



Monterey and San Benito Counties Area Service Committee

Meeting Minutes December 9th, 2024

1. Meeting Start: 6:30PM
2. Chair, Tyrone, opens meeting with serenity prayer. Aaron reads 12 traditions. Mathew S 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. Joe - Visitor
 - b. Matthew S – New GSR for the Salinas Monday Men's Stag
 - c. Rick – Visitor
7. Milestones
 - a. Brian – 3 year!
8. Moment of silence for those we have lost
9. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Aaron Approved minutes
 - b. Kevin 2nd
 - i. Mike – Point of Order: To amend the minutes to change the Talent Show from cancelled to postponed until October 2025
 - ii. Motion to Approve minutes with the amendment
 1. Kevin approved the minutes

2. Anne 2nd
3. Motion passes

10. Additions to Agenda

- a. MCANA Proposed Budget 2025
- b. Ad-Hoc Committee Guidelines

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: No report.
- c. Recording secretary: John Paul A: no report
- d. Vice Treasurer: Summer shares report (see google drive)
 - i. Anne: I was the Treasurer for the Pig Roast and we report to H&I not Area and I can have all the bank statements and reconciliations to you via email.
 - ii. Mike: We made the donation not knowing the September invoice hadn't been paid for literature. Do we know how, why that got missed?
 1. Phil C: I believe this was sent to Raichel, our literature person, and it never got sent to us, the treasure people, so when she went to make an order, it got canceled because we thought that this was unpaid, so we paid it right away. So, we cleared it up with them to email me.
 2. Summer: I have noticed those invoices, since then, have gone directly to Phil and he then pays them and forwards them straight to me.
 - iii. Mike: We had a guidelines change to make a new World Service donation of \$200 per month, and we also have our monthly ASC, but our guidelines also state we're supposed to have \$7000 in our main bank account. So now we're not at that number, correct, with \$6000 or something?
 1. Summer: We will be after today, but we were not at that until the 30th of November.
 2. Mike: So, we might need to make a motion not to send those donations this month
 3. Tyrone asked if we could discuss this in open forum

4. Aaron: I believe we do motions before open forum, so that's something that would have to be in addition to the agenda then someone can write a motion and then we can discuss it and then it can be done in open forum
- iv. Raichel: I believe Summer said the new balance for all of Area will be higher once the money's counted by the end of the year. Can that be counted towards the donation.
 1. Mike: We can't do business on hoping, that we don't know what it is. We want to know what it is.
 2. Raichel: Once we know what it is. I'm just hoping for the balance when we discuss it, that's it.
 3. Summer: As soon as Phil is able to, once we get through the reports, I will update the spreadsheet and give you guys an accurate projection so that we can make educated decisions.
- e. Treasurer: Phil C no report.
- f. Literature: Raichel shares report (see google drive)
- g. RCM: Jeff M.: Won't have a report 'til January 13th

13. Subcommittee Reports

- a. H&I: Joanne (filling in for the Ken) shares report:
 - i. Joanne: We did not have an H&I meeting in November due to Thanksgiving holiday, it got cancelled, we will meet again December 19th. Ken asked me to address the need for volunteers for the H&I table at MBCNA. So if you guys can mention it at your meeting, they can reach Ken, Nick or myself if they're interested in volunteering.
- b. PI: Joanne (filling in for Carey) shares report:
 - i. Joanne: We have a flyer that we would like everyone to take to your meetings. We're looking for members to join. It's a zoom meeting. I'm told that we turned in a budget for 2025.

Also, Rick is our literature and how can we get him access to storage, and if anybody has the literature bag that was previously used by PI.

1. Rick: it was mentioned in our subcommittee meeting that Peter W had possession of box bag or something like that he was using to restock IP wraps.
2. Tyron: I encourage you to get in contact with Peter W.

3. Kristel: In regard to the storage, per our area guidelines, the only person that can access the storage and supposed to have the combination is the chair of that committee.
4. Joanne: So, he would just go the literature person to get into that?
5. Kristel: He would go to Carey for the code for storage.

c. Activities: Eric shares report:

- i. Eric: So, Marathon meeting is going well. We had \$63 7th tradition, we had some expenses, coffee cups, insurance. I need to get together with our treasure and I'm gonna report it next month. We have a few events coming up this month before next Area. We have the Christmas Eve party. 800 Cass Street where we have SNL from 1PM to 4PM. There's a white elephant exchange. There's gonna be kids activities, potluck. Flyer is out there please announce it.

Then we're going to have Christmas marathon meetings. Martinez Hall in Marina. December 25th, from 12PM to 8PM. Then New Year's countdown, candlelight event from 9PM to midnight. Martinez Hall in Marina. Speaker meeting at 10. New Years countdown at 11:55

d. Talent Show: Postponed until October 2025.

e. MBCNA Vice Chair John no present:

- i. Rick: Here's some volunteer sheets for MBCNA. We're getting low on time. We really need a lot of volunteers. Any amount of clean time. We got plenty of service opportunities for anybody who want sot volunteer. And if you could please, by the end of this month, If you could shoot me a picture of your volunteer sheets, and I'll start making the calls.

