

**Williamsport Area Narcotics Anonymous
Service Committee Meeting
August 2, 2009**



*“Serving the needs of our members and making our message available gives us a feeling of joy.”
(6th Edition Basic Text pg. 98)*

Opened with Just For Today: Sheila
12 Traditions: Sheila
12 Concepts: Mark

Executive Committee Roll Call

Chairperson: present
Secretary: present
Treasurer: present
RCM: present
Finance: present

Vice Chairperson: present
Alt Secretary: present
Alt Treasurer: present
Alt RCM: present

10 minutes taken to review the minutes.

Corrections to the minutes: Convention check numbers changed due to bank error.

Motion made to accept.

Groups in need: We Choose to Live is having a problem procuring meeting lists due to lack of literature this month. Need a blank current meeting list.

Bitter Ends New Attitudes needs experienced home group members. Meets 9-10:30 Monday morning.

Road to Recovery home group members (3) took home group funds (half the funds) to start their own meeting.

Announcements: Friday Night Divine is holding an event in celebration of 37 years meeting at the same location!!! Congratulations!!!! See flyer for event information. All are welcome!

The Monday morning group will be celebrating 27 years!! Congratulations!!!

Opening Treasurer's Report:

\$228.65 starting balance after receiving a \$100 counterfeit bill. There was an investigation. If we want to press charges we can. Finance needs info before handling the situation, and before deciding on whether to press charges against the individual. The balance was not what we

thought because lit sales never purchased literature in June or July, it is now 826.58 before checkpoint and other bills.

Executive Committee Reports:

Chair: First of all, I would like to apologize for my error last month. I neglected to follow up with the Center last month and as a result I was unable to secure the facility on the scheduled date. I am truly sorry if any group or individual was inconvenienced or harmed. Just a reminder that the Center has been secured for the 13th of September 2009. Last month I attended the 4th of July picnic, a Convention meeting and a Policy meeting. At least twice last month I was in contact with the Alt. Chair concerning the unfortunate occurrence at White Deer last month. Yours in service, Jeff F.

Vice Chair: No written report given.

RCM: Hello Family, I went to Region in June. At that time there were 12 positions that needed filled. In the RSC there are the following positions open: Vice Secretary, Literature Vice Chair, Web Chair, PI Chair, Vice Treasurer, HCC Vice Treasurer, HCC Vice Chair, RCS Vice Chair. The motion about getting the regional minutes by email instead of by mail passed. There are 3 motions which every home group should vote on and the tallies should be brought to area. They are as follows:

- 1. Motion 0309H4:** That Region acquire insurance for the region from accidental claims from the Philadelphia insurance company.
- 2. Motion 0309P2:** For PI at Region to change the name to PR.
- 3.** To make a Regional Newsletter.

The Little Apple Area announced they may be having a regional softball tournament next summer. I will turn in a receipt for gas to region. There will be a regional workshop on Sunday, August 30th in Scranton, PA. Check for flyers. Yours in service, Tommy D

Alternate RCM: I would like to thank to Williamsport Area of NA for electing me as the Alternate RCM. I will serve in this position to the best of my ability as with any other commitment. The Regional Meeting was held on June 13th 2009. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend. I had an emergency situation in my personal life that needed to be taken care of at the moment. This situation was unavoidable. I am aware of the Area's policy of members missing 2 consecutive regional meetings. I will everything in my power to make sure that I attend the next meeting. Yours in service, Tracy P.

Finance: Meets the 1st Sunday at 1:00 pm at 600 Campbell Street, and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm at 1216 Vine Ave. We have a copy of Tax ID #, Tamper-Evident deposit bags. Activities provided a copy of treasurer's report, financial responsibility forms. Showed adjustment for next event (banquet) and a contract with Holiday Inn. Convention showed receipts for repayment by Jeanette (previous treasurer). Discussed policy inconsistencies with how to handle money. IRS report filings should be handled by Finance. Will be meeting at a new time and place mid month. Will try to obtain an exemption certificate for tax exempt states and tax id #. Convention will be providing copies for our records at next meeting.

Subcommittee Roll Call

Activities: present

Policy: present

Outreach: not present

Additional Needs: present

Literature Sales: present

Convention: present

Public Relations: present

Hospitals and Institutions: present

Website: present

Literature Review: present

Subcommittee Reports:

Policy: No report handed in.

