



North East Freedom ASC Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER 23, 2016

Home Group / GSR Attendance:

5-to-1 Group	X High on Life	X Power of Women
X Alive It's Saturday Night	X Hope Without Dope	Recovery 101
At All Cost	X Hugs Not Drugs	Recovering Men
X AWANA	Hump Day	X Recovery First
Break the Cycle	X I.O.U. NA	Saturday Morning Hope
Canton Noon	Joy of Recovery	X Serenity At Six
Circle of Hope	Just a Desire	Serenity Group
Come Get Some	Just Do It	X SNL
Firm Foundation	Just For Saturday	Stairway to Recovery
For What It's Worth	X Just For Sunday	Step Into the Light
Found the Way	Keep Coming Back	Steps 2 Change
Freedom From the Edge	X Live and Let Live	X Steps to Freedom
X Freedom Group	Live the Literature	Stronger Ties
X FTW	Merritt Point Group	X Suffer No More
German Hill Group	Merritt Point Midnite	Surrender to Survive
Goodwill Group	X Message is Hope	Therapeutic Value
Grow up or Die	Miracles in Motion	There Is a Need
Hamilton Noon	Noon in Canton	Through Death to Life
Hampden Day Group	X North Point Group	Thurs Nite at the Gardens
Hampden Group	X Parkville Group	X T.R.U.S.T Group
Healing women	Point of Recovery	X Will to Survive
	X Sheer Desperation Group	X Who's in Charge?
		X You Get What You Need

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:01 pm

12 CONCEPTS READ BY: JOE

GROUP INFORMATON: DEC 11TH MESSAGE IS HOPE- 25TH ANNIVERSARY 7PM, SHEER DESPERATION MEEING OPEN CHRISTMAS, LIVE AND LET LIVE OPEN CHRISTMAS, AWANA OPEN CHRISTMAS EVE. ALL GERMAN HILL RD MEETINGS BEING RELOCATED- FURTHER INFO TO COME (7PM TUES/ 5PM SAT)

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **PHONE LINE** (Chair – BOB M. - 443-687-4121)

- Committee meets:

- 6:30 PM- 1ST Monday of the month @ Graceland United Methodist Church
6714 Youngstown Rd, 21222

- Report distributed: YES

- Last meeting was held on:

NEF HOLDS 11 SHIRTS ON PHONE LINE. SUPPORT IS NEEDED- VOLUNTEERS, 6 MONTH CLEAN TIME REQUIREMENT. IN NEED OF 12 STEP VOLUNTEERS- 1 YR CLEAN TIME AND A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF THE 12 STEPS. OPEN SLOTS- OPEN SHIFTS CONSTANTLY CHANGING, PLEASE CONTACT BOB M. FOR CURRENT OPEN SHIFTS.

- **SPECIAL EVENTS** (Chair – Michael U. – 410-299-9585)

- Committee meets:

- 6:30 PM- 1ST Weds. Of the month @ Graceland United Methodist Church
6714 Youngstown Rd, 21222

- Report distributed: YES

- Last meeting was held on: 11/02/2016

Upcoming events-

DECEMBER- NEW YEARS EVE PARTY- DECEMBER 31ST- TICKETS \$20- 7:30PM- 1 AM. FEBRUARY- VALENTINES DANCE, FEBRUARY 11TH- MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
FINANCIAL SUMMARY- CHECKS WRITTEN- NONE. DEPOSITS- NONE. CURRENT BALANCE AS OF 11/23/2016 \$2,688.96

- **PUBLIC RELATIONS** (Chair – TRACEY O. – 410-736-9819 tlobitz71@gmail.com)

- Committee meets:

- 5:45 PM- 2ND Weds. Of the month @ Graceland United Methodist Church
6714 Youngstown Rd, 21222

- Report distributed: YES

- Last meeting was held on: 11/09/2016

MEETINGS IN NEED OF SUPPORT- JUST DO IT- SAT 7PM, GERMAN HILL GROUP SAT 5PM, 12 MIDNIGHT MEETING FRIDAY AT MIDNIGHT, GOODWILL GROUP WED 7PM. IF YOUR MEETING IS IN NEED OF SUPPORT PLEASE LET PUBLIC RELATIONS KNOW. MEETING CLOSINGS (ALL DUNALD, MD)- FOR WHAT ITS WORTH, GERMAN HILL GROUP, JUST DO IT. NEW MEETINGS- SHEER DESPERATION, 200 N. MARLYN AVE 21221. PLEASE NOTIFY BOB M. ON PHONELINE IF YOUR GROUP IS CLOSED DURING HOLIDAY OR INCLEMENT WEATHER.

