

Attention: GSR's and Executive members – mileage reimbursement available

Lake Agassiz Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous
Minutes from January 15th, 2010

February LAASC Meeting

- **First Presbyterian Church, 650 2nd Ave. N. Fargo, ND**
- **Noon on February 19th, 2010**

March LAASC Meeting

- **First Presbyterian Church, 650 2nd Ave. N. Fargo, ND**
- **Noon on March 19th, 2010**

- Addicts present: Frank H., Zac T., Alex P., Kim O., Lanie C., Chris M., Wade H., Mark C., Dustin W., Kenny G., Derek R., Tim F., John S., Julius P., Tavia H., Jay B., Charles E., Travis H., Vanessa D., Lindsay P., Eve K., Tim B., Feva H., Clinton C., Brandon J.
- 25 addicts present 10 GSR's present

Quorum Report and Motion to Accept Quorum

There were 10 GSR's present at the time of quorum and 10 at voting.

-Motion: To accept quorum. Intent: To do business. Made by: Zac T. Second: Jay B. – MOTION PASSES

Approval of Minutes Motions

-Motion: Accept minutes from December. Intent: To accept minutes. Made by: Zac T. Second: Dustin W. – MOTION PASSES

Executive Committee Reports

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LAASC Election Schedule/Terms of Office

	Scheduled	Actual	Addict Currently	Where is
<u>Office Held</u>	<u>Month of Election</u>	<u>Month of Election</u>	<u>In this position</u>	<u>Subcommittee at?</u>
Treasurer	January	February '10	Jay B.	None
PI Chair	December	December '09	Jordana H.	1 st Tues. of Month, Atomic Coffee- 16 4 th St. S. Moorhead- 8:00 pm
Secretary	March	March '10	Lanie C.	None
RCM	April (even years)	July '10	Wade H.	None
Alt-RCM	April (odd years)		Vacant	None
Literature	May	December '09	Tim B.	Thursdays @ 9:15 pm – 3910 25 th St. S. Fargo
Vice Chair	June	July '10	Frank H.	None
H&I Chair	July	August '10	April E.	Every 2 nd and 4 th Thursday at 8pm @ Fryn' Pan 300 Main Ave. Fargo
Scribe	August	August '10	Chris M.	None
Activities Chair	November	July '10	Jim C.	Thursdays @ 6:30 Fargo Coffee Co. 1601 University Dr. S. Fargo
Parliamentarian	October	December '09	Zac. T.	None
LAASC Chair	December	December '09	Chuck B.	Noon 3 rd Saturday of Month, normally at 1 st Presbyterian Church, Fargo

Chair: Vacant

Treasurer : Present

My dear fellow addicts,

I've been very physically ill with a blood infection since Sept25, so ill that I haven't been able to do the accounting for my own business (I'm self employed), let alone the ASC's, and for that I apologize.

We need to have budgets approved. Which is usually the job of individual Committee Chairs (Except Activities; their budget is part of the Executive Committee) to comprise the budgets. So I came up with some budgets that have worked in the past, because our budgets last year DID NOT WORK. Let me explain:

Every 3 months the Lake Agassiz Area by it's guidelines, donates all monies over a 3 month Prudent Reserve of operating expenses to the Upper Midwest Region of NA. In Dec. 2009 the highest budgets ever approved went into effect. (Those budgets were enacted due to a larger participation by "recovering addicts" than ever before. More addicts in service; equaled greater ability to reach more "still suffering addicts," equaled more money needed "to carry the message." But participation at the LAASC dwindled from 29 to 6-9 people) These higher budgets gave us a higher dollar amount for a Prudent Reserve, and a lack of participation gave us a lack of donations. The higher budgets gave us a 3 month Prudent Reserve of \$1,549.67, and the most money we ever had in our checking account was \$1413.39. Therefore we never donated to the Upper Midwest region in 2010, because we never reached our Prudent Reserve.

The LAASC was \$3,836.38 below projected budget spending in the last fiscal year. Which is good, because at that time we only had \$573.07 in our checking account.

My suggestion would be to return to the 2008 budgets. Which worked with no problems, and are posted here. Except that I added \$200.00 onto the Hospitals & Institutions budget, because they have spent approximately \$200.00 more than the 2008 budget the last 2 years.

Finally: Budgets are not "written in stone." All committees can make a motion at anytime that; they be allotted more monies if needed.

