

NEW DOMINION AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 11, 2011

1. Opened with Serenity Prayer at 4:00 p.m. by Richard S.
2. Purpose was read by Tom B.
3. Traditions read by Chris S.
4. Concepts read by Bill M.
5. Attendance:
  - a. Roll Call: Quorum met with 24 voting and 6 reporting GSR's.
  - b. New Meetings:
  - c. Motion: To accept minutes as written.  
Mover: Harry M. 2nd: Tammy N. (Approved 22-0-0)
  - d. Call for new motions to Policy to be given to Policy Subcommittee Chair.
6. Executive Committee Reports

Chair: I hope today we can do what no one of us can. Through our unity and hard work, hopefully we can find some willing trusted servants to fulfill our service committees. I have loved serving this past year. Thank you for allowing me to learn more patience, humility, tolerance, integrity, honesty, fidelity, open-mindedness and willingness. – ILS, Richard S.

Vice Chair: Not Present.

<u>Treasurer</u> :	Income	1,755.57
	Expenses	1,633.90
	Checking Acct. Bal.	6,118.60
	Uncleared Checks	163.45
	Prudent Reserve	(1,500.00)
	Available Balance	4,455.15

Fiscal year ends January 31<sup>st</sup> and all unspent budgets will be donated to World Service.

P.R. Balance	1,507.30
H&I Balance	1,178.00

Budgets are due – any budget not submitted will be at last year's level.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve – ILS, JimM.

Secretary: All is well. Thanks for the opportunity to serve this past year. – ILS, Brian C.

## 7. Group Reports

All Are Welcome: Not Present.

Another Look: Not Present.

Better Understanding Recovery: Everything's great in the Better Understanding Recovery home group. We meet every Thursday at 2:00PM in this room (at Hatcher). This past month was our first and things have gone well. We have about 20 people each week and \$10.00 to donate. **We would like someone from Outreach to come out and help us a bit with how things are supposed to work.** – ILS, Kaitlyn B. (Donation \$10.00)

Courage To Change: Not present.

Courthouse Freedom: We meet on Fridays at 8:00PM at the Central Baptist Church in the annex building. Attendance has dropped due to hunting season. We have been averaging 10-15 recovering addicts in attendance. Our home group is weak with 3 dedicated home group members. Other than that, all is well. – ILS, Harry M. (No Donation.)

Fan Club: Not present.

Gratitude Group: All is well at Gratitude. We meet Monday nights at 7:30 at Bon Air United Methodist Church on Buford Road. with 35-45 addicts regularly in attendance. **On 12/26, 1/2 and 1/16 we will be meeting at Saint David's Episcopal Church, 1801 Camborne Ave. near the corner of Providence and Reams because the church we normally meet at will be closed.** – ILS, Chris S. (Donation \$70.00)

Grow or Go: Not present.

High Hopes High Hopes meets every Thursday night from 7:30-8:30PM at the Cool Springs Baptist Church in Mechanicsville. We have been doing a little better with attendance as of late. We had two home group members celebrate last month, Carol M (14 yrs.) and Rita H. (7 yrs.) **We are still trying to drum up support for our meeting, especially from addicts with clean time.** We wish all a clean and happy holidays.– ILS, Lee T. (No Donation)

Hope Fiends Hope Fiends continues to host the best NA meeting in the New Dominion Area. We elected a new GSR Alternate last week and I want to welcome Mike K. to this ASC. Our annual Thanksgiving Day eating meeting had lots of great food and desserts. About 30 addicts attended this year. I want to thank the Service Structure Ad-Hoc Committee for their donation of plastic ware, cups, plates, drinks and food; Hope Fiends passed the unused supplies to the Gratitude group for their Holiday Open House. – ILS, Bill M. (Donation \$100.00)

HOW: Not present.

I Can't We Can: I Can't We Can is doing well. Average attendance is 40-60 people. We meet every Friday night from 8:00-9:00PM at Westminster Presbyterian Church at the corner of Monument and Malvern. Please join us Friday nights so we can all help each other. Also we have a nomination for the Vice Chair position open today. – ILS, Charles L. (Donation \$80.00)

Inside Hope: Not present.

