

NORTHSHORE AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE

February 20th, 2022

Administrative Committee and Subcommittees [7/10]

Chairperson	Toby M.	Present		
Vice-Chairperson		Open		
Secretary	Rachel D.	Present		
Treasurer	Rock H.	Present		
ASR	Malysa W.	Present		
ASR-alt	Ronnie P.	Present		
A&F Chair		Open		
P.R. Chair	Matt B.	Present		
Policy Chair	Shannon B.	Absent		
H&I Coordinator	Gary B.	Present		

Group Service Representatives [9/13]

1 = present, 2 = absent, 3 = inactive, 4 = written report submitted

Bogalusa House of Recovery	GSR-Clay S.	2		
Get Real (Northshore)	GSR-Melissa B. ALT- Shirley C.	1/4		
*Lifetime	GSR-Chad M. ALT-Emily S.	1/4		
*New Attitudes	GSR- Glenn P. ALT- Nicholas L.	1/4		
New Life	GSR-Reuben W. ALT-Harvey	2		
*Rising Star	GSR-Ron D. ALT-	1/4		
*Serenity	GSR- ALT-Matt B.	1/4		
Spirituality in the Wilderness	GSR-Dickie D. ALT-	2		
We Do Recover	GSR-Ryan R. ALT-Johnathan L.	1/4		
Second Chances	GSR-Mickey Joe M.	2		
Clean and Serene	GSR-Tracy C. ALT- Lark K.	1/4		
*Freedom to Change	GSR-Malysa W.. ALT-	1/4		
*Spiritual Ninjas	GSR- Chris F. ALT- Andrea D.	1/4		

NOTE: Groups marked with (*) have voting rights for following NSANA ASC. Quorum for next ASC = 4

Secretary's Report: No report. Accepted by Matt B., seconded by Chris F..

Initial Treasurer's Report: Current balance: \$2,399.00 including prudent reserve. Presented/Accepted- Ron D. motion to accept, Ronnie P. seconded

Group Service Representative Reports

Bogalusa House of Recovery

Not Applicable

Get Real Northshore

My name is Shirley. I am an addict, we will be donating \$100 to Area for the Mardi Gras Ball. We meet 3 times a week at 7 pm at St Timothy Church on Mondays and Wednesdays, Sundays at Northshore Catholic Church. Our business mtg is the 1st sunday of every month and we have a speaker meeting every 3 months at the sunday night meeting. We have an average attendance of 6 addicts. Our next speak & Eat Chino will be speaking at 7pm Sunday @ North Shore Catholic Center @7pm meeting starts at 5:30 pm March 27th.

Lifetime

Hello everyone my name is Chad and I am an addict, representing the Lifetime group. Our Meetings are held Monday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. We are located at 250 Hickory St in Ponchatoula, attendance average is 7 people on Monday, 6 people on Thursday and 13 on Saturdays. We are donating \$400 to Area today. Thank you for allowing me to serve Chad M.

New Attitudes

My name is Glenn P and I am an addict. New Attitudes group of NA meets 7 nights a week at Peace Lutheran Church at 1320 Gause Blvd W, at 7:30 pm. Our average meeting attendance is around 20 ppl. We hold our group member birthday celebration on the last Saturday of each month, this month we have Dorris L celebrating 9 years. Knowing Area has the Mardi Gras ball planned, the group conscious has decided on a \$300 dollar donation and \$700 donation to Area.

New Life

Not Applicable

Rising Star

Hello Family, the rising star meets at 45418 Purbin rd. Hammond at the Christian Center on Tuesday and Friday at 7:30pm Our Meeting attendance average is 9 people on Tuesday and 13 on Friday. We made a \$150 donation to Area and will make a \$75 donation to Mardi Gras Ball. We will have a celebration for Patricia D. on March 25th for 14 yrs we eat before, during and after hope to see everyone there. in loving service Ron D.

Serenity

Hey family I'm Matt and I'm an addict. Serenity Group meets at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 707 Dakota St, Hammond, La at 7pm on Sundays. We have an average attendance of 8 addicts. We have a \$100 donation at this time. We have a celebration for JoAnn for her 15 yrs on FEB 27th. We will have cake and ice cream at 630pm followed by a meeting ILS, Matt B.

