

NEW DOMINION AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
November 8, 2009

1. Opened with Serenity Prayer at 4 p. m. by Chair Brad M.
2. Purpose was read by William H.
3. Traditions read by Paul R.
4. Concepts read by Oley O.
5. Attendance:
  - a. Roll Call: Quorum met with 18 voting and 12 reporting GSR's.
  - b. New Meetings: (1) All are Welcome meets Wednesdays at Noon at 9609 Jefferson Davis Hwy. in the offices of the Richmond Southside Treatment Center. (2) One Day at a Time meets on Mondays from 6-7 p.m. at 2914 Hungary Spring Rd.
  - c. Minutes approved: Motion: To accept minutes as written. Mover: Jesse F. 2nd: Josh. Passed 18-0-0

6. Executive Committee Reports

Chair: Good Afternoon Family. Not a lot to report this month. Any one who has knowledge of any open houses please get them to someone from the special events subcommittee so they can compile there list. We will have elections for vice chair today. Please let's remember to keep an atmosphere of recovery. ILS, Brad M.

Vice Chair: As your Vice Chair for October, I was able to attend Unified and act as PR Chair for months now. I will be attending the phone line workshop this Saturday, and enjoy the opportunity to serve. We need a PR Chair. Please take this back to your groups. Congratulations to Kyle on serving as H&I Chair. Please contact me if I can help your home groups in any way. ILS, Matthew D.

Treasurer: Hello all, all is well and there is nothing new to report. I was finally able to make a donation to the region to 250.00 and to world for 400.00. Just a friendly reminder: please fill out your money order and sign and put your group name on the memo line. I have had a wonderful time being the treasurer for this area, next month my term will be up and I will relinquish all on to someone else. Please see me if you are interested in this position. I will not be able to fill in after next month so please let's have someone nominated next month that can step up so things go smoothly. Thanks for allowing me to serve. ILS, Kate G.

Monthly Financials:

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| Beginning Balance                 | 6726.75 |
| October 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition | 837.95  |
| October Literature income         | 338.00  |
| Other income                      | 212.75  |
| October expenses                  | 1575.51 |
| Ending Balance                    | 6539.94 |

Secretary: Note to all trusted servants: If you type up your report, PLEASE send it to me via email ([tanyakane1979@gmail.com](mailto:tanyakane1979@gmail.com)) to help expedite typing the minutes. See you at the next NDASC. ILS, Tanya K.

7. Group Reports

All are Welcome: Our meeting averaged 4 members for the last month. Please come out and support this new group if you can. We meet every Wednesday at Noon at 9609 Jefferson Davis Hwy. in the offices of the Richmond Southside Treatment Center. We have no donation for the NDANA ASC this month. I spoke with Mike D. (Outreach Subcommittee of NDANA) about seeing if that committee could help this group since we have no literature at this time. Special Needs: Home group members and attendance support. No donation. ILS, William H.

Another Look: Desperately needs home group members. We have regular attendance of about 30-40 addicts. Please come out and share in recovery on Saturday nights on the Boulevard 8-9 p.m. Donation: \$47.00. ILS, Kate G.

Courthouse Freedom: We meet on Fridays at 8pm at the Central Baptist Church on Courthouse Rd. There are usually 20-30 addicts in attendance. Our meeting remains strong but can always use new members. No donation. ILS, Harry M.

Friday Freedom: Our meeting averaged 6 members a week last month. Please come out and support this meeting if you can. It's Friday's at 1 p.m. at 306 Turner Rd. Suite L, in the Cloverleaf Office Park. Special Needs: Home group members and attendance support. No donation. ILS, William H.

Gratitude Group: We continue to meet every Monday from 7:30-8:30 at Bon Air United Methodist. We continue to grow and prosper. We have an average of 15-25 attending each week. Donation: \$100. ILS, Kurt H.

Grow or Go: Hi family. Grow or Go continues to do well meeting Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30, with the first Tuesday of each month we have an eating meeting beginning at 5:30pm. We are averaging 30-40 addicts a week. Dennis R. celebrated 11 years on October 20<sup>th</sup>. William H. will be celebrating 4 years on November 19<sup>th</sup>, with Grow or Go celebrating his anniversary on November 24<sup>th</sup>. We are having a Holiday Open House on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 p.m. Come out and help us celebrate the holidays. No donation. ILS, Paul R.

High Hopes: Hello all. We are doing well and continue to have a very strong home group. However, we have had attendance drop off this month. Two home group members celebrated 5 years; Bill and Rita H. Special Needs: We need support. No donation. ILS, Tracy N.