1. Raichel: About when do you guys start reaching out to everybody?

2. Rick: We're gonna do it at the end of the year.

- ii. Mike: My question's not to Rick. My question would be to you as a chair. Have we reached out to the MBCNA committee and asked them why for this whole entire cycle we have not had representation from that committee here?

1. Tyrone: I have not, I know last month there was somebody here for a few minutes. What I will do is get in contact with the chair.

2. Mike: I guess what might need to come to this body is they formed their own 501(c)(3). They've done all of that stuff on their own. What involvement does our area actually have with that committee besides volunteering and coming to chair and the vice chair and those things? 'Cause our area knows nothing about what's going on over there and having this whole entire cycle. No financial support.

3. Tyrone: Who's the chair for our Area? Tony D?
 4. Rick: Tony D is the chair for the whole thing, not for this Area.
 5. Aaron: The way it works, they alternate cycles, Santa Cruz and Monterey. Tony D is for Monterey. He's the chair for MBCNA committee and our vice chair is John. John hasn't been here for 2 or 3 months (he's been in surgery) So there hasn't been any representation for two or three months from MBCNA is what we're trying to say.
 6. Mike: I mean, at one point Jeremy was the chair or the vice chair. He didn't come. Then Tony was coming as the chair just to bring us a report. So to be clear, it's not that we haven't got any, but Tony has stepped in. They found another one. Then John hasn't, he hasn't given a report here since he's been coming. So I think he was here last month and left early. So I just, it doesn't sit right.
 7. Tyrone: Copy that, I'll be reaching out.
- iii. For more info and to sign up to volunteer: <https://mbcna.org/>
- f. Women's Brunch: Summer shares report (see google drive)
 - g. Outreach: Kristel shares report:
 - i. Kristel: I'm gonna meet up with Phil over some weekend and then he's gonna get the money and then I'll have it for next month.
 - h. NCCNA Registration Rosie shares report:
 - i. Rosie: We have a full committee, minus one, we're still looking for a comptroller. Our next meeting (in Hollister) is on the 22nd, it's Sunday at three 'o'clock. So if you're interested, please come in. We have signup sheets as well. But it's a great committee and I look forward to representing Monterey. Our committee's been showing up and doing great.
 1. Raichel: The position that we have open still is vice comptroller, comptroller 2, So anybody interested, there is a clean time requirement because it requires secure information with anybody purchasing free registration online for the convention. It is mostly being good with numbers and Excel workbooks. Even if you're a newbie, I can teach you. So, if you're interested, do reach out to us.

14. Old Business

- a. MCANA Proposed Budget 2025
 - i. Summer: I just wanna let you all know that this budget draft is also electronically in the December folder under treasury. And also there are all of the

subcommittees that did submit some form of a budget is also in that. And that's outreach, PR, H&I and the women's brunch.

- ii. Tyrone goes over the 2025 MCANA proposed budget report (see google drive)
- iii. Summer: So there's a couple of these that you notice that there was not a budget or there was not expenses. And now there's a budget. We went to our guidelines and we put in the budget that is outlined in our guidelines for that item.

For instance, the RCM travel, there's been individuals who have been carpooling. So they haven't asked for reimbursements for RCM travel. But we didn't want to premeditate that that was just gonna continue happening in 2025. Our guidelines outline a specific amount that we are supposed to pay for RCM. And we're supposed to have two of them. And hopefully we will have two of them for 2025. And they do have the ability to ask for that reimbursement. And I just wanna express that we went per the guidelines. That doesn't mean we have to spend the \$1,800, but we would rather outline what our guidelines say and be over-projecting our budget than the opposite and anticipating than the opposite and anticipating that these amazingly generous individuals are gonna go and carpool and not ask for any reimbursement and things like that. There's a couple of line items that are like that. So if you see that there was no expense and no budget, we all know we didn't have a set budget last year. We defaulted to who knows what.

So I just wanna make it clear that if there is a line item you're like, well, we didn't spend any money. Why would we increase that budget? The reason for that is because we went to our guidelines with every single one of these lines. And if there was a specific thing outlined we went by our guidelines. And again, that doesn't mean we have to spend the money, but we would rather project the reality of what could be the expense rather than assuming that we're not gonna have it. Because it's very important for this area to get a really clear perspective about what's going on in the finances. And if you look at the top, our anticipated projected income, if we stay the same, we don't have activities that are passing funds into our area, into our area, the men's, the women's brunch or the men's brunch, they all join.

But just based on historical data that we have, the anticipated income projection is \$21,000 And the projected budget is \$25,000, which obviously puts us into the red. So it's important for you guys to see that perspective. And we didn't want to under project, we would rather project what really could happen, if that makes sense.

- iv. Mike: I know that the men's meeting made a donation for the men's breakfast, it's not shown on here. I know that the women's brunch made a donation to this, it's not shown on here. One of my other questions is, is we have \$6,373 of income in literature, but why do we have \$6,809 in expenses to literature? And my other question was RCM travel, I will talk about that in the guidelines. The world donation, we did have a budget in 2023 and 2024 for our guidelines.

