

## SOUTH CENTRAL AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

FOR ASC MEETING HELD 02 March 2008

**Visitors:** Pat E., Kim C., Mike E., Tina M., John I., and Jennifer M.

**Quorum:** 1<sup>st</sup>: 18/32 2<sup>nd</sup>: 15/31

Groups recognized by SCANA, not in voting status:  
The Uncut Group, Courage to Change, Central City, Port of Entry

Note to GSRs- After three consecutive absences, your group will lose voting status. This will be reinstated upon the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive re-attendance.

Service Motivation- Bill D. 12 Traditions- Alicia E. 12 Concepts- Dawn M.

Officer reports-

**Chair:** Greetings Area: I am so glad to see everyone. I don't think we have a lot going on. So let's have a good day.  
ILS Tim D.

**Vice Chair:** Greetings Area: All sub-committees met today and are working within themselves well. Just a quick reminder and suggestions that all sub-committees need to meet on time and certainly the officers for those sub-committees need to be present and on time. The phone line situation has resolved itself and will speak on that during agenda time. Remind all GSRs to check the table for flyer's to be sure all pertinent information is getting back to your groups and further helping to carry the message of recovery in N.A. My hat goes off to each and everyone of you as for helping to conduct these proceedings in a productive professional manner. I feel and sense a positive growth throughout our area. ILS Matthew C.

**Treasurer:** Opening balance is \$2,110.55 ILS Pat S.

**Co-treasurer:** Did receive two checks totaling \$75.00 for HANA phone line payment. Very pleased with the way things are working out between the area treasurer, Pat s. and I. It's an honor to serve. ILS 4-ever Grateful Robby E.

**Secretary:** Greetings Area: Before you throw stones and nail me to a stake, I'd like to say I made progress this month. The minutes were printed and put in envelopes. I failed to mail them. They did get e-mailed in a timely fashion. Please have patients and empathy. Matt and I have been corresponding and working on updating the policy. We will continue to work on this project in the month of March. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.  
ILS Wanda P.

Motion to approve minutes with corrections was made by: Dawn M. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brandon J.

**RCM:** Greetings Area: Region met last month at Link Associates here in Des Moines and here is what was discussed at the business meeting. \* There's a movement in N.A. To change how we do business. Instead of relying entirely on Roberts Rules of Order, Region is considering moving to a consensus basis for making decisions. Something to think about, no motion however. \* Al L. is chairing a ADHOC committee exploring the possibilities of having liability insurance covering all N.A. Functions. A vote was taken to table till next Region to get more information. \* It's time again looking forward to IRCNA. The convention committee urges all who wish to attend to book rooms early. Dates are July 4-6, 2008 in Waterloo this year. There are the final registration forms on the table. Also, I received a sign up sheet for IRCNA service work. Go back to your groups to see if they want to host a hospitality suite, marathon meeting chairs, workshop leaders. Bring back next month and I'll forward it. \* SCANA put it's bid in for IRCNA 2009 to the standing committee. Dubuque was the only other area who put in a bid. Our bid had cheaper rooms and put together more professionally with all our ducks in a row. Plus, SCANA is way cooler! \* IA Region donated \$1,100 to World. \* Issue of CAR. CAR conference agenda review is late April. Our Regional delegates are going to share the IA Region conscious in California. As RCM I received a copy of the CAR and all areas came to Des Moines February 16 to have it presented. A lot of information! Motions for a lot of things plus approval for the new 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Basic Text. It's a very exciting time for N.A. Come listen to Jamie F. or Regional Delegate Alternates here Sunday, March 30, 2008 as he presents to our area all the business being held at the World Conference. I urge all GSRs and all other interested members to attend to have their voice heard. We will be having pot luck. Grateful in Service Peter B.