Hope Fiends: Hope Fiends is alive and well on Thursday nights. Our attendance is steady at about 35 addicts a week. Hope Fiends 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bonfire and Brunswick stew was held October 24<sup>th</sup> and it was a success even though it rained up until the evening. The first meeting was hosted by the H&I subcommittee and once again, this year they shared the necessity of the subcommittee. Donation: \$100. ILS, Bill M.

HOW: All is well. We meet Sundays at 7p.m. at St. Francis Hospital. Come check us out. Our average attendance is 25 addicts. Our format rotates to keep it interesting. Donation: \$14.00. ILS, Banks

I Can't We Can: We meet every Friday night at 8pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church at the corner of Monument and Malvern. The home group itself could use some support, so if you're homeless, come join us. Our format has a speaker for the first 15 minutes who discusses a spiritual principle as the topic. The remaining meeting is open discussion based on the topic. We have an average of 40-60 addicts. No donation. ILS, Charles L.

Inside Hope/Open Speaker: We meet Saturday from 7-8 p.m. at Henrico Jail West. Attendance is about 40-50 addicts, with 5-10 newcomers. No donation. ILS, Mark A.

Into the Light: Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30 pm at St. Marks on Lucks Ln. 20-30 addicts seeking recovery weekly. Topic discussion. Donation: \$265.00. ILS, Frank M.

It Works How and Why: We have a new GSR named Allan and our group is excited to have some new home group members and a more organized business structure. Tonight Ashley is celebrating 4 years clean. Our meeting is a great home group that meets Sunday's from 8-9 p.m. at the VCU Hibbs Building, 900 Park Ave., in room 403. Donation: \$80.00. ILS, Allan H.

Just for Today: Not present.

Just Steppin': We meet at Hatcher every Monday from 7-8 pm. We usually have about 30-40 recovering addicts working on steps and we encourage you to come out. Donation: \$50.00. ILS, Josh L.

Keep Coming Back: We meet every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. at Epiphany Church with 20-30 attendees. We are a Just for Today meditation meeting. Donation: \$35. ILS, John M.

Let the Healing Begin: All is well at Let the Healing Begin. We meet on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. at 7700 Woodman Rd., River of Life Community Church. We have 25-30 addicts attending weekly. Donation: \$43.00. ILS, Jesse F.

MFS: All is well at MFS with 10-12 addicts attending each week. Please visit MFS on Monday's from 8-9 p.m. at Gayton and Ridgefield Parkway. No donation. ILS, Keith.

No Matter What: We continue to meet on Friday here at Hatcher at 8 p.m. We average 30-50 addicts a week, and the topic format seems to be working well. No donation. ILS, Matthew D.

No Strings Attached: We meet Tuesday at 7-8 p.m. on Woodman Rd. at the Henrico Mental Health building. We have a chair person choice rotating format. Average attendance is 30-40 people. Two members celebrated anniversaries this past month. Kris L. and Dave L. Donation: \$29.00. ILS, Rusty S.

Not High Noon: All is well. We meet Monday thru Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at the Midlothian FCCR on Southlake Blvd. Our format varies between a Step study and an information pamphlet reading. Our attendance varies from 8 to as many as 25 addicts seeking recovery. No donation. ILS, Will P.

On Our Way: We have a great meeting on Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. at Hatcher Memorial. It is a lead-in speaker meeting which gets an average of 20 people weekly. We forgot to get a money order, so this month's donation of \$50 will be submitted next month. This Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, Tanya K. will be celebrating 3 years clean! Come celebrate with us. No donation. ILS, Tanya K.

Riverside Recovery: Recovery is strong along the banks of the James. Our meeting attendance is steady with about 8 addicts on nice mornings and 3 on rainy days. Come out and join us rain or shine. Donation: \$25.00. ILS, Bill M.

Serene Women In Recovery: New meeting on Mondays from 5:30-6:30 pm at Hatcher. This is an open discussion meeting open to the public, but is a women's meeting. We have anywhere from 8-10 women attending weekly. Thanks. ILS, Kelly T.

Share: All is well. We meet every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Lakeside United Methodist Church. We have a round-robin format on the topic of discussion, except for the last Tuesday of the month, when we have a speaker share on the step that correlates to the month. Donation: \$15.00. ILS, Diana T.

South of the James: We meet Monday's from 8-9 p.m. at the Church of our Savior located on Stigall Rd. off Hull St. Rd. Step study meeting. Normally have around 25 addicts. No donation. ILS, Doug.

Spiritual Connection: All is well. We meet every Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at Johnston Willis Hospital on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor Atrium entrance. We average 25-30 addicts and we are a Just For Today meditation discussion meeting. We just had two home group members celebrate 1 & 2 years. We love newcomers. No donation. ILS, Shawn P.

