

CROWLEY'S RIDGE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm in Jonesboro, followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Members read the Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts, first two paragraphs of Tradition Two, purpose and definition of an area service committee, and Tradition Nine.

ROLL CALL

Groups

Clean A.I.R. (Paragould)	John N.	Present
Clean Slate (West Memphis)	Mark R.	Present
Cope Without Dope (Jonesboro)	Liz M.	Present
Hope Not Dope (Trumann)	Misti C.	Present
LANA (Leachville)	Wanda L.	Present

Administrative Committee

Chair	Zenia A.	Present
Vice-chair	Barb H.	Present
Secretary	Pam R.	Present
Treasurer	Bill L.	Present
RCM	Matt C.	Present
RCM Alternate	LD G.	Present

Subcommittees

Activities	Amber J.	Present
H & I	Tim A.	Present
Internet	Mark R.	Present
Public Relations	LD G. (vice-chair)	Present
Ad Hoc (Guideline Revision)	Mark R.	Present

SECRETARY REPORT

Pam presented the secretary report. Mark R. made a motion to accept. Liz M seconded. Motion passed by consensus. Secretary report accepted. Mail was checked by Pam and distributed.

TREASURER REPORT

What's up family, Seasons greetings and Bah Humbug
Not much going on in the money department. I received the bank statement and reconciled the account.
Every thing is in order.

I wrote a check for \$1500.00 cosigned by the Area Chair and entrusted to the honorable and much esteemed Drugless H. esquire, to open the Activities account. I will be forwarding the Act. Bank Statement and the new checks for this account that were forwarded to me for safekeeping. I'm sure we will hear more from Doug on this. Ck# 1257 to FNB. Hereby resolves this office of any accountability for Activities Funds.

In grateful and loving service; your treasurer,
Bill L.

Bill presented the financial reports. LD made a motion to accept. Mark R. seconded. Passed by consensus.

RCM REPORT

No report this month.

RCM ALTERNATE REPORT

No report.

GROUP REPORTS

Clean A.I.R.

Hi family,

Recovery is still going strong in Paragould. Our Holiday Fling last Sat. was a huge success. I would like to thank Barb H. for speaking and everybody else from Cope, LANA, Clean Slate, and Hope for their love and support. We had visitors from Kennett, Mo., St. Louis, Mo., Harrison, and Forrest City, and Searcy, and maybe from other groups I didn't get a chance to talk to. There was over 100 adults plus children there. The best turn out we ever had. I would like to apologize if there wasn't enough food.

We don't have a donation for area. We're having a New Year's Eve party at Harman Play Field, time is unknown at the moment. It will be potluck. We voted for LD for PR chair, for motion M01111807, for motion M02111807, and voted for Ginger W. for Activities chair at Region.

This maybe my last area meeting as GSR because we elect new officers next week and I would like to take this time to thank everybody here and at area level for the past year for helping me to serve my group and area to my best ability and for their love and support.

In loving service,
John N. GSR

P.S. We have 32 coffee mugs and 8 shirts for H&I.

Clean Slate

Hello Family,

This month was a little slim in West Memphis. I hope because of the holidays. We had a couple of members going out of town. Other than that all is going good. We have had a couple of new comers come in this month. They have helped to charge some of the batteries of some of our other members. It is good to see newcomers come in with a little enthusiasm even if it is from desperation. It helps me remember my desperation.

This month we have a donation of \$30.00, but we do not have anything for the treatment center.

As far as business Clean Slate is casting a vote of yes for LD as PR chair, a vote of yes for changing the name of the internet subcommittee to the website subcommittee and a vote of yes to change the time of area from 3:30 to 2:30.

We have a concern of the regional phonenumber calling one of our members with not even 6 months clean. Clean Slate only has three members with enough time to get calls and one has not been through the orientation to be able to receive any calls yet. We are asking our RCM to ask our Phonenumber Chair to please solve this issue. We are also looking for a resume for Ginger W. who has been nominated for Activities Chair of the Region.