- v. Summer: But they had taken that out of the budget during COVID. So when it defaulted to the previous year's budget, it remained zero through those years. To my understanding, that's just the information that I was told.
- vi. Mike: And then \$900 for a web admin, do we still have web admin? I believe Scott, one of our members, is taking care of our website now, do we wanna take a look at that? Obviously PR/PI, that's gonna change 'cause we haven't had that for the last, I don't know how many years, now we have something. So that's gonna change. Storage is gonna change. Secretary of State, we paid in 2023 to 2024. When is that due 2025? We don't have an actual for 2025?
- vii. Summer: I know I need to update that certificate with the Secretary of State.
- viii. Anne H: I paid that last year, this beginning of this year.
- ix. Summer: Looks like \$92
- x. Mike: And the NCRSC, is that our monthly donation? Is that what that is?
- xi. Summer: Yes it is. Okay, so I'd like to speak to a couple of those things. That was a lot, thanks Mike.
- xii. Mike: One other thing, the Board of Directors and Insurance, are we getting that or what are we doing?
- xiii. Summer: Okay, so I tried to keep up, so I'm just gonna go down the line. Marina storage, we did not increase that. There have been no final decisions made on that with these projected numbers. It seems like they should be taken into consideration if this area is going to decide to increase that line item and get another storage, or if they're gonna work with what they have. But that has not been a final decision, so we wouldn't include it in the budget. Now that doesn't mean we can't overspend on that line item. Again, these are projected numbers. This area can go over or under as they make decisions through the year, and as the income comes in through the year, which we should be looking at actuals every single month to know where we're really at. Going down the line, yes, RCM Travel already spoke to that. The web admin is the same exact as, God bless Scott, but say he gets hit by a bus tomorrow and we have a web admin, it's gonna cost us about \$900. That's, you know, to get the changes on a monthly basis that we need to make, or that's at least what it cost us previously, so that's just the number that we utilized. With our best information we were given. The PR, PI, I'd actually like to go to that. So I have a PR budget that was submitted after we met, and that is in the Drive, the proposed budget that was submitted for PR was \$1,800.
- xiv. John Paul: I just wanna point out in August of 2018 there was a vote to increase the budget for PI, PR in the amount of 1,500 that passed.
- xv. Summer: Okay, and the proposed budget that was submitted by the individual this month was 1,800, just so that the group knows that.

I have a question on the NCRSC, I had added world service on our bank, but I think that I failed to actually click auto-pay on that, it's supposed to be \$200, I believe, per what we all voted on two months ago. So that's where we got the 1,800 from, but our NCRSC region, is auto-pay in the bank as \$150 per month. Have we voted to increase that at some point? And it was missed?

- xvi. Mike: No, per the guidelines, we're not even paying what the guidelines say. I believe the guidelines, and I'll go over that again when we go to the guidelines, but I believe the guidelines say \$260.
- xvii. Summer: Okay, so as of right now, I added world service, failed to do the auto-pay, which I can trigger that right to do the \$200 a month, but it sounds like we're gonna talk about that, because of where we're at financially. But to region, what we've been paying every month and has been occurring since before I took this position on auto-pay is \$150 per month. So that's the current information to make the decision on. And I have another thing that you mentioned, because I have that same exact question, when we all met, that's why I left the budget the same, because I have yet to see any insurance for board of directors, and it's concerning to me that there's no action.
- xviii. Anne: Because there are no board of directors, because nobody wants to stand up and do the 501(c)(3). So it's in limbo land, and that was just a quote that we had gotten in 2023 to provide the insurance if we've got people that wanted to be on the board. That's what that's from.
- xix. Summer: Thank you for that information, Anne. And I am a founder of a 501(c)(3) and I wanna make it really, really clear. For a 501(c)(3), you have to have at least three individuals on the board of directors or we're gonna all be screwed. We will not maintain our tax exemption. We will not have a nonprofit that is called Monterey County Narcotics Anonymous. I didn't know that. I did know that we did not have a board of directors right now or I would have said this earlier. We have to have minimum at all times three individuals on that board of directors.
- xx. Anne: I told everybody. For two years I worked on that.
- xxi. Mike: So in the guideline of articles of association that was filed when we did our 501(c)(3), what it states is the board of directors is you guys as the panel. As the ASC panel.
- xxii. Summer: But is that maintained as with our documentation to maintain our—
- xxiii. Mike: That's all up to what happens up there. If we're filing our stuff, when this body changes, those board of directors should change with the state.
- xxiv. Summer: Okay, so if that's the case, then we do have a board of directors. It's stated as the Area panel and so we should have that insurance. Is that correct or does anybody have any more information? I don't know what this insurance was gotten for.