Survivors: Hi family. All is well at Survivor's group. We meet Wednesday's from 8-9 p.m. at 520 N. Boulevard. Our meeting continues to attract about 50-70 addicts each week. Newcomers are always the most important person in our meeting. Donation: \$133.00. ILS, Butch A.

TAPS: We are continuing to be a strong and well attended meeting! We give a great support to the many newcomers that attend this meeting. No donation. ILS, Marney B.

The Truth No Matter What: We are doing well. We now have 5 home group members. Our meeting is averaging 6-8 members per week. We have a home group member celebrating 18 months the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in December. We are a Basic Text study/varying format meeting. Come help him celebrate at 2607 New Kent Hwy, Quinton VA on Tuesday night 8-9 p.m. No donation. ILS, Fred W.

Together We Can: We meet on Thursdays 7:30-8:30pm at the Chesterfield Mental Health bldg. Attendance runs from 10-20 weekly. We have a literature stand in the lobby that we fill each week. We regularly have newcomers attend. The focus of our meeting is Basic Text discussion. Please come support our meeting. No donation. ILS Paula R.

We Women Do Recover: We meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 319 N. Boulevard (Parish House) for literature and open discussion. Please come this Tues to help Kelly T.celebrate 1 year. All are welcome to help her celebrate. Donation:\$50.00. ILS, Kathleen H.

Winner's Circle: We are still trying to carry the message. There is still a dire need for trusted servants. I am supposed to be out of town this coming week and have asked a member of the 10pm AA meeting to open for us. Please, if you want this meeting to continue, trusted servants are needed. No donation. Special Needs: Maybe we need Outreach to help us learn how to attract home group members. ILS, Winner's Circle.

## 8. Subcommittee Reports

Public Relations: We met today at 2 p.m. here at Hatcher. Phone workshop on Nov. 14 at Fan Free Clinic, 1010 N. Thompson St. at 12pm, hosted by Richmond Area PR. We are working to translate schedules to Spanish. NDANA PR is in need of committee members. We are ordering 5 PR Handbooks for members. We are sending 25 meeting schedules to Hanover CSB as requested. Meeting schedules are here on bench. ILS, Matthew D.

Hospitals and Institutions: We continue to take 14 meetings into 12 facilities, but are in need of support. We meet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at Hatcher at 2:30 p.m. I would like to thank the area for another opportunity to serve. We are in transition so I don't have a lot to report. I have spoken with Kate and all money matters are being handled appropriately. Thanks to all who helped with our Learning Day. And thanks to Kate for helping me out with those money matters. Please come help us give away what was so freely given to us. ILS, Kyle M.

Literature: Sorry I couldn't attend Area Service this month due to a business trip. A couple of literature orders have been filled for those who placed their orders in advance and will be at Area today. A large H&I order was not filled due to the size and I can place this order this week with free state (?). I think it would be best to place a separate order for H&I since there's a budget for this. Last month an order for our Area was placed in the amount of \$505.20. Literature sales were \$360.00. Thanks you for the opportunity to serve. ILS, Russ N.

Newsletter: Hi family. We have a Newsletter prepared this month. Thanks to all who contributed to this issue of the NDAND Newsletter. My term as Chair is up and I thank the New Dominion Area for giving me an opportunity to be of service. The committee would like to nominate Brandy J. for the position of Newsletter Chair. ILS, William H.

Policy: Hello all. All is well. The changes that were made concerning Policy were few. However, today in Area Service we will vote on Policy concerning the Outreach subcommittee. Therefore, I felt it prudent to hold the first draft of the Policy Guide until next month. I've done so to allow this policy to go into the Policy Handbook instead of making it wait until 2011. To insure maximization of budget, first draft will be included in this month's minutes. This will allow for discussion at next month's area and then vote in January. Nominations for Area Treasurer and Literature Chair will be open in December. Please take back to home groups. ILS, Oley O.

Special Events: We have been meeting every other week to prepare for the New Year's Eve Event. We have tickets for sale in advance for \$15.00. The cost this year at the door has increased to \$20.00 due to venue cost increase and food arrangements. We need to sell lot of tickets in advance to fund this event. Any home group individual to sell tickets can get them at this meeting. If your home group donates food, please see me after the meeting. We are gathering information for the Open House flyer. Please see me to put your open house on the list if you have already set your date and time. The date for the next meeting is Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm. We need lots of help. Please announce this for us. ILS, Jesse F.