- **POLICY** (Chair – JOE L.- 443-621-0470)
 - Committee meets: THE 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO AREA SERVICE

 - Report distributed: NO
 - Last meeting was held on:
NOTHING TO REPORT

- **H & I** (Chair ERIN MC. – 443-531-6791)
 - Committee meets:
 - 7 PM- 1st Wed of the month @ Jerusalem Church
Belair Rd & Moravia Rd

 - Report distributed: YES
 - Last meeting was held on: Last meeting was held on: 11/02/2016
55 MEETINGS PER MONTH ARE BEING TAKEN INTO 5 FACILITIES AND HAVE APPROX. 48 MEMBERS OF H&I. HAVE RECEIVED AN INCREASED MEMBERSHIP, BUT ARE STILL IN NEED OF MEMBERS TO SERVE. 7 POSITIONS ARE OPEN AT THE DETENTION CENTER 3 FEMALE/ 8 MALE. ALSO, IN NEED OF MEMEBERS WILLING TO SHARE THEIR ESH- CLEARANCE IS NECESSARY.

- **WEBSITE** (Chair - Leland M.: 443-797-3195 / webchair@nefana.org)
 - Report distributed: YES
 - Last meeting was held on: 11/21/2016
WORK COMPLETED- ALL ASC DOCUMENTS AND ACHIVES ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING RE-CONNECTED TO THE SITE.
FROM 01/01/09 – 10/22/2016 508,666 VISITS TO OUR WEBSITE
REQUESTING SUB-COMMITTEE'S TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION FOR POSTING IN A TIMELY MANNER TO BETTER SERVE OUR AREA.

- **NEFA CONVENTION** (Chair – JOHN F.- 443-465-3751)
 - Committee meets:
 - 7 PM- 3rd Weds. of the month @ FTW
Woodward Avenue Church

 - Report distributed: YES
 - Last meeting was held on: 11/16/2016
ALL SUB COMMITTEES ARE ON SCHEDULE. REGISTRATIONS ARE OUT AND ON SALE \$30 TIL FEB 20TH, \$35 AT THE DOOR. ROOMS MUST BE BOOKED BY JAN 28TH TO GET DISCOUNT. HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE IS STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE BASKETS, CONTACT STACIE D.

- **LITERATURE (Chair – TONY O. – 443-871-6019)**
 - **Committee meets:**
 - **6 PM- 4th Weds. of the month @ Faith Comm. Church Harford Rd & Gibbons Ave (before ASC)**
 - **Report distributed: YES**
 - **Last meeting was held on: 11/23/2016**

**LITERATURE SOLD IN SEPTEMBER- \$1,295.61
 DONATIONS TO LITERATURE IN SEPTEMBER- \$9.39
 LITERATURE ORDERED IN OCTOBER- \$1,917.66
 CURRENT LITERATURE ON HAND- \$6,839.85**

THE ABOVE INCLUDES THE EXTRA \$100 FROM ORDERING ORDER FORMS LAST MONTH AND THE \$473.62 TOTAL FROM 40 GUIDING PRINCIPLES TRADITION WORKBOOKS.

- **RCM (Chair – HELENE, ACTING RCM 410-917-0628)**
 - **Report distributed: YES**
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED REPORT
- **FREE STATE REGIONAL CONVENTION (Barkley T. 443-677-4085)**
 - **Report distributed: NO (VERBALLY GIVEN)**
PLEASE GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THE CONVENTION.

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: APPROVED

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS / MOTIONS: NONE

AREA IS STILL IN NEED OF (2) SERGEANT OF ARMS- 1 DAY CLEAN TIME REQUIREMENT, WILL AIDE IN SETTING UP/ CLEANING UP OF OUR MEETING, KEEPING ORDER/ QUIET THE GROUP WHILE MEETING IS ACTIVELY TAKING PLACE, TAKES COUNT OF VOTES.

ALSO, IN NEED OF A RCM AND RCM II. CURRENT RCM IS TEMPORARILY FILLING IN UNTIL ONE IS AQUIRED.

MEETING CALLED TO CLOSE AT: 8:11 PM

RCM REPORT

Part 1 of 2

11/23/2016

Attended Regional OFF MONTH for Acting RCM at Regional meeting on Saturday 11/12/16

Area's in attendance: 8 Area's not represented: North West & West Side

Convention Board- Hospitality Chair: Pam S. Voted in - 7 For

RD (Dee): See Report

Free State Regional Convention (Cindy K.):

Very lengthy report. Misappropriation of funds by former treasurers for convention, Marie H. See report for details. Conversation took place whether or not to post the report on to our website. Discussion told hold back report until all areas had gone back and had their area service. Ultimately, it was decided by straw poll to post the report (5 For, 2 Against & 1 Abstention). NEFA voted to post the report. Statement by former treasurer, Marie H. was not included in the report. Therefore it was archived and will not be published. **Helene to report additional information.**

Website (Linda P.):

Question for all area's: Should we just have the one email that goes directly to the regional webmaster? The webmaster will then send the email to appropriate person, subcommittee.

