

## **UNITY AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**

12/17/23

Minutes by Ashley Brinkman

Called the meeting to order with a moment of silence, reading of the Service Prayer, read 12 Traditions of NA, 12 Concepts of NA Service, and Definition & Purpose of Area Service Committee.

**QUORUM CALL** Emily, Bobby C., Chari M., Henry, Sean, Amy G., LaTaisha

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **ADMIN COMMITTEE**

Chair- Amy B. -present

Vice Chair-Ashley D. present

Treasurer- Chad M. -present

Vice Treasurer- Scott R. -present

Secretary- Ashley B.- present

#### **SUBCOMMITTEES**

Hospitals & Institutions- Greg- present

Public Relations- vacant

Literature- Sean A. - present

Activities and Fundraisers- Michelle C.-present

Area Service Rep- Robbie-present

#### **GSRs AND ALTERNATES**

Conscious Contact- vacant

First Step Group- Henry-present

Flying High- Amy G.-present

Hardcore- Bobby C. -present

High Noon- Irene-absent

Keep Your Chair & Share- vacant

SNRP- Johnny -absent

Survivor's Group- Sean A. -present

It Works-Jack-absent

Awaken Spiritually- absent

Just for Today-vacant

Living Clean- absent

Out of Dark, Into Light- Sabrina A. -absent

Stairway to Life- Chari M.- present

Freedom Friday- Emily- present

Honest Sharing- LaTaisha-present

Any Addict- Austin-absent

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** - minutes on table, motion was made to waive reading of minutes.

**OPENING TREASURER REPORT**- Opening balance of \$7,369.37

## **GSR REPORTS**

**First Step Group-Henry-** see attached report, they are planning a springtime speak and eat. More info to follow. Their group attendance is increasing.

**Hardcore- Bobby C.-** see attached report

**Stairway to Life-Chari M.-**see attached report, their group is moving out of their normal meeting. They will temporarily meet at Moses Baptist church 1032 Canal Blvd. Thibodaux. They are looking for a more permanent home. They are branching off and creating a new group in Bayou Blue. The address for the new group is 200 Mazerac St. Houma 70364. The group flyer is attached to the minutes.

**Freedom Friday- Emily-** see attached report

**Survivors Group- Sean** verbal report

**Flying High-Amy G-** see attached report

**Honest Sharing: LaTaisha-** see attached report. A new GSR will be coming in January.

**ASR REPORT-** no report

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Hospitals & Institutions-** Greg- present- verbal report

**Public Relations-** vacant

**Literature- Sean A. –** verbal report.

**A&F- Michelle-** A&F has a draft of subcommittee guidelines to present. Potluck planned for February. Spring event crawfish boil is being planned. See attached info on Thanksgiving meeting marathon.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Robbie made a motion to donate 5 Basic texts to the Pre-Christmas night of fun. The motion was voted on and 6 voted for, 0 against and 0 abstentions. The motion was passed.
- Bobby made a motion seconded by Henry to restore the RSC name back to Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous with the IRS and Secretary of State. This is to accurately reflect the name we have been using and the recent name change was not voted on in area. The motion was voted on and 5 voted for, 1 against, and 0 abstentions. The motion was passed. Robbie will take the motion form with him to the next regional committee meeting.
- Bobby made a motion seconded by Henry for the RSC to post their minutes on the Louisiana Region of Narcotics Anonymous website within 30 days of the latest session. The regional minutes have not been posted on the website since Jan 2023. The motion was voted on and 6 were for the motion, 0 against and 0 abstentions. The motion passed. Robbie will take the motion form with him to the next regional committee meeting.
- Bobby made a motion seconded by LaTaisha to restore the RSC to being a service body by dissolving/terminating its non-profit status. The intent is application of traditions 8 & 9 to protect the members from possible litigation and liability. This change never came to the Unity area to vote on. Pros were discussed with restoring former status, because a nonprofit status could open the region up for possible litigation or liability. A con discussed was that the non-profit status protects the region from paying taxes on their money. The motion was voted on and 5 were for the motion, 0 against, and 3 abstentions. The motion passed. Robbie will take the motion form with him to the next regional committee meeting.
- A motion was made by Henry seconded by Chari to look into the mailbox situation to see if we still need a mailbox or if anything needs to be done with the mailbox. Amy G. had a point of information that in the past the Unity area had decided to get rid of the mailbox. However, the

cost of the mailbox had been paid that year, so we were going to let it run its course. This motion was tabled until the next meeting, so Ashley B. can look at the past minutes to see when this was last discussed.