Thank You, I am so grateful to have been of service in the LAASC for the last 3&1/2 years, but my terms have ended, and I am planning to move to south central Colorado by summer (It doesn't get below zero there) My recovery has opened so many doors never I knew existed!

I am so humbled, grateful, & blessed by all of you,

Jay B.

Date	Category	Check# or Deposit	7th Tradition	Executive	PI	H & I	RCM	Total Of Amount
12/18/2010	Balance as of 12/18/2010	Beginning Balance		NO	BUDGETS			473.12
12/7/2010	Jordanna H.	1317			(19.00)			(19.00)
12/20/2010	Mtg Lists	1319			(218.28)			(218.28)
12/27/2010	Phone Line	Auto WD			(61.68)			(61.68)
12/18/2010	GSR reimbursement			(22.50)				(22.50)
12/18/2010	Rent Nov.		(10.00)					(10.00)
12/18/2010	Rent Dec.		(10.00)					(10.00)
1/12/2011	Activities Profit		876.39					876.39
12/18/2010	Donations		220.25					220.25
		Ending Balance						1,228.30
			<i>Balances</i>					

Vice Chair: Present

Secretary : Present

Public Information Chairperson: Vacant

Activities Chairperson: Absent but sent report

Greetings from the Activities Committee:

Planning for the "Service Begins With Me" has been progressing very well. Service Begins With Me will be held at Our Saviors Lutheran church in Moorhead on April 30th. We are planning workshops on Anonymity, the 12 Traditions, and Newcomers in Service. We have reserved the shelter at Lindenwood Park for the Unity Day Picnic. We have also begun preliminary planning for the N.O.W. Campout. Unfortunately the hotel we were planning to use for the Fall Banquet has cancelled all of their banquet reservations. We are now looking for a new location.

Any questions or comments please call me at (701) 235-8802 or come to our meetings held every Wed. at 7pm at the Fry'n Pan in Fargo.

In Humble Service

Jim C.

Activities Treasurer's Report: 10/16/10-12/17/10

Date		Debit	Sub-Deposit	Deposit	Balance
12/18/10	Stating Balance				\$1,272.52
01/05/11	CK#1365 Shelter rent for Unity Day	-\$88.00			\$1,184.52
01/05/11	CK#1366 NA Calendar & sledding flyers	-\$20.00			\$1,164.52
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01/15/11	Debit fiscal rollover into Main account	\$876.39			\$288.13
01/15/11	Ending Balance				\$288.13

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Jeremy T.

Literature Committee: Present

Hospitals and Institutions: Absent

Dear H&I Chair,

We as the LAASC body appreciate your service as the H&I Chair. Due to your absences from the last 4 ASC meetings on 10/16, 11/20, 12/18, and 01/15/11 we as the LAASC body have voted to remove you from the H&I Chair position pursuant to the guidelines. This motion was made with all love & respect, and with the simple need to carry on the business of the H&I Subcommittee.

Respectfully,

Frank H.

LAASC Vice-Chair

Regional Conference Member: present

Hello Recovery Family,

I would first like to apologize for not having the previous months report in the minutes like I should have, I will try to be more efficient and vigilant in my service commitments. Thank you for having patience with me. Regional Activities is still taking bids for the Regional Convention in the fall for 2011. If your home group would like to put a bid in and be part of a fun and learning experience contact activities on the regional website at UMRNA.ORG. The regional website geographical location is up and running, it gives the exact outline of areas in the region and meeting locations, if you haven't checked it out, give it a try. We are also buying 4 15second Public Service Announcements (PSA) from the Michigan Region and they are new and updated unlike the older ones, they are very nice.

We have also become part of the Midwest Zonal Forum which helps link Regions together and share experiences going on within the fellowship and is a viable resource pool for exchanging the latest information at the world level and neighboring regions. We have kindly been given a spot in the rotation and the MZF will be meeting at Spiritual Refreshment in May. This is especially a welcoming gesture from other regions in this collective body as it would of taken 18months to 2yrs to possibly work our way into the rotation process. So would like to thank that body for inviting us into that process so quickly. We have many open positions at the Regional level and all are welcome to attend. Our next meeting will be at St. Marks Lutheran Church on Feb 12 at 2:30 p.m. at 670 4th Ave N. in Fargo. Anyone is able to come in and feel free to participate at your own pace or just learn about what goes on behind the scenes on a larger level.

I am hoping that all who could attend Bowling & Weiners sponsored by the Sunday Clean n Free Meeting had a great time and also at the NA Prom which was sponsored by the Friday Night Speaker Meeting. A lot of work goes into putting these on so Thank You for all the hard work.