Additional Needs: I am currently resigning from this position due to lack of transportation and other commitments in the area. Would like the area to make a notice as an open commitment. I will continue to serve as the chairperson until position is filled. Yours in service, Anna D

Hospitals and Institutions: We still meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at 1400 Market Street at 5:00 pm. We have had a regular attendance of about 5-10 people. The following commitments are open: Lycoming county PRC (Men and Women), Clinton County Prison (Men and Women). All in all...there is no new no problems and it's going very well. Thanks for allowing me to be of service. H&I Chair, Ryan M, Vice Chair, Chuck E. We have a motion for new business.

Literature Review: Literature still meets at same time, currently have one new member, so that makes two members. Was not able to attend last June 13th(personal reasons). Planning on holding a workshop. Still no support. Will continue to try, and fulfill duties of my committee. Yours in service, Leon H.

Outreach: No report given.

Website: Hello Family, the website is still going strong! At the moment there is an average of 6.39 visitors to the website per day. I'm looking over the server stats, the website has had a visitor every day this year, I do have with me the new stamp for literature with web address on it. The new stamp will boost traffic to the website. Since there is an area policy in place for all literature to be stamped. The cost of the stamp was \$28.61, and of course I have the receipt for it. Maybe we should look into getting another stamp as a back-up just in case. I would also like to submit the invoice for the quarterly hosting of the website in the amount of \$25.10. The next invoice date for the hosting will be October 1st 2009. We currently have 3 positions filled on the committee: web chair, web servant and secretary. I'm wondering if we need a vice chair since every other committee has one. Just a thought! As far as the chat program, I still haven't found

one adequate enough to place on the site. The real good ones are expensive and the free ones don't provide the good functionality that we need. The free one that I'm looking at is phpFreeChat. Even the free ones come at a price. The price is a link that leads back to their website. In accordance with our 8th Tradition we would have to place a disclaimer on the chat page stating non-affiliation. This is the same thing that I did for our events page. Yours in service, Tracy P.

NAWS Web Contact: No written report handed in.

Public Relations: Hello Family, We are in desperate need of support from the fellowship. I did not go to the last two meetings due to prior commitments. At the last meeting there was someone there that wanted to get involved and no one was there to let him in. We as a committee are still trying to get together to do our mailing. Hopefully we can get together before our next meeting. We meet at 12:00 the 4th Saturday of each month at Devine Hospital in the auditorium. Please come out and support the PR committee. We are asking for literature today. In service, Ed B.

Activities: The committee has changed its meeting location and time to 10 am to be held at the Center. We will remain meeting on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month. The committee chose the speaker for the banquet, Cynthia from Baltimore. The menu was discussed and stuffed chicken was chosen. We are asking that the banquet tickets be paid for as soon as possible. NO checks will be accepted. The room will be set up for 100 people. So, it's very important that tickets are purchased as soon as possible. Ticket prices are \$30 per person and \$55 per couple. A 6th Edition Basic Text will be raffled. There will also be a 50/50 drawing. The services of a professional photographer will be available for their specified amounts of money. All proceeds from ticket sales will be put towards the payment due to the hotel. A letter was also written and signed by all committee members thanking the home groups for their participation. The committee is planning a small cookout on September 19, 2009, for committee members. The New Year's Eve dance will have marathon meetings throughout the day.

Convention: Lisa received a piece of mail from the bank containing a bounced check from convention. Robyn states this is a bank error, due to the bank giving them new checks with all the same numbers on from the last check supply. Motion to table the check situation to finance. Called for a vote. Passed.

Upcoming events: Bowling Party September 26th, 2009 3-5 pm. \$10 per person.
Subcommittee meeting: July 11th 2pm Registration 845 Park Ave 1st and 3rd Thursday every month. Fundraiser meets 511 5th Ave. Program meets every 3rd Saturday. 1st meeting August 22nd 3pm 864 Memorial Ave. Merchandise meets every 2nd Monday at 5:30 pm at 615 5th Ave. Art and graphic meets every 1st Sunday 1 pm at the Center. Commitments filled: Treasurer and alternate, program chair, art and graphic. Still in need of secretary. Convention committee would like to sell hot and sodas at area. New meeting time for Convention committee is 6-8 pm at Center and High Streets 2nd floor starting August 13th, 2009. Rent is \$15 per month. Jeanette made payment on debt to convention on April 4, 2009 in amount of \$30 and July 7, 2009 in amount of \$10. Balance due is \$583.89.

