

**NORTHEAST ALABAMA AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
(NEAANA)**

Minutes from the Area Service Committee (ASC) meeting held on:
June 9, 2013 in Rainbow City, AL.

Nick W. opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the "We" version of the Serenity Prayer.

Nick W. read the Area Purpose

Tonya M. read the 12 Traditions of NA

Jason read the 12 Concepts of NA

Nick W. read the Service Prayer

Roll Call:

NEAANA POSITIONS	HELD BY:	PHONE NUMBER	Jun-13
Area Chair	Vacant		Vacant
Vice Chair	Nick W.	256-996-6761	Present
Treasurer	Lori B.	256-454-1884	Absent
Alt Treasurer	Vacant		Vacant
Secretary	Betsy U.	256-276-9716	Present
Alt Secretary	Vacant		Vacant
PI Chair	Mike E.	256-605-4732	Present
H&I Chair	Greg M.	256-293-7579	Present
Outreach Chair	Andy Mc.	205-369-6171	Present
Literature Chair	Vacant		Vacant
RCM	Vacant		Vacant
RCM-A	Vacant		Vacant

Groups:

NEAANA GROUPS	CITY	GSR	PHONE NUMBER	Jun-13
Acceptance (Active 4/2013)	Henagar	Leeanne W.	256-657-1195 256-605-6837	Present
Active Change	Rainsville	Nick W.	256-996-6761	Present
Anonymi	Gadsden	Chris M.	256-458-1998	Present
Breaking Free	Boaz	Greg M.	256-293-7579	Present
Courage to Change (CTC)	Anniston	Robin B.		Present
Freedom	Albertville	Ricky D.	256-477-5933	Present
Gift of Desperation (New Group 2/2013)	Gadsden	Andy Mc.	205-369-6171	Present
Help In Progress (HIP)	Oxford	Frank F.	256-283-5337	Present
Just For Today	Talladega	Don K.	256-493-1569	Absent
Learning To Live (Active 5/2013)	Ft. Payne	Rita C.	256-273-1500	Present
Life Support Group (New Group 5/2013)	Centre			Absent
Living In Freedom Everyday (L.I.F.E.)	Sylacauga	David J.	256-404-2949	Present
Path To Purity (New Group 5/2013)	Rainsville			Present
Shot Of Serenity (SOS)	Rainbow City	David W.	256-295-0060	Present

RECOGNITION OF NEW GROUPS: NONE**OPEN FORUM:**

1. Please remember DeLanna S. from L.I.F.E. group, her grandmother is terminal (Note: Granny died on Monday June 10th)
2. Group starter kits are no longer available at WSO.
3. HIP struggling with NA supplies
4. Learning To Live is not a new group. They were inactive and came back.

SECRETARY REPORT: Overview of May minutes read by Betsy U.

TREASURER REPORT: Lori B. -Absent, Tony G. volunteered to handle treasurer duties for this meeting.

RCM REPORT: Position is vacant

PI REPORT: Mike E. (See attached)

WEBMASTER REPORT: Christy C. (See attached)

H&I REPORT: Greg M. (See attached)

****NOTE**** Treasurer, Lori B. had to work a double shift & couldn't be here, Ricky read Treasurer responsibilities out of Guide to Local Services

LITERATURE REPORT: Position is vacant, Greg M. ordered literature for H&I (see H&I report)

OUTREACH REPORT: Andy Mc. (See attached)

UNITY DAY ADHOC: Read by Christy C. for Emily L. (See attached)

After much discussion, it was decided to have Unity Day at Gift of Desperation group in Gadsden on October 5, 2013. They meet at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1885 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden AL. We will "pass the hat" to fund the event. Zana & Jason volunteered to plan event. (MWBR)

BREAK:

GROUP REPORTS:

Freedom - Ricky D. GSR (See attached) No donation

Acceptance - Leeanne W. - GSR (See attached) No donation

Active Change - Nick W. - GSR (See attached) \$158.25 donation

Anonymi - Chris M. - GSR (See attached) No donation

Breakin' Free - Greg M. - GSR (See attached) \$100 donation

CTC - Robin B. - GSR (See attached) \$57.69, Need corrections made to Regional meeting schedule, Area schedule is correct

