



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

### **Meeting Minutes May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

1. Meeting Start: 6:30PM
2. Chair, Diego, opens meeting with serenity prayer. Michael reads 12 traditions. Cole reads 12 concepts.
3. Kevin reads the purpose of the area service committee.
4. Diego reads opening statement.
5. Diego reads what a GSR is and their duties
6. Introduction to new GSRs and Visitors
  - a. Aaron – Visitor
  - b. Nick – Visitor
  - c. Peter – Visitor
  - d. Jaime – Visitor
  - e. Trisha – Visitor
  - f. Micheal – New GSR
  - g. Amy – New GSR
  - h. Mike - Visitor
7. Milestones
  - a. Rich W– 10 years!
  - b. Trisha – 30 years!
8. Moment of silence for those we have lost
9. Approval of Minutes

- a. Mike made a motion to amend the April Minutes, Joe's statement regarding "filings have not been since 2003" to "2023" in two instances he said that. And Tish made a motion to change MBCNA Subcommittee Chair to MBCNA Subcommittee Vice Chair.
  - i. Kenny Approved Minutes with corrections
  - ii. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - iii. 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: Diego: shares report (see google drive)
- b. Vice Chair: Kevin: no report
- c. Recording secretary: John Paul A shares report (see google drive)
- d. Vice Treasurer: Summer shares report (see google drive)
  - i. Mike "I heard you talking about the 990 stuff, but I don't see that in your report. Do we have anywhere in writing to back up those date that those were filed?"
    1. Summer: "You can, everybody has access to that. So if you go to the IRS and you do a business search for Monterey County Area of Narcotics Anonymous."
    2. Mike: "Can we add that to your report?"
    3. Summer: "Sure, it'll be on the minutes as well"
    4. Mike: "The date?"
    5. Summer: "Yes, I can add it to the report that's on the drive"
  - ii. Mike: "Did we find out anything about where we are at with our sales tax?"
    1. Summer: "No, That's another thing that I reached out to Fenn & Keller about, because I didn't know we did that directly and I included Anne on that. So she's gonna pick up where we left off. 'Cause I do know that we have \$77, which I've already outlined to Carol, that was from the Pig Roast, that they paid their sales tax, and we didn't file and send that on. And there's some lack of clarity of how we do that and where we send it to and all of that. So Carol's gonna help Anne."
- e. Treasurer: Anne H shares report.

- i. Anne passed a sign-up form and requested for anybody that's going to be on the bank account, to fill in your name, phone number & email.
- f. Literature: Raichel shares report (see google drive)
- g. RCM: Theodore M shares report (see google drive)

### 13. Subcommittee Reports

- a. H&I: Peter G filling in for Nick S shares report
  - i. Peter G "First we want to congratulate Mischa. She's been voted in as vice chair. Open positions on the H&I committee, they're looking for H&I regional representatives, and they're asking that the GSR's please announce that at the meetings. All facilities have coordinators, however, New Start Recover in Pacific Grove, they're looking for one or two people to take over as coordinators. Coordinators currently are Nick S. and Patrick, and they're looking to turn it over to some new blood. Meetings are on Tuesday nights at 7:30, so they ask that you contact Nick S or Patrick C if you are interested. The following facilities need volunteers to bring in a message of recovery with our coordinators. Natividad, talk to Mischa she's the coordinator. San Benito County, men & women, contact Joanne B. or Rick B. Learning Days has been set for June 14<sup>th</sup> at St George's on Kip & Alvin. Pig Roast flyer will be out soon. Current open positions are Vice Treasurer and Merchant Coordinator for Pig Roast. Next H&I meeting is scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at St. Georges"
    - 1. Lewis "Mischa stepped down to take the vice chair. I am now the Natividad Coordinator."
- b. PI/PR: Joanne filling in for Carey shares report (see google drive)
  - i. Jeff: "So the Postering Day is gonna be at the Learning Day and then the actual event's gonna be on the 21<sup>st</sup>?"
    - 1. Joanne: "That's what we're hoping for, yes. We haven't really got firm on our actual Postering Day dates, that's just kind of something that Carey & I, we haven't loaded on that, but it's going to be a weekend after.
    - 2. Jeff: "Okay so we go to Learning Day's to get the information first"
  - ii. Theodore: "Do you have any statistics on the number of calls?"
    - 1. Tim: "So last month we had eight calls, four for men, four for women. There were two missed calls during that time. This month so far to date, we have had four calls and no missed calls."
- c. Activities: Lawrence shares report (see google drive)
  - i. Brian asked what positions are open in the committee. Lawrence said they need helpers (volunteers) for Unity Day.
  - ii. Peter said he received an email from the Monterey County Parks Department stating there is a credit of \$250 in that account.