**RCM alt:** Highlights from open forum included the Standing Board asking the gathering for their input regarding standardization and condensation of the yearly IRCNA banners as space to display these banners at each year's convention becomes less and less. The reaction was basically was "you're the standing board, you figure it out...we'll follow..." Also the issue of insurance was discussed. Regardless of where we stand on this issue, it was agreed that a "rush to judgment" is not the way of handling things. Currently, there is an ad-hoc committee investigating options. If you, or someone you know has expertise in liability insurance for non-profits, the ad-hos committee would welcome your input. Policies would cover events and groups throughout the state. In Service Pat D.

**Lit/Arch:** Newsletters are available on the table, as well as the flyer for the next newsletter topic, which is "Writer's Jam." Some submissions were reviewed for consideration. We continue working on the newsletter each month. I placed a call to the chair of the IRCNA standing committee about IRCNA items stored in the archives. She will be coming to Des Moines at some point in the near future and will be accessing these items. Victoria R.

**Public Relations:** Public Relations met today. We are planning for a learning day and phone line workshop on April 19, 2008 at Link Associates from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Randy L. is working on reducing the phone bill by \$50.00, by eliminating some directory listings and by attempting to reduce our phone servers from two to one. Public Relations would like to encourage newer or older members to participate. In Service Pat D.

**Activities:** Greetings Area: Activities sub-committee is working right along. March's event is the St. Patrick's Day dance on 03/15/08 at Link Associates. April's event will be a Retro dance on 04/19/08 at Link Associates. There will be a flyer in a couple of days. Keith will circulate them among individual groups. There may be contests for best costume; more will be revealed. May's event is the Annual Memorial Day Picnic. Walnut Woods has been reserved for 05/26/08. We are currently inquiring into cooks for the event. Please see me after area. As a sub-committee we have decided to host another speaker jam in June. We are planning to have speakers starting earlier in the day with a dance to follow in the evening. More will be revealed. Walnut Woods reservation and deposit have been paid. The total cost was \$222.48, which I paid out of my account and a check will be cut to me today for reimbursement. Thank you for allowing me to share. ILS Melissa E.

**H&I:** Greetings Area: All went well in H&I today. Not much going on, all meetings are happening, with a few exceptions. We may be looking for a new secretary. More will be revealed. ILS Dawn M.

**IRCNA Ad-Hoc:** Our bid was presented to the Stand Board Committee. The Dubuque area also submitted a bid for 2009. The Standing Board read the two bids a loud to the RCMs. The RCMs will decide who is awarded to host at next summer's convention. During our closed session with the Board, we were given a short list of questions that will need to be asked of the Hotel, to determine more accurately what our costs will be, what our responsibilities as a committee will be, and what services we will require of the hotel. Whether we are awarded the bid or not, I see the work that the Standing Board is doing, and my opinion is that the data and experience that they bring to the table will make it much easier to host the convention and should help to keep costs where they need to be. At our last meeting as a committee, we chose a new theme -- "We are Each Other's Eyes & Ears." Our first theme "Spirit of Service" was so brilliant that Waterloo just had to use it for this year's convention. In Service Pat. D.

**ASO:** Thanks to all those who came out and supported our 'Taste of New Orleans' on Thursday. We brought in \$1,047.00, paid \$100.00 rent, and gave 3 Basic Texts (\$33.00) for a profit of \$914.00. Also, \$73.00 was collected by the Thursday group that meets at Wakonda. They are donating all of that to the ASC. Special thanks to those who donated food and their time and energy for this fun event. Expect more of these events in the future. Also, for those who helped sell tickets, there are a few of you who are still holding on to unsold tickets and or cash. Please turn these in. We know where you live. The ASO always welcomes your input as to inventory items you want to see stocked. See Janet E. Groups are reminded that they can donate funds directly to the ASO if they so choose. Currently, all bills are paid and check book balance is \$628.29. In Service Pat D.

### **Group reports:**

#### **Sunday Meetings**

**Scanamosa:** All is well here. We continue to spread a strong message of recovery to all. Also, donated \$9.10 to ASO. Approximately 100 in attendance with 4 newcomers. Expenses \$29.70 and Area donation \$75.00 ILS Steve B.

