



## **Monterey and San Benito Counties Area Service Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

1. Meeting Start: 6:30PM
2. Chair, Tyrone, opens meeting with serenity prayer. Ken reads 12 traditions. Kenny reads 12 concepts.
3. Tyrone reads the purpose of the area service committee.
4. Tyrone reads opening statement.
5. Tyrone reads what a GSR is and their duties
6. Introduction to new GSRs and Visitors
  - a. John – Visitor
    - i. John Elber is an alcoholic who runs the program next door for veterans who are coming out of prison. He's been running it for about 4½ years, has graduated 450 guys and is lacking an NA voice. He is looking for Veterans with prison experience. He said they going to do AA one night and NA the other night 4 times a month. He would like our fellowship to spread the word and see if we can get a veteran in. Phil C know how to get in contact with John
  - b. Hai – New GSR for the Life on Life's Terms meeting
  - c. Mike – Visitor
7. Milestones
  - a. Jeff– 5 year!
8. Moment of silence for those we have lost
9. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Patrick Approved minutes
  - b. Anne 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - c. Motion passes
10. Additions to Agenda

- a. No additions

11. Roll Call - General Service Representatives (GSRs) Check In: See Attendance/Roll Call in google drive

## 12. Area Service Committee Reports

- a. Chair: Tyrone: shares report (see google drive)
- b. Vice Chair: Diego: not present
- c. Recording secretary: John Paul A shares report (see google drive)
- d. Vice Treasurer: Summer no present Phil reads her report (see google drive)
- e. Treasurer: Phil C no report.
- f. Literature: Raichel shares report (see google drive)
- g. RCM: Jeff M shares report (see google drive)
  - i. Patrick: How long are those terms
  - ii. Jeff: Two consecutive terms
  - iii. Mike explains what the pool form is: "What the pool form is, is that you fill it out and put your clean time and what areas of service you like to do, H&I, PI, whatever it is, and they will go through that form and reach out to you and see if 'can you do this, can you do that?' So it's important as members to get our information in there because as you can see our Area our Region need help in lots of areas and it lets the area know that you're out there and willing to be of service. Is what that pool form is. The service resume is something different. You can find that on our website. The pool form is really important and the lady that is running that she reaches out to you, she'll contact you, she'll ask you some questions. What you do you like to do, what lights you fire in Narcotics Anonymous, what kind of service you like to do."

## 13. Subcommittee Reports

- a. H&I: Ken shares report (see google drive)
- b. PI/PR: Joanne shares report (see google drive)
  - i. Ken: There was a gentleman here from this facility that was requesting a member of Narcotics Anonymous to attend who is a veteran to attend or start a meeting once every other week?
    - 1. Rich W: Not just a veteran, but a veteran who had been in jail.
    - 2. Ken: They need to meet with PI first.
    - 3. Phil: I'll give you his number.
    - 4. Joanne: Okay. So they're looking for a vet that's in Narcotics Anonymous

5. Rich: A vet who's had prison experience.
  6. Ken: Phil will give you the number and then the gentleman who came in will give you all the particulars
- ii. Mike: I don't think that subcommittees right now are paying for storage. I believe that storage is being paid by area. So no money is being taken out of you budget
1. Joanne: I thought it was being discussed as a possibility
  2. Mike: It was discussed if we were going to get a bigger storage and all that, but as of right now, no.
  3. Ken: Another thing to touch on that. Whenever H&I moved the literature out of the facility, it was required by this ASC committee that there were two people responsible for the literature to be accountable. Just in case something happened to the one. We know what was going to happen to the literature. I don't know if that's still the case.
  4. Mike: All the literature PI has is IPs for things. They don't have a bunch of basic texts. It's going to be what this body decides but I agree that it's a good idea that this body knows who the two people are.
  5. Joanne: My understanding of what we discussed at the committee meeting was that IPs were primarily the only thing that we were going to be using, and we were going to consistently fill the rack. So, we should never really be holding on to anything. The only thing that was located in there, that was PR related, was a banner and Carrie took that home
  6. Mike: The Monterey Area banner.
  7. Joanne: She did not discuss which banner.
  8. Rick: No, it's an old PI banner. There was a couple of racks to that I got. And then a box of IPs. A couple of white books a couple of entry guides.
- iii. Tamatha: So you want us to take this Helpline volunteer sign up sheet to our groups and have them sign up?
1. Joanne: yes
  2. Tamatha: So is there a training or clean time requirement?
  3. Joanne: There is no clean time requirement listed in the guidelines that we could see. If you could bring that back with you at the next area, then Tim J is going to plan a training day. We will keep you posted on that.
- iv. John Paul: One of the positions is web servant?
1. Joanne: Yes
  2. John Paul: What does that position involve? Is that updating our website or is that for something else?