Gift of Desperation - Andy M. GSR (See attached) \$100.06

HIP - Frank F. - GSR (See attached) No donation

Just For Today - Don K. - GSR - Absent

LIFE - David J. - GSR (See attached) \$30 donation

Second Chance - Steve S. - GSR - Third absence, group will be inactive

SOS - David W. - GSR (See attached) No donation

Learning to Live - Rita C. - GSR (See attached) No donation

Path to Purity - Mendy B. - GSR (See attached) \$10 donation
Group Booklet learning day on Aug. 3rd at 1:30pm

AREA OPEN POSITIONS, NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS:

Open positions are as follows:

Area Chair - minimum requirement 3 years clean time
Alt Treasurer - minimum requirement 2 years clean time
Alt Secretary - minimum requirement 1 year clean time
RCM - minimum requirement 3 years clean time
Alt RCM - minimum requirement 2 years clean time

Nominations & Elections:

1. Acceptance Group nominated Tonya M. for Area Chair - See Proposed Nomination Form for qualifications. Referred back to groups.
2. Leeanne W. withdrew from nomination for Literature Chair, needs more experience at group level.
3. CTC Group nominated Frankie H for Alt Treasurer, Frankie was nominated last month for RCM so the Alt Treasurer nomination was suspended until RCM could be discussed. Active Change & Breakin' Free blocked Frankie's nomination for RCM because he has never served at the Area level. Frankie withdrew himself from the RCM nomination but would be willing to serve as Alt Treasurer. Consensus for Frankie H. as Alt Treasurer.
4. Breakin' Free Group nominated Kris L. for RCM - See written qualifications - Referred back to groups.
5. Active Change Group nominated Tony G. for Literature Chair - See Proposed Nomination Form for qualifications. Referred back to groups.
6. Anonymi Group suggests that Kelli S. be elected to AD without reopening nominations, Consensus from NEAANA.

7. The NEAANA wishes to make Kris L. RCM pro-tem for the purpose of the June RSC, due to not having a RCM or Alt RCM at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PI Chair would like feedback from the groups about the situation with Judge Whitmire of DeKalb County (see PI report for details). **Please discuss how the influx of people that the court system sends to our meetings affects our meetings.** If there are problems, list what they are and any suggestions for solutions to these problems. Some solutions that were discussed were opening an H&I meeting to the IOP program, having the judge talk to the sheriff about taking a NA meeting into the jail, and the quota to attend meetings. NA works if we work it. It is not intended to be a "Get out of jail free card." These addicts should be given the chance to change their lives. The ultimate burden lies with clean addicts to carry the message to addicts who are still suffering. The only promise we are given is the freedom from active addiction. This is a multi-sided problem; Home Group members should feel safe in our meetings.
2. Another issue that was discussed in length was the issue of new groups being formed just to sign court cards. These groups will not be added to the Area meeting schedule until it is determined by Outreach that they are adhering to the NA Way of operating a recovery meeting. In order for these new groups to remain on the meeting schedule, they must be active participants of the ASC by sending a Group Service Representative (GSR) to the Area Service meeting on a regular basis.

RECURRING MONTHLY EXPENSES:

\$50 to Webmaster

\$20 to MBS for meeting facility, add \$2 this month for copies

Phoneline bill is auto deducted from ASC account

BUDGET PROPOSALS:

No budget proposals this month due to absence of Treasurer

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. June 15, 2013, Outreach carpool to Life Support Group in Centre, meeting starts at 5pm
2. June 22, 2013, flyer day for Gadsden groups, meet at Anonymi at 11am
3. June 23, 2013, Group Inventory at Breakin' Free group in Boaz at 11am
4. June 25, 2013, Birthday celebration at Breakin' Free group in Boaz, meeting starts at 7pm, Sharon S. celebrating 1 year w/Kim K. speaking
5. June 27, 2013, Outreach carpool to SOS in Rainbow City, meeting starts at 7pm
6. June 28, 2013, Speaker meeting at Gift of Desperation in Gadsden, Phil G. from Lafayette, GA speaking, meeting starts at 7pm

