



North East Freedom ASC Meeting Minutes
from August 27, 2014

Home Group / GSR Attendance:

5-to-1 Group	X	High on Life	Power of Women
X Alive It's Saturday Night		Hope Without Dope	X Recovering Men
At All Cost	X	Hugs Not Drugs	X Recovery First
X AWANA	X	Hump Day	Saturday Morning Hope
Break the Cycle	X	I.O.U. NA	X Serenity At Six
Canton Noon		Joy of Recovery	Serenity
Circle of Hope	X	Just a Desire	X Stairway to Recovery
X Come Get Some	X	Just Do It	X Step Into the Light
Firm Foundation	X	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		Live the Literature	Therapeutic Value
German Hill Group		Merritt Point (Friday)	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	Will to Survive
Healing Women		One Promise	X 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 Jessica B.

GROUP INFORMATION AND BUSINESS:

OPEN DISCUSSION

Helene apologized to area and asked to be re-voted in for RCM Position. Voted in 21 For 0 Against 5 Abstentions

Helene reminded area that Regional is coming up in December and asked that 500 copies be provided by Special Events by September.

Joe asked about when the appropriate time to bring up a redress of a motion would be, the answer is in Old Business.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Phone Line (Chair – Tracy O.: 410-622-6238)

Report distribute? Yes No

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

Last meeting was held on 4/24/14?. Next meeting will be 9/18. We are in need of 12 Step Members. Did attend regional meeting.

Question as to clarification as to what constitutes a "12 Step Member" and do they had to have worked all 12 steps.

Answer- No it is not a requirement to have worked all 12 steps however there is a 1 yr clean time requirement.

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

Report distributed? Yes No

Meets @ 6:30 PM on 2nd Weds of month @ Recovery for Life Club, 3717 E Baltimore St. 21224

NEFA Tubing trip was held 8/16 at Gunpowder State Park

No Events Planned in September

October Halloween Dance Tentative Date 10/25 @ St. Lukes

September Area Special Events will have a schedule of events planned thru 2/2015

Donated \$1000.00 tonight to area after a very successful June Picnic

No Money taken in or spent last month

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

Current Vice Chair Danielle wishes to step up into Chair position once she meets clean time requirement.

Baltimore County Health Department was added to Literature Racks

All Drops are up to date

Essex day is 9/21 we will be there from 7am until the end. Anyone wishing to participate should contact

Elizabeth or just show up

Elizabeth voted in as interim Chair 21 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions

Policy (Chair - Thomas: 443-869-0371)

Report distributed? Yes No

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

Nothing to Report

Question was asked if Elizabeth had to be voted in to serve as interim chair, answer was yes she does.

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

Chair Secretary needed for H&I. Chair must have 2 years clean time. Vice chair requires 1 year clean time. Panel leader in 90 days Speakers 6 months clean. To speak at Detention Center must be out of legal system, 2 years off probation and cleared.

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

Report distributed? Yes No

See report. From January 9, 2009 through July 24, 2014 there have been 228,242 total visits to the site. Copy of "Together We Can" Newsletter posted from 1981 includes very 1st meeting list.

Treasurer (Chair - Debbie)

Report distributed? Yes No

No report because the position hasn't been fully switched over. Scott on vacation and Debbie was unable to get together with him to get the switch over complete. Scott has the numbers, No Balances or other information available. Audit is in process. Audit was started with Lisa and takes a few weeks to complete. Last Audit was 8 months ago. Discussion included who had possession of the accountability statements, who is responsible for collecting and retaining the accountability statements.

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

No Show No Report.

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 Subcommittee voted prior to tonight's area service to require 1 year clean for committee members to bring out literature and hold money. Extra Spring 2014 Schedules were available for free

RCM (Chair – Helene & Becky)

Report distributed? Yes No

See Report . NEFA is hosting Regional in December. Special Events will coordinate flyers. Discussion included other options within the church for a meeting place as current space is not large enough. Auditorium is not realistic as the heat isn't on in the room in the winter an Babysitting Room isn't available. Suggestion to ask Hamilton Noon if we can have their spot that day.

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

Report distributed? Yes No

Merchandise has been ordered. Tickets on sale for 3rd raffle. Question as to how many tickets have been sold for each at \$10.00 each and the answer is 150 each round and that report goes to the region not to NEFA

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Approved with minor correction to Thomas remaining as policy chair

OLD BUSINESS:

Redress of Motion from last month

Original Motion in Question from June (Attached to this report)

Motion: To disband Ad-Hoc Committee for Misappropriation of Funds.
Created by: You Get What You Need
2nd by: Serenity

Intent: To move forward in love & forgiveness

Original Vote

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	
14	14	2	Tied to Chair – passed motion

Reasoning for redress

Concern being that the tie breaking vote went to the Former Area Chair. The Original motions creating the ad hoc committee were merged (attached to this report) one of those motions states "Area Chair may participate (in Ad Hoc Committee) but will not hold a vote in the process of decision making of the Ad-hoc committee. Several members felt that tie breaking vote should have gone to former Vice chair.