**Sun nite 7pm:** No report

**Eastside Recovery:** Special thanks to Kim C. for chairing, Carrie Ann and Dale for key tagging. Attendance 167 with 12 newcomers. 7<sup>th</sup> tradition \$146.59, Expenses \$132.10, and Area donation \$14.49. ILS Ericka B.

#### **Monday Meetings**

**Our Primary Purpose:** Greetings Area: Average attendance of 12 with 8 newcomers. We spent \$20.00 on rent and bought \$7.30 in supplies after this we were able to donate \$22.65 to Area. ILS Becky W.

**Spiritual Hour:** Monday Night Spiritual Hour still carrying a strong message. Attendance 83 with 4 newcomers. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition \$103.70, Expenses \$43.00 and Area donation \$60.70. ILS Lloyd

**Never Alone :** Greetings Area: Happy to report that our meetings is carrying a strong message of recovery for newcomers, old-timers, and everyone in between. Our attendance was a little down this month due to several bad weather days. 63 people attended our 4 meetings this month with 5 newcomers. We are donating \$20.00 to Area and spending \$12.00 on literature and supplies in addition to \$15.00 for rent. Thanks for all the hard work everyone at Area. ILS Chris D.

### **Tuesday Meetings**

**Harbor of Serenity:** Greetings Area: The Harbor of Hope meeting is still doing well. Our attendance has slipped to 8-10 people with 1 new person. In Service Barry F.

**Unity in Action:** Greetings Area: Unity in Action is alive and well. We had a total of 195 addicts in attendance with 7 newcomers. We brought in \$128.01, spent \$19.00 on supplies, donated \$51.00 to Area, and donated \$51.00 to the office, and we have \$7.01 in prudent reserve. ILS Nikki H.

### **Wednesday Meetings**

**Recovery on the River:** All is well on 'The River.' Attendance was 82 addicts this month with 7 newcomers. Our rent is paid, literature and supplies are stocked and we are pleased to donate \$50.00 to Area this month. ILS Keith B.

**We Came To Believe:** We had a good month and carried a strong message. All is well. Attendance 101 with 4 newcomers. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition \$67.76, Expenses \$10.75, and Area donation \$57.01. Thank you for allowing me to be a trusting servant. Kevin E.

**We Found Hope:** Though our attendance has been a little smaller than last month, but our message still been very strong. It is my personal hope that with better weather we will once again reach more addicts and carry a strong message. The new space is serving the groups very well. Thanks to all who helped this last month and thanks to those who are helping to carry our message this next month. Attendance 95 with 1 newcomer. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition \$63.30, Expenses \$20.00 for rent and \$28.40 for literature and supplies, Area donation \$10.00. ILS Leon D.

**Just For Today:** Greetings Area: 7<sup>th</sup> tradition this month was \$60.00 of which we donated to Area \$32.50. Expenses \$7.50. Thanks Mack

### **Thursday Meetings**

**The Uncut Group:** No Report

**We Do Recover:** The meeting is going great with a strong atmosphere of hope and recovery in N.A. We averaged 37 per meeting and greeted 14 newcomers. We paid \$40.00 in rent, purchased \$38.50 in supplies and donated \$11.18 to Area this month. Come and join us, light up a smoke (or not), and enjoy a real old school atmosphere of recovery in N.A. ILS Jay F.

**Principles Of Recovery:** Greetings Area: As the new GSR I get the privilege of saying thank you to the people that put on the 'Taste of New Orleans' dinner and a big thank you for the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition during the meeting that makes it possible for us to donate \$94.97 to Area this month. We had a total of 110 people this month (81 at one night) and a total of 8 new comers. Looking forward to being of service. Scott K.

### **Friday Meetings**

**Found a Way Out:** Greetings Area: 7<sup>th</sup> tradition this month was \$105.00 of which we were able to donate \$60.00 to Area. Attendance was 106 with 8 newcomers. Expenses \$39.20. ILS (Alt) Mack

**Free Addicts Recovering Together:** Greetings Area: Everything is going good for February 2008. We had an attendance of 94 and 13 newcomers. We had a total income of \$46.75, supplies \$41.00 and Area donation \$5.75. ILS Jessica S.

