

VANCOUVER AREA MINUTES July 2, 2014

Called to order at **6:30** by Facilitator **Ivy S**

Concept **7** read out loud by various members

ROLL CALL – Present except if noted as open or absent

Facilitator - Ivy S

Outreach - Ashifa

Co-Facilitator - Open

Phone Line Liaison - Derek W - Absent

Treasurer - Jenny A

Postal Communications - Steve R

Secretary - Alan S

PI Chair - Open

RCM 1 - Melinda L

Policy & Procedures Chair - Open

RCM 2 - Dave H

Spring Clean - Laura

H & I Chair - Erin N

Women's Retreat - Absent

Literature Chair - Vicky J

Web Coordinator - Open

Newsletter Liaison - Kelly J

HIPI Day ad-hoc committee chair - Lisa W

GSR REPORTS:

Carle - The 7:30 Meeting - Fridays @ 7:30 pm

- Happy, growing meeting

Mike H - Clean Life GSR - Wednesdays @ 7:47 pm

Marc Andre B - Alt. GSR Clean Life

- All open service positions filled; Mike H is new GSR
- Average attendance is 50 with approx 5 newcomers each week.
- 15 home group members

Steve E - GSR Step Up - Tuesdays @ 7 pm

- Step work meeting before regular meeting
- Looking for Alt. GSR and Alt. Treasurer
- Could use the support of women

David C - Alt. GSR Addicts With New Hope - Sundays @ 7:30 pm

- Average attendance is 30

2 cakes: Elaine B - 9 years July 20th

Melissa - 2 years August 10

- Group donation \$ 87.70

Dal - GSR Lust 4 life

- All service positions filled
- Average attendance is 15-20

Gerry S - GSR New Attitudes - Daily @ 12:15 to 1:15 pm

- In need of Alt. GSR
- Thanks to outreach for announcements that meeting is in need of support; suspect this has had an impact.
- Have bank account resolved with three new signatories; things are starting to come around.
- Can confirm there is money missing but group conscience will guide how much to disclose to Area.

Cakes: Greg C - 12 Years on August 3rd

Gerry - GSR Little Meeting in Kits

John - Alt. GSR Little Meeting in Kits

- Not in need of support; all service positions are filled

Cakes: John - 5 Years - July 4

Jenny - 5 Years - July 4

Mike J - Freak'n Miracles - Mondays @ 7:30 pm

- Average attendance is 15 - 20
- Area donation \$100

Renee - Women In Recovery - Thursdays @ 7 pm

- Need Alt. GSR
- Average attendance is 20
- One year cake - Elaine
- Donation of \$100

Victor - Devious Frightened Loners -Sundays @ 5 pm

- Average attendance is 25 - 30
- Alt. GSR position is open
- If you want to speak or know someone who wants to please come to meeting or let Victor know.

- Group donation \$ 150

Cakes: Doug D - 8 years - August 24

Norman - GSR Clean Freaks - Mondays @ 7:30 pm

- Could use support by persons with clean time
- In process of getting bank account set up
- Cakes: Joyce - 1 year - July 28

Shelby - GSR Third Tradition - Wednesdays @ 7:30 pm

- Could always use support with clean time; especially people willing to sponsor
- Average attendance is 20 - 30

Cakes: Richard - (month end)

Angela - GSR Awakening of the Spirit - Wednesdays @ 7 pm

Kevin - Alt. GSR Awakening of the Spirit - Wednesdays @ 7 pm

- Always need women and members with clean time for support
- Need Lit person
- Changed signing authority on account
- \$ 50 Donation to Area

Cakes: Angela - 2 years - July 9

Matt - Return to Grace - Fridays @ 7:30 pm

- Average attendance is 10 - 20 /
- Could use some women with clean time for support.
- Would welcome suggestions on how to deal with persons loaded in meeting
- Donation \$30

Cakes: Simon - 2 years - Sept 26

Matt as well

Michelle GSR - the Alternative

- Average attendance is 25 - 30
- Area donation \$ 52

MINUTES:

- Accepted as circulated by consensus

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS & SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

