Behavior (pamphlet)
- Social Media (pamphlet)
- And links to World Service Bulletins

We also have 3 motions that were submitted in addition to elections.

In loving service,
John M

Secretary:

Hello family, and happy Sunday!

All is well with Secretary. Just a few quick things to note, nothing major.

1. I've submitted a reimbursement request for blank copies of the ASC forms for \$19.08. These copies should carry us over for the next 2 or 3 ASCs—just depends how many groups show up and utilize them.
2. Because tomorrow is my 2 year anniversary and I'll be following our local tradition of picking up several key tags throughout the week to show the newcomer that it works, there may be a slight delay in getting the minutes out. Still, I'm going to do my best to get them out by next weekend.
3. Please note I will be out of the country from September 21st-October 4th. While this will not interfere with Area directly, I just wanted to make you aware since I will not have access to normal modes of communication, including the Secretary email and documents. In case of emergency, I can be reached via WhatsApp which should be linked to my phone number (listed at the top of the minutes).
4. I'm passing around the sign-up sheet for our Area mailing list now, please write legibly so I can make sure to send the minutes to the right place.

ILS,
PowPow

Treasurer:

Hello Family -

We currently have \$29,987.49 in our account. Our expenses were \$6,643.27 which includes \$4,000 from Campout escrow. Our 7th Tradition was \$1,854.73. This shows that our 7th Tradition did not cover our Aug expenses.

We have 1 uncleared check from Tri-Cities. The missing invoices from Free State have not been located and the report that Free State sent is missing those invoices as well. We know we received the literature based on committee report and we know that our bank was charged so there is not a concern that we paid for something we did not receive, however we do not have documentation to support it.

Thanks for letting me be of service,
Deb W

Point of info from John M: We have 4 checks from Tri-Cities, picked up at our PO box today, so we'll have to void/return them.

Vice-Treasurer:

Hey family,

I apologize for not being there today, I am currently somewhere in Maine - hopefully hiking in Acadia National Park right now. All is well with the Vice Treasurer. Last month we had \$1,854.73 in donations and accumulated operating budgets of \$1,645.42. That means we brought in \$209.31 above what we need to fulfill our obligations. Unfortunately I do not have access to my computer to provide the graph, but next month's report will have the graph that includes this month's information as well.

ILS,
Scott M

[Not present, sent in report.]

Policy:

All is well with policy. I apologize for my absence. A new job has me working every other weekend. Other than this weekend, it will not become an issue again until January, but will leave me absent January through Policy Chair election in March. I will bring this up next Area for further discussion. I updated the policy with the latest motion approval about election voting for multiple candidates, as well as corrected some formatting errors. I will reach out to stay up to date on anything missed today. Thank you for allowing me to serve

ILS,
Allison R

[Not present, sent in report.]

RCM:

The regional conference last met on August 17, 2024. Our region consists of Homegroup reps from Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and West Virginia. 14 areas were represented this month.

Reported by: Carol McDaid, RCM

OPEN POSITIONS

Chair, H and I chair, PR chair and Speaker Jam chair

OPEN FORUM

Planning is underway for the October Assembly/ Workshop that will occur on Oct 19 10 am - noon. Those interested in attending this zoom planning session can find zoom link at car-na.org under the events tab

NAWS UPDATE on ANNUAL REPORT

No.of worldwide meetings- 72,215 meetings

1/3 of these meetings are in IRAN

1/3 of meetings are in US

Rest are from countries outside of US and Iran

US meetings are down from pre-COVID levels of 76000

MOTIONS AND THEIR STATUS

Motion 2281 from Blue Ridge Area- Contends lack of in person meetings has caused lack of willingness to serve. Motion set aside til next REGIONAL in November.

Motion carried that next regional GSR ASSEMBLY IN APRIL 2025 will be in person.

Next RSC will be held on Nov 16,2024.

ILS,

Carol M and Linda C

RCM, Alternate:

See above.

[RCM present, made report in conjunction with Linda C, alternate, who was also in attendance.]

VRCC Director:

All is well. Nothing to report since last month. Next VRCC meeting is 9/ 15

UVA Hospital Charlottesville Va.

Open Forum starts at noon

ILS

Jeff H

[Not present, sent in report.]

VRCC Alt. Director:

[Vacant, open for elections today.]