3. Joanne: It does appear that that involves the website. So from the learning days what we learned is there, the web servant can post thing, changes things on the website, changes for meeting times. All of those sorts of things. After last area I called Kathy W. Spoke with her. She is that person that's been making those changes. However, there's a firewall that's keeping her from going back and making the changes. Hence the reason our website is not updated completely. The gentleman that came to do the presentation was from San Jose and his website was really nice. Like very clear, very easy to go through. It was very cool. So what we would like to do is get ours up to speed. But we need a web servant. So when I talked to Kathy W. she is interested in holding on to some of those job duties. And I discussed with her the need to come to the subcommittee meeting so that we can talk about it this month.
4. John Paul: The reason I bring it up is because the previous Recording Secretary Scott, from what I understand handled uploading the minutes and doing things back to the website and I reached out to him earlier this month I haven't gotten word back from him so I don't know the status is of that. So, but speaking of Kathy W, she just submitted an email regarding online meeting schedule. Should I read it?
5. Tyrone: Is that in regards to PI?
6. John Paul: It is...
  - a. From Kathy W: Please let the body know that I am aware and reported to the PI servant at region that I am unable to change the non-meeting portions of the schedule. I'm unable to even get into the site. That is why the announcement for the Thanksgiving meeting is still on the schedule. Region is working on it. I appreciate your patience.
7. John Paul: So I was just curious because if that's what the web servant is I might be interested in that. If we're going to keep our website up to date. We want to get our guidelines up there and we just want it to be up to date.

c. Activities: Eric shares report:

- i. Eric: "I don't have much to report. The Valentine's Day event went well. There was a big turnout. I think we made a tine bit of money. That check for the VTC for \$80 bucks was a donation for the venue for the New Year's Eve event. We're also going to donate for Valentine's Day as well. Our treasurer and our secretary both started full-time school. So the committee is a little out of balance right now. I'm trying to get the treasurer to hook up with Summer and reconcile the bank account. And I'm trying to get my wife, which is the secretary, to upload the minutes. And the minutes cover everything from old business to new business, and all the money spent and all that stuff. So our next activity is May 17<sup>th</sup>. That's Unity Day. It'll be at Toro Park. I have tickets in my truck. If you're interested come see me afterwards if you are.