Spirituality in the Wilderness

Not Applicable

We Do Recover

My name is Ryan and I am an addict. We do recover meets on Wednesdays @7pm at 1449 fremaux in Slidell, our average attendance is 13 addicts, we are donating \$100 to Area. Thank you for letting me serve Ryan R.

Second Chances

Not Applicable

Clean and Serene

Hi my name is Tracy and I'm an addict. Clean and Serene home group meets three times per week at 414 N. New Hampshire Street in Covington. Tuesdays and Thursdays we meet at 8:00 p.m. for open discussion . Average attendance is 17 addicts. On Sundays we meet at noon for a book study. Average attendance is 13 addicts. We have a \$150 donation for Area. -Tracy C.

Freedom to Change

Hi family, my name is Malysa W and I'm an addict. Freedom to Change is a women's NA meeting that meets every Monday at 7pm. We meet at St. Margaret Mary Church at 1050 Robert Blvd, Slidell 70458. We are also a hybrid meeting, our zoom meeting ID is 716 439 9011. The password is Freedom (with a capital F). The average attendance is 4 women. Our business meeting is held the second Monday of every other month at 6:30pm. The next business meeting is April 11th. We have no donation for Area at this time. We will be donating a side to the Mardi Gras Ball. In loving service, Malysa W.

Spiritual Ninjas

I'm an addict named Chris, Spiritual Ninjas meets Thursdays and Sundays at 7pm at 1449 Fremaux Avenue Slidell. We have Chris F. celebrating 4yrs clean on March 27th. We are donating \$75 to area. We have an average meeting attendance of 7 people. Thanks, Chris F.

Updated Treasurer's Report

Today's Unencumbered Funds:

\$1,209.34

Group Donations:

Spiritual Ninjas	\$75.00
Serenity	\$100.00
Rising Star	\$150.00
Lifetime	\$400.00
Get Real	\$100.00
New Attitudes	\$700.00
We Do Recover	\$100.00
Clean & Serene	\$150.00
Second Chances	\$300.00
Spirituality in the wilderness	\$100.00

Donation Totals:

\$2,075.00

Expenses:

\$0.00

Expense Totals:

\$0.00

Income:

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Income Totals:

\$0.00

Updated Balance:

(Including prudent reserve of \$1,190.00)

\$4,474.34

Sub-Committee Reports

ASR Report: Hi family, my name is Malysa W and I am an addict. The Interim C.A.R. and C.A.T. (Conference Agenda Report and Conference Approval Track) are available for download and are available in 5 languages. I did bring a copy here today if you would like to take a look. I will pass it now. There are 5 motions. These motions should be discussed at the homegroup level and they should get the votes back to me. I would suggest a phone vote. This can be done through texts with each GSR. We need to have this done by March 26 so that we can bring this back to Region.

Regional Motions will not be addressed until the WSC (World Service Conference) in April 2023, which is the next face-to-face Conference. There is a partial virtual WSC in April 2022. As an Area, **are we interested in requesting a C.A.R./ C.A.T. Workshop to be put on for us? If so, I can let Lee P know immediately to get it set up, and then we can publish a flyer.**

Also, the Interim C.A.R. and C.A.T. and the S.P.A.D. (Spiritual Principle A Day) Draft is available to us on <https://www.na.org/?ID=conference-index>. You can view it online or order one from N.A.W.S. for \$10. I have included both of these in the email to Rachel, our secretary. This will be voted on at the WSC in April 2022. If approved, this will be our newest literature for sale available to Narcotics Anonymous. If you are interested in observing the virtual WSC, send me a text with your name and WSC. I will provide the YouTube link once available. The PR Committee discussed 3 campaigns to increase public awareness about Narcotics Anonymous with an approved total budget of \$5,950. The money is going to be disbursed as follows: Billboard PSAs - \$2500, Video PSAs

- \$3,000, Social Media PSAs - \$450.

