



North East Freedom ASC Meeting Minutes From August 25, 2010

Home Group / GSR Attendance

Arm Steps	Canton Noon	Circle of Hope
Freedom Group	FTW	For What it's Worth
Freedom From the Edge	German Hill Group	HOW/Walk the Walk
Hamilton Noon	High on Life	Hope Without Dope
Hugs Not Drugs	I.O.U. NA	Just Do It
Life After Death	Lighthouse Group	Merritt Point (Friday)
Message is Hope	North Point Group	Parkville Group
Recovery First	Serenity Group	Step Into the Light
Steps to Freedom	Stronger Foundation	Stronger Ties
Surrender to Survive	Therapeutic Value	The Way Group
There is a Need	Through Death to Life	Thurs Night at the Gardens
Wednesday Night 12-Step	Who's in Charge	You Get What You Need
Joy of Recovery	Break the Cycle	KCB
Serenity at Six	Recovering Men	

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm with the Serenity Prayer by Barkley T., followed by the reading of the 12 Concepts by Wayne R.

GROUP INFORMATION AND BUSINESS:

- Various GSRs, Alternate GSRs introduced themselves: Shelly (High on Life), Brent (Stronger Ties), Lori A (Recovery First), Dawn (German Hill), TR (The Way Group) and David (Keep Comin Back)
- Canton Noon will have two out-of-town speakers on Thurs, Sept 16
- Stronger Foundation will celebrate its 3-year Anniversary on Thurs, Sept 30

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Phone Line – Report submitted by Linda S. (Vice-chair). Met Tues, 8/24 but usually meet on the 3rd Thurs of each month. Two open shifts: Wednesdays and Saturdays, 5pm – 8pm. Requirements are 6 months clean time and access to a phone. Need: 12-step volunteers. See report that was distributed. Committee meets @ 6:30pm on the 3rd Monday of the month @ Dundalk Church of the Brethren, 2660 Yorkway Dundalk, MD 21222.

Special Events – Report submitted by Marty L. (Chair). Met Wed, 8/11. Next mtg will be on Sept 8 @ 7:00pm. Dance 8/21 was a success (\$50 profit). Upcoming events: 9/25 Karaoke Pizza Party @ St. Luke's Church in Dundalk; 10/23 Halloween Dance @ St. Luke's Church in Dundalk and 11/2010 November event TBD. See report that was distributed. Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7 pm at Faith Community Church, located upstairs in the choir room.

Public Information – Verbal report given by Jenn (443-857-3337). Met last month; met this month, an hour ago. Essex Day will be Sept. 19th. Need volunteers (6am – 6pm). Schools are starting back up now (Sept.) and so we're starting to go back into schools; we will also be going into public libraries. Our committee is open for new members. Meets before ASC each month at 6 PM.

Policy – Submitted by Barry B., Chair (410-663-5711). We will be organizing Policy into groups. Did not meet in August. Next Policy Committee meeting will be @ 6:30pm on Wed., Sept. 15 @ Christian Community Church (155 Orville Rd. Essex, MD 21221). See report that was distributed.

H & I – Submitted by Suzanne B., Secretary. Currently has 11 openings, various positions (Panel Leader, Panel Coordinator). Needs speakers, especially for jails and especially males. Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month @ 7 pm at Jerusalem Church, on the corner of Belair and Moravia Road.

Website – Submitted by Leland M. (Chair). See report that was distributed.

Outreach – Verbal report given by Frank, member of committee (Cass is Chair.) New Free State schedule (Summer, 2010) has been published and is being distributed. All homegroups should be registered with World Service – check for yours on www.wso.org Committee meets the 4th Wednesday of each month @ 6pm

Treasurer – Report submitted by Mary Claire (Treasurer). Credit of \$1 but was resolved. We only have three physical checks left in the checkbook but we have ordered new checks; in addition, we changed the address on the checks in the checkbook to match our PO Box. See report that was distributed.

NEFA Convention – Report submitted by Lisa N., Chair. Committee met Aug. 17. We have chosen logo. Need: Merchandise Chair and members. No clean time required to be a member of a committee; 1 yr clean time for positions involving money. If you are interested in speaking in a workshop, then please contact Sandy R (410-977-8783). Convention will be 3/4/2011 – 3/6/2011. All committees for the convention meet @ Waters Edge Baptist Church on the 2nd Monday of each month @ 7pm.

Literature – Report submitted by Brad C., Chair. Literature sold 7/2010 = \$1,269.00. Literature purchased = \$1,261.61. Ryan W. has been elected Vice-chair of Lit Committee. Newly formatted schedules have arrived. New literature will be available next month; IP #24 and IP #25 have been replaced with a new IP #24. IP #28 ("Funding NA Services") is now available. See report that was distributed.

RCM – Detailed report submitted by Helene, including all information and event flyers that were distributed at 8/14/2010 Regional Service Meeting. Please read her report and check out those flyers as we will not take the time to go through everything, page by page, here in this meeting.

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: – Approved (29 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain)

MOTIONS AND PROPOSALS:

Motion #1

Submitted by: Wednesday 12-Step and Tradition mtg

Seconded by: The Way Group

Motion: To create a policy stating that when there is only one qualified nominee for an Area-Level service position, that person wins by acclamation

Intent: To speed up the business of Area Service. Also, it would likely be a very rare occasion that the Area would refuse a qualified nominee with a willingness to serve.

Discussion: Pros given, Cons given

Vote: 9 for, 19 against, 9 abstain (Did not pass by > 2/3; Failed)

OLD BUSINESS: The motion that was tabled from last Area Service Meeting was brought up again:

Motion #1 (from 7/28/2010 Area Service Mtg)

Submitted by: I.O.U. NA

Seconded by: Freedom From the Edge

Motion: To start a new mtg (Sundays @ 3pm @ Graceland United Methodist Church, 6714 Youngstown Ave) and to get a start-up package

Vote: 35 for, 2 opposed, 0 abstain (Motion passed by > 2/3)

NEW BUSINESS:

Convention Committee wants to nominate Melissa for Registration Chair. Vote: 35 for, 0 against, 0 abstain (Passed by > 2/3)

These Minutes were submitted to North East Freedom ASC for Approval on Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010.

Suzanne B.

NEFA Secretary