- xxv. Rosie: I believe that when we were over there in Marina, they wanted the board of directors so that the MBCNA could be their own kind of entity and that was part of what we were doing, and there was directors for a hot minute. but I feel like they're their own entity anyway. They don't come to us and don't report to us so it just seems like—
- xxvi. Summer: So is that what this was for, MBCNA for that insurance?
- xxvii. Anne: No, No it wasn't
- xxviii. Rosie: Then what was it for?
- xxix. Anne: It was for the 501(c)(3) for our area for the board of directors that we do not have because nobody wants to be a board of directors.
- xxx. Summer: Well, we don't wanna say that. We do have a board of directors. I'm gonna file the Secretary of State stating that we're in the positions that are required for board of directors so we don't have a separate board of directors. I just wanna make that clear.
- xxxi. Anne H: Two separate issues. The area versus the board of directors 'cause the board of directors was supposed to be separate from the ASC.
- xxxii. Summer: Yeah, as Rosie was stating, we were discussing that but I just wanna make it clear because when we say we don't have a board of directors, it seems like we're gonna be in a position where we're gonna lose our nonprofit but that's not true. Because with the Secretary of State filing, we are placing individuals on that, in those positions. So to the state of California, which I'm concerned about, to the state of California, we have a board of directors. We meet, Rick, monthly like we're supposed to. We're doing everything to maintain our, you know. Doesn't sound like we're gonna break off or branch off and get another board of directors. I do remember what Rosie's saying. We had a separate one. I think Mike's sat on this. If I'm not mistaken.
- xxxiii. Rich W: What is the function of the board of directors?
- xxxiv. Anne H: It's to oversee the area's financial--Transparency. So the ASC can't govern the ASC. You have to have a separate people to do that.
- xxxv. Mike: So what happened was, this area wanted to get a 501(c)(3) because they needed it for MBCNA. All of this stuff started and our bank accounts at one point in time, it got started and never finished. And then all of our sh*t started getting frozen. Bank accounts were getting frozen, we couldn't change signers, it became a big mess. So we went through this whole process to get a 501(c)(3) to help MBCNA. But in the process of doing this 501(c)(3), we can only have, show, so much money in our account. And the money that is generated by MBCNA far exceeds as an area where we can have in our account. So really, if you ask me, what our 501(c)(3) gets us right now is it gets us a discount on our tax, we really--We don't pay taxes. We don't show a profit, we just have to file our stuff, right?

But it helps us get a discount at, what is it, Oldenmeyer Center? When the women's brunch goes to do their brunch, they can go to the city council in Seaside and say, "We're a 501(c)(3)." It helps get us discounts there and things.

Is it worth that? I don't know, I can't make that decision. But really, when we pay our area, our region, for our insurance and all of that stuff to get all of our activities, all of those things, we get those through our region. Really, as a 501(c)(3), we should be supplying all of that, Monterey County should be supplying all of that to our activities. We should be looking for insurance policies, all of that kind of stuff, which we don't have. We're growing, we're doing good, but we don't really have the capability of doing that. So the question is, this is just all stuff that I know because I sat in a lot of these meetings as we were doing this.

The question for this body is, is a 501(c)(3) really needed for Monterey County area of Narcotics Anonymous since MBCNA has already gone out and got their own 501(c)(3) they're doing their own thing, they have their own board, they don't report to us. And the last time we didn't get money from MBCNA the last time we had a convention, who knows if they're gonna get money this year with the convention, right? So that's a question for this body has to determine. Do we wanna continue to have this 501(c)(3) or get our tax ID number with the state of California, have all of that stuff set up and move forward, get our insurance, get everything through the region and continue to move forward like we did in the past?

xxxvi. Rich W: Having that, doesn't that help reduce costs—

xxxvii. Mike: No, the ROI on that investment to me is not worth it. That's my personal opinion. Because does it help the women's brunch because they can rent all the Meyer Center for what do you—

xxxviii. Rosie: It doesn't even help us 'cause we say it's, we're part of a non-profit, that's what we say. We don't say that we're part of the 501(c)(3).

xxxix. Mike: So really the return on the investment of being a 501(c)(3) in my opinion is more—

xl. Rich W: What if somebody says show me you're part of a non-profit.

xli. Anne: The thing is though, if you don't have some type of entity, 501(c)(3) or whatever, then who's gonna be liable for the taxes?

xl.ii. Summer: And what's the alternative? Like what type of entity would you guys propose we maintain.

xl.iii. Anne: So that's part of the reason why we got the 501(c)(3) was for the tax ID.

xl.iv. Mike: Okay, so is it worth getting rid of the 501(c)(3) getting a tax ID number and filing state income tax and federal income tax every year rather than having to do

all of the board of directors, the secretary of state, all that? Because what are we gonna show that we run it in the red of \$4,000 every year?

xliv. Summer: Those aren't our financials.

xlvi. Mike: What do our financials say?

xlvii. Summer: I mean I don't even trust what's going on right now 'cause I haven't reconciled this. So I'm not gonna state that here. So I'm gonna tell you what it says right now but I don't trust it because these aren't posted to the right place.

xlvi. Mike: And that's the problem that we have is since COVID, this body, nobody could tell you what our true financials are.

xlix. Summer: But that's not happening here. I mean you're gonna know what your true financials are.

i. Mike: Right and that's the point is we're gonna know, right? And we're coming out of COVID. We're totally changing. When we first started having this meeting, Rich, there was four or five people here and everybody was on Zoom. Now that we have a full body, it's here. It's just something that this body has to think about.