Billboard PSAs Campaign. Due to Hurricane Ida, the billboard availability is now limited. The billboards are based on a surplus of non-rented billboards, which is how we got them for only \$100/ billboard. It is expected that billboards will be placed along I-10 & I-12. The region helpline and website will be on all billboards. All calls/contact information will then be routed to the areas via phone and/or websites. \$2500 motion for 25 billboards was passed.

Video PSAs Campaign. This consists of a 15 second PSA and a 30 second PSA. NA owns the rights to these videos and can be shared around the world, to help further our primary purpose in today's modern society. The cost is \$2,950 which includes film studio, video & equipment use, film crew, grip & electric. These videos will be used for TV, Region, & Area Websites, Social Media Websites. Video templates can be manipulated to suit any area. The contact for this is Jared L. This motion passed unanimously.

Social Media Campaign. The audience post boosts can be selected for the whole state to target any demographic or all demographics. For \$100/ month the PSAs will reach 160-460 people who will then be directed to the website or phone line. Our rate is \$450 for a six-month trial period. Passed unanimously.

All three of these are within the PR Budget of \$10,000.

The next Regional PR Subcommittee Meeting will be held in Alexandria on Saturday, March 5th, 2022 starting at 11 am for pizza and 12 pm for the meeting. The address is 3623 Lee Street, Alexandria, LA.

Other Motions at Region:

1. To approve the budget for PR committee in the amount of \$10,000. The vote was a tie and the admin broke the tie. It passed.
 2. Motion to give Bob \$500 from the literature reserve to get literature to Angola Prison. It passed.
 3. Motion to have an Adhoc committee to have gumbo cook-off to raise money for literature for prisons. It passed. A flyer for the event is available.
 4. To extend the term of the RD until July [2023.it](https://www.na.org/?ID=2023) passed.
 5. To add to the 2023 World NA literature survey to work on a booklet for Relationships in Recovery. It passed
 6. Motion to raise the seed money to host region from \$300 to \$600. It passed.
- Region Treasure report: Starting balance \$21,411.78

Expenses paid: \$1,823.40

Current balance: \$20,135.12

Less prudent reserve: \$17,500.00

If anyone is looking for clarity on why we are not having the LRCNA 2022 convention here it is. Bayou Recovery Area was in search of a hotel to have it in, then along came a hurricane, an acute labor shortage, and COVID Restrictions. There were repeated unanswered phone calls with hotels and no movement. The deadline for the hotel contract was set for December. Since we were unable to meet that deadline, we will now be turning our sights to LRCNA 2023. **The B.O.D. (Board of Directors) is asking for willingness and volunteers to put on LRCNA 2023. It is their hope that they can find one or two areas that are willing to work together to make this happen.**

So I am bringing this question to the Area. Are we interested in hosting, alone or jointly with another area?

Banners. The banners are now being made available to members that would like to have them as keepsakes. If so, contact Bob S at (225) 978-4749.

There are vacant positions at Region are A & F, and Outreach. Everyone is encouraged to participate. The details of these positions can be found on www.larna.org.

The Unity Area is having a camp out is March 18 – 20 at Methodist Landing Park in Leesville.

The Gumbo Cook Off is May 28th at Rising Star. We are asking for donations for food and auction items. Both flyers are included in the email.

The budget for hosting Region was increased to \$600 which passed unanimously.

The Northshore Area is expected to host Region in July of 2023.

Ronnie and I did not require any funding for going to the last region because it was in Chalmette.

Lastly, what is our donation for Region? We will not be meeting prior to Region, April 2nd and 3rd in the Bayou Recovery Area. Thank you for your active participation and service in the Area. In loving service, Malysa W.

Hospitals & Institutions: Gary and I am an addict New recovery center reached out to bring H&I there and will be following up. Has an updated list of the panel leaders for Men and Women. Gary B.

