

TCAN AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 11, 2020

This meeting opened at 1:00 with a moment of silence followed by the We version of the serenity. Prayer. The 12 Traditions were Read by Jack S., and the Concepts were read by Niecy. Quorum was met. 7 GSR's were present + 2 acting

Last Month's Minutes were accepted

**SUMMARY OF AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE POSITIONS:**

**NEWLY ELECTED:**

DANIELLE D – CHAIR  
RICH E – TREASURER  
JOE C – A & E CHAIR  
KELLY S – H & I CHAIR  
DON B – STOCKPILE CHAIR

**BACK TO GROUP FOR VOTE**

SECRETARY - EVI  
KAYLA H  
  
CO-CHAIR - MARY T  
DANIELLA

**OPEN POSITIONS- Accepting Nominations**

Co-Treasurer  
Regional Committee – Delegate  
Alt Regional Committee Delegate  
Policy Chair

Debby M was appointed interim Secretary.

**OPEN REGION POSITIONS**

- Accepting Nominations  
-Treasurer  
-Secretary  
-H&I Coordinator  
-Literature Coordinator  
-Recovery by Mail Coord.

**Next Meeting November 8, 2020- 1PM - ZOOM LIKELY -Watch TCANA FB Page for details or contact Debby M or Danielle D**

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

ASC CHAIR- Grateful for serving.

ASC CO-CHAIR-VACANT

SECRETARY- Zoom account was cancelled, no more money due for reimbursement. Thank you for letting me serve as your secretary this year

TREASURER REPORT-

Beginning Balance \$954.84

Incoming: Deposited \$105.00

PO Box was paid for another year. Due 9/30/2021 (\$106.00)

Still have \$120 check for region.

Check 893 for \$140.00 for H & I lit has not been cashed.

Thank you for letting me serve the last two years.

**Beginning: 954.84**

Incoming:

- Venmo + \$10.00 Sunday Stepping:

Outgoing:

- H & I for Rent-\$10
- PO Box ; \$106
- H & I Lit: 58.70

Total Outgoing: \$174.70

**Ending Balance: \$790.14**

**CO-TREASURER- VACANT**

**RCM-** Attended region last month via zoom. All areas are struggling with re-opening, looking for new places etc.

Info from regional delegate from world. Will put It in a report and we can discuss next area before region.

Spirit of Love does not know if they will be able to hold convention in February.

Regional Activities Coordinator is trying to put together a Regional activity. A GSR workshop perhaps.

10/31/2020 in Syracuse-Children Halloween Bash (limited to 60 people) – SEE ATTACHED FLYER

Dennis was talking again about putting together Public Service announcements and so that the videos can be edited.

## **DO WE WANT THE REGION TO HAVE A PAY PAL BUTTON ON THE WEBSITE?**

What about check for Region-Last month was gonna cut a check. Save for Sharing time. Dani now sees we paid twice in April

ALT-RCM- VACANT

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **A&E-**

Hello Area,

A & E did not meet this month. For upcoming A & E chair, I do have inventory to pass along to you. I also need to speak to A & E treasurer about the bank bag to be passed along as well. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Carmina M

**A&E Treasurer: - No Activity no report**

#### **H&I-**

H&I report Oct 2020

Dear Area Body,

The last time H&I met we voted in three interim panel leaders, one for Men's Fairview, one for the ASC and one for women's Fairview. We voted to change men's Fairview to the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, opposed to every week. Since the subcommittee meeting all facilities we had been taking meetings into closed down again due to positive cases in one of the facilities.

Taking this into consideration and also the fact that we will not be able to get back into New Horizons for the foreseeable future we discussed obtaining a zoom account as facilities would allow us to provide H&I meetings this way. The committee is requesting more information or direction on how to contact Region about the open zoom accounts that the RCM has previously reported on. The panel coordinator will then reach out and see if we can obtain a zoom account for H&I's use and report back.

The committee decided to hold off on nominating new panel leaders or a co chair until after the results of Area elections.

The committee has also discussed the importance of ensuring these facilities have N.A. literature available even if we are unable to bring physical meetings in. I am requesting \$58.70 for literature (to include 50 IP's, 4 Just For Today Daily meditations)

I am also requesting \$10/cash for September's rent.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Kelly S

STOCKPILE- No report, hasn't been able to get into voices to access inventory. Has 50 white booklets. The Check didn't get deposited but he will deposit it. No figures because he hasn't been able to get in. Will work with Stockpile Chair on transitions

P.R.- Website meeting list has been updated with current changes of new shut downs and zoom id's etc. It was brought to my attention that the guidelines were out of date or not available.