Subcommittee Reports:

Campout:

All is well with Campout. We will have a full report for ASC next month.

ILS,

Howard

[Not present, sent in report.]

Hospitals & Institutions:

Hey fam,

All is well with H&I. Metropolitan Unity PR H&I Learning Day will be in October more will be revealed.

We are currently servicing the following facilities.

Beaumont Men's Correctional Center – Mark C – 804-366-1504
Healing Place – Andrew C – 804-513-6838
James River Juvenile Detention Center – Chelsea R – 804-735-3852
State Farm Women's Work Camp – Linda C – 804-986-2686
VCBR – Mike – 443-944-7839

We NEED TRUSTED SERVANTS to help carry our message into these facilities.

We currently have our Regional H&I Rep position open and Secretary, Lit Chair, and Policy Chair will be open for nominations and volunteers November. You only have to have 90 days to be a speaker.

ILS,
Chelsea R

Summary of Questions for H&I–

Tina S: To get more speakers, try to announce at HGs that only 90 days of clean time is needed to be a speaker for H&I.

Carol: How much time is needed for clearance to speak at jails?

Chelsea: It depends.

Tina: Not all facilities need clearance.

Carol: Is there a place we can find that info to share out?

*John M: More info on our website under Service Opportunities [**Note this section now titled "Get Involved"**] > Hospitals and Institutions – <https://rvana.org/hi-meeting-facilitator/>*

Literature:

All is well with literature. I will not be renewing my literature chair position come January, so if you are interested in taking over, please contact me to go over the requirements and how it works.

ILS,
Hilary A

Public Relations:

The PR unified subcommittee met on August 19, 2024 via Zoom. We continued to prepare for our Second Unified Public Relations & H&I subcommittee workshop day which will be held on October 26th at the Richmond Public Library. 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 on Monday September 16, 2024 @ 6:00pm on zoom. I have included the login information below:

Unified Zoom info:
ID # - 84907943584
Password - PR

For the month of August, the phone line had 11 calls: 8 volunteer calls, 3 missed calls, and 0 meeting lookups.

For the month of August, the website had 6,913 visitors and 14,985 views. It's abundantly clear we are seeing an increase of traffic on the website. I looked into the data and there was an increase of 1,200

visitors and roughly 3,000 Views from August 2023 to August 2024. Keep spreading the word about our website.

Lastly, updated meeting lists are on the table. Please take some back to your homegroup. The cost to print the meeting lists was \$99.43 and I will turn in the receipt to the treasurer for reimbursement.

ILS,
Jenny M

Outreach:

Hello family, all is well.

I ordered two new meeting kits (both were given out) or actually all the items that go in these kits previously since the kits are no longer on the order form.

Outreach will now meet on Google Meets at 4 p.m. on the last Sunday of the month. Things that will be discussed at next meeting are the following but not limited to:

GSR Learning Day.

Showing support to meetings that want it.

Showing support to the meetings that don't show up to area, find out what we can do to get them involved.

In loving service as I learn how to do this position,
Eteban

Google meet info: <https://meet.google.com/fua-otut-abm>

Summary of Questions for Outreach–

Tina S: Is Outreach meeting at 4 or 5pm? Email had said 5pm.

Eteban: Still deciding, will let you know by the end of this meeting.

*Outreach confirmed with Secretary that their subcommittee meetings will be held at **4pm** moving forward, last Sunday of the month.*

Special Events:

All is well with Special Events. Pool party last month was a success. Seed money has been paid back to Area. Date and location has been booked for Brunswick Stew, October 26th at 1500 Courthouse Rd from 12noon to 9pm. Stew prep will start at 5am if anyone wants to help. Flyers will be out soon.

ILS,
Robert C

[Ad Hoc] 41st AVCNA:

All is well with the Convention. We are preparing to submit all our bids for vendors, services, and merchandise for the convention to VRCC. We are still in need of trusted servants for subcommittees prior to and during the weekend of the convention, if you're interested feel free to contact me or show up at the next host committee meeting. We meet again on Saturday the 14th at 10am, 2300 Dumbarton Rd, Hatcher Church. We have a Bingo fundraiser coming up on Saturday the 14th @ 7:30 pm. Flyer is attached. Also feel free to inform your homegroup that if they'd like to do a fundraiser for the 41st AVCNA convention we'd highly appreciate it. There are a few homegroups with some

currently planned. Our fundraiser as a host committee ends in October, but homegroups are not restricted to our host committee time line. Another reminder, pre- registration is still going on, \$35 now, \$45 as we approach the convention and at door. Cutoff for pre-registration hasn't been set yet. Flyer will be attached.