We have not discussed the guidelines for the Regional Convention yet and if we need to cast a vote today Clean Slate will have to abstain today. As far as the discussion we had on the SZF bid we did think that it would be a good idea to have it in Arkansas but unless we had some help from other groups in the Area that Clean Slate alone probably would not be able to handle this endeavor.

In Loving Service,
Mark R.

Cope Without Dope

Things are going really well at CWOD. Our attendance has been good. We're having a lot of birthdays to celebrate this month. We will also be having a Christmas Party on Dec. 22 starting at 7 pm with a speaker, everyone is welcome to come. On New Year's Eve, we'll be having another party, Matt C. will be our speaker, also there will be an auction and a dance with a DJ. Hope you all can come fellowship with us. The motion 1 111807 and 2 111807 both were voted yes.

The nomination for sec. In training at regional level Pam R. was yes, and Mark R. for regional website chair was also yes. The PR vote for area is yes for LD. We also have a new Alt. GSR. Jennifer B.

Thanks,
Liz M.

Hope Not Dope

Hello family,

All is well at Hope Not Dope this month. We had a wonderful birthday attendance on December 3rd. We had approximately 54 people in attendance. We want everyone to know that we secured the date, February 16th, for the area unity day and chili cook off. Remember that there is a t-shirt design contest that is due by January 20th for this function. We at Hope Not Dope voted yes for Ginger W. to carry out the duties of regional activities chair, and voted yes to LD for Public Relations. As for the motion M01111807 to start our area meeting at an earlier time, our group voted yes. For the motion M02111807 to change name to website subcommittee, our group also voted yes.

Hope Not Dope is currently reviewing the Arkansas Regional Convention Subcommittee Guidelines and will have them ready by the January area meeting.

We have a \$15.00 donation for the month. We hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year.

In loving service,
Misti C.

LANA

Everything here at LANA is going great. Our attendance is growing. We voted no for LD PR chair. We voted yes for motions M01111807 (the change of the meeting start time) and M02111807 (to change the name of the internet subcommittee to the website subcommittee). We voted yes to Ginger W. for Activities chair. We have no nominations for secretary in training or website chair. They are trying to get a meeting

started in Blytheville. We're helping in any way we can. We are unable to give a donation this month. We ask nothing from area at this time.

Thanks for letting me be of service,
Wanda L. GSR

SUBCOMITTEE REPORTS

Activities

Hello family,

In the last activities meeting, we further discussed our upcoming Unity Day. The t-shirt design contest is starting. The deadline for the designs is January 20 at the next area meeting. We discussed some potential topics for our workshops. We decided to go back to the groups for ideas for speakers. Unity Day will start at 9 am with a meditation meeting. Barb has volunteered to make a flyer.

Also coming up in April is the Regional Unity Campout. Our responsibility is the potluck. We are looking in to grills that may be available for us to use. The next activities meeting will be today after the business meeting.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Amber J.

H&I

Hello family,

We had an H&I meeting last week Dec. 9. We had a total of 21 to show up. Up to the H&I meeting I had not been able to make contact with the administrator at the Craighead County Jail, but since then I have. This past Tuesday Dec. 11, the PR representative LD and myself had a meeting with John Smith, the jail administrator. Sometime after the first of the year it may be possible for us to carry the message to Craighead County inmates. Meanwhile we continue to take a NA meeting to the recovery center on a weekly basis.

Thanks,
Tim A.
H&I chairperson

Internet

Hello Family,

Again Nothing much exciting happened with the website. I made the removed the link that was for the Holiday Fling flyer. Just as a note of information this website has received 2492 hits since it has been up and running. I am hoping for even more next year as a yearly count. The West Tennessee website gets about 4000 hits a year. I am not telling you this for a competition purpose but just as a reference point. There are still a lot of services this site can provide if I can get some help in the management of this site.

I am requesting the yearly budgeted amount for the web hosting as they are sending me emails that is reminding me that it is getting close to that time of the year to renew our account with Bluehost.com which is who is hosting our site. This amount is \$110, which pays for one year of hosting and 2 domain names.

- Crowleysridgeareeofnarcoticsanonymous.org
- Cra-na.org

Thanks for allowing me to serve,
Mark R.
Internet Subcommittee Chair

Public Relations

Vacant. Vice-chair presented a report.