Committees to bring updated guidelines to Area/Policy and get them uploaded. Please get updated versions.

### POLICY& LIT – VACANT

NEWSLETTER- No Report-Still have a balance of \$45.00

### GSR REPORTS:

**Niecy-GSR** – Starting From The Bottom- Got up and running at voices for a few months now need to move back to zoom. Church was ready to let us but in, but numbers went up. Whichever is open first. Need help with zoom. HAVE \$10 DONATION FOR AREA. Will join the other zoom account.

**Vicky-GSR** Therapeutic Value- Still open, but meeting outside. We are not allowed to be inside currently. Dress accordingly

**Amanda-GSR**-Thursday/Friday not allowed inside. 35-40 in attendance. Donation \$4.00

**Kayla- Monday/Friday**-Opened another meeting on Monday-Twice/week-7pm. Attendance 15-20 are not going inside due to Covid. That's all. Donation next month.

**Jess**-Monday-We were meeting at voices as well. Were going to try Two Rivers, it's too dangerous, so they are going to stay on zoom. Also has a donation. But not sure of amount

**Jack S-** Wed 10-15 addicts. Moving back to zoom. No donation. Nomination – Rich E for treasure. Rescind for Chair.

**Steve**-Living the Miracle. Changed from Voices to Two Rivers. No donation

**Kristen** – GSR Acting- Sunday Stepping-Not able to meet at voices now. On Zoom currently \$10.00 donation. And brought votes from group as well.

**Geraldine:** GSR Acting-Tuesday- no meeting place now. Need home group members

### **SHARING TIME:**

- It was brought up that having events at people's houses and calling them NA events could violate tradition for several reasons, including:
  - 'Personalities' Someone may not feel comfortable
  - Insurance reasons. – Not Covered
  - Note: Home Group sponsored events – Mention of 7<sup>th</sup> tradition should include Home Group Sponsored events (as well as rent, literature, donations)

All agreed that members should avoid from hosting such events 'billed' as an NA Sponsored Event.

- Guidelines-When new terms begin, all subcommittees should review guidelines, as most on file are very old.

- o Group should consider having all subcommittees submit their guidelines to Area and have a steering committee (appointed GSRs perhaps) review before finalizing-Further Discussion to come.

**Old Business:**

- Region Donations-Have we given enough? (\$30/mth) Treasure Reviewed History. Awe provided \$120 in February and \$120 In April, or 8 months. We will cut another check (Treasure and Acting RCM to get together ) for \$120 which will cover the last 3 months of the year

**VOTING: 2/3 vote required**

**AREA POSITION      NAME      ACCEPTED      QUALIFICATION FORM**

*Debby-607-953-9678*

**AREA CHAIR (Clean time Requirement (CLR) – 2 years Continuous Abstinence)**

- **Danielle D**      YES      Available upon request-Contact Debby M
- Rich E      Dropped out

**VOTE: 8 votes for Danielle.**

**AREA CO-CHAIR (2 yr CLR)-**

- Mary T      Yes      Available upon request-Contact Debby M
- Kayla H      Dropped Out

Table Vote for next month

**SECRETARY (1 YR CLR)**

- Evi      Yes      Available upon request-Contact Debby M
- **Harley M**      Yes      Available upon request-Contact Debby M

**Note: A vote for Harley M must also include a waiver of her clean time (see qualification sheet)**

**Waiving Harley Clean Time: 1 vote –did not pass**

**EVI: 5 Yes, 2 no's, 1 abstain. –Not Passed-Can still take Nominations.**

**A & E CHAIR (2 YR CLR)**

- **Joe C**      Yes      Available upon request-Contact Debby M

**VOTE: 9 votes**

**H & I CHAIR (2 YR CLR)**

- **Kelly S**      Yes      Available upon request-Contact Debby M
- Steve S      Yes      Available upon request-Contact Debby M

VOTE:

**Kelly: 5 Yes**

Steve: 3 Yes

**TREASURER- OPEN**

**CO-TREASURER- OPEN**

**PR (2 YR CLR)**

- **Kristen M.**      Yes      Available upon request-Contact Debby M

- **VOTE: 9**

**REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER-OPEN (2 YR CLR)**

**REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER ALTERNATE-OPEN (2 YR CLR)**

**STOCKPILE**

- **Don B**      Yes      Available upon request-Contact Debby M

**VOTE: 9 Votes**

## **NEW Business:**

- Constraints, we have not been able to place a lit order since March. Maybe we can message stockpile chair with order so we can meet and fulfill
  - o Stockpile was held several months during Covid.
  - o Request Committee look at alternate ways of filling orders during these times.

## **New Nominations:**

Rich E – Treasurer (3 groups)

GSR's in attendance and qualifying voted unanimously to approve Rich as Treasurer

**VOTE: 7**

## **ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS:**

Daniella for Co-Chair-Take back to Home Group-Accepted nomination

Kayla for Secretary-Take Back to Home Group-Accepted nomination

Evi- Secretary-Accepted nomination

**OPEN Service Positions:** RCM/Alt RCM/ Co Chair / CO-Treasurer / Secretary / Policy

Chair appointed Debby As interim secretary.

## **NEW MOTION: -**

Brought By: Living the Miracle Home Group (aka the Nooner)

MOTION: *That the Hospitals & Institutions Subcommittee follow their guidelines.*

- This Motion creates or changes procedure of the committee.
- *The H&I guidelines currently read (section 7 general information, sub-paragraph a, “**Being clean for the purpose of this H&I subcommittee shall be defined as complete and continuous abstinence from any drug with the exception of those prescribed by a doctor, and is being taken as prescribed.**”* The subcommittee is currently prohibiting members who are on MAT from being orientated or being allowed to carry the message in meetings that H&I takes into institutions. MAT by definition is a medication regime that is prescribed by a

doctor. If the member is taking the medication as prescribed, there is no reason for the current prohibition to be in place. The intent of this motion is to ensure the subcommittee follows their guidelines in this matter, and stop the current practice of defining those members on an MAT regimen as “not clean”

The motion was discussed at length and most everyone in attendance shared his or her thoughts on the motion. Ultimately the motion was dismissed as the H&I subcommittee acknowledges a violation of Tradition 10 in the wording currently in the guidelines. **The Subcommittee will read and review / update the guidelines and report next month.**

**Next Meeting November 8, 2020- 1PM - zoom**

October 10, 2020

Dear Area Body,

I attended region on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 via Zoom. Other areas in our region are facing the same issues as TCANA. Some meetings have opened back up in person and others are looking for new meeting locations due to facilities being closed and not allowing in person meetings at their facilities at this time due to the ongoing COVID-19.

**Open Regional Positions:** Our region still has open positions and would be grateful for any nominations: Treasurer (Kate C. is currently appointed until a nomination is presented), Secretary, H & I Coordinator, Literature Coordinator, and Recovery by Mail Coordinator.

The region has asked if the areas would be interested in a Pay-Pal donation button on the regional website. (Finger lakes website can be viewed for an example). The motion is presented below.

**Spirit of Love Convention-** Still unsure if the convention will happen in February. SOL is discussing the possibility of doing the convention via zoom, but no decision has been made yet. SOL should have a decision if the convention is a go by December.

**Regional Activities Coordinator** is trying to reach the activities chairs from the different Areas. Looking at doing a GSR/ RCM workshop.

## **Public Relations Report:**

### **Phone line**

- Phone line does display additional virtual meeting information entered in other fields on the BMLT
- Still getting some meeting searches each month and a few volunteer calls (Finger Lakes Area)
- Any area in the region can make use of this phone line with their own volunteers (or no volunteers), just coordinate with me (PR coordinator) for getting set up and answering any questions.
- ABCD Phone Line chair contacted me – they may be considering joining our phone line, or if not, they may ask me to assist helping them set up the same service – more will be revealed.
- WNY and ENY were both discussing joining our phone line earlier this year, but since everything shut down in March, those discussions were sidelined.