- Chari updated the area on how the fundraiser went for the Stairway to Life meeting. She said that no one attended from the Unity area and that she had expected more support at the fundraiser as well as on social media and announcements at the different meetings. Other members mentioned that the fundraiser had been promoted on the NA unity Facebook page as well as announcements made in groups. Throughout the discussion it was noted that no one had responded to Chari's message inquiry to the NA Unity area page. It was also recommended that Chari attend other fundraisers in rural areas to see if she can get some ideas that will attract more attendance in the future.
- A motion was made by Henry seconded by Emily to add the current Unity area Vice Chair, Chair, and PI chair as admins on the Unity Area NA page on Facebook as well as the Unity area website. This is to ensure accountability. This was voted on and 8 were for the motion, 0 were against, and there were 0 abstentions. The motion was passed.
- A motion was made by Robbie seconded by Bobby to set aside \$1000 in the Unity area prudent reserve for possible Public Relations posters. This was voted on and 4 voted for the motion, 0 voted against, and there were 3 abstentions. The motion was passed.
- Chad asked for information on how to pay the rent for area meeting space. Michelle said that he needed to reach out to Mr. Melvin to coordinate dropping the check off.
- Robbie made a motion to not discuss regional guidelines until there is an official motion from the region. The directive to vote on the new guidelines was sent to Robbie via email and was not an official motion. This was voted on and 5 for the motion, 0 against, and there was 1 abstention. The motion was passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Regarding the previous motion about the mailbox: Ashley B. called Steven H. and confirmed that he closed the mailbox. Ashley B. will take the mailbox off the minutes template.
- Regarding the motion on Facebook admin change: Danette spoke with Steven H. about adding Ashley D. to the page. Ashley D. has not received any information on if her access was updated.
- Amy G. made a motion seconded by Henry to donate \$200 to the region. Pros and cons were discussed. Pro- this area has not sent donations to region for some time. Con- There was trouble with the P.O. box because it was closed. The region also has a surplus of money. This was voted on 1 was for , 4 were against and there was 1 abstention. The motion failed.
- Amy B. is stepping down as chairperson from area due to personal reasons. Ashley D. will step up as Chairperson. She will have 2 years clean time by the next area meeting.
- A motion was made by Henry seconded by Bobby. The motion was made to discuss sharing the topic of suicide at H&I meetings and how we should conduct future visits. H&I guidelines should also be considered. Suicide was spoken of by a member during a H&I meeting and it caused some trouble with the facility. A conversation needs to be had about the next steps in handling the chairing of that facility meeting. Members spoke on the challenges of chairing H&I. NA H&I members are there to carry the message to addicts who are institutionalized. Each facility has its own guidelines on what can be talked about in the meeting. It is important to read the H&I guidelines and speak to the person in charge of the facility regarding what should not be shared. Another member stated that someone else should chair the meeting at the

facility. Another member shared that this should be discussed in a H&I subcommittee meeting. The H&I subcommittee needs guidelines. The conversation ended with multiple members offering support to the H&I chair.

- A motion was made to donate a starter kit for the meeting starting in Bayou Blue. This was voted on 7 were for 0 against 0 abstentions. The motion was passed.

**TREASURER'S CLOSING REPORT** Closing balance is \$8,034.72

**MOTION TO CLOSE**

Henry motioned to close seconded by Emily. Closed with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

**NEXT AREA IS SUNDAY JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2023.**



# Unity Area of Narcotic Anonymous

## GSR Report Form

Group Name: Freedom Fridg 7:30-9:30 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

When is your group conscience? over the phone ☺

GSR Name: Emily A.

