



North East Freedom ASC Meeting Minutes
from October 22, 2014

Home Group / GSR Attendance:

5-to-1 Group	X	High on Life	Power of Women
X Alive It's Saturday Night	X	Hope Without Dope	Recovering Men
At All Cost	X	Hugs Not Drugs	Recovery First
X AWANA		Hump Day	X Saturday Morning Hope
X Break the Cycle	X	I.O.U. NA	X Serenity At Six
Canton Noon	X	Joy of Recovery	X Serenity
X Circle of Hope		Just a Desire	Stairway to Recovery
X Come Get Some	X	Just Do It	X Step Into the Light
Firm Foundation		Just For Saturday	X Steps to Freedom
For What It's Worth	X	Just For Sunday	X Stronger Ties
X Freedom From the Edge	X	Keep Coming Back	Suffer No More
X Freedom Group		Live and Let Live	X Surrender to Survive
X FTW	X	Live the Literature	Therapeutic Value
German Hill Group		Merritt Point (Friday)	X There Is a Need
X Grow Up or Die	X	Message is Hope	X Through Death to Life
X Hamilton Noon		Miracles in Motion	X Thurs Nite at the Gardens
Hampden Day Group		Noon in Canton	X T.R.U.S.T Group
Hampden Group	X	North Point	X Will to Survive
x Healing Women		One Promise	Who's in Charge?
	X	Parkville Group	X You Get What You Need

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM, 12 Concepts read by Tracy

GROUP INFORMATION AND BUSINESS:

High on Life Closed 11/3 due to Election

Susquehanna Area Halloween Bash 11/1

Grow Up Or Die Hosting Speaker Jam 11/21 from 6-12am

Change of Order – not allowed voted to keep order

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Phone Line (Chair – Tracy O.: 443-603-6329)

Report distributed? Yes No

Meets @ 6:30 PM on 3rd Thurs of month @ Dundalk Church of Brethren, 2660 Yorkway Dundalk, MD 21222

See Report.

Last meeting was held on 9/18/14. Next meeting will be 10/23. Need Support.

Special Events (Chair – Michael U.: 410-299-9585)

Report distributed? Yes No

Meets @ 6:30 PM on 1st Weds of month @ Graceland United Methodist Church

See Report.

Upcoming Events

October- Halloween Dance 10/25

November- Encouraging everyone to attend convention

December-Spiritual Breakfast 12/6 @Graceland United Methodist Church

January- New Years Eve Dance

February- Coordinating with Area Convention for Kickoff Event

Discussion:

Question- Do sellers of dance tickets sign accountability statements?

Answer- Accountability falls to chair but clause in Special Events By-Laws states that its split

Financial Information

Check #1018 \$60.00 Graceland United Methodist Church

Check # 1019 \$200.00 St Lukes

Check #1020 \$40.00 Wayne Maddox (Flyers for Spiritual Breakfast)

Balance \$1152.31

Public Relations (Chair – Elizabeth C.: 443-509-8600)

Report distributed? Yes No

Meets @ 5:45 PM on the 1st Wed of month @ 6714 Youngstown Dundalk

Naomi Attended Region

PR Chair stepped down and no Vice chair to step up. Prospective Chair would need to have a flexible schedule as most drop locations are in government buildings. Most drop locations are in the Dundalk, Essex and White Marsh areas.

Chair will do a final fill of all drop locations

Last order was for Essex Day \$500 and PR is allowed \$500

Policy (Chair -EMPTY)

Report distributed? Yes No

Meets @ 6:00 PM on the 4th Wed of month before area service

H & I (Chair - Floodsy: 410-446-0557)

Report distributed? Yes No

Meets @ 7 PM on the 1st Wed of the month @ Jerusalem Church, Belair Rd & Moravia Rd

See Report.

Website (Chair - Leland M.: 443-797-3195)

Report distributed? Yes No

See report.

From January 9, 2009 through September, 2014 there have been 290,298 total visits to the site.

Discussion regarding the question from Septembers RCM Report regarding the posting of literature and the email to remove it from world. Chair states that the Intellectual properties document was followed and linked to world website for edition 5 & 6.

Treasurer (Chair - Debbie)

Report distributed? Yes No

Report that was presented was for August. Lots of confusion surrounding the reports. No Group Donation sheet provided. Presently missing Treasury information for August and September. Chair stated group donation template wasn't given to her from former chair. Barkley advised that the bank information should be pulled a week before Area to be entered into the Treasurers report for the next area meeting each month.