Me and the H&I chair Tim A. had the opportunity to go to the Craighead County Jail on Wed. the 12th and talk to the administrator John Smith and his assistant administrator. I think it went very well. We talked and they seem very interested. They said that after the first of the year they would contact us to do a presentation to Chaplain Kincaid who oversees everyone coming in to the jail from outside. Pretty much if we get his blessing we're in. However the jail administrator said that if this happened two or three months down the road that we would never get this opportunity again. So if we make this commitment we need to be ready to keep it going way into the future. By doing this meeting I think that I laid to bed all the concerns of the Hope Not Dope had regarding my willingness. Also I was approached by the GSR of the Try Not High group from Pocahontas, AR. They asked if I would come to their group and talk to them about Public Relations, which I did on Friday the 14th. I went and attended their regular Friday nite meeting and afterwards talked to them about PR and getting joined up with the Area in which they said they would attend today's meeting. Hopefully that happens. They have a good group going on over there with a lot of drug court clients.

In loving service,
PR Vice Chair
LD George

Ad-Hoc subcommittee for guideline revision

Today was a good meeting. We got through 4 more pages of the guidelines. (Twice as many as last month.) At this rate we should be ready to present the revised guidelines for group approval in 2-3 months.

ILS,
Mark R.

P.S. Next meeting is on Jan. 20, at 1 pm @ Barb and Doug's place.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion : M01111807—Change starting time of area business meeting from 3:30 pm to 2:30 pm.
Intent: to start meetings earlier
Author: John N.
Seconded by: Wanda L.

PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Motion : M02111807—To change the name of the Internet Subcommittee to the Website Subcommittee. This motion will also include the housekeeping changes in Respect to the name change in our area guidelines as well as the Subcommittee guidelines.
Intent: To better clarify the function of the subcommittee's purpose.
Author : Mark R.
Seconded by : Tim A.

PASSED BY CONSENSUS.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Clean A.I.R. brought back the copy of the PR guidelines. There was discussion about how to get the copy of the PR guidelines back from the former PR chair. Doug stated that he would be responsible for getting that.

Matt asked if all the groups had looked at the Regional meeting list for any changes.

LD asked about the PR budget. Doug suggested that he get presentation packets together and how many he would need then come back for request for money. Barb suggested that he get a time set for a committee meeting so that those interested in PR could attend. Liz stated that Lepanto needs a presentation. LD said that it had been taken care of. Pat P. was to do the presentation in Lepanto.

ELECTIONS

No resignations.

Election for PR chair: LD

One group voted no in their report. Went to a vote. 4 groups voted yes, 1 group voted no. LD was elected PR chair.

TREASURER UPDATED REPORT

Beginning balance	\$ 1,023.91
Donations	45.00
Secretary expenses	21.91
Website expenses	110.00
Balance	\$ 937.00 (\$314.54 above prudent reserve)

NEW BUSINESS

New Group joins the area. Try Not High in Pocahontas. Darryl F. is the GSR.. Meets Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Monday at 7 pm at the West St. Church of Christ.

No money motions.

No other motions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Year’s Eve party in Paragould at Harmon Play Field.

New Year’s Eve party at Cope Without Dope, Matt C. will speak.

Unity Day February 16, at Hope Not Dope. T-shirt design need to brought to Jan. area.

Ad-Hoc Committee for guideline revision will meet Jan. 20 at 1 pm at Barb and Doug’s place. Address is: 416 Harmony Cove, Trumann, AR. Take Highway 63 to Exit 29, Highway 69 east, turn right on Savannah Way, left on Augustine, house is at the corner of Augustine and Harmony Cove.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS TO BE TAKEN BACK TO GROUPS

Regional : SZF bids for July 2009

Regional convention bids for Oct. 2009

Input for convention guidelines

Vote on Ginger W. for activities chair.

Nominations – Pam R. for secretary in training

Mark R. for website chair

NEXT MEETING

January 20, 2008 in Trumann at Hope Not Dope 2:30 pm.

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FINAL TREASURER REPORT

Same as updated report.