ii. Summer: As of right now, we are confirmed as of here today is at a net loss of \$7,000 per financial that are in the system. Some things may move around. They're not gonna move around very much. They're just gonna move to a different account. But at the point where you're not in the red, like the area can decide, I guess I have a vote. I would never vote to lose the established 501(c)(3) because it's a lot to establish that and it is an exemption and I don't wanna plan to be losing money forever in our area. So I think that we should do what it takes. We haven't lost our exemption and we made it through hell and high water. And we do what it takes to come back and to maintain our exemption because it's a proud thing to have and we're the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous and what is it an LLC? Like it doesn't match what we're doing with our as a fellowship as a whole. We're not a business. We're an organization and that's the difference. If you are not a 501(c)(3) you are no longer an organization. You are a company. And that doesn't, it doesn't even feel right, you know, spiritually to think about any area of narcotics and on as being a company rather than an organization. In my mind, that's my opinion.

iii. Jeff: I do know that there's only two other areas in the Northern California region that are 501(c)(3) Nick just asked me what other areas do. So I'm going to region this Saturday. So what I'll do is I'll talk to the other RCMs that do not have 501(c)(3)s and I'll ask them how they do it. 'Cause I do know that there's only two other areas in our region that are 501(c)(3) and that is a big topic of the region.

liii. Rich W: Why is there an objection? Does it cost that much? If it does, how much? Why does the board of directors need to be insured? Against what?

- liv. Mike: I'll give you an example. One of the areas has an event at a stadium. Person falls, gets hurt. Files a lawsuit for a million dollars. So, that's why we have to have insurance.
- lv. Summer: Wait, but we get liability insurance for all events.
- lvi. Mike: If they do it. We have areas out there right now not wanting to buy insurance, having them sign a waiver.
- lvii. Summer: Wait, we have areas where you say that? What do you mean, we have areas?
- lviii. Mike: We as the Northern California region of narcotics anonymous have other areas throwing events, not buying insurance, using the waiver form that's supplied with the insurance, telling them to sign the waiver and think that's good.
- lix. Summer: But nobody under this body is doing that. So, right? I'm just asking what you're saying.
- lx. Christina: Activities is not doing that.
- lxi. Mike: No, but that's what could happen. That's what could happen.
- lxii. Rich W: So you're saying the board of directors could be sued for a million dollars.
- lxiii. Mike: And then the board of directors would be sued for—
- lxiv. Rich W: Put me on the board and let them sue, they'll never get paid.
- lxv. Mike: Well, if that's what we want, we need members. We need people to step up.
- lxvi. Diego: We wanted to bring up a couple things. So, right here you see that Tyrone put down about the 2012 outreach adjustment. Okay, so in our guidelines, when we went back to see what the budget is for the proposed budget when the default, there was no budget for outreach. So, we had to go back and look at what was on the 2023, and we saw what they were spending. Okay, so it was \$500, \$500. Well, we spent \$600, and then the budget's at \$500. So, we were just seeing that we did like the world learning days in October. And what we saw was that they split that cost with H&I?
- lxvii. Kristel: We split that with PI. \$300 from PI, \$300 from outreach, which is not reflected on the line item. We have it under the actual, for PI, which is line item 2011, you have \$26. But PI actually spent \$300, and outreach spent \$300
- lxviii. Diego: Yeah, that's where the \$600 comes from.
- lix. Summer: Yeah, we talked about that in our meeting as well, that that should be, and that's one of the other mistakes that's in our financials, is that 300 of that

should have gone to PR, PI as an expense, and 300 should have gone to outreach. So, I do have that on my rate book, just so you know. And speaking, so speaking of that, I do have, I have a submitted outreach budget, and it's on the drive, and it says, I went over the budget, and the last archive I could find was \$2,500 a year, which is a monthly budget of \$280 a month. The draft on the website was from 2013. It had not been approved. Please keep my budget as is for 2024, 2025. So, if you look at the other budgets on the drive, when they submit a budget, it's like they tell us what they're expecting to spend that money on. It's like, so, and \$2,500, you know we spent \$300 last year, so keep that in mind. The actual was \$300, and we have it at \$500 for this year, in case there is another event where you guys split, PI, outreach, and that was our thought process, because we didn't, when we looked at this submitted budget, there wasn't detail enough to support what was being asked as a budget. So, that's just the information we had, and why we put 500 on this, and the budget that was submitted for PR/PI would go up to \$1,800, which would be a total between the two of \$2,300, which we did not spend, we spent about 600, so that was our thought process, so you guys know.

- lxx. Mike: And that's why it's important that when these subcommittees are doing things and they're bringing reports, that they are filing receipts, they are bringing receipts, they're bringing their printing costs, they're bringing all of that stuff back to this area, so that we can get what they actually spent. But it hasn't happened, right?
- lxxi. Summer: I mean, it didn't happen previous to me.
- lxxii. Mike: It hasn't happened before.
- lxxiii. Summer: Well, no, I'm saying, for a long time, previous to me, but it is happening every single month now, and for at least the next year and whatever I've committed to.
- lxxiv. Mike: We're gonna see that our guidelines say that all of the subcommittees are supposed to bring the reconciled bank statement to this meeting every month. And if you don't, the treasurer's gonna warn you, hey, if you don't do this again, I'm freezing your account. So when you come the next month and you don't bring your report, and you don't bring your expenses in your reconciled bank statement, the treasurer's gonna go, no more money drawn out of this account. Until there's transparency. We haven't done that. Our guidelines, there's a whole bunch of us in here, our guidelines clearly say that, but we haven't been doing it.
- lxxv. Christina: Can you please explain to me what a reconciled bank statement means? Because I'm the treasurer of the Activities Committee, and I was under the impression that you could see what was in our bank account, what was spent. I didn't know that we needed to provide something except a breakdown sheet of that.
- lxxvi. Summer: So when we say reconciled, we mean that, yes, we can see it in the bank account, but we keep all of our records in an accounting software,