Into the Light: All is well at Into the Light. We meet every Wed at 7:30PM. Attendance is 20-30. – ILS Jeff S. (No Donation)

It Works How and Why: We meet every Sunday at 8:00-9:00PM, with up to 35 recovering addicts in attendance each week. – ILS, Michelle S. (Donation \$65/00)

Just Steppin': All is well at Just Steppin. We average 45-55 addicts per week and our home group is still growing. – ILS, Joe B. (Donation \$65.00)

Keep Coming Back: Keep Coming Back meets Tuesday nights from 8:00-9:00PM at Epiphany Catholic Church at 11000 Smoketree Lane in Chesterfield VA. We have a round-robin, open discussion format. We have about 15-20 people meeting on a regular basis. Keep Coming Back and HOW are sponsoring a Christmas party on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00PM at Epiphany Episcopal Church. We will be having a pot luck dinner with speaker – please bring a dish to share. We have a home group member celebrating a 10 year anniversary on Dec 27<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Papa John for Celebrating his 10 years! – ILS Papa John (No Donation)

Keeping It Simple Keeping it Simple continues to be strong with an average attendance of around 6-9 addicts weekly. WE continue to go through the It Works: How and Why book and are probably one of the few AREA groups with this type of format. So if you want something different come join us on Wednesday at 5:30PM at 306 Turner Road (SAARA Center). We have no contribution this month, but we do have a home group member celebrating 17 years on January 4<sup>th</sup> by the name of Paul R. – ILS, Johnny C. (No Donation)

Let the Healing Begin: Let the Healing Begin is doing well with about 10-15 addicts attending every Thursday night from 7:30-8:30PM at the River of Life Church on Woodman Rd. Come and join us for meditation and discussion. – ILS, Mimi B.. (Donation \$50.00)

MFS: All is well at MFS. We are averaging 10-15 members and are having almost all our home group members attend our meetings consistently. We have picked up two new members. AA has left us alone regarding rent and we have \$42.00 to donate. – ILS, Robert W. (Donation \$42.00)

Never Alone: Not present.

No Matter What: All is well on Fridays at 8:00PM here at Hatcher. We still average about 40 addicts a week. Low donation for November as we had a big literature order (\$140.00) Merry Christmas to all! – ILS, Matthew D. (Donation \$45.00)

No Strings Attached: No Strings is doing well but we could use some support from addicts with clean time, especially women. We are averaging about 8-9 addicts attending weekly. Come join us at the Woodman Rd. Henrico Mental Health Bldg. at 7:00PM every Tuesday evening. – ILS, Mike P. (Donation \$50.00)

Not High Noon: All is well at Not High Noon. We meet Monday – Thursday from 12:15-1:15PM at the Family Counseling Center of Richmond just off Midlothian Turnpike. We average 15 addicts on a regular basis, and have a donation of \$50.00. We are a meditation, information pamphlets, step study and discussion meeting. – ILS, Gwen T. (Donation \$50.00)

On Our Way: On Our Way is doing well. We meet at 6:00 every Thursday night at the Hatcher Memorial Church. We average about 40-55 addicts a week and have no special needs at this time. – ILS, Tony M. (Donation \$25.00)

P.U.H.: All is well at P.U.H. We are a rotating format meeting that meets every Tuesday here at Hatcher at 5:30PM. We average about 20 people per meeting and have no special needs at this time. – ILS, Ian B. (Donation \$31.50)

Riverside Recovery: All is well at Riverside Recovery. Attendance is down as happens this time of year. A core group of attendees that have consistently shown up in the cold weather and even though sometimes our meeting place is flooded we are able to carry the message of recovery. On Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> we will meet at our regular time of 10:00AM – please join us but dress warmly. Holidays can be hard on us in recovery. If you find that you need a meeting or simply want a safe place to be for an hour be assured that this home group will be there for you.. – ILS, Walter B. (Donation \$45.00)

Serene Women: Serene Women meets Mondays at 5:30PM here at Hatcher, all is well. Three of our home group members will be celebrating their first year: Megan V. (12/12), Sara O (12/19) and Arlene T. (12/26). We are always in need of experienced women. – ILS, Megan V. (No Donation)

S.H.A.R.E.: Not present.

