

VANCOUVER AREA MINUTES January 7, 2015

Called to order at **6:47 p.m.** by Facilitator **Ivy S**

Tradition **1** read aloud by various members

ROLL CALL – Present except if noted as open or absent

Facilitator - Ivy S

Co-Facilitator - Open

Treasurer - Jenny A

Secretary - Alan S absent with regrets

RCM 1 – David C

RCM 2 - Dave H

H & I Chair - Erin N

Literature Chair – Skylar S

Newsletter Liaison – Dave H / Kelly J

Outreach – Marco D

Phone Line Liaison - Open

Postal Communications - Steve R

PI Chair – Sheena E

Policy & Procedures Chair - Open

Spring Clean – Mike G

Women’s Retreat – Kerisma V

Web Coordinator – John P

730 Meeting – Carle

The Clean Life – Chris

Third Tradition – Shelby

Clean Freaks – Steve

Growing Circle – Roger

Conscious Contact – Jennifer

Freakn Miracles – Mike

Little Meeting in Kits – Jerry, Jenny

Eye of the Storm – Marco

New Attitudes – Kelly, Cori

Women in Recovery – Dood

Awakening of the Spirit – Daniel, Sat

Return to Grace – Matt

Addicts with New Hope – Elaine

Total groups represented: 14

MINUTES:

Minutes from Dec 3/14 VASC meeting accepted as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS & SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

FACILITATOR'S REPORT - Ivy S

- Distributed flyers for the Circle of Sisters NA convention in LA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- December 2014 Minutes were distributed to VASC email list and posted on Facebook
- Thanks to Lisa W for taking minutes in Alan's absence.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Jenny A

- Presented ledger
Opening Balance: **\$ 2,491.21**, less prudent reserve of \$1,400 and RCM travel reserve of \$600 leaves \$491.21 available, before adding in tonight's donations and subtracting tonight's expenditures.
- Jenny A will not be running in September, please start announcing that position will be open and Jenny is willing to mentor someone into the position.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RCM 1 REPORT – David C

- Attended the multi-Area phonline committee, and will continue to attend if no one fills our Phonline position

RCM 2 REPORT - Dave H

- Input sought for NA's new draft Traditions Guide; more under New Business.

H AND I: Erin N

- Chair and Vice-chair were away for December H&I meeting so business was tabled.
- Annual H&I elections for all positions except Chair will be held at the February H&I meeting, third Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. at the VRC.
- Central City Lodge would like an NA meeting at their facility.
- H&I does not need its monthly allotment this month; bank balance is \$586.16.
- Insite at one point considered having an NA meeting. This facility does have a residential detox component, Onsite. Cori will pass on Erin's phone number.

LITERATURE: Skylar S

- Has literature orders and back orders here
- Literature locker – will be moving to a cheaper location
- Literature wants to start a library program, to get literature to addicts who can't afford to buy it. Addicts would be able to borrow directly from literature committee or from any home groups who want to participate by buying literature for lending. More discussion under new business.

NEWSLETTER LIAISON: Kelly

- Basic News are available at the back of room and also new Meeting Lists!
- A new Basic News Editor is needed; please see contact info on Basic News to volunteer.

OUTREACH: Marco

- Passing around a signup sheet for Outreach volunteers
- Attended Northshore NA meeting; concerns about this meeting's adherence to Traditions
- Attended Miracle on 57th and provided new address for Area
- Elaine brought up the existence of a "rogue" NA meeting that is not listed in meeting list; Marco will check it out.

PHONE LINE: Open

POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS: Steve

- Brought the mail

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Sheena E.

- Met Dec 21st and reviewed draft PI orientation manual. Literature has been provided to two facilities.
- Discussed Central City Lodge and decided to phone this facility to suggest they encourage their clients to attend existing NA meetings in that area, such as Eye of the Storm.
- Will have our first PI orientation for members interested in being on PI panels January 18th at 2 p.m. at the VRC Dance Hall.

SPRING CLEAN: Mike G

- Flyers are here for Spring Clean 2015 (May long weekend); early bird registration is available.
- Chocolate and soap for sale as fundraiser and there will be a talent show in March
- Subcommittee meets third Sunday of month.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Kerisma and dood

- This is the 20th anniversary of the women's retreat, to be held last weekend of April 2015. All subcommittee positions have been filled. Request for seed funds under New Business.
- There will be a mid-month subcommittee meeting January 18th (contact Kerisma for location) and a full subcommittee meeting February 1st at 10 a.m. at the VRC.
- Chocolate is being sold to provide registration subsidies for those that need them.