In loving service,
 Ben F. , Host Chair
[Not present, sent in report.]

[Ad Hoc] Policy Review:

All is well. Reached out today to all interested parties about a meeting schedule via zoom. Will follow up with more information next Area. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

ILS,
 Allison R

[Ad Hoc] Child Accounts:

NDANA Sept Ad-Hoc Committee for Sub-Committee bank accounts
 Family,

We had our first meeting on Aug 18 and in attendance was myself and Scott M. No discussion was able to be had as to the needs of the sub-committees due to their inability to attend. Treasurer is moving ahead with scheduling a meeting with our contact at Truist bank to obtain preliminary information regarding creation of additional accounts that link to NDANA main account.

In service,
 Deb W

Summary of Questions for Child Account Ad Hoc–

Tina S: So, so far you've met with the bank but are waiting to meet with subcommittees.

Deb: Yes, subcommittees have not yet been able to meet with us.

Robert: We didn't receive notice about needing to meet.

Deb: Notice was sent out to Bryan.

Robert: Can you send me the info directly next time?

Deb: Yes.

Home Group Reports:

A New Way to Live	Reporting
Donation:	0
Literature Order:	0
Special Needs:	Home group members
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Leigh W

A Spiritual Connection	Voting
Donation:	75.00

Literature Order:	0
Special Needs:	All is well at Spiritual Connection—we meet Saturdays from 6:30-7:30pm at Bon Air United Methodist Church on Buford Road. We average 18 addicts each week. Come join us soon!
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Robin B

A Simple Solution	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service,	

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	Reporting
Donation:	60.00
Literature Order:	0
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	On Friday September 20 @ 7pm @ Mechanicsville United Methodist, addict named Jeff E will be celebrating 3 years clean.
In Loving Service,	Jeff E

Clean Air	Voting
Donation:	0
Literature Order:	0
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:	28.08
Literature Order:	21.92
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	October 11th John-Mark 4 years
In Loving Service,	John-Mark B

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:	95.70
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	James S

Find Your Tribe	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service:	

Friday Night Alive	
Donation:	
Literature Order:	
Special Needs:	
Announcements:	
In Loving Service:	

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

Hanover Hope	Reporting
Donation:	15.00
Literature Order:	0
Special Needs:	In need of support
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Tina S

High Hopes	Voting
Donation:	113.20
Literature Order:	3.80
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Carol M

Hope Fiends	Voting
Donation:	11.50

Literature Order:	51.50
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	Jess C celebrates 3 years on 10/10
In Loving Service,	Jenny M

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

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

I Can't We Can	Voting
Donation:	20.00
Literature Order:	14.98
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Eric A

It Works, How & Why	Voting
Donation:	0
Literature Order:	0
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Richard S

Just for Today	Voting
Donation:	0
Literature:	67.40
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	John-Mark B

Just Steppin'	Voting
Donation:	0
Literature:	80.43
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Adam B

Keep Coming Back	Voting
Donation:	40.00
Literature:	114.55
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Pam K

Keeping the Faith	Reporting
Donation:	62.20
Literature:	57.80
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Mike

Let the Healing Begin	Voting
Donation:	16.00
Literature:	0
Special Needs:	We have all positions that need [to be] filled. We currently have about 6 members but have none that come regularly enough to hold a position each week. We have no black key taggers and our weekly attendance consists of all newcomers under 30 days. We have no speakers for speaker night.
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Christina H

Living Clean	Voting
Donation:	80.00
Literature:	81.30
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	September 22nd we are hosting a fundraiser for the AVCNA convention. Games and raffle start at 2pm. 5pm dinner will be served (10 dollars a person). 7pm will be the regular meeting.
In Loving Service,	Brandon H

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

Miracles Happen	Voting
Donation:	0

Literature Order:	13.60
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	Ben J celebrating Thurs. Sept. 26 2 years
In Loving Service,	Nancy W