- d. Talent Show: Postponed until October 2025.
- e. MBCNA Chair: Tish shares report (see google drive)
  - i. Mike asked if the \$15,565 is coming out of the \$59,141. Tish said the \$15,565 was to pay the overcharge for the room block they didn't use. What happened was their room block was blocked off, and instead of people using that room block and the Marriott taking it out of that room block, they were putting people in other room blocks and not taking them out of our room blocks. Trisha explained that what happened was when people were registering they were using their points or their membership code. So they were doing that and not going to our block. In the end, they had to sit down with them identify convention participants that were supposed to be on their block and the fees dropped from \$9,000 to about \$3,000.
- f. Women's Brunch: Summer report (see google drive)
  - i. Tish asked if she kept the taxes for the merchandise sold. Summer said they did not sell merchandise. Tish pointed out that the report shows merchandise sales of \$110. Summer clarified that was from previous year's merchandise and probably need to pay taxes on that and will get with Anne so those get filed.
- g. Outreach: position is open
- h. NCCNA Registration: Rosie shares report.
  - i. Rosie said they will meet this Saturday for their final meeting where they will give numbers and breakdowns. She did say the event was a great experience and learned a lot.

#### 14. Old Business

- a. Open Positions
  - i. Rosie nominated Aaron for Outreach. Mike seconded. Aaron accepted.
    - 1. The body unanimously voted Aaron in as Outreach chair.
  - ii. Aaron nominated Rosie for RCM2. Patrick seconded. Rosie accepted.
    - 1. The body unanimously voted Rosie in as RCM2
  - iii. Women's Brunch position is still open but their committee will vote someone in.

#### 15. New Business

- a. No new business

#### 16. Motions

- a. Motion for ASC to reimburse Rick for copies of the meeting schedules for the amount of \$73.14 submitted by Joanne. This is a moot point.

#### 17. Open Forum

- a. Brian B brought up an issue that a member of NA said that the LGBTQ+ meeting was going to be removed from the schedule unless they stopped using the non-gendered readings. And although, per Brian, the readings not officially approved for everybody yet, he said it is somewhat fostered amongst World Service. Aaron asked if the reading say NA World Service on them. Brain said they are the non-gendered NA readings they all say Narcotics Anonymous. Aaron asked what is different about the readings. Brain said they don't say he or him instead they say individual or people on them but everything else is that same. Rosie said this for perfect opportunity for Outreach step up and mediate. Mike reiterated that if that's what the group of that meeting voted on then they should be able to do that. In the end, Aaron will communicate to Brian and the other member that threatened to remove the meeting from the schedule to get the matter straightened out.
- b. Mike brought up the concern about our 501(c)(3). For example, if we don't have 501(c)(3) we can't rent a building as was discussed in the previous meeting. He said that was false information. He said we can do that. We can use our 501(c)(3) to rent a building, in fact, the Women's Brunch has been using our 501(c)(3) to do that. Also we could rent a facility through region's 501(c)(3). What we can't do is use region's 501(c)(3) to open a nonprofit bank account otherwise they become liable for our financial mistakes. We don't need a 501(c)(3) to have a checking account. We can have a checking account, Wells Fargo does it with our EIN number. What has to happen is our ASC chair would have to have their SSN attached to that EIN while they're the chair. Mike just wanted to make clear we can function with or without the 501(c)(3). In regards to our 501(c)(3) we should have a board of directors. Right now our ASC panel is our board of directors. Mike said he has been reaching out to some members with time to put a board of directors together. So if this body decides to not do a 501(c)(3) anymore, we can still conduct business, rent buildings & do all that stuff.
- c. Peter received a new contact information sheet and asked how he order's literature. Anne said he is already approve to order literature. Rachel said when you get to the payment options you select approved credit customer. She also said that since information sheet was already filled out Peter should have a login and if not you can register for one.
- d. Summer: "I forgot this portion, in reconciling the QuickBooks to the actual account, for 2025, I do think that any activity that's gone on in these accounts, we do need to know what it's for at least for this year, so that we can have good records at least for this year. So if there's somebody here who's a representative from the activities subcommittee, there's four checks that have happened this year that we don't have any detail. I just put them at a miscellaneous expense. And I'm going to say one more time, if there's a bank account with your subcommittee's name on it, every single month, you should send a detail of that. You should be asking for your bank statement. That's the first thing you should do. At the end of the month, when you're writing your report, you should say, "Hey, where's my bank statement?" So I know what happened on my account. And then after you get that bank statement and see the transactions, you give Anne the details so she can then key it into our accounting software and have accurate record keeping of what that is. So, that's the missing part that I really struggled, and now that there's two of them and they're starting fresh, I'm really hopeful for the subcommittees. If there's a bank account with your name on it and you're writing your report, reach out to treasure and get your bank statement."

- e. Anne: "The treasurers of the subcommittees will have access to go online and print their own bank statements so they can balance their checkbooks and report at every area the bank statement and the reconciliation."

18. Meeting End: 8:04 PM

Submitted by John Paul A.