WEB COORDINATOR: John P

<http://www.vascna.ca/>

- New VASC website is up! Groups can now order literature through the site.
- Contact John through the website or by text if groups are having any trouble
- Each home group has a gmail account and the password is St3p1#St3p12! John can reset this password when needed.
- Suggestion that a written explanation for using these email accounts be provided; it can also be included in the Orientation manual.

GSR REPORTS:

Carle F - GSR **730 Meeting**

- 7:30 Fridays, attendance 30 – 50, donation to Area \$440

Daniel - GSR **Awakening of the Spirit**

- Wed 7 pm, average attendance 35, needs support from women and people with clean time, struggling financially.

Ivy – **Women in Recovery**

- Cakes coming up Jan 8 Shabna 15(?) years, Barb L 22 years, Jan 29 Ivy 23 years.
- Donation to Area \$200

Matt – **Return to Grace**

- Friday 7:30 pm, average attendance 25, needs support from people with clean time and women.
- Cakes: Ryan H 3 years Jan 9, Grant 2 years and Mark C 18 years on Jan 16
- Donation \$100

Chris - GSR **Clean Life**

- Wed 7:45 pm, need support for how to run business meetings. Business meeting is last Wed of month.
- Average attendance 30 – 45 people.

Elaine – **Addicts with New Hope**

- Sundays 7:30 pm, average attendance 60

Cakes: Jan 25 Billy B 5 years, Feb 8 Avis 8 years, Feb 15 Mike 21 years

Shelby – **Third Tradition**

- Wed 7:30 pm, Average attendance 10 – 15, Alt GSR position open
- Rent is increasing by \$20 per month
- Cakes: Kathleen 2 years tonight

Steve – **Clean Freaks**

- Mondays at 7:30, needs support, average attendance about 10
- Alt GSR open

Roger – GSR **Growing Circle**

- Tues at 7:30, average attendance is 40, everything good
- Cakes: Alex 4 years Jan 20

Jennifer – **Conscious Contact**

- Mon 7:15 – 8:30, avg attendance 15, needs support
- Recent change – donating basic texts to newcomers
- Cakes: Ron H 18 years on Feb 2

Derek - GSR **Miracle on 57th**

- Mon 7:30 pm, Average attendance 40 – 60
- Donation next month

Cakes: Sam 1 year Jan 19, Derek 3 years Jan 26

Mike – **Freakn Miracles**

- Mon 7:30, Average attendance 10 - 15
- \$50 donation

Jerry – **Little Meeting in Kits**

- Thurs 7:30 pm, avg attendance 30, all mostly well
- \$200 donation
- Cakes: Jerry 1 year Jan 15th

Marco – **Eye of the Storm**

- Wed 8 pm, avg attendance 25 – 40, needs support and trusted servants
- \$100 donation
- Cakes: Kevin P 6 years Jan 21

Kelly J – **New Attitudes**

- Every day at 12:15 pm, attendance varies .. small weekdays, large on Sundays, no donation
- Cakes: Dave H 6 years March 1, Kelly J 4 years March 29

TREASURERS UPDATE:

Opening balance \$2,491.21

Income \$1275.86

Expenses \$848.43

After deducting reserves (\$1400 prudent operation reserve and \$600 RCM travel), \$918.64 is available for expenditure.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. ELECTIONS

CO-FACILITATOR:

- No nominees; bring back to groups

POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

- No nominees; bring back to groups

PHONE LINE:

- No nominees; bring back to groups

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Women's Retreat Seed money

Women's Retreat provided financial statement showing ending balances from 2014 event. Statement indicates they put a \$1000 deposit on the camp for 2015 and retained \$369.43 for starting 2015 fundraising. They also donated \$800 to Area.

They find they now need more money to purchase cases of chocolate for fundraising and request \$500 seed money. Some discussion about whether the funds should be considered seed money or a loan. Women's retreat has a good track record of financial accountability.

Consensus: \$500 seed money approved.

2. Literature Library program

Skylar distributed written summary of Library program. GSR's are asked to take 3 questions back to their groups:

1. Is our group willing to participate in Library Card program?
2. Will our group supply books for the program?
3. If our group wants to participate but wants support from literature committee, what books would we like in library?

Discussion: There is some financial risk involved to literature committee and to the groups, since some books may not be returned. It would be up to each group to decide term of loan and how to collect book if not returned.

3. Traditions Book Draft

Dave H will report further next month. Input is sought from NA members and groups.

ADJOURNED at **9:10 p.m.**

Closed with the Serenity Prayer