Group Reports

Bitter Ends/New Attitudes (9:00 – 10:00 am St. Paul's United Methodist Church 1427 Memorial Ave.) 20 in attendance. Increase in home group members, group attendance and participation. Problems: none. GSR/Alt: Fred M.

Canyon County Quitters (8:00 – 9:00 pm First Baptist Church) No report given. Problems: unknown. GSR/Alt: unknown

Friday Night Daily Reprieve (7:00 – 8:00 pm Great Island Presbyterian Church) No report given. Problems: unknown. GSR/Alt: Jody F.

Double Trouble (6:30 – 8:00 pm St. Paul's United Methodist Church 1427 Memorial Ave.) No report given. Problems: unknown. GSR/Alt: Shirley D.

Freedom From Bondage (7:00 – 8:30 pm St. Paul's United Methodist Church 1427 Memorial Ave.) No report given. Problems: unknown GSR/Alt:

Friday Night Candlelight (7:30 – 9:00 pm Center & High Street) 15-25 in attendance. We are carrying the message of recovery. Attendance good, rent paid. Problems: none. GSR/Alt: Rob N.

Friday Night Divine(7:00-8:30 am Divine Providence Hospital) Attendance between 5 and 30. All is good. Problems: none. GSR/Alt: Tim N. /Bill S.

Get a Day with NA (Tuesday & Friday 1:00 – 2:00 pm) 20-30 in attendance. Rent is paid to date. The meeting continues to grow in numbers. We were able to donate \$30 to the 4th of July picnic. We will not be able to donate to area this month. Problems: none. GSR/Alt: Joan L.

Gift of Recovery (Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 7:00-8:00 pm Great Island Presbyterian Church Lock Haven) No report given. Problems: unknown. GSR/Alt: Lew M.

Just for Today (Tuesday Morning) (9:00 – 10:00 am West End Community Center 901 W. Diamond Street) 15-20 in attendance. The rent is being paid, message is being carried. Problems: none. GSR/Alt: unknown

Just for Today (Sunday) (12:15pm –2:00pm West End Community Center 901 W. Diamond Street) 10-20 in attendance. All is well. Problems: none. GSR/Alt: Tim M.

Keep Coming Back (9:00 – 10:30 am Trinity Episcopal Church 800 W. 4th Street) Attendance varies. Rent is paid, message is still being carried. Made donation to area. Problems: Need participation from other home group members. I may be leaving the home group if I get this job and the Thursday am meeting will need a new gsr, secretary, treasurer, etc when I leave. GSR/Alt: Jeany

Living the Program (7:00 – 8:30 pm Scott and Beeber Streets) No report given. Problems: unknown GSR/Alt: Mark F./Rob

Miracles Do Happen (10:00 – 11:30 pm The Center 600 Campbell Street) 25 – 30 in attendance. Message carried. Problems: none. GSR/Alt: Leon H.

Monday Night Unity (7:00 – 8:30 pm Grace & Campbell Street) 45-50 in attendance. Message of recovery is being delivered. Rent paid. Problems: none. GSR/Alt: Roland C.

More Than Clean (8:30 – 9:30 am The Center 600 Campbell Street) 40 in attendance. Increased attendance. Problems: none. GSR/Alt: Mirtelle H.

Never Again, Never Alone (6:30 – 8:00 pm Christ Episcopal Church 4th & Mulberry Street) No report given. Problems: unknown. GSR/Alt: Darris

New Life Group (7:30 – 8:30 pm Muncy Valley Hospital) 25-45 in attendance. All is well. Problems: none. GSR/Alt: Al M.

Out of Isolation (7:30-8:30 pm New Covenant Church of Christ 202 East 3rd Street) 8-10 in attendance. Carrying the message, rent is paid, great relationship with facility. *Entrance is on the Academy Street side of church building.* Problems: Always looking for support from new and experienced members alike. All are welcome! GSR/Alt: Jay G.

O & A (Questions & Answers) (6:00 – 7:30 pm 600 Bethune Douglas 600 Campbell Street) Meeting still going well. Could always use more support from the area. Rent is paid. Small home group no donation for area this month. Problems: none. GSR/Alt: Mr. John

Recovery Works (Thursday 7:30 – 9:00 and Sunday 7:00 – 8:00 United Lutheran Church 104 W. Church St. in Lock Haven) No report given. Problems: unknown. GSR/Alt: Jaman

Road to Recovery(7:00-8:30 pm Monday Jersey Shore Trinity UME) 15 in attendance. Contrary to rumor, the meeting is still here. We will be reformatting our meeting time and format. Problems: none. GSR/Alt: Mark U.