FACILITATOR'S REPORT - Ivy S

- Ivy asked the Roundhouse about keeping current room Sept - Dec (in case we don't move)
- Provided blurb about consensus based decision making for inclusion into new GSR Orientation Manual
- Provided wording from current VASC by-laws in regard to election terms within VASC
- Provided past precedent from VASC decisions and reference from 12 Concepts of NA regarding the holding of concurrent positions
- Old business:
 - Elections for open positions
 - New GSR Orientation Manual
 - New meeting space for Area
- New business:
 - HIPI Day budget
 - Proposal to stagger elections
 - Proposal to allow GSR's to hold sub-committee chair positions

TREASURER'S REPORT - Jenny A

Opening Balance: **\$ 727.28**

- Reminder that Treasurer position will be open in Sept. Willing to mentor
- Jenny A will be away next Month; receipts can be brought to Area in September
- Someone may be willing to stand and issue receipts on that day if necessary, maybe also do deposit?
(Shelby volunteered to do this)

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Alan S

- June Minutes are available on FaceBook group.
- June minutes also sent to revised VASC contact list.
- May minutes also sent to revised VASC contact list.
- Please advise secretary if you are not getting email copy of the minutes so your information can be corrected or added.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RCM 1 REPORT - Melinda L

- Thanks for voting in as RCM 1
- Planning to get together with Dave H to get up to speed with this Area
- Thanks to Dave H for filling in the blanks so far.

RCM 2 REPORT - Dave H

- Phone Line is in need of support; one year clean and a completed set of steps are required; contact Dave H or email metrophoneline@gmail.com if interested in being of service in this way.
- GSR's please let groups know that BC Region is discussing possible need for limited CGL insurance at meeting locations. Region may be able to cover all meetings and Regional events, special events, etc. . . under an umbrella policy. Still under discussion at Regional
- Current stand-alone policies may cost up to \$150/group / year

- Please contact Dave H if your group has experience with this to offer

Questions:

- Various questions about feasibility and cost; no groups represented here currently pay for their own liability coverage.
- Groups will be consulted before decisions are made; this is more for awareness at this time

- Some feed-back from groups about roles and responsibilities of group Treasurer and what to do when funds are absconded. Dave suggested several items of NA literature that could be helpful to groups in this area for minimal cost to the group. Ultimately it is up to the group to support the treasurer in their role and if necessary to replace them in that position.

H AND I: Erin N

- All panel leader positions are filled and sub-committee secretary has been filled
- Some discussion about moving HNI meeting when regular meeting falls on a holiday; group conscience was to keep HNI meetings on holidays; addiction never takes a day off.
- Completing paperwork to close bank account with HSBC and open new account with VanCity. To be completed before next regular HNI meeting.
- Sub-Committee motion to decline to take monthly allotment this month from Area.

Bank Balance: \$ 442.81

Expenses \$ 140
Literature Order \$ 0
Balance: **\$302.81**

Literature: Vicky J

Bank Balance: \$ 1092.76

Expenses \$ 422.10
New Balance: **\$ 670.66**

- No regional order necessary at this time
- Vicky will be stepping down as Lit Chair at the end of this term
- **Groups:** Please announce at all groups the future need for this position: suggested 2 years clean

Newsletter Liaison: Kelly

- Lists going around; please fill in cake dates and required updates for Basic News
- Meeting lists and Basic News are available at the back of room at end of this meeting

OUTREACH: Steve E on behalf of Ashifa

- Consider Area to set aside Spanish Room at VRC for regular meetings
- Funds are available for monthly meeting at VRC: Area to confirm amount of allotment
- Dave H supplied chair with outreach service information
- Always open for suggestions; may choose meetings not represented at Area recently to target for outreach.
- Regular meeting is after HIPI Ad-Hoc committee at 2:30 this Sunday, July 6th.

PHONE LINE: Absent with regrets

- Derek suspects continued conflict with work and is stepping down from this position.
- Sign-up sheets have been distributed to bring back to groups; GSR's bring back to next AREA for next chair or **Ivy S** will scan and send forward to phone lines
- VASC not pulling our weight with respect to supporting the Phone Line
- Suggested clean time: 1 year clean

SPRING CLEAN: Laura

- 88 people in attendance; fully subsidized 8-10 people and many more partially.
 - Price of adult ticket was \$120 but cost was \$160.
 - \$500 deposit paid to facility for next year's event
 - Total funds raised: \$3,240.15
 - Current bank balance of \$4,563.47
 - (Deduct \$3,000 seed fund from VASC)
 - New balance of **\$ 1563.47***
- *Includes deduction for \$500 donation to VASC

Question: as an NA event does the surplus not need to be given in full to service structure?