Activities & Fundraising: NOT APPLICABLE

Public Relations: Hi family, I am Matt and I am an addict. The website is up and running and please let me know if any meeting locations or times need to be updated. The phone line is up and running and is in need of volunteers. If you are interested please send me a message of any new volunteers with days and times of availability.. ILS Matt B. PR Chairperson. Additionally I received a phone call on the hotline from a member wanting a new meeting added to the website and meeting list. I told him his group should send a GSR to Area if they are unable to send a GSR. Would the area like me to add them to the website and meeting list? I have his contact info for the member who called.

Ad Hoc Committee- Hi family, my name is Malysa W and I am an addict. This event has been challenging to plan due to new costs that have arisen due to COVID such as mandatory insurance, cleaning fees, rising costs in hall rentals, and it being in the middle of wedding season. We started in January and the hall was not booked until February 10th. This was with several committee members actively researching and calling different halls. We are well aware that this unfortunately is the same day as the Regional PR Subcommittee Meeting. This was unavoidable without us having the Mardi Gras Ball sometime in April. I strongly urge that the next committee starts planning in October and is booked in December. If this needs to be added to the guidelines, I am happy to sit down with the policy chairperson to add it.

Now for our event details:

The Mardi Gras Ball is going to be held on March 5th, at the Abita Town Hall from 6 pm - 10 pm. There will be no entry fee. The activities we plan on having are two speakers: Terrol D from New Orleans and Michelle G from Baton Rouge, a costume contest, the Clarity Tank aka The Jail & Bail, 50/50 raffle, a DJ, and auctions. We may have both a

silent auction and a live auction depending on what we receive as auction items. We are still in need of auction items. We have around 15 pieces as of now. We definitely need more for the auction to be profitable. We also need food donations. We need at least 2 more main dishes and at least 5 sides, and 2 desserts if possible. So far we only have 100 chicken tenders with Cane's sauce donated by Get Real Northshore, drinks from Spiritual Ninjas, We Do Recover donated \$40 which will be used to cover either an entree or a side after all home groups have made their donations. So far the donations we have from individual members are banana pudding, white chocolate bread pudding, and potato salad. We do not have any money left to go towards food. I will be making a money motion for \$100 to go towards any food expenses at the Mardi Gras Ball, just in case we need it. This is not asked frivolously. We as a committee are well aware that the more costs there are the harder it is to make a profit. It will not be used unless absolutely necessary.

Costs so far have totaled \$750. The Abita Town Hall was greatly reduced. The costs are \$125/hr for 4 hours, \$500. Our price was reduced to \$400 because we are a non-profit organization. There is a \$250 mandatory cleaning fee of which half of it was paid by an anonymous member, so our cost was \$125. The damage deposit was \$200, reduced to \$100. The \$125 fee for a deputy was also waived. The Early Access to decorate fee was \$40/hr waived. We are able to access the facility 8 am - 4 pm, Wednesday - Friday, and anytime on Saturday before the event. So the original cost for two hours prior would have been \$1,155. Our cost was \$625. The DJ would have normally cost us

\$250, which is still a competitive rate but he reduced his price to \$150. The DJ will be unable to do this again because it costs him money at this rate. \$25 of this cost is being paid by an anonymous member. This means that as an area our cost for the Mardi Gras Ball is without any further expenses is \$750, \$100 will be received after the event from the damage deposit. \$225 was saved for Area and paid for by three NA members. This is very important. I cannot say in good conscience that we will be able to have the Mardi Gras Ball again without raising the budget. With my knowledge and experience in event planning, I must say that we either need to raise the budget for the Mardi Gras Ball to \$1,000 or have an outdoor event at a different time of year, in which the cost would be significantly lower. I would like to have a vote on keeping the Mardi Gras Ball as our Convention Fundraiser or replacing it with another event. If we vote to keep the Mardi Gras Ball, I will be putting in a motion to raise the budget to \$1,000.

I must emphasize, we need food donations and auction items to make this event profitable and enjoyable. Anyone with donations can contact me at (985) 774-7478. Thank you all for what you have done so far and will continue to do, to make this event happen. In loving service, Malysa W.

