



Monterey County Area Service Committee

Minutes

February 8, 2016

1. **Open Meeting with:**

Serenity prayer:	David H
Twelve Traditions:	Stan A.
Twelve concepts:	Tina S.

2. **MCASC Purpose:** The purpose of this body will be the coordination of Narcotics Anonymous activities common to the various groups comprising its membership, in accordance with the Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous. Our purpose is to further the unity of the Fellowship within the Monterey County Area and on the inter-group level by existing as a channel of communication between the groups representing Monterey County Area, the Northern California Region, and Narcotics Anonymous as a whole. Further, our purpose is to communicate with one another on all matters pertaining to our common welfare and common purpose, which is the carrying of the message of Narcotics Anonymous to the addict who still suffers, with the spirit of unity and recovery. We are here to respond to the needs of service of our area as they arise, and to maintain the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts in all our functions.
3. **GSR Duties:** A Group Service Representative (GSR) is the first line of communication between the group and Narcotics Anonymous as a whole. Your duties are very important to this Area, and to your Group. A GSR is the link that binds the Groups together in the performance of our primary purpose. It is your responsibility to express only your group's conscience in all matters. Please be aware that there is an orientation held 30 minutes prior to the beginning of this meeting for all new GSR's and interested parties.

4. **Chairperson's opening Statement:** Group donations are to be turned in before the meeting starts. If the donation from your group has not yet been turned in, please place it in the appropriate envelope and turn it in now. Literature order forms are to be turned in before the start of the meeting. Literature is to be picked up at the end of the meeting, unless you are a GSR or Secretary for a Monday night meeting. Subcommittees- please have your subcommittee report out for disbursement and review at least 30 minutes prior to the start of this meeting and that a copy is provided to each of the ASC committee. Please smoke in only the approved smoking area. I will need 5 volunteers to help break down this room, and take out the garbage. Please consider your conduct, and avoid side conversations, respecting others in service. Do your best to place principals before personalities, and be aware of procedures. We are here to carry on the business of 'Carrying the message to the Addict who still suffers.' For procedure and conduct we look to the Guide to Local Service, the Twelve Traditions of NA, The Twelve Concepts of Service, our MCASC Guidelines, as well we also refer to a set of procedures known as Roberts Rules of Order (modified), which have been used for hundreds of years to help groups run meetings. The Sixth Concept of Service States "As we steadily apply spiritual principals in our lives, our decisions and actions increasingly become less motivated by self-interest, and more motivated by what our conscience tell us is good and right." All motions are to be submitted on a motion form to the Vice Char. I would like to remind all subcommittees and event chairs that their archives should be turned in to our Area Recording Secretary.

Thank you.

David H.

5. Introduction of new GSR's :

Amy Friday Night Candlelight Brian Key to Freedom
John F. Thursday Night Newcomers

6. Introduction of Visitors:

Mark

7. Roll Call & Meeting Check-In (Sub-Committee, and GSR's): see separate.

8. Birthdays:

Saramae 13 Years Steve G. 14 Years

9. Minutes from last month: Approved

10. Additions to the Agenda:

None

11. 7th Tradition

12. Old Business:

Chair met with Literature to complete Literature Inventory. See report. Questions arose concerning the Specialty Items and why we never have anything like "Just for Today" chips. Suggestion was made to order when we need it, to address the unmet need of not having what we need available. Chair recommended that this suggestion best served in the form of a motion. AD Hoc Committee to address removal of "Trusted Servants". Still needs to be completed. Still need the budgets for Activities, Talent Show, WSLD. Non-profit update- Recording Secretary sent list of ASC Panel and packet was mailed off to Secretary of State on 1/15/16.

13. New Business/ Motions:

- 2-1/16 Read and discuss one of the Twelve Tradition each months during Open Forum. Upon Completion of the Traditions continue with the Twelve Concepts.. Joe B.
21Yea 1Nay 2Abstain Motion Carries
- 2/2/16 ASC pay rent for facility 6 months in advance. Anne H.
24 Yea 1 Opposed 0 Abstain Motion Carries
- 2/3/16 Area increase literature budget to \$6500.00. This increase to includes an inventory at all times of: Just For Today, (2 cases), Basic Text, (2 cases), It Works How & Why, (2 cases), Step Working Guide, (1 case). Joe B & Mike H.
25 Yea 0 Nay 0 Abstain Motion Carries
- 2-4-16 Area donate a basket of Specialty Items valued at \$100.00 to Talent Show. Marichelle J.
24 Yea 0 Nay 0 Abstain Motion Carries
- 2-5/16 ASC rent a space for meetings and ASC. Marichelle J.
Discussion ensued. It was suggested that an Ad Hoc Committee is formed to research this and present a package to ASC.
Motion Rescinded

Next month is nominations for ASC positions and Sub-committees.

14. ASC Committee Reports:

- a. RCM Report: No Report.
- b. Treasurers Report: See attached. Income Expense \$2977.27. 19 groups donated \$645.00. Still waiting for suspension to be lifted.
- c. Literature Report:

Old Lit On-hand:	\$4483.51
- Amount Sold	\$839.84
+ Amount Ordered	\$0.00
Petty Cash	<u>\$28.00</u>
New Balance	\$3671.63
- d. Vice Chair: None.
- e. Recording Secretary: Turn in archives

15. Sub-Committee Reports:

- a. Hospitals and Institutions: Stan. See report. Guidelines are being revised. We always need more volunteers. A flyer is available listing all of the facilities H&I provides meetings and information. The next H&I PI/PR Sharing Forum will be held on April 3, 2016.
- b. Public Relations: Leslie. See report. Meeting schedules are ready. We need the "How We Doing" forms are turned in to meeting treasurers and they turn it in with the monthly rent,
- c. Activities: Rosie. See Report. Bridging the Distance came and requested \$1000 in seed money. New Year's "Time for a Change" estimates \$600 in funds raised from the event. Rosie to bring up bank account struggles at ASC. Activities is looking at changing the day of their meetings,
- d. Talent Show: See report. T-shirts available. Event will be held March 5, 2016 at Oldemeyer Center in Seaside. Talent show tickets are available. Talent is filling up so don't forget to sign up if you want to be a part of the show.
- e. Outreach: Joe B. See report. Orientation is available. \$200 returned to MCANA from the Winter Assembly and \$100.00 donated to First United Methodist Church. World Service Bulletin #21- was shared regarding fund raising guidelines. We do not ask for donations. Narcotics Anonymous does NOT actively fund raise.
- f. MBCNA: No written report. Logo has been selected featuring the convention theme "The Promise is Freedom". Donations for the convention auction are now being accepted. 11 months out for convention. Base Committee meets the second Thursday of every month. Website is up and still asking for speakers and volunteers.
- g. Pig Roast: See report. Elections were held. Logo selected. Event date is: August 20, 2016
- h. WSLD: See report. Logo Contest for t-shirts for our areas. Theme is Unity in Service.

16. 10-Minute Break: Cancelled.

17. Open Forum: Reading and discussion of Tradition One. Unity in NA. We all share our wish for recovery our commonality of addiction. When we are united, we are able to do together what we can't do alone. We can disagree and still stay united. All of us are needed to make this fellowship work. Think about how we are treating each other. The traditions help me live with you.
Checking account issues revisited and discussed.

18. Close Meeting: 3rd Step Prayer

Closed: 9:10PM

Next meeting March 14, 2016 at 6:30pm