**New Beginnings:** New Beginnings is a live and well with a very strong message of recovery being shared. Attendance is strong and we have newcomers on a weekly basis. We made an area donation, bought supplies, and paid rent for the month. Thanks to all of those whom were of service in February. Grateful to be of Service. Brandon J.

**Free On Fridays:** Free on Friday is doing well. I feel we are carrying a strong message of recovery at this meeting. Total attendance of 367 with 11 newcomers. 7<sup>th</sup> tradition of \$223.66, expenses of \$74, and an Area donation of \$149.66. ILS Bill D.

### **Saturday Meetings**

**Basic Text Study:** Greetings Area: We're doing O.K. We could use some support. We're averaging about 4 people each week. We paid rent. We're buying some pamphlets and key tags. Attendance 19 with 1 newcomer. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition \$51.00, Expenses \$31.00. In Service Jeff McD.

**Sat Night Live:** Hello to all N.A. Members. Saturday Night Meeting has been doing good. We usually have an average of 10 people with 4-6 newcomers for the month. Last night was a larger meeting than any other weekend. Keep coming back. The 7<sup>th</sup> tradition was \$44.00 with which we purchased \$11.00 in literature and donated the rest to our Area. ILS Amy T.

**Adel Quitters Club:** Greetings Area: from the Adel Quitters Club of N.A. We are carrying a strong message of recovery and hope to all that attend. Attendance was 33 with 2 newcomers. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition \$28.76, Expenses \$15.00 for rent, and \$20.00 Area donation. ILS Tyrone W.

**Sat Night Salvation:** Greetings Area: The meetings are going well. Attendance is steady. There is not anything new to report. Attendance was 80 with 6 newcomers. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition was \$117.00, Expenses \$50.00 and an Area donation of \$67.00. ILS Calvin H.

**Living Clean:** Greetings Area: All is well at Living Clean. We are carrying a strong message of recovery. Attendance was 34 with 6 newcomers. 7<sup>th</sup> tradition \$59.22, Expenses \$32.00, and Area donation \$27.22. ILS Scott F.

**Central City:** No report

### **Group Assemblies**

**Truth or Consequences:** Howdy Fellow Addicts; We are doing great! Now that Christmas and all the holidays are over, people don't have a reason to come to the mall except a meeting, and guess what, they are still coming. It must be the message of recovery that is being spread there. Since we moved into the new spot, things have really picked up and we have a few new regulars, they are not just newcomers anymore, they are actually sticking around and supporting our meetings. It is so cool to see people come and grow and to then see them on the outside doing the same thing. We had an average of 2 newcomers per meeting, with an average attendance of 10. We brought in \$109.00. We spent \$15 on supplies, \$30 on rent, \$30 to Area and the rest we are keeping in our savings account which is \$34.00 for our upcoming insurance policy, which is due in November. ILS Always to N.A. Alicia E.

**Port of Entry:** No Report

### **Clean time anniversaries:**

Pat E. - 3 months, Mack - 1 year, Barry F. - 1 year, Jennifer M. - 8 years, Keith B. - 15 years, Tom D. - 5 years, Chris D. - 2 years

**Financial Request:** Peter B. made the following motion: 'Financial request for \$50.00 to provide a tank of gas for Jamie F. for coming to Des Moines to present CAR on March 30, 2008. Motion was passed.

### **Unfinished Business**

A. N.A. Phone lines - Matt C. addressed that HANA has paid \$75.00 per month for their phone line service. They will be getting their own plan There was discussion on what type of plan that SCANA has for the phone line and reducing down to one phone service provider. There were pros and cons taken on the subject. It was decided that Public Relations will look into the phone line services available and bring this information back to the area next month. GSRs will take this information back to their groups for a conscious vote.

**New Business** No new business was presented.

### **Closing Treasurer Report**

Group contributions to Area: \$922.12

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$32.57

Expenses: \$1,102.16

Ending Balance: \$2,761.19

### **Meeting was adjourned**

1<sup>st</sup> - Scott F.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Dawn M.