Moment of Clarity	Voting
Donation:	0
Literature Order:	27.50
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	Victoria L celebrates 2 yrs 9/24 HR celebrates 3 years 10/1 Andrew C celebrates 2 yrs 10/8
In Loving Service,	Victoria L

MONA	Voting
Donation:	21.82
Literature Order:	145.44
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	Andrew R 5 years & Alex B 5 years on 9/30 Troy H 3 years 9/23
In Loving Service,	Nick M

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

No Matter What	Reporting
Donation:	30.00
Literature Order:	20.30
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Trevor S

No Strings Attached	Reporting
Donation:	0
Literature Order:	36.80
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	Reporting
Donation:	58.00
Literature Order:	42.00
Special Needs	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Bob D

Outside the Walls	Voting
Donation	20.00
Literature Order:	0
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Rais A

RAW Recovery	Voting
Donation:	104.66
Literature Order:	77.34
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Craig E

Recovery Rockstars	Voting
Donation:	74.00
Literature Order:	86.98
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	Reporting
Donation:	0
Literature Order:	0
Special Needs:	Always in need of black key taggers
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Chelsea R

Simplicity	Voting
Donation:	82.00
Literature Order:	0
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Jon H

Spiritual Sisters	Voting
Donation:	30.00
Literature Order:	0
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:	47.32
Literature Order:	7.60
Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Adam B

Sunday Hope	Reporting
Donation:	52.00
Literature Order:	0

Special Needs:	None
Announcements:	None
In Loving Service,	Archie

Survivors	Voting
Donation:	3.60
Literature Order:	265.40
Special Needs:	We made a motion to get literature at the end of the meeting instead of the beginning.
Announcements:	Celebrations! Ty and Robert 9/11/24 Terrance 9/25/24 Joe 10/2/24 1st year Kenny R 10/9/24 1st year
In Loving Service,	Marcus E

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

Veterans In Recovery	Voting
Donation:	114.80
Literature Order:	25.80
Special Needs:	In need of women black key taggers willing to sponsor.
Announcements:	Tuesday the 24th will be a speaker jam and dinner with 3 speakers starting at 7 and dinner starting at 6.
In Loving Service,	Anthony A

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	Reporting
Donation:	0
Literature Order:	73.60
Special Needs:	In need of black key taggers.
Announcements:	Nathan T celebrating 1 year <i>[no date provided]</i>
In Loving Service,	Carson B

Roll call by Vice Chair to establish quorum:

Total GSRs: 33 present during roll call—Sunday Hope handed in donation and report just after the end of Area, so there is a 34th HG report

Voting GSR's Present: 24

Number needed to vote: 9

Quorum to pass: 16

July and August Minutes approved, see old business.

Old Business:

John-Mark B motioned to approve July and August minutes. Victoria seconded. Passed. **July and August 2024 minutes approved.**

Elections:

VRCC Alternate:

John M read the qualifications & responsibilities. No volunteers nor nominations. **Please bring a nomination for VRCC alt next month.**

PR Chair:

Jenny nominated Richard S, Robin B seconded. Richard accepted nomination. **Richard S elected PR chair.**

New Business:

Motion 2024.09.01—

Motion: To suspend the History Committee until Feb 2025

Intent: Between the 2 conventions, Richmond & AVCNA, there is no time to meet.

Made by: Linda C (RCM Alt)

Seconded by: Richard S (GSR It Works)

Discussion around this motion:

Davis B asked for clarification on what the motion was for. John M explained that the History Ad Hoc is asking to pause meeting and giving reports until February. Craig asked what that subcommittee does. Linda C answered that it's for gathering archival information, etc.

*James S motioned to vote. John-Mark seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.***

Motion 2024.09.02–

Motion: To move January 2025 ASC to the 3rd Sunday.

Intent: Our Area is hosting the 2025 AVCNA that is the 2nd Sunday. Moving the day will allow for all our members to attend ASC on the 3rd Sunday.

Made by: Tina S (NDANA Chair)

Seconded by: Robin B (GSR Spiritual Connection)

Discussion around this motion:

Carol M asked if this motion was intended as a permanent change, or just for the month of January 2025. Tina confirmed it's just for the one month, to accommodate AVCNA.

*John H motioned to vote. James S seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.***

Motion– 2024.09.03

Motion: To distribute literature at the end of Area instead of the beginning.

Intent: That there be enough GSRs to conduct business.