GSR Address: \_\_\_\_\_

GSR Email Address: Emily.abadie@gmail.com

GSR Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate GSR Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate GSR Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate GSR Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate GSR Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Average Weekly Attendance: 25

Average Newcomers Per Meeting: 1

Average 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Donation: \$35

Area Donation: \$ 0.50 Lit \$115.65.98

Group Report (Comments, Concerns, Special Needs, Etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12-17-23

# Flying High

Struggling for Support but we do  
get a few visitors from New Orleans  
and people from out of Town. But  
we are still collecting about ~~2~~ average  
15 a meeting to keep the doors open.  
So this month we have no donation

to area. We do get about 1-2 newcomers  
a month. I would like to invite  
yall to the meeting on Wednesday Flying High

Thanks

Amy G AI+GSR

Doug GSR

12/17/2023

Stamway to Lifer. Thibodaux  
307 Highway St. Thibodaux

Chari M. GC 2nd Tuesday  
504-390-7888

flowerpower70094 @ gmail.com  
122 Canal Ct. Houma, La 70364

Average Attendance	<u>10</u>
New comers	<u>1</u>
7th gradation	<u>\$ 15.00</u>

No donation	
Literature	<u>\$ 237.35</u>

Group is moving out of the building  
we have occupied for 18+ years.  
We will be temporarily meet at  
Mass Baptist Church in Thibodaux  
same days and hour.

1032 Canal Blvd. Thibodaux  
70301

# Unity Area of Narcotic Anonymous

Group Name

Hard Core

When is your Group conscience

3rd wed

GSR Name

Bobby C

Average weekly Att.

15-30

Average New Comers

2-4

Average 7th

\$ 20-25

Area donation \$

None



# 1st Step Group

Henry D GSR

Tuesday<sup>EP</sup> at St. Matthews

Group conscious Tuesday Before Area

Average Attendance 15

Average Ten 17

Average Newcomers 1

Literature order 0  
Area Donation 0

Notes - Group is growing & experiencing a holiday season surge - we are talking about a ~~late~~ spring time speak and eat but haven't started planning yet



Unity Area of Narcotics Anonymous



GSR Report Form

Group Name: Honest Sharing Date: 12-19-23

Location: Manhattan Blvd

When is Group Conscience? Friday Night 7pm 830pm

GSR Name: Lataisha Williams

GSR Address: 1215 Weyer St Gretna La 70053

GSR Email Address: taishawoman@yahoo.com

GSR Phone Number: 504 428 6203

Alternate GSR Name: Alvin

Alternate GSR Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate GSR Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate GSR Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Average Weekly Attendance: 15 - 20

Average Newcomers Per Meeting: 15

Average 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Donation: \$ 25 pp. Week

Area Donation: \$ 20.00

Literature Order: \$ 45.00

Group Report (Comments, Concerns, Special Needs, Etc.):  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Unity Area of Narcotics Anonymous



Subcommittee Report Form

Date: 12-10-2023

- Activities and Fundraisers
- Hospitals and Institutions
- Public Relations

Subcommittee Chairperson: Michelle C

Subcommittee Chairperson's Phone Number: (504) 307-3706

Subcommittee Co-Chairperson: Jessica A.

Subcommittee Co-Chairperson's Phone Number: (504) 250-5603

Monthly Subcommittee Meetings Held

When? 2nd tuesday every month @ 7pm.

Where? St. Matthews (Canyer St, Metairie, LA)

Report to GSRs

Upcoming Orientations or Training:

Type: n/a

Date: n/a

Time:

What's happening?

- 1) Submitting A&F draft Guidelines to UASC
- 2) Returning \$69.00 from Thanksgiving Mini Marathon Meetings we had 33 attendees.
- 3) Rec'd paper products, coffee, sugar from Pre Christmas, committee is planning a Potluck for February - hope to have budget & flyer for next area meeting.
- 4) Committee beginning stages of Spring event - planning on selling t-shirts & tickets to raise funds for Crawfish Boil. Hope to have budget & flyer for next area meeting



In love & service,  
Michelle C.

