



**Minutes for the
Dulles Corridor Area Service Committee
November 23, 2008**

Next Area Service Committee Meeting: December 21, 2008

Service Positions Available:

None

Motions for GSR's to take back to groups for voting:

None

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Opening : Opened with Serenity Prayer. 12 Traditions were read by Natalie; ASC Purpose was read by Drew; The 12 Concepts for NA Service were read by Fezz; The Service Prayer was read by Erika

... to provide a forum where representatives from the Groups within our Area can come together, help solve one another's problems, and make available to all Groups with the Area services which might not be provided by individual Group efforts. These service include, but are not restricted to: providing a means for purchasing literature locally (Literature Subcommittee), providing information to the community about Narcotics Anonymous (Public Information Subcommittee), carrying the NA message to addicts who for specific reasons are unable to attend an NA meeting (Hospital and Institutions Subcommittee) and providing a way for the suffering addict to call for help (Phone Line Subcommittee).

We must always remember that we formed DCANA to help each other carry the message of NA more effectively. Our conduct at the ASC shall be one of love and respect for every member of the ASC. We are not in competition with each other and never should be. We can work separately as well as together in pursuit of our common goals. *Reprinted from Official Bylaws for DCANA, approved at 10/96 ASC*

Officer Reports:

Chair (Keith H.) – Thank you for the honor of serving. I also wanted to remind people about the Unity Box. Please place all flyers, etc. in the box and GSRs, please take the flyers back to your groups.

Vice Chair (John M.) – I'm happy to be clean today, to be present today, and to be of service in any way I can. I would ask your patience and tolerance with me, as it has been some time since I've served in this capacity.

Secretary (Mark W.) – Thanks for letting me serve today as your secretary. Please send any contact updates to nasecretary@gmail.com

Treasurer (Susan F.) -- Opening balance is \$ 2,613.58 with \$ 1,660.60 available. Group donations were \$ 532.00, with a reserve of \$ 952.98. Thanks for letting me serve another year.

Subcommittee Reports :

CPRC Rep (Kevin C.) – I attended the Board meeting this month. However I was not aware that the meeting would last until 2pm. So, I was unable to attend until the end of the meeting.

As this was my first contact with the board, I am not completely up to speed with all of the goings on at the present moment. I am working to get as much info as to how far along in the process of getting the convention ready for the region. I will update the Area at the next ASC with what I find.

What I have to report is that The Board and Host committee seem to be moving right along with getting the contracts signed in a timely fashion. They are both also taking very seriously the concern to act in a financially prudent manner. The board is predicting lower attendance and lower spending this year reflecting the trend in the economy at large.

H&I (John R.) – This Month: Met with Embry Rucker Shelter staff along with Jessica L., Public Information Chair. They agreed to have an H&I meeting started – suggested day of week: Saturday @ 10:00 AM – weekly.

Total meeting facilities: 1

Total meetings per month: 16

Next Month: Start meeting at Embry Rucker shelter in Reston

Literature (Angela T.) – The order form has been updated. I'd like to thank Phoebe for stepping up for Vice Literature Chair

Newsletter (Jeffrey L.) – This Month : We are still getting oriented, organized and discussing when we will be putting out our first newsletter.

Concerns: Just eager to get a copy of the newsletter policies.

Outreach (Bill B.) – This Month: Took over GSR kits and identified additional supplies to complete kits.

Next Month: Identify groups that need support and GSR presence at Area Service.

Phoneline (Yolanda R.) – There will be a preliminary meeting of the larger Regional Committee before we reconvene in order to discuss several topics, including if there is the possibility of having a feeder line (703 number) to the 800 number to facilitate calls from our area. It is also my recommendation that GSRs discuss with their groups if there is any interest in making the phoneline an area endeavor and splitting from the region.

Policy (Kat D.) – We will be having a meeting, the time of which will be announced in the next week on the Dulles Corridor website. The meeting this past month was probably planned too late to get as much participation as possible. Is there any way to get copies of Area Service Minutes for May-June of this year?

Public Information (Jessica L.) – Next subcommittee meeting will be Sunday, 12/14/08. Meeting held on 11/16/8 – attended by Jim R. & Michael R. Discussed distributing literature racks to Loudoun County Mental Health, DCANA e-mail, updating meeting lists and budget.

Regional Committee Member (Norman M.) – See attached report

Special Events (vacant.) -

Visitors from other Areas: None

Group Reports :

Tell the Truth (Jack M.) – **Attendance:** 25 **Positions Open:** None
Celebrations: Jason L. – 5 years – December 8th
Status: No leader, 5th & 10th Step Meeting, lots of clean time.

Keep It Real – Absent
On Sunday (Bob)

3rd Tradition (Jim R.) – **Attendance:** 15-20 **Positions Open:** Alt. GSR, Greeter
Celebrations: Norman M. – 19 years – December 7th
Status: Todd B. is our new Chairperson. Additional trusted servants welcome.
Celebrate with Norman on December 7th.

Exact Nature (Ben M.) – **Attendance:** 12-20 **Positions Open:** None
Celebrations: John R. – 3years & Gary B. – 9 years – December 1st
Status: Good meeting, strong recovery.

Conscious Contact (Vacant) – Absent

Free to Live (Josh A.) – Absent

Bottom of the Mountain – Absent
(Karen G.)

New Attitudes (Fezz) – **Attendance:** 20-30 **Positions Open:** None
Celebrations: Gayle M. 22 years & Mark W. 8 years – Nov. 25th
Status: Good meeting with strong NA message, good attendance.

Keep It Real – **Attendance:** 10-15 **Positions Open:** Coffee Maker/Set-up
On Wednesday (Jay L.) **Celebrations:** None
Status: Needs help – always newcomers.