Mailbox Report: PO Box 291, Covington, La. 70434. Rock H. checked the mailbox. There was no mail.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- Rock put in his resignation as treasurer and Ron D. will be handling until we get a new one.
- Mail box keys went to Toby M. and Emily S.
- Donations for Mardi Gras Ball 5 sides 2 main dishes and 2 desserts needed
- New group in Bogalusa asked to be on the Meeting list, guidelines say they should attend the next area
- new treatment center Long Branch, reached out to Toby M. about bringing Meeting there Gary B. is supposed to follow up with the treatment center as of now they haven't been able to be reached.

MOTIONS:

- Motion # 1- Maker: Malysa W. Second: Ron.D (Passed)
 - Motion: To have an event for the "Banner Wars" where we would create banners for our homegroups and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Intent: to help foster unity and encourage increased participation within the area.
 - Motion Passed 7 For and 0 Against.
- Motion # 2- Maker: Ron D. Second: Malysa W. (passed)
 - Motion: to raise prudent reserve by \$250.00 for A&F (increases the seed money to \$1,000.00) Intent: Support functions due to rising costs to rent Facility and additional fees for cleaning and etc.
 - This would normally have to be brought to home groups first but was motioned to be voted on now initiated by Tracy C. and motion seconded by Chad M. Votes are as follows: 6 For 0 Against 1 Abstain for the motion to vote on Motion 2. The Motion passed with votes 7 For 0 Against and 1 Abstain.
- Motion # 3- Maker: Malysa W. Second Matt B. (Take to home Groups)
 - Motion: vote to either keep Mardi Gars Ball as our annual convention fundraiser or change the event to an outdoor event at a different time of year. Intent: to continue having an annual convention fundraiser that will keep costs lower to make it easier to raise money for the convention.
 - Motion is to be presented to the home groups to be voted on and votes to be brought back to the next Area.
- Motion # 4- Maker: Malysa W. Second: Ryan R. (Motion extended waiting on vote for motion 3)
 - Motion: to put in the policy guidelines for the mardi gras ball will start to be planned in October and booked no later than Jan. Intent: to ensure we are able to have a convention fundraiser in feb or march.
 - Motion will be discussed after motion 3 has been voted on by the home groups.

Elections:

- **Not applicable at this time.**

Bring back to homegroups

- The Mardi Gras Ball is in need of Food donations. At least 5 sides if possible.
- Women are needed for H&I. Please announce at meetings and get with Gary B or Patirica D. if interested
- Vote on Motion Number 3 and bring HG votes back to the next Area in April.
- Motion 1 "Banner Wars" needs a sub committee and a homegroup to host the making of the banners. So it will need to be able to cater to up to 13 home groups (all may not be able to make it)
- Positions still open at area: Treasure, Vice Chair & A&F Chair, Please bring back nominations and the nominee to the next Area in April
- Vacant positions at Region are A & F, and Outreach. Everyone is encouraged to participate. The details of these positions can be found on www.larna.org.
- Phone Lines need volunteers please get with Matt B. for more info.

Treasurer's Closing Report:

\$ 4,474.34

Donations:

LRSC 20%	\$606.80
WSO 10%	\$303.40
SZF 10%	\$303.40

Ending Unencumbered Balance:

\$1,820.74

Ending Balance (includes Prudent Reserve \$1,440.00):

\$3,260.40

Motion to adjourn by Malysa W.. Seconded by Ron D.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Speak and eat at Get Real Northshore, Chino Speaking, starts @530pm March 27th
- Dorris L. is celebrating 9yrs at New attitudes Feb 26th
- Patricia D. is celebrating 14yrs March 25th at Rising Star
- JoAnn is celebrating 15yrs Feb 27th at Serenity
- Chris F. celebrating 4 yrs March 27th at Spiritual Ninjas
- Mardi Gras Ball is March 5th 6-10pm at the Abita Town Hall-in need of main dishes and auction items
- Gumbo Cookoff May28th 2-7pm 45418 Durbin rd Hammond-accepting entries and auction items
- Unity Day Campout March 18th -20th Methodist Landing Park in Leesville
- Regional PR Subcommittee Meeting March 5th, starting at 11 am for pizza and 12 pm for the meeting. The address is 3623 Lee Street, Alexandria, LA.