QuickBooks, and so all of the entries that are in the bank account should be entered into QuickBooks, and they're not just, if I go in and I see you guys paid, you know, you spent, there's a transaction, it's like a normal bank account, \$200 to some company. I have absolutely no idea what that really was. So in the, fine, in the accounting software, I say, okay, we paid ABC, but where we coded it to this budget line item that Activities has outlined in their detailed budget. Now, we didn't get a detailed budget. Activities defaults to \$4,000, I believe. I strongly encourage you all to still draft a line-by-line budget.

lxxvii. Christina: I do have that.

lxxviii. Summer: And cool, that'd be great, and it'd be great to have in our drive so we can see that. And then every month, when you guys spend money, or every time there's transactions in your account, you get with me and you show me what those transactions were and then they can be put into QuickBooks. That's what the reconciliation part is, is two things, two areas that are matched.

lxxix. Kristel: Just for transparency and clarification, I provided all of my receipts to HNI committee when we had our meeting after we had the learning day. So receipts were provided, but now I know to provide them to Phil, but they were provided on my part, so for that, I provided all of them at the conference meeting, and that's how I came up with the numbers from my report, and then the money that I'll be returning to PI and outreach, which is a split amount since it was borrowed from the local committees. - Thank you.

lxxx. Diego: So what happened was, during this budget meeting that we were sitting at, the panel, so we saw that we're asking or requesting more money for storage, and now we're not sure, because like we said, we had to make that payment that, in September for the literature, that money wasn't accounted, so when we're looking at our budget now, I believe Summer, we were saying that we're, might be in the red now if we are. So now what we're saying is, if we're in the red, how are we gonna afford another storage? So what Summer brought up was, well, just like the girls, I mean the women's brunch, they get their own storage. So there's two options, there's A, we can get a bunch of volunteers going and clean out and organize that storage and see what's going on there, or we can have whoever else, like Activities, HNI, whoever, they can provide a budget for the storage out of their budget. Because if we're in the red now, and we're all shopping for storage, where are we gonna afford that? So what we were talking about was, there's two options. We can clean out that storage, reorganize it and see what's going on, or, like the activities and literature and HNI, they can come together and pull out of their own budget to keep up the new storage, or both.

lxxxi. Kristel: But then how do you break down for the smaller, like outreach who has a \$500 budget, I'd expect us, or PI, to pay for a storage all year long.

lxxxii. Diego: No, no, no. Your kind of stuff could stay in the regular storage. What we're saying is, for this new added storage, the committees need to start now

thinking, since we don't have the budget for that, like we were anticipating, these committees have to either, A, chip in and get their own storage, B, chip in and let's go clean out that storage and organize that, what we have.

- lxxxiii. Mike: Clean out what we don't need.
- lxxxiv. Diego: Yeah, so those are the options that we got now, we're probably not gonna go get another storage, well us as a body.
- lxxxv. Aaron: So basically we're taking back the budget that's really not up to date with the stuff that we wanna do because now you're asking some of these subcommittees to go into the storage, clean out their stuff and their itemized budget to put in possibly another storage facility.
- lxxxvi. Summer: So they are just projections. We do have a budget to take back to the group and be voted on. Yes, we do. And we can make decisions, we're gonna continue making decisions anyway. But per our guidelines, we should have had this out to our groups last month. There's not, every month there's gonna be something new that's gonna affect this budget. It should not be held up by these conversations. We did the best to our ability with the information that we have. That's how businesses do it. And you move forward and you make good decisions based off of it, but at least you have a reference point. At least you have something to look at and something to see how you're doing every month as you move forward.
- lxxxvii. Diego Tyrone and Summer confirmed the world donation is \$200 a month and it's on the budget at \$2400
- lxxxviii. Rosie: I know it's a budget and everything, but as far as the income, the women's brunch income isn't on there and we're part of area, so why is that not on there? The event donations that were brought up already, why are they not on there? That is income. And has activities, made donations?
- lxxxix. Christina: activities budget is not on there either and then we normally do the marathon meetings, so those two should probably be combined.
 - xc. Diego: You mean the donations?
 - xci. Christina: Well, 'cause every other subcommittee has a budget listed in line item except for activities. It just says activities donation, it doesn't say H&I or something.
 - xcii. Summer: And the women's brunch, and I will not do this again, but I did a transfer from one account to the other, so it actually is apparent on our balance sheet, but it's not apparent on our P&L, which that's what this is showing is our expenses and our income, but the women's brunch donation, it went straight to our main account, so that's why it's not showing on this, and I'm sorry, I will be sure that that's outlined and it was \$1,160 this year.