I would also like to put in a request for funds out of the budget for the MZF on March 19th in Ann Arbor Michigan, am looking forward to the experience and bringing back all the information my brain can possibly hold from this experience and share it with you all. It's 900 and some miles and gonna take a lot of gas, will bring back all receipts for the paper trail so money spent is recorded back to the ASC body. The link has also been closed to cast your vote on the System Service Workshop which is a new development from NA World Service Office.

Some upcoming events are the Chili feed in March at the Train Depot on Main Ave, Service Begins With Me in April and Spiritual Refreshment in May. Start planning now and benefit from the fun to be had in recovery, it's a great way to meet and unwind, and strengthen friendships. Thank you for allowing me to be of service to the NA Program that continues to save my life!!!

Gratefully in Humble Service,
Wade H

Alternate Regional Conference Member: Vacant

Website Committee: resigned

Area Outreach Chair: Vacant

Group Reports

There were 10 Group reports:

1. Friday Night Open Speaker – Lanie C. – Open Positions: Yes
2. Sherwood Group – Ken G. – Open Positions: No
3. Sunday Clean and Free – Kim O. – Open Positions: Alt GSR

4. HOW – Zac T.– Open Positions: No
5. It's a Good Thing – Alex P. – Open Positions: No
6. We Do Recover – Tavia H. – Open Positions: ?
7. After Dark – Dustin W. – Open Positions: Treasurer
8. DL Intergroup Steering Committee – Jay B. – Open Positions: No
9. Wed. New Life Center – Julius P. – Open Positions: GSR, Vice Chair
10. Break In The Day – Chris M. – Open Positions: No

Sharing Session Topics from January ASC

Housekeeping:

Elected Positions:

None

Positions coming Open for nominations:

ASC Chair – October ASC
 Treasurer – November ASC
 PI Chair – December ASC
 Secretary – January ASC
 Web Chair

Agenda from September ASC: - see motions information on discussion

1. H&I Chair – *see motion*
2. Budgets - FDO
3. World Board – *see motion*

Motions from January ASC

- Motion:** Motion to remove the H&I Chair due to absence from the position, and failure to fulfill requirements & duties of office. Absent ASC's 10/16/10, 11/20/10, 12/18/10, and 1/15/11. A letter will be written and hand-delivered to the individual. **Intent:** To have an H&I Chair and follow our guidelines. **Made by:** Jay B. **Second:** Julius P. – **MOTION PASSES**
- Motion:** Have the RCM make a motion to have the RD make a motion to repeal the World Board Member's right to vote. **Intent:** Why do individuals have a right to vote? **Made by:** Jim C. **Second:** Zac T. – **MOTION PASSES**
- Motion:** To close with the option of beef & bouquets. **Intent:** To close. **Made by:** Lanie C. **Second:** Jay B. – **MOTION PASSES**

Sharing Session Topics for February ASC

Additional topics may be added and/or the order of topics changed

Housekeeping:

Elected Position Nominations - See Service Resumes at end of minutes

ASC Chair – Julius P.
 Treasurer – Travis H.
 Web Chair – Charles E.
 PI Chair – Brandon J.

Motions for February ASC

Service Resumes:

Name : Julius Page
Position Nominated for: ASC Chair
Clean time : 8 years
Previous Service: Currently: Regional Activities, Chair at New Life meeting,
 Past: Candlelight Chair, It's a Good Thing Chair
Willingness to Serve: Totally willing to commit to service at the Area level.

Name : Travis H.
Position Nominated for: Treasurer
Clean time : 2 ½ years
Previous Service: Candlelight GSR, current Candlelight treasurer
Willingness to Serve: NA saves my life daily, It's my home.

Name : Charles E.

Position Nominated for: Web Chair

Clean time : 6 years

Previous Service: Fall Banquet planning 2007 & 2008, Interim Secretary for Monday Candlelight, Current Secretary for UMRNA Activities, 7+ years web development experience.

Willingness to Serve: I humbly accept the nomination and, if elected, will faithfully fulfill the duties required. The Area website is a wonderful resource and I am grateful to have the opportunity to help carry the message to such a broad audience.

Name : Brandon J.

Position Nominated for: PI Chair

Clean time : 8 mo 5 days

Previous Service: Vice Chair for Sunday Clean & Free

Willingness to Serve: I am willing to help in any way I can, I am more than able.