Sunday Lyon's Den (7:00 – 8:30 pm Center & High Street) 20-30 in attendance. The message is still being carried and the home group rent is being paid and getting chairpersons for the month. Problems: none. GSR/Alt: Sheila A.

We Choose to Live(7:00 – 8:30pm Weds, Sat., 7:00-8:00pm Sunday Bethany Lutheran Church 369 Broad Street) 20 in attendance. Doors are open. Meeting is doing great. Purchasing lit. Donating to area. Problems: None. GSR/Alt: Daniel Z.

We Do Recover (7:30 – 8:30 pm Newberry Church of Christ 822 Diamond Street) 60-70 in attendance. Attendance is strong. Rent is paid. Problems: none. GSR/Alt: Kelly U.

We Surrender Group (9:00 – 11:00 am Trinity Episcopal Church 880 W. 4th Street) 10-15 in attendance. We carrying a NA message. Need no help. Problems: unknown. GSR/Alt: Joseph B.

Welcome Home Group (8:00 – 9:00 pm Big Woods Church in Castanea) No report given. Problems: unknown. GSR/Alt: Wes S.

Willing to Change (7:30 – 8:30 Corner of Grampian Blvd & Market Street behind the Church) 20-30 in attendance. Problems: none. GSR/Alt: Todd F.

Women's Vigilance (6:30 – 7:30 pm 807 W. 4th Street) No report given. Problems: none. GSR/Alt: Meredith A.

Old Business

Commitments and Elections

100% notification information:
All positions are filled at this time.

New Business

*Motion from Friday Night Divine: For Activities to put together an event specifically to create money to replenish stock of literature for the good of the area. Policy says it doesn't go against Traditions or Concepts. Called for a vote. Failed.

Intent: to create a one-time cash flow to offset literature donated to H&I and Public Relations each month. Seconded by Todd F, GSR .

*There were three motions submitted by the Policy subcommittee. To view all information pertaining to policy motions, please see attached sheet.

*Policy motion 1: passed June ASC.

*Policy motion 2: went back to groups to be voted on today. Called for a vote. Passed unanimously.

*Policy motion 3: went back to groups to be voted on today. Called for a vote. Passed unanimously.

Audit update: (vice chair of finance): not going to get any further with audit of literature sales due to former lit sales chair not keeping any kind of books whatsoever. We cannot disprove any accusations. We are working with all those who attend finance committee meetings. We're working on double checking some safety measures, looking at modern book keeping procedures that are user friendly for everyone. Would like to set goals. Also going back to policies from subcommittees and area, and are making progress.

***Motion-** To suspend all activities of the Williamsport Area Convention Committee.

Intent: To create an adhoc committee which will be appointed by the ASC chairperson to review the purpose and viability of the Convention Committee.

Submitted by Josephine T. Seconded by Jay G. To view motion sheet, see attached.

Cons:

1. All commitments are filled except secretary, and we have a calendar of events.
2. Now that they have an active committee, a calendar of events, and a contract, so what would be a the point of suspending them now?

Pros:

1. There's dissention being caused between the two committees. There needs to be a mode of cooperation.
2. Page 6 of area policy. They shouldn't have signed a contract with the hotel before coming for approval to area.

Motion to extend the time: call for a vote. Failed.

Motion to table it to groups: Failed.

Call for a vote: Failed.

***Motion from Q&A...** need a copy of this motion from Q&A before entering it into minutes.

Called for a vote: 14 in favor, 12 against, 2 abstained, after having to call for a show of hands 5 times due to double-voting. Failed.

***Motion from H&I**—To receive \$140.00 in literature this month only due to no area last month.

Intent: to enforce policy. To view motion sheet, please see attached. Gilbert already gave out \$140.00 to H&I. Chuck calling to withdraw the motion. Vote was called, motion to just say ok, they got their stuff, forget it, passes. Jeff ruled the motion out of order all together.

Area Literature Sales Report:

This month's sales were 603.98 including H&I and PR allotments of \$144.00(H&I) and \$56.01(PR).

Asking for \$700. Gsr's voted to give it.

Closing Treasurer's Report:

Ending Balance: \$502.97

Meeting closed with moment of silence & Serenity Prayer.