South of the James: All is well at South of the James. This is a Basic Text study meeting which meets every Monday night from 8:00-9:00PM at 4000 Stigall Drive. While attendance does fluctuate, our meeting remains a safe and loving atmosphere. Diane R. celebrates multiple years of recovery on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. S.O.J.'s home group members wish to re-nominate Richard S. as Chair of the Area. Also, S.O.J. is donating 20 registrations to the 30<sup>th</sup> annual AVCNA. – ILS, Bronwen M. (No Donation)

Spiritual Connection: Spiritual Connection meets every Saturday night from 6:30-7:30PM at the Johnston-Willis 4<sup>th</sup> floor auditorium. We average 40-50 addicts a week. – ILS, John F. (No Donation)

Sunday Hope: Hello everybody, I am Mike P, the New GSR for Sunday Hope. We meet every Sunday from 6:00-7:00PM at Hatcher Church. Our meeting has 30-40 attendees each week, with one new home group member this month. We read and discuss the Just for Today reading or use steps 1-3 as our meeting topic. On Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> we will have an open house from 4:00-7:00PM with a speaker. – ILS, Mike P. (Donation \$30.00)

Survivors: All is well. – ILS Danny H. (No Donation)

T.A.P.S.: TAPS has an average of 30-40 addicts in attendance. Peace with you all, and Happy Holidays! TAPS own John S. and his lovely wife Carol are hosting an open house next Saturday 12/17 at 10997 Sugarloaf Drive in Mechanicsville, all are welcome.

Also, TAPS is hosting the New Years Eve Event. Flyers are available on the table up front. Speaker Jam Starts at 1PM 12/31 and goes to 1AM. (nominations for speakers should be directed to John S.) Dinner will be at 6:00PM; last speaker at 8:00PM; DJ & Music will begin at 9:00 with party favors and a countdown.

TAPS is requesting \$500.00 from NDANA for food, DJ and other staples. TAPS is also requesting other home groups to assist in providing items on the list or monetary donations. A basket will be passed, as well as a donation can, all proceeds will be returned to area. – ILS, Tammie N. (No Donation)

Together We Can: Our meeting is doing well. Meeting is held every Thursday at the Rogers (Chesterfield Mental Health) building from 7:30-8:30PM. Home group member Shane H. will be celebrating one year on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>; Larry R will be celebrating 21 years on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>. Come on out and show your support. – ILS, Rick R. (No Donation)

Vision Without Limits: Visions Without Limits is alive and well on Wednesday nights at Mount Vernon Baptist Church on Nuckolls Road from 7:00-8:00PM. We continue to maintain 10-15 addicts in attendance each week, with newcomers showing up all the time. We just had three more addicts join the home group last month. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – see you in 2012! ☺ – ILS Steve K (Donation)

\$30.00)

We Women Do Recover: No written report. (Donation \$60.00)

What Can We Do: What Can We Do meeting on NA is still functioning. Attendance is low and we are in need of home group members and trusted servants. This meeting could also use more experience, strength and hope. This is a step, tradition and concept study meeting. **Special Needs: Members with clean time.** – ILS, Kenny J. (No Donation)

Winner's Circle: Not present.

## 8. Subcommittee Reports 4:31p.m.

Public Relations: All is well with PR.

- I went to two unity PR's.
- We are planning a Unity Walk 2012 at Petersburg National Battlefield Park, hosted by Tri-Cities. Park Deposit is \$50.00. We would pay 41%.
- We now have 48 meetings, so our percentage (of the phone line bill) is going up to 41% from 44 meetings at 39%. This will start from January 2012. Our phone bill this month is \$212.03. I have not met with any companies to check lower phone line costs yet, as I was away for two weeks.
- We have a preliminary poster for your critique, please check your email – I forwarded it to the addresses I had available. Please check and send back corrections.
- We are having a website Workshop on 12/17/11 from 12:00-2:00PM at 321 N. Boulevard in Richmond (The Parish House).
- PR does not need a change to it's annual budget.
- Meeting lists will be out next month, let me know ASAP (in writing) of any new or closed meetings. As of Oct. 1, we have spent \$613.80 on meeting lists.
- Have called several treatment centers, talked to people but they have not returned calls.
- If you know of any open houses or New Years' parties please let me know so we can put them up on the website! – ILS, Diane R.

Hospitals and Institutions: Hello Family, all is well with H&I at this time. The H&I subcommittee has nominated and approved me for H&I Chair. My nomination will come before the Area today for a vote. The subcommittee spent \$409.16 on literature this month. – ILS, Heather R.