Motion to table lead to a discussion regarding tabling motions. In past years when a GSR made a motion to table and another GSR seconded that motion, we tabled it.

According to the Guide to local service " One way of disposing of a motion that is not ready for a vote is to *table* it. This is done by saying, "I move we table this motion until such-and-such a date/meeting." This motion is not debatable; if it is made and seconded, it is voted on immediately. If it fails, debate continues on the motion itself. If it passes, the committee moves on to its next item of business. The tabled motion will be included in the committee agenda on the date specified."

Vote to Table the Redress of the Motion to disband Ad Hoc Committee 11 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions

NEW BUSINESS / MOTIONS

Motion 1

Motion: If a motion is brought up and voted on and fails it cannot be brought up or a motion with similar wording cannot be brought back up for 90 days

Submitted By: Hugs Not Drugs
2nd by: Freedom Group

Intent: To keep from bogging area down with redundancy

GSR COUNT = 20

For: 13 Against 5 Abstain: 2

Motion fails because this motion would change policy and requires 2/3 vote

Motion 2

Motion: That no NEFA Chair can serve more than 2 consecutive terms

Submitted By: Hugs not Drugs
2nd by: Freedom Group

Intent: to continue to allow change and growth

For: Against: Abstain:

Unable to be voted on as we ran out of time

Motion 3

Motion: To revisit the policy that was created by the first Ad Hoc Committee for future theft of funds

Submitted By: Hugs not Drugs
2nd by: IOUNA

Intent: To put a policy in place for future theft of funds

For: Against: Abstain:

Unable to be voted on as we ran out of time

Motion 4

Motion: Executive Body, Chair & Vice Chair of subcommittees and any other members holding area monies must sign accountability statement

Submitted By: Thursday Night at the Gardens
2nd by: Hump Day

Intent: To be held accountable.

For: Against: Abstain:

Unable to be voted on as we ran out of time

Wait

NORTHEAST FREEDOM AREA MOTION FORM

Date: 4-23-14

Put forth By: Step Into the Light

MOTION: Second: Recovering Men

An Ad-hoc committee be formulated to handle the existing theft of funds by former Special Events chair & member.

Area Chair will immediately turn over all applicable copies/ information of this theft to the Ad-hoc committee, which include the signed affidavit from the Special Events chair agreeing to the payments on her theft.

Area Chair may participate but will not hold a vote in the process of decision-making of the Ad-hoc committee.

Ad-hoc committee answers to the Northeast Freedom Area & must report each month on findings.

Any payments will continue to be included in monthly Area Treasurer report.

DISCUSSION NEEDED: Will we leave the decision up to the Ad-hoc committee or will we give them our vote to handle as necessary?

Intent: To have several people involved in the process.

Voting
For: 19
Abstain: 5
Against: ①

Combine motions

Renue chair

Motion Status

Passed: _____
Failed: _____
Tabled: _____

Date: 4/23/14

#3

Submitted by: Caroline ANANA

Seconded by: Live & Let Live

To follow
Motion: The original agreement, ~~was~~ ~~that~~ that was signed by the former special events chair, that stated after 2 missed payments the information would be turned over to the police department for prosecution

Intent: To follow through with what was decided. To deter future problems

Voting
For: _____
Abstain: _____
Against: _____

Motion Status
Passed: _____
Failed: _____
Tabled: _____

Date: 6-25-14

Submitted by: U GET WHAT U NEED

Seconded by: Serenity

Motion: To ~~request~~ DISBAND the
AD-Hoc Committel ~~for~~
~~the~~ miss appropriation of
fund

Intent: To move Forward in love +
FORGIVENESS

Voting

For: _____

Abstain: _____

Against: _____

Motion Status

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Failed: _____

Tabled: _____

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MOTION FORM

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Seconded by: FREEDOM GAP

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* Similar intent

Intent: To keep from bogging Area down with redundancy

GSR Count 20

Voting:
For: 13
Against: 5
Abstain: 2

Motion
passed
failed

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X

Date:

2/3 to
change
poli.c

Pro's - Step in the right direction

Con's wording is vague &

Friendly amendment to similar intent resembling & w/o being identical

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MOTION FORM

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Seconded by: FREEDOM GRP

Policy
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then two consecutive terms

Intent: to continue to allow change and growth

GSR Count 20

Voting:
For: ___
Against: ___
Abstain: ___

Motion
passed
failed
Date:

PRO'S

Cons Why are we singling out NEFA Chair

Discussion No policy now just suggestion on
GTLS

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Seconded by: J.O.O.N.A.

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