NEFA Convention (Chair - Mike: 443-996-4960)

Report distributed? Yes No

All convention committees meet @ 7 PM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month @ FTW Woodward Avenue Church

See Report

-Debit Card Secured to pay for convention expenses.

Question- Who has possession of the Debit Card?

Answer- The Convention Treasurer

-Convention Committee needs a Secretary

-New Convention Team is voted on in December

Financial Statement:

9/17/14 Balance	\$12,063.63	
Merchandise	\$725.38	(Pre Convention Merch)
Ending Balance	\$11,338.25	
Reserve	\$8600.00	
Available Balance	\$2738.25	

Literature (Chair - Erin B.: 443-762-3870)

Report distributed? Yes No

Meets @ 6 PM on 4th Wed of the month @ Faith Comm. Church, Harford Rd & Gibbons Ave (before ASC)

See Report.

Literature Sold in September \$ 1333.00

Literature Ordered in October \$904.49/1344.08 (Service Center made an error in order)

Current Literature on Hand \$6177.15/6616.74

RCM (Chair – Helene & Becky)

Report distributed? Yes No

See Report .

Area asks RCM to go to Region and ask for some clarity regarding voting and what constitutes a pass vs a fail.

Regional Motion was discussed about sending RDA to Zonal with the RD or anything the RD attends.

Area requests RCM to bring back financial impact on area report for next month.

Free State Region Convention (Barkley T. 443-677-4085)

Report distributed? Yes No

Barkley has Raffle Tickets for Drawing #4

Drawing 3 was held at Region and the winner was Kim H

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: NOT APPROVED (Question Regarding voting and what constitutes pass vs fail)

OLD BUSINESS:

Open Policy Chair Position

Linda was nominated

Vote 24 For 0 Against 1 Abstention

Linda is the new Policy Chair.

Voting on Motions from September

Motion 1

FAILED

Motion: For Clarity: Remove Freestate Regional Convention report from the NEFA Meeting Agenda/Outline. This is not a NEFA subcommittee but is part of the Freestate Region Subcommittee.

Submitted By: Step Into the Light

2nd by: Freedom from the Edge

Intent: Freestate Regional Convention (FSRC) Committee does not answer to NEFA; it answers to Freestate Region. NEFA Policy: page 15: Subcommittee Business: Convention (added 2009) was intended for NEFA Convention. We have always allowed for brief announcement about Freestate Convention because we have a NEFA member who is on the FSR Convention board. We may not always have this available. All NEFA Subcommittees are required to have a written report .FSRC has never submitted a written report & when asked questions, we are advised they do not have to answer to us. This is correct. Any questions NEFA may have should be brought to the RCM who would then direct them to the FSR. Therefore, for clarity of "Convention Committee" FSRC should be removed, leaving only NEFA Convention.

Cons: Intent is no accurate, 5 years ago it was requested that FSRC attend NEFA. Our members work and serve

For: 4 Against: 14 Abstain: 5

Motion 2

PASSED

Motion: For Secretary to record EXACT motion wording the in the Area minutes & attach a copy of each motion to the copy of the minutes

Submitted By: Step Into the Light

2nd by: Freedom from the Edge

Intent: Motions needs to be recorded exactly as it is stated. Secretary interpretation or abbreviation leaves room for error or misunderstanding. The original copy should be a part of the minutes so that a paper trail can be followed. Once on our website, there would be no question as to the motion or its intent. This has not been followed & previous motions were not written exactly as they were intended.

Although minutes are approved at the following ASC, anything found on our website could leave room for misinterpretation

No Pros No Cons

For: 20 Against: 0 Abstain: 3

Motion 3

WITHDRAWN

Motion: Move Old Business & New Business (MOTIONS) to be done before the Subcommittee Reports

Submitted By: Step into the Light

2nd by: Freedom from the Edge

Intent: To allow more time for decision making & not rush through it at the end. We consistently run out of time & people. By the end of the meeting when the motions come up, we have less people staying to make decisions. While the subcommittee reports are very important, we need time & people to allow for decisions that affect NEFA's future business.

Cons:

-sometimes motions come from subcommittee reports

-run subcommittee reports quicker

2 ADDITIONAL MOTIONS FROM SEPTEMBER AND 2 ADDITIONAL FROM OCTOBER TO BE CARRIED OVER TO NOVEMBER AREA SERVICE AS WE RAN OUT OF TIME

NEW BUSINESS / MOTIONS

RAN OUT OF TIME