1. John Paul: I did get some emails for your wife, Belinda?. And I directed her to the Google drive.
  2. Eric: Right I'm working with her. She's all like, "He sent me instructions, but I still don't know how to do it"
  3. John Paul: Just contact me or see me after. I can connect to you remotely or meet with you, it don't matter. Just let me know and I can show you how to do all that.
- d. Talent Show: Postponed until October 2025.
  - e. MBCNA Vice Chair: John not present
  - f. Women's Brunch: Summer not present John Paul shares report (see google drive)
  - g. Outreach: Kristel not present
  - h. NCCNA Registration: Rosie shares report (see google drive)
    - i. Rosie addressed an error on her report. Actual dates for NCCNA are April 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Oscar: So the ones that did sign up, I was told to go online and register?
      1. Rosie: They cut off registration.
      2. Oscar: No, no registration as far as volunteering.
      3. Rosie: We'll take volunteers to the day of. You can sign up there. I try to log on right now to volunteer and I didn't see anything.
      4. Oscar: That's what I was told because I did send one of those sheets to volunteer to help.
      5. Rosie: I have not received any except from Patrick.
      6. Jeff: I can answer that. So if anyone has the gold & green sign up sheets, if you can please take a picture of them and send them to me so I can send them to Sam and NCCNA. He said that at the last region, people were questioning him about that. They said they signed up but haven't a call back. Sam said they're still in the process of gathering all those. I turned in one for Hollister and I've announced it. If you can please send them, text them to me. My number's on the report and I'll send it to Sam right now.
      7. Oscar: Well, that's the problem. I don't know what meeting it was where I put my name on it.
      8. Rosie: So the GSR's were supposed to come back and give us the sheets so that I could take them. I go every month. If you sign up I can take it. So if anybody wants to sign up today on this sheet I'll be taking it Saturday.

#### 14. Old Business

- a. No old business

#### 15. New Business

- a. No new business

#### 16. Motions

- a. Motion to ASC to reimburse \$126.19 for copies made by Tyrone.
  - i. Mike: By rights you can't make a motion. We can have somebody put their name on the motion for you is the right way to do it.
  - ii. Rachiel: Question, I also have a motion for reimbursement. Am I allowed to do two of those?
  - iii. Mike: You can make a motion. The chair cannot make a motion.
  - iv. Rachiel: Am I allowed to do one for myself as well?
  - v. Mike: Yes. The chair of the area cannot make a motion.
  - vi. Tyrone: Is that a moot point?
  - vii. Mike: Yeah, but it needs to be seconded
  - viii. Rachiel seconded the motion.
- b. Motion to reimburse for study work for sponsorship behind the walls. This is for copies made by Patrick for \$22.94. Seconded by Rich. This is a moot point.
  - i. Rachiel: What did you make copies of?
  - ii. Patrick: When somebody wants to get a sponsor, they send a letter to the PO Box. Then we send them back the first IP, Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous. They right on that. We don't send them the actual IP. We send them copies with other information on there. There's three IPs. I call them worksheets. That's what they are.
  - iii. Mike pointed out the proper way of filling out the motion. Patrick put his name down under 'who is going to do something?' When it should be the Treasurer because the Treasurer will be the one writing the check.
- c. Motion to reimburse for copies of approved flyers for the NA survival kits. Reimbursement to Rachiel for the amount of \$16.61. Seconded by Tamatha. This is a moot point
- d. Motion to reimburse for meeting guides to PI for the amount of \$113.50. This is a moot point.
  - i. Mike asked to add a discussion to open forum about making a reimbursement form to make things a little easier for the motion that was just brought up.

## 17. Open Discussion

- a. Jeff brought up the issue with all the meetings that are struggling. If they can announce their meeting name and time so everyone can write it down. There are meetings that can't pay rent, don't have secretaries, etc. If nobody knows, nobody knows.
  - i. Tamatha said when they had that issue before they took a meeting scheduled and highlighted the meetings that needed support.
  - ii. Rosie stated that Outreach would usually go out there to find out if they needed assistance or help.
  - iii. Rich suggested is everybody in the room, when you go back to your meetings announce the meetings that need help.
  - iv. The GSR's that need help announced themselves and it was written down by various members.
- b. Mike: MBCNA is on our forum. We call on them every month. I think we had a representative from MBCNA represent to our group six times in the last cycle. I don't believe we ever got any closing information from the last MBCNA.
  - i. Rosie: The one in 2023?
  - ii. Mike: Yes, They have formed their own 501(c)(3). They don't report to this body. Their kind of like their own thing. Do we need to send somebody to MBCNA and say, hey, what's going on?
  - iii. Ken: I don't know if you know anything about it or not. Are they making donations to our Area? Are they making donations to the region. Are they pulling anything out of this subcommittee to run their group?
  - iv. Rich: Who is supposed to be in charge of that?
  - v. Mike: John was the vice chair last. Jeremy was the vice chair. Tony brought us stuff as the chair. The next cycle Santa Cruz is the chair and we're supposed to be the vice chair a representation from this body to the vice chair. It used to be that this body would nominate somebody to go to that committee. That hasn't happened in the last two cycles.
  - vi. Ken: Do we need to have a position on our roster for somebody to do that?
  - vii. Mike: We should.
  - viii. Brian: Are we allowed to audit them? Who audits them?
  - ix. Mike: They audit themselves
  - x. Brian: That's not very healthy. We are able to get audited from our Region.
  - xi. Someone asked "who audits us?"
  - xii. Mike: We audit us here. Our region audits us when we send our RCM and they here how much money and they go "what are you guys doing with all the