Made by: Marcus E (GSR Survivors)

Seconded by: Pam K (GSR Keep Coming Back)

Pros/Cons/Points as pulled from the discussion by Vice Chair:

Con– Goes against traditions and leads this to be a governing body.

Pro– Holding GSRs accountable.

Point– Lit Chair not consulted.

Pro– GSRs staying will have them know and get to position.

Con– Needing people to vote and getting literature are two different things.

Con– Need to promote ASC more vs restricting those who want to leave

Expanded notes on discussion around this motion (not verbatim, but close as I [Secretary] could get):

PowPow: I feel that this motion goes against traditions, ASC shouldn't be a governing body. Also, since quorum is calculated based on the number of voting GSRs from the previous month, groups that consistently don't vote don't actually impact our ability to conduct business.

Linda C: I see your point but disagree, that's how it was done for a long time. It's not intended as a punishment. It holds GSRs accountable for fulfilling the position they signed up for.

Carol: Have we gotten input from Literature Chair about this?

PowPow: Literature Chair has left for the day.

Carol M: That's kind of the point, also we don't want to solve one problem while creating a new one.

Pam K: How are GSRs going to learn about service if they don't stay? It allows GSRs to learn and participate.

Nick M: I've been a part of ASC for a while, I don't know if the problem is literature versus people staying to vote. I appreciate the thought about getting people exposed to what it is a GSR does, but I don't know if this motion accomplishes that.

Robert C: It's hard to get someone to agree to be a GSR, then they get hung up on having to stay til 6pm and then they go back to HGs and tell horror stories. I think we need to promote ASC versus adding restrictions. My opinion would be to reduce quorum from $\frac{2}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$.

Deb W: Just to address the Lit Chairperson, it may be something to consider to add to policy to have them stay to the end of the meeting—or add an alternate, something to rectify that. I feel strongly that the people who participate and stick and stay are the ones who get what we do here, I don't know that it's a restriction—coming to pickup literature isn't representing a HG.

Anthony A: I agree with Linda that if you take on the role as GSR then you should be here and present at Area Service. As someone who's GSR of a newcomer meeting, trying to get an alternate, I tell my HG that this commitment has taught me a lot and those lessons carry over into other areas of his life.

Eric A: I think everyone had a good point but I think it will have an adverse impact because as an addict if I feel forced into something then I want to do the opposite.

Carol: One idea for a modification which might take everything said into account, is to accept the motion for a temporary period (ex: 6 months, 1 year) to see if it has its intended impact of encouraging people to vote. If it does, it can stay; otherwise it can be removed.

Marcus E: We'll table this motion and bring the suggested amendment back to our HG (Survivors) and revisit next month.

Victoria: Last month we had a similar discussion, how often do we fail to meet quorum?

Tina S: About once a year.

Discussion was closed, in light of the motion being taken back to Survivors to revisit and determine if they want to amend before re-submitting.

Regional Motions:

None.

Money Matters:

None.

Open Forum:

Tina S wanted to make everyone aware that herself and Outreach Chair are working on a pamphlet for new GSRs.

John M asked if there was a list of HGs in need of support, Esteban replied that there is. John M offered to put that on the website, and Esteban and John agreed to meet to discuss some questions Esteban had regarding the site. Anthony A reported that his HG (Veterans) has a specific need for women who are black key taggers and willing to sponsor. PowPow advised she would add that to their HG report, and reminded the group that she has started pulling special needs requests from the minutes and putting them together in their own list as well, which is sent out alongside the minutes and other documents.

Thomas asked if there could be a virtual component to Area. General consensus was that logistically it wouldn't work out well. Nick M and Richard S indicated that in their previous experience with hybrid committee meetings, they did not work out well.

Richard S pointed out that not all "homegroups" are actual homegroups, some are just meetings—for example, some meetings don't have enough trusted servants to form a group conscience, some have just a single member trying to keep a meeting going, etc.

Richard also brought up that he'd seen a YouTube channel that was making reels and shorts of NA speakers (with their faces edited out for anonymity). The idea he had for PR was to utilize tools like that, including uploading content to our website; if those tools are utilized effectively, he makes the case that we could help get the message out to more addicts. Anybody who could help or knows about that stuff, Richard stated he would love you have to on the PR subcommittee.

Announcements:

None.

ASC next meeting is October 13, 2024.

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.