- xciii. Mike: Then what about last year's?
- xciv. Summer: No, last year, it was last year.
- xcv. Mike: Then what about the year before?
- xcvi. Summer: 2020, I'd have to go and look at it because we didn't even have a bank account back then, so I'd have to go back to my women's brunch record.
- xcvii. Mike: You had 2023 and 2024. Both of those events have already taken place, correct?
- xcviii. Summer: Yes, and we've already made our donation, but what I'm saying—
- xcix. Mike: But you're not showing the 2023 donation on it.
 - c. Summer: Right.
 - ci. Mike: And that donation was made, please correct me if I'm wrong, was a cash donation made to this area and brought to this area?
 - cii. Summer: No, it wasn't.
 - ciii. Mike: 2023?
 - civ. Summer: 2023 was cash we brought to the area.
 - cv. Mike: Why isn't it showing?
 - cvi. Summer: I don't know where it was posted. I'd have to go and look where it was posted. I only pulled these line items, so if it was posted somewhere randomly, I didn't do the reconciliation for 2023. If it was posted anywhere that was not an income account, that's shown on this budget, 'cause this budget is a template that's been ongoing, it wouldn't be visible. Now I could go and find that. I'm not saying I couldn't find that, I could find it, but I'd have to go and look for it and tell. And that's gonna be an added line item. That should be an income account, right? Like 1010 should be women's brunch.
 - cvii. Mike: Just to be clear, this is the budget you want us to take back to our groups?
 - cviii. Diego: Yes.
 - cix. Tyrone: Is there clarity that needs to be made with this budget?
 - cx. Summer: No, I mean, we discussed it all. There's not changes that need to be made before we present this budget.
 - cxi. Timothy J: actually you need to increase that because the PRPI went from \$1,000 to \$1,800.

- cxii. Summer: Everybody, if I can just tell you the one change we are going to make. That you can just do with a pen because there were times where we didn't even have printers. There literally was. PRPI, 2,011 The proposed budget is \$1,800. Please cross out the \$1,000 and put \$1,800.
- cxiii. Kristel: I'm trying to figure this out. I don't understand how they haven't even had a committee. They're getting their proposed budget up with, but we put in an email for outreach. I'm sorry, but I'm trying to figure this out. There's been nobody here for that position.
- cxiv. Joanne: Tony D, and he gave us some suggestions on what our budget should look like. And so what was submitted was for three line items, literature \$800, presentation \$500, and mileage 500. So once we get the committee put together and we have a presentation coordinator, there's gonna be mileage involved and all that stuff.
- cxv. Summer: JP, did you not say that that, that in our guidance it was voted, you found that it was voted for that to be increased to 1,500?
- cxvi. John Paul: Yes, it's in the minutes for November.
- cxvii. Summer: Okay, in the minutes for November, it was approved for that budget to be 1,500. There was a presented budget of exactly what she just said, 800 for literature, and it was an itemized detail. That is the difference. They told us what they were gonna spend their money on. And, but you guys could say, no, that should only be \$1,500. The group has to make the decision. So that's all the information. Before we make that change and get the final amount at the bottom, \$1,500 is the last recorded budget we had for that subcommittee. Instead of the \$1,800. That's right. And they do not, and Kristel is right. They are just beginning. They're just getting up and around, you know, all of that.
- cxviii. Kristel: So, question then, did Carrie come last month to get voted in?
- cxix. Summer: Yes, she did
- cxx. Kristel: When are the budgets due?
- cxxi. Summer: October
- cxxii. Kristel: So then she's late, so then I can be late too when we redo my email in a correct manner, the way it needs to be done to get that budget where I need it to be. That's what I'm trying to understand.
- cxxiii. Diego: In the guidelines, there was no budget problem. It doesn't mention any money on the guidelines. So we have an issue with that. So when we would look at the guidelines and we went through it on outreach, outreach doesn't even have a budget.
- cxxiv. Summer: That doesn't mean outreach can't spend money. So if we're doing, yes, we wanna abide by the guidelines, but if outreach comes along mid-year and

forms a committee and is doing things that our area says this is great for our area and comes and presents something and our area can afford it, it's not like you can't do it.