Response: It's ultimately up to Area to accept or change the SC committee's recommendation for the distribution of surplus funds from the event. No concerns expressed at this time so the committee's recommendation for distribution of funds are accepted.

19th Annual WOMEN'S RETREAT: Absent

POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS: Steve

- Brought cheque to renew box rental
- Brought mail to meeting

HIPI DAY Ad Hoc Committee Chair: Lisa W

- Program has been finalized; still looking for Public Information speaker
- VRC has given rate of \$40 for facility rental including use of their BBQ

- Donation of copy services for flier by Steve - how to honour the 7th Tradition?

Suggestion: To honour the 7th Tradition donations can't be accepted (e.g. for fliers) but perhaps a nominal fee could be decided upon.

Consensus: that 1 newcomer be given a free t-shirt for value \$15 (equivalent to service given)

Proposal for additional funds from Area

Jeremy to provide full accounting of funds disbursed

Consensus: Achieved

- Proposal that this be a semi-annual event - for VASC approval
(Tabled until after first Event)
- Saturday Aug 10 @ 1:30 for post-event wrap-up meeting.

TREASURERS UPDATE:

Opening Balance: **\$727.28**

Income \$ 1565.76

Expenses \$ 1263.26

Available: \$ 0 *

*Still operating on reserve funds

Reserve coming back up to \$600 level

Prudent reserve at \$1,400

OLD BUSINESS:

1. ELECTIONS

CO-FACILITATOR:

- No nominees; bring back to groups

POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

- No nominees; bring back to groups

PI CHAIR:

- No nominees; bring back to groups

WEB COORDINATOR:

John P nominated

Service resume given:

John P has the necessary training and resources in place to commit to this position.

One year commitment is given and is committed to attending AREA on a regular basis.

Questions: various

Secret ballots distributed and collected

John P elected (unanimous)

TREASURER:

- Position to be open for election in September; please take back to your groups for suggestions as filling this position sooner than later will allow more time to mentor.

2. NEW GSR MANUAL

Approved with changes proposed by **Ivy S** at June and July Areas. This document may be amended by Area from time to time.

- **Jenny A** to bring copies of document to August meeting

3. NEW MEETING FACILITY

Two potential new locations:

1) Fraser & Broadway location

- Full kitchen, 3x size as current, Non-Profit facility but certain terms could be confirmed. Close to transit, sufficient parking out back.

2) 50th and Fraser location (same as the 7:30 meeting location)

- Timeline: September/October - construction to be complete.
- Jenny A has made call to facility to inquire about rent at this location and waiting for a call-back.
- No consensus at this time from Area as to which space we favour.
- **Ivy S** has arranged that if we move and have pre-paid at the Roundhouse we would be refunded for rents not needed.
- Plan B would be to stay at Roundhouse if neither location pans out.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. HIPI Day Budget

(Approved by consensus under this sub-committee report)

2. PROPOSAL TO STAGGER ELECTIONS

Proposal 1 : status quo (count: none)

Proposal 2: Status quo except that truncated term does not constitute a term (straw poll count: 9)

Proposal 3: that term starts be staggered to not lose continuity in certain positions at VASC
(straw poll count: 2)

Proposal 4 that terms cycle according to the start date of the election for that position
(straw poll count: 3)

Discussion:

-Does the completion of an existing term constitute a term or is this portion in addition to the full 2 year term limit per VASC Policy?

-Suggestion that truncated term not be considered to be a term.

-Are we complicating the issue? 'Institutional Memory' is important: speaking in favour of status quo.

-If co-chair and chair are staggered does this not work against mentoring?

Decided that GSR's take this back to groups for feed-back and make a decision at next AREA in August.

ADJOURNED at **9:02** by **Ivy S** co-facilitator

Closed with the Serenity Prayer