money?" I don't remember the last report we got from MBCNA. They are supposed to report to us.

- xiii. Anne: Why don't we have somebody in this area or in the room talk to somebody at MBCNA and find out what's going on? Just ask questions Then next meeting is March 13<sup>th</sup> on zoom.
  - xiv. Rich: What I suggest is we appoint or elect an MBCNA coordinator from Area to MBCNA.
  - xv. Kevin: It's virtual and in person (the meeting) it's in Moss Landing there's one this Thursday. And I've have been recruited to be a part of but I had no idea all that was going on. I'm think of reconsidering that.
  - xvi. Mike: I would ask our chair to go and find out what's going on. Because they're going to be nominating new committee members.
  - xvii. Kevin: Yes all the nominations are this Thursday
  - xviii. Tyrone: I'll look into that.
  - xix. Brian: My original fellowship is Contra Costa and they ran into an issue with that. For it was something like \$16,000 for literature. They've been doing it for a while. It became so contentious in my area that it destroyed everybody's relationship with everyone. And I completely altered all together where people where going with the vibe for NA. And so sometimes we have natural deterrents to make sure those things can't happen. I'm not saying them at all. They started their own 501(c)(3) and they're probably doing everything right. And I got mad respect and they put on a great event. As time goes on, that's really important I think you're bringing up a really good point Mike is making sure we have coordination that deters that. I'm just saying that coming from somewhere I got to see it ruin, so many relationships have forever changed. How many people win? The meeting attendance dropped dramatically. People were like, this is way too much. We had to sue somebody and it was a whole legal battle that got drawn out. Think about this, having to hire lawyers then how to deal with the fact that somebody steals \$16,000. Then they later die. So that's real fucked.
  - xx. Mike: They're going to be their own entity and maybe it's.. are we not involved with it anymore? What ever it is.
  - xxi. Ken: Monterey County area is involved. They're pulling volunteers from our fellowship we need to keep them accountable. So we need to have somebody sit on that committee just to sit on it. That's just one addicts opinion.
  - xxii. Tyrone: What I will do is get in contact.
- c. Matthew brought up the topic of "Are going to go back to the meeting location? (Hawthorne)
- i. Marcus said we are always welcome at the VTC and has already cleared it with the top staff and they all behind him. In terms of rent he said there was no mention of rent but suggested a donation. A check in the name of the



transformative re-entry program not the VTC per se. You can have VTC on it but in the memo field put transformative re-entry and that will be sufficient.

- ii. Mike asked if there is any way we could use the other room with all the tables?
- iii. Marcus said the problem is Mondays we run AA. AA has that room.
- iv. Mike stated that It would only be the second Monday of the month.
- v. Marcus said he would probably talk to John but doesn't want to disrupt what they go going on and cause any friction.
- vi. Mike ask what we pay in terms of rent
- vii. Anne: \$60
- viii. Mike: I assume that would be our donation for today
- ix. Phil asked to drop of the check if Marcus is not around.
- x. Marcus said just bring it to the front desk.
- xi. A motion was made to move the Area meeting location to Martinez Hall.
  - 1. The motion passed with a majority vote.

18.Meeting End: 8:19PM

Submitted by John Paul A.