Outreach: Hi family. This month we had our 1<sup>st</sup> Outreach meeting to discuss ideas of what we want our committee to accomplish. We have currently money for 3 group starter kits and they have already been spoken for by groups that have formed within the past 3 months. We are in the process of coming up with ideas to include or help meetings in our outer lying communities including meetings in Crewe, Farmville and New Kent. Also, we are working on ideas to help new GSR orientation that could be held as needed. We were able to attract 6 addicts to participate and voted on a Secretary and Vice Chair for the subcommittee. We will be meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the SAARA center in their conference room. Our next meeting will be December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please enter through the side entrance because there is another 12-step group that meets in their large room at 6:30. Please come out and show your support and be a part of this new subcommittee. ILS, Mike D.

9. Trusted Servant Reports

VRCC Director: VRCC meets Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon in Charlottesville, VA. 28<sup>th</sup> AVCNA is getting closer; January 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> 2010. Please announce during meetings. Newport News Conference Center Marriott. ILS, Jimmy B.

Alt. VRCC Director: No report.

RCM: No report.

Alt RCM: The Regional Conference was held in Staunton last month. It was an interesting day. There were 5 areas that abstained on all motions up for vote. So, all those motions have been sent back to areas. I see no reason for this body to revisit those motions because the groups have spoken. The gist of the day is that Donna Lee P. is the new RDA2. The RDA & RDA2 will attend the World Wide Workshop in Boston. The RDA, RDA1 & RDA2 will attend the NARCCNA & Autonomy Zonal Forum. ILS, Bill M.

10. Break 5:00 p.m.: Motion to skip break. Mover: Jerry V. 2nd: Jesse F. Passed 16-1-0

11. Quorum check: quorum met with 17 present (Spiritual Connection left before break).

12. Money Matters: None

13. Old Business 5:02 p.m.:

Motion: To approve Outreach Policy. Motion passed 13-4-0.

14. New Business 5:13 p.m.:

a. Open Positions:

Area Vice Chair: Cynthia W. withdraws acceptance of nomination. At last NDASC, Donna Lee P. nominated Shawn C. and Jesse F. nominated Matthew D. Jerry V. moves to close nominations. Closed ballot vote elects Matthew D. (14-2-1).

Newsletter Chair: No nominations. Brad M. asked William H to pro-temp and William accepted.

PR Chair: I Can't We Can nominates Shawn C. per Charles L. Shawn does not accept. Brad M. asks all members to take open positions back to groups.

b. December Nominations and Elections: None.

c. Region Motion:

140-9 Mover: Cynthia W. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Akin S. Motion: To make Outreach Subcommittee project driven. Intent: To have in place on an as need basis.

Motion referred to Policy by Chair for impact statement. Report back to the 141<sup>st</sup> RSC.

Pros: Will improve response time by allowing RSC Chair & body to appoint either an individual or Ad Hoc Committee depending on the need. If an individual is appointed, no committee meeting would be necessary and if an Ad Hoc is formed, it would meet at the same time that a standing committee would have to meet.

Cons: It could possible slow down response time in responding to a specific need.

Impact Statement: The impact of making Outreach project driven will be minimal which includes: 1) saving Region money, 2) saving time of holding meetings and reporting at RSC, 3) having individual situations addressed as needed at RSC, 4) address need of Ad Hoc Committee or a point of accountability at that time, and 5) reduce responsibility of Chair/Vice Chair holding meeting in absence of elected Chair.

141-17 Mover: Greg G. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert W. Motion: To add under Section IV: Voting/Motions between lines 14 & 15 and to remember accordingly.

All motions regarding policy change require a 2/3 vote to pass and the following procedures apply. All other motions, whether sent to home groups or not, require a simple majority.

Intent: To simplify & clarify the required votes needed for all motions other than policy changes.

Pros: Clarifies what policy has been trying to do for 3 years.

Cons: None.

d. New Motions:

Mover: William H. Motion: To have CON included in the minutes. Motion passed 15-0-1. CON: To motion 141-17 (Regional). Policy change emphasizes 2/3 vote on policy changes and doesn't emphasize that procedure votes should also be a 2/3 vote and not just a simple majority. Because in the past motions were deemed procedural (like the Region name change from Region of the Virginias to Central Atlantic), which may be policy change that procedural change.

15. Open Forum 5:24 p.m.

New Meeting! One Day at a Time started June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009. It's located at 2914 Hungary Spring Rd. from 6-7pm on Mondays. Special Needs: Member support, IP rack and IP's. For more info contact Ronald P. (804)253-7900.

Oley O. would like to know if the NDASC has to vote on break and do another quorum check. Brad M. says it's policy.

16. Announcements

Thomas S. celebrates 23 years in 2 weeks per Bill.

Kelly T. celebrates 1 year this Tuesday at We Women Do Recover.

Hope Fiends Annual Eating Meeting is in 2 weeks.

17. Closed with Serenity Prayer at 5:37 p.m.

ILS, Tanya K., Secretary