Website will be going live around 01/01/2017. A lot of work still needs to be done (see report). Webmaster needs assistance with various items, guidelines & operational book. If you can help please email the webmaster @ sundreamer58@hotmail.com.

Any areas information that is listed on the region's website will need to be updated to the regional webmaster by that area.

Public relations for NEFA, please send the meeting schedule for our area to webmaster via PDF format.

In Service,

Naomi A.

NEFA VICE CHAIR (Filled in for Acting RCM)

Acting R C M Part 2 of 2

11/23/2016


Misappropriation of Funds – FSR Convention Treasurer

Hello everyone,

As you know I was away for the last off-month Regional & Naomi (NEFA Vice Chair) went in my absence. She reported the information to me upon my return. After reading the Convention Chair's report, I called her (Cindy K), as well as the RD (Dee P) to get further information. This is a sad situation:

First & foremost, the Convention Treasurer has admitted to misappropriation of funds & has been forthright once all info was discovered. She is still a member of NA & has refunded almost all of the money. A payment plan is being considered for the remaining amount & actions are being put in place. I know this is not easy to hear, especially after what NEFA has already gone through. I will not place judgment or resentment but have prayed for this member in hopes that she remain in our rooms of recovery.

My report here is a mere summary from the report from Convention Chair, which can be found on FSR Website. The Board takes responsibility & has learned from this experience.

- 10/26/16 a check to a vendor for the Convention came back for insufficient funds & the vendor notified the committee. This began the process of awareness. The Board acted immediately.
- Convention Treasurer stated that due to an accident 3 years ago she has neurological problems & cannot remember things.
- The final deposit from LAST year's convention in Nov 2015 was not deposited in the bank (and other deposits)
- After pressing the issue, the truth came out about the funds & the lies
- Researching this issue, the Board has discovered this could have been going on since 2015
- Deposits were falsely reported to the Board. No one checked or suspected anything unusual
- Bank account had moved to paperless & only the Treasurer had on-line password & access. Her reports did not have the actual copy of the bank statements so no questions were asked
- Vice Treasurer did not have access nor any means to follow behind the Treasurer & no other Board member was checking the account or validating her reports. There seemed to be no reason for question.
- Research shows our 2015 tax returns were not submitted to the IRS
- Treasurer was relieved of her position, surrendered all documents & remained cooperative.
- Crystal , Vice Treasurer moved into the Treasurer's position. She has previous board experience.

- Convention Chair contacted WSO & was guided on how to handle, as well as followed guidelines for misappropriation of funds, both World & Regional
- An audit is being performed & will be presented at the On-month Dec. Regional meeting.
- New Policy & Procedures are being developed by the Board & will be presented early 2017. Current Policy states they present in Dec. but they asked for some time on this. **THIS WILL COME UP AS DISCUSSION**
- Exact figures are on the report on line. (it is thousands)
- Most of the money has been returned (she took a loan to repay the funds) & a payment plan for the rest is being looked at with strong boundaries for payments
- Anonymity: As in the report & guidance from WSO, we are not breaking anyone's anonymity by giving their name. The Chair noted, "Protecting the identity of the person involved is secondary to being accountable to the fellowship of its funds and ensuring that the person is not put in a position where he or she will do further harm" and "once an individual's behavior or actions compromise our funds/harm our fellowship – they forfeit their anonymity". So, you will see her name on the reports. This does not break traditions.
- Accountability: Regional Policy states that the Convention's financial report be given by 60 days after the Convention. In years of past, this has been a concern, in particular the last 2 years: We have heard that because they are "incorporated" that they do not answer to the Region. This is incorrect; they are "responsive" to the Region. Our Traditions state: "they are responsible to those they serve". As the Convention Chair clarified this in her report & what is in Regional Policy, we should be expecting the financial report every year without question.
- Upcoming Convention: The Board feels they will still be able to support & pay for all expenses for this convention this weekend. We are hoping this does not deter people from supporting this. It was unforeseen & since its occurrence, new Policies will be put in place.
- Moving forward: While it will be on your thoughts, please remember to be mindful of the words that are shared. Rumors can hurt; please stick with the facts. The Convention Chair has expressed this & has stated she would come to any Area that needs further discussion. I will keep you posted on this matter.
- Financials: Current Regional Policy states that a financial report is due 60 days after the end of the Convention (February, which is on-month Regional). In the report, the Board is asking for an extension until March or April in order to have an accurate report. Your thoughts? **THIS WILL COME UP AS DISCUSSION.**

In service,



Helene

410-917-0628