### **Website**

- I had previously created subdomains for all the areas in the case they choose to migrate. This would allow areas to have their websites hosted for no additional cost on the regional host. They are fully functional word press sites.
- Averaging approx. 600-700 unique visitors per month and 1500-2000 visits
- Our Google Drive is linked to the website so we can have our minutes, bylaws, etc easily accessible



- NA Virtual Outreach Google drive AND YouTube channel both linked to on our site – they contain A LOT of information, walk through, shared experience, etc especially with virtual services.
- The US Multi Zonal body may be looking to establish a US website soon – asking permission of the region to use our web space for a demo or initial site should that come about. This would not come at a cost to the region.

### **Facebook**

- At 618 likes, 640 following
- Added 2 videos to it with NNY's info on them – they were previously available videos, just not with our info
- Reminder
  - o Northern New York Region does officially have a public facing Facebook page – @nnyrna – this is approved and formally part of our services with the intention being public information / relations.

### **PSA's (I discussed this at our area meeting)**

- In working with NA Virtual Outreach as an editor, I am starting to work on projects that take existing public service announcement videos used for TV and YouTube, and edit them so we can easily put new information into them with any area or region's information. I am also saving these projects as portable projects that can be loaded into Movavi Video Editor by anyone and worked with if you wish. Those projects can be found on the NA Virtual Outreach Google drive.
- If an area (or the region) would like a currently available PSA edited to show local information, let me know and it will be done.

### **Regional Delegates Report:**

The WSC met for part 2 of business from 8/7 through 8/9 as I did not have any input that I was aware of NNY was present not voting on all the CAR/CAT motions which were voted on. We did not have a regional conscience, but I also didn't feel it would be appropriate to hold up business for the entire WSC because we didn't vote. An abstention essentially counts against the yes votes so it's closer to a NO vote. I did vote on procedural motions but those dealt mostly with how business was to be conducted and I felt more comfortable voting on them. Big takeaways from the WSC-

- Mental Health in Recovery IP is now fellowship approved and available for purchase
- The WB is working on a project plan for a guide to online meetings
- 2 more regions have seats at WSC 2022
- The WSC 2020 is officially adjourned until 2022

Obviously, there will be a much more detailed report about the WSC 2020 included in the minutes for anyone who is interested.

I have discussed NAWs taking out the PPP loans with several members, mostly making

sure, accurate information is being discussed, but also getting as much input as I can from the local fellowship to get a feel for our region's conscience about loan forgiveness. I spoke with NAWS directly and so far they haven't applied for loan forgiveness and there is still no decision from the WB about whether it's even being seriously considered. I will remind everyone that article V section 4 of the FIPT does grant NAWS "8. The power to prudently borrow money for any Trust purpose, to be repaid from proceeds from the sale of products generated from Trust Property". So, they were well within their rights to acquire the loans. And we as a non-profit already benefit from tax-exempt status and other benefits such as no fees in checking accounts. So, if loan forgiveness were blanket applied to all non-profits why couldn't we utilize it like we do other benefits?

Big news out of the NEZF, currently NEZF is collaborating with Autonomous Zone for PR and FD. Currently this means that NEZF is providing PR and FD services for the Autonomous Zone (Lower VA through mid-PA). Still working on PR efforts with SEZF for video presentations for professionals. The October NEZF is the 23-25, Saturday the 24th there will be 4 workshops including an open forum which is open for all and I encourage anyone with questions for the Zone to log on and raise your hand. The full schedule will be included in the minutes. The NEZF FD Chair position will be up for vote in October and it is expected that the ad-hoc Chair will be nominated. I have invited the Chair here for a quick presentation about what FD (Fellowship Development) can do for us in NNY.

The next CP webinar will be October 17th at 2pm and NEZF is from October 23rd through the 25<sup>th</sup>.

In Loving Service, Mike A

**There are 2 motions being presented at region and I would encourage the groups to discuss this and bring a conscience to the next area meeting. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me. The motions are as follows:**

**NNYRSCNA Motion (Motion #1)**

2020-09-20

**Motion Maker:** Dennis M / Public Relations Coordinator

**Seconded:** Tasha T / Finger Lakes

**Motion revises NNYRSCNA Bylaws**

**Article 7**

**Section B.3 Public Relations**

- Strike from e. "- this includes the BMLT database"
- Insert at the beginning of f. "Works with member areas and the Regional Technology Coordinator to"
- Strike g. entirely

**Add/insert section B.6 Technology:**

**6. Technology**



Thank you for letting me serve,

Brian P

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