Literature: Hello Family, All is well on the Literature front. As you all know today is the day to nominate a new chair so I want to thank you for allowing me to serve. It has been a wonderful learning experience and I thank you all for your help, trust, love and support. I do have someone who will step up and I will help in the transition. The total order for this month was \$246.46. – ILS, Angel B.

Policy: All is well. We are going through the policy manual and making changes as well as motions. All budgets need to be in now. An addict had a question about being asked to leave a meeting because they didn't want to share. The matter has been referred to Outreach. – ILS, Tom B.

Special Events: No report.

Outreach: Hello everyone! Outreach remains active though a little slow for the holidays. Several things I need to you all to be aware of however:

1) We have some home groups in the Farmville Area that have expressed an interest in joining our Area. However because of the distance they have requested perhaps they could

do this by a co-op arrangement. I have no experience in this matter and have written the World for guidance. If anyone has any experience in this matter or suggestions please get with me. My feeling is that one person could attend the monthly AREA and carry the votes/monies etc...for the other groups. This would then be on a rotating schedule to allow all of the other home groups also to attend. The problem will be in that will need to fall under our policies with things like H&I, PR etc...Does anyone have any input about this? Will a new policy need to be made for groups that are co-oping?

2) I will be out of the country for the end of December and part of January and when I return I will be undergoing major back surgery that will have me out for about 3 months. Walter is our Outreach vice-chair and will be covering for me. Also since my term is up in March he has already expressed a desire to do Outreach Chair. More will be revealed in that area but I figured I'd let you guys know ahead of time.

3) Outreach Budget Request for the year will continue to be \$600.00  
Happy Holidays and ILS, Johnny C

#### 9. Trusted Servant Reports:

VRCC Director: We last met in November in Charlottesville, Sheila S. was elected Vice Chair. The 30<sup>th</sup> AVCNA is getting closer. The Cavalier Hotel is sold out. We did get the Holiday Inn at 3900 Atlantic Ave. for the same rates as the Cavalier. The 31<sup>st</sup> AVCNA is moving along as scheduled. All positions are full. The convention is always accepting newcomer donations. – ILS, Jimmy B., Chair VRCC

Alt. VRCC Director: Reminder to All: 30<sup>th</sup> AVCNA is January 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> at the Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach, Registration is \$30.00. Also, we offer an opportunity to make a donation to help pay for convention registration for newcomers. We hope everyone can take advantage of this opportunity. – ILS, Mike M.

RCM: No meeting this month, no written report. – ILS, Brad M.

Alt RCM: Not Present.

Ad-Hoc Service Structure: As per the Area request there was a workshop on the proposed service structure changes. The committee can't thank enough the people that stepped up to help. The presentation was well done and educational, and the food was great! – ILS, Tom B.

#### 10. Quorum check: 24 voting

#### 11. Call for Policy Chair to bring new motions to Chair. 4:47 pm.

#### 12. Money Matters

#### 13. Nominations and Elections: 5:00 pm.

- a. Area Chair: Richard S. (Approved by Acclamation)
- b. Treasurer: Wes. S (Approved by Acclamation)
- c. Vice Chair: Tammy R. (Approved by Acclamation)
- d. Secretary: Brian C. (Approved by Acclamation)
- e. Literature: Erin C (Approved by Acclamation)
- f. Special Events: Tammy N. will pro temp (per request of Richard S.)
- g. H&I Chair: Heather R. (Approved by Acclamation)

- h. Special Events Chair and Alternate RCM positions still open. Please bring back to groups.**

14. New Business:

- a. None

15. Motions:

- a. **Motion 12-1**  
**Mover:** Robert W                    **Secunder:** Johnny C.    (**Approved:** 24-0-0)  
**Motion:** Change publication date of policy manual until February, after budgets have been finalized.  
**Intent:** To allow for budgets to be included in the policy manual.

Point brought up during discussion: There is no formal process for approval of budgets. Need to incorporate this into the policy manual.

16. Open Forum: 5:44 pm.

- a. Go to [www.na.org](http://www.na.org) to view “Living Clean” draft and fill out the membership survey.

17. Motion to close: Mover: Johnny C. 2nd: Chris S. 24-0-0.

18. Announcements

17. Closed with Serenity Prayer at 5:50 p.m.