# Treasure Report/Register of Transactions

**Legend**

C - Cash Payment  
 R - Reimburse  
 D - Donation  
 S - Seed Money

**Current Balance**  
**\$69.00**

Check/Code	Date	Transaction	Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
S	10/15/2023	Seed Money -Unity Area	Ck #877 - Donuts		\$35.00	\$35.00
D	11/22/2023	Donation	Member - Contribution		\$26.80	\$61.80
C	11/22/2023	Krispy Kreme	Donuts- 3 dozen	\$61.80		\$0.00
D	11/23/2023	(5) Meetings Collections	(33) attendees		\$69.00	\$69.00
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						\$69.00
						\$69.00

**Totals** Transaction count: 4

**\$61.80**      **\$130.80**      **\$69.00**

**UNITY AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS  
MOTION FORM**

**DATE** 12-17-23

**MAKER** Flying High Amy G  
**SECOND** Amy D

**MOTION:** To make a 200.00 Donation to  
Region in keeping with 7th Tradition,  
For January's Region Hosted By NO

**INTENT:** In keeping with the 7th Tradition

**FOR** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGAINST** \_\_\_\_\_ **ABSTENTIONS** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION PASSED** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAILED** \_\_\_\_\_ **TABLED** \_\_\_\_\_

**BACK TO GROUPS** \_\_\_\_\_

**RULED OUT OF ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON** \_\_\_\_\_

**UNITY AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS  
MOTION FORM**

**DATE** 12/17/23

**MAKER** Henry D  
**SECOND** Robby C

**MOTION:** ~~to have the~~  
To discuss sharing about the topic  
of suicide & how we should  
conduct HAF visits - to consider  
the guidelines

**INTENT:** to ensure successful outreach  
& to maintain good relations with the  
public

**FOR** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGAINST** \_\_\_\_\_ **ABSTENTIONS** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION PASSED** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAILED** \_\_\_\_\_ **TABLED** \_\_\_\_\_

**BACK TO GROUPS** \_\_\_\_\_

**RULED OUT OF ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON** \_\_\_\_\_

**UNITY AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS  
MOTION FORM**

**DATE** 12/19/2023

**MAKER** Charis M.

**SECOND** Robert W.

**MOTION:**

~~To discuss impeachment~~

~~of J.F. Chao~~

Donate a starter kit to  
Bayou Blue Security Group

**INTENT:**

~~Common Sense~~

to carry  
~~forward~~ the N.A. Message

**FOR** 2

**AGAINST** 0

**ABSTENTIONS** 0

**MOTION PASSED**

**FAILED**

**TABLED**

**BACK TO GROUPS**

**RULED OUT OF ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON**



**UNITY AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS  
MOTION FORM**

**DATE** 11/19/23

**MAKER** Henry  
**SECOND** [Signature]

**MOTION:** To discuss the need for  
a mailbox and to consider if  
anything has been done for old  
mailbox

Asnley B failed to Steven and the  
mailbox was closed:

**INTENT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**FOR** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGAINST** \_\_\_\_\_ **ABSTENTIONS** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION PASSED** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAILED** \_\_\_\_\_ **TABLED**

**BACK TO GROUPS** \_\_\_\_\_

**RULED OUT OF ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON** \_\_\_\_\_



I Amy B. am Resiquing from  
Chair person of Area. 12/17/2023

Exhausted work is a lot.  
I am full with work.

Amy B.



**Lost Dreams Awaken  
May 24th-26th**

**Baton Rouge Marriott  
5500 Hilton Avenue  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808**



**Hotel**



**Registration**

\$40	Pre Registration (before January 1st 2024)	Send check or money order payable to: <b>LRCNA XL</b> P.O. Box 65328 Marrero, LA 70073
\$45	Registration (After January 1st 2024)	
	Newcomer Donation	

Name:	Phone:
Street address:	Email:
City, State:	Clean Date:

**For questions Contact: Ronnie P. (225) 229-6396  
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