Survivors (Walter E.) – **Attendance:** 8-10 **Positions Open:** Treasurer
(reported by Natalie S.) **Celebrations:** Micki – 21 years – November 26th
Status: Strong recovery, attendance is slowly getting stronger.

New Hopefuls (vacant.) – **Attendance:** 10-15 **Positions Open:** GSR, Alt. GSR, Greeter
(reported by Jessica L.) **Celebrations:** Archer - 1year – November 26th
Jim Mc – 3 years – December 3rd
Status: Good homegroup, would love homegroup members.

Miracles Happen - Absent
(Rhapsody G.)

Keyhole to Recovery – **Attendance:** 20-30 **Positions Open:** Greeter, keytags, secretary
(Drew F.) **Celebrations:** None
Status: Better than it was, therefore, we are grateful for your support. If you don't attend please feel free to stop in for a step or tradition

A New Beginning (Kat P.) – **Attendance:** 10-20 **Positions Open:** All
Celebrations: None
Status: Decent, needs group members and support. Needs new chair and GSR

Friday Night Girlfriends – **Attendance:** 8-20 **Positions Open:** Co-chair
(Addie F.) **Celebrations:** None
Status: The meeting is well attended, but can always use support.

Just for Today (Dave C.) – **Attendance:** 30-40 **Positions Open:** Coffee Maker, Greeter
Celebrations: Joanna J. – 10 years – December 5th
Status: Very strong with number of homegroup members.

Bedrock (Alison G.) – Absent

Gut Level (Kenny S.) – Absent

HOW (Ellie N.) – **Attendance:** 4-8 **Positions Open:** All but Chair & Set-up
(reported by Natalie S.) **Celebrations:** None
Status: Needs people to serve and support

*Literally Speaking –
(Erika S.)*

Attendance: 10-15
Celebrations: None
Status: Attendance is increasing

Positions Open: Alt. GSR, Greeter

*Saturday Night –
Staying Alive (vacant)*

Absent

*Saturday Night Live -
(Ashley M.)*

Attendance: 20-30
Celebrations: Howard G. – 28 years – December 20th
Status: Strong homegroup support. Clear message of recovery. New format seems to be working out well.

Positions Open: Alt. GSR

BREAK

Quorum—Total groups in DCANA: **21**: Required for quorum: **7**: GSRs present: **10**.

Attendance on: 11/23 – 10
10/26 – 12
09/25 – 13

Old Business:

Back To Groups: Nothing

Open Forum:

Ben M. – Gut Level at A New Beginnings on Friday needs support and needs a Chair.

Erika S. – Brought up that DCANA meetings are not up-to-date on NA.org website. A discussion was held about this. Among the topics included:

Should groups be accountable for this update? Is this a World issue? Does this infringe on a group's autonomy? Is this an Area issue to determine who updates this website? Should the Area policy be updated to make this a responsibility of the Public Information Committee? Should an ad-hoc committee be formed to do this? Jessica L., DCANA PI Chair, volunteered to do this. Refer to Motion 3.

John R. – Embury Rucker shelter in Reston needs a meeting chair for the Saturday, 10:00 AM meeting. Please contact John if interested in this service work.

Angela – There are a number of old Conference Agenda Reports (CAR) in the literature inventory. She offered the reports to all. Any remaining reports will be discarded.

Yolanda – Do we need to bring the phone-line back to our Area rather than participating in the Regional phone-line. Please take this question back to your groups.

New Business:

Motion 1: **Motion Made By:** Literally Speaking **Motion Seconded By:** To Tell The Truth
Motion: To nominate Holly P. to be Special Events Subcommittee Chairperson
Intent: To fill an urgently needed position

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| Voted on at ASC meeting: | 10 | 0 | 0 |

Motion 2: **Motion Made By:** Survivors **Motion Seconded By:** Literally Speaking
Motion: Nominate Norman M. as Regional committee Member (RCM).
Intent: To fill a position needed for Area Representation in our Region

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| Voted on at ASC meeting: | 10 | 0 | 0 |

Motion 3: **Motion Made By:** Exact Nature **Motion Seconded By:** Survivors
Motion: To add the following statement to Article 7, Section 13 of the DCANA Policy:
POLICY CHANGE “Responsibilities include but are not limited to updating the Area website and ensuring that
Regional and World website information for groups is submitted.”
Intent: To clarify PI subcommittee responsibilities.

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| Voted on at ASC meeting: | 10 | 0 | 0 |

Closing Financial Report: Closing balance is \$ 2,226.26 , with \$ 1,250.51 available.
Group donations were \$ 120.00 , with a reserve of \$ 975.75 .

Next Meeting: **December 21, 2008 , from 2:00 – 5:00 pm at St. Timothy’s in Herndon.**

RCM Report to Dulles Corridor Area Service Committee, November 23, 2008

The Regional Service Committee met on October 11, 2008, in the District of Columbia. The following motion was sent to areas for a vote.

MOTION: To create a Regional Ad-Hoc Committee to review the CPRC Inc. by-laws
Submitted by: Rock Creek
Seconded by: Tri-County
INTENT: To allow the Region to review the bylaws since they have changed without review or input from the Region & to ensure accountability to the service body
CON: The Board has made their bylaws available to all members of the Committee; we can read them if we want
PRO: The Board has made changes not approved by Region
RESPONSE: Take to Groups (4/1/5)
DISPOSITION: Sent to Groups to be voted on at next RSC

This is supposed to be voted on for the upcoming RSC, to be held in our area. I did not have a formal copy of the motion until November, but I was aware of this motion before that. I neglected to inform anyone of this motion, precluding anyone from bringing it to the groups before this meeting. For that I take responsibility, and would like to do whatever is necessary to get a vote from our area's groups before the RSC on December 13.

Thank you,

Norman Meres

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