- cxxv. Mike: So in the guidelines, state, public information, if chair person should present annual proposed budget in October to ASC Treasurer for full ASC budget presentation in November, if not submitted in October, default approved annual budget shall be \$1,000. So they should have already had \$1,000 in that. Now they can come back and propose their budget, but that proposed budget increase has to come to this body to be voted on. It can't just be put in there that their budget is \$1,800.
- cxxvi. Summer: And that's why we put \$1,000 on the budget.
- cxxvii. Mike: Now I don't know outreach committee. So I'm gonna to check the guidelines and I'll go over that. Absolutely right. When these guidelines were performed the last time, there was no default budget for outreach. And when we go over these budget, these guidelines today, there is a line item that we added in there as the ad hoc committee to give you guys a default budget. But if you put a budget in, that budget can be brought, that budget can be brought before this body, and that budget can be voted on at any time.
- cxxviii. Rosie: right there we can understand that 'cause we get to ask questions. When we're at the committee, we're taking this to the group, it's not gonna be the same. So we're just trying to get as much information so when they ask us, we know what to answer. So I think I have it. I don't know anybody else.
- cxxix. Summer: And I want every subcommittee to feel secure about what they're doing. I don't want you, Kristel, to feel insecure, like, well, I only have \$500 and I can't do what I need to do with that. And so the questions are appreciated. They are. And obviously if we voted up for their budget to be \$1500. It was November, that the budget was raised to \$1500?
- cxix. John Paul: This is for the PI/PR?
- cxixi. Summer: Yes
- cxixii. John Paul: In the minutes for November, under new business, ad-hoc guidelines committee #3. In June of 2018, to increase budget PI/PR to the amount of \$1500, it passed in August of 2018.
- cxixiii. Summer: Okay, so our guidelines say \$1000 for PR/PI, but our guidelines haven't been updated with the most recent vote, which is \$1500.
- cxixiv. Mike: So that was their default budget?
- cxixv. Summer: Yes

- cxxxvi. Mike: Okay, so then that is something that as the ad hoc committee for the guidelines, we're gonna have to look at that because we didn't catch that. So, we're gonna make that note so that everybody can make that change.
- cxxxvii. Summer: Please cross out the \$1000 (for PR/PI) and put \$1500 for that. So it would be, the total budget at the bottom would be \$25,805. Just so that we're all aligned. It takes your group.
- cxxxviii. Tyrone: So are we clear what we're gonna bring back to our group? And we'll get a vote next month.

b. Ad-Hoc Committee Guidelines

- i. The group decided to go over the Guidelines next month. The guidelines were emailed to everybody for review next month.

c. Storage

- i. Tyrone: We did discuss storage?
- ii. Aaron: Diego did you ever get any other quotes?
- iii. Kristel: I did for Salinas. The one at my place is full. So I found one over by Westridge. They have big ones that are not bad. So if we want to do a big one for more space, a 20X10x10, which is equivalent to a 4 bedroom house. \$321 per month. 18X10x10 equivalent to a 3 bedroom \$305 and that's on the lower end. Big ones like this at some other places ran upwards of \$500-\$700. But if we're splitting it \$100 per committee to share that's do able.
- iv. Diego: Thank you, Kristel. That was the other, she was gonna, she got the storage in Salinas.
- v. Aaron: Okay, my question to you, did you go back to Marina and ask them, since her grandfather is there, I was gonna call and negotiate with you.
- vi. Diego: Yes. So I called them just to see if I could speak to them after. The lady told me whenever we're ready, to come talk to them, to give them a day or two.
- vii. Aaron: Okay, well you let me know when you wanna go, please.
- viii. Diego: So, like I said, this last month, because we did the ad hoc for the budget, and after all this stuff was said, I was like, oh, we gotta bring all this information back to see if we even wanna continue looking for another storage facility.
- ix. Aaron: I think it'd be in our best interest if we did that.
- x. Diego: Yeah, yeah, and I like what Summer had said, that each committee can provide it themselves through their own budget.

- xi. Aaron: Yeah, but that's up to them to decide, but as a body, we need to look into another storage facility in case that doesn't happen. So, like I said, I'm willing to do it. If you give me a call, hey Aaron can we meet this day to go they wanna meet with us, I be more than happy to go with you.
- d. Summer: I said I would provide information to this area about what we collected. We collected \$989 this month for Seventh Tradition, so that will be added on to our bank balance, which will bring it back up over our proof of reserve, just so that you all are aware and can make good decisions.

15. New Business

- a. No new Business

16. Motions

- a. John Paul: I don't believe we no longer have the quorum.
- b. Mike: Well, as long as it's not a guideline change
- c. Motions: Reimbursement of \$73, Sponsorship Behind the Walls, H&I for stamps, submitted by Patrick. Line item 2013. Moot point
- d. Motion: Area reimbursement Mike H, \$124.30 for draft copies of the guidelines for approval, line item 2018. Moot point
- e.

17. Open Discussion

- a. Aaron: So I've noticed that lately a lot of times when we go to vote on stuff, people have already left and gone, right? So when we used to have Area in Marina, we used to do a second roll call, especially when we needed quorum. 'Cause we may have it at the beginning of the meeting, but when we vote on a budget or guideline changes or the new guidelines, if we don't have it, we can't vote on it. So it's really important that at some point before we go and vote on these things that we do another roll call and really emphasize that, hey, we're voting on this stuff, stay. Right, instead of just dipping and people gotta go. I understand we have a member who catches a bus and stuff like that, so I understand that. But it's really important that we have all the meetings come to when we do these things. Because we have, you know, if we have 2/3 of the meetings present, that's 1/3 of the meetings that aren't getting the budget information, aren't getting the guideline information, right? So we can go to other meetings and say, hey, this stuff's on the Google Drive, please take a look at it. You know, then maybe that GSR who wasn't present can take it back to their group and be like, hey, this is what went on, I'm sorry I wasn't there. So there's some accountability, right? And that's up to us as members to go out and do that. So just food for thought for upcoming stuff that we're voting on, especially when it comes to budgets.

18. Meeting End: 8:30PM

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