7. June 30, 2013, Birthday celebration at Active Change group in Rainsville, meeting starts at 7pm, Cheryl M. celebrating 25 years w/Tony G. speaking
8. July 4, 2013, CTC cookout at Cheaha beach at 10am
9. July 13, 2013, Group Inventory at Freedom group in Albertville at 1:30pm
10. August 3, 2013, Group Booklet Learning Day at Path To Purity group in Rainsville at 1:30pm
11. August 3, 2013, Area Inventory at West Central Area (MWBR)
12. October 5, 2013, Area Unity Day at Gift of Desperation in Gadsden (MWBR)

Next Area Service Committee (ASC) meeting will be on:

July 14, 2013 at

MBS

1446 Sutton Bridge Road

Rainbow City, AL

Times for sub-committee meetings are as follows:

12:00pm	Outreach
12:30pm	Public Information (PI)
01:30pm	Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)
02:00pm	Group Service Representatives (GSR) Orientation
03:00pm	NEAANA Area Service Committee (ASC)

6/9/13

NEAANA

H + I report

All panel leaders were present and all meetings are going well.

We will be starting H + I meet. at Cedar Lodge on the 17th. Jim S. was elected as panel leader

I ordered lit and it came in. Lit was 154.50. I was given a check for \$200 so I am returning \$45.50. I called G.L. and W.S. and the edly starter kits have no books and are \$6.10. I did not order since there was nothing hardly in them.

Cheryl B. was elected H+I secretary

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Love y'all
Greg M

Outreach Report

6/9/13

Hello Family I'm an addict named Andy
 It is an honor and privilege to serve as
 the NEAAMA Outreach chair. Outreach is ~~not~~ very
 busy I a excited to say. We are doing alot
 more group Request. We have done group visitations
 last month to learning to live and Path to
 Purity. We did a Chairperson workshop
 in Dalton Ga that went very well we
 had alot of fun while learning together and
 carrying a message together. ~~The GSR~~
 orientation ~~with the~~ ~~has to be a GSR~~ ~~through~~ ~~the~~ ~~process~~
~~the~~ ~~process~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~GSR~~ ~~through~~ ~~the~~ ~~process~~
 Upcoming Group Carpools will
 be going to life support group on Sat
 June 15th at 5pm if you wanna go contact
 Jake B or Christy C for more info were
 to meet to ^{ride together} ~~carpool~~ your second carpool
 will be to SOS on Thurs June 27th the meeting
 starts at 7pm and we will be meeting at
 SOS at 6:30pm. Upcoming events are a
 Group Inventory at the Breaking Free on June 23rd
 at 11am and a Group Inventory at the Freedom
 Group on July 13th at ~~11am~~ ^{11:30am} til 2pm any groups
 have any ~~in~~ Request for Outreach? Thanks again
 for allowing me to serve.

We answered
New GSR's
question

In Loving Service,

We will be facilitating Outreach
 an area inventory at the West Central area
 on Aug 3rd location + time More to be
 revealed

Outreach

Group Booklet Learning Day Aug 3rd
at Path to Parity starting at 1:30pm

6/9/13

PI

①

Hello Family,

I'm Mike an addict, first off let me thank everyone for placing trust in me to serve the program of Narcotics Anonymous. It's been another productive month for PI, I want to let everyone know I completed a survey for phone.com and they gave us a \$10.00 credit towards our account I have notified Lori B(Treasure). It was in last months report regarding the phone call from Kim Presley(Dekalb Co Court Referral), myself, Emily L, Ed C, and Paul B followed up with a visit to Kim and it went really good. She had questions concerning how our area recognized groups as NA groups, we explained the 6 points on page 2 of Group Booklet and informed her of the decision that was made at last ASC, that the NEAANA Outreach Sub-committee would carpool to the new groups and once these groups started participating at ASC and the ASC felt the groups were in line with the 6 points we would add them to the Area Meeting Schedule. As a result of the meeting with Kim she thought a PI Presentation to the Dekalb County Court System would be beneficial and she set-up a date for the presentation while we were in her office. The Presentation took place Friday June 7th @10:00am in Judge Whitmires courtroom, there was 8 members from our area that participated in the Presentation. We covered the Presentation Outline and then opened the floor for questions, I was truly amazed at the reception we received and it was an awesome experience to see the cooperation and the willingness to understand the NA program. Judge Whitmire ask us how the influx of people that the Court System sends to our meetings affects our meetings, and wanted to know how he could help us with any issues that might arise from the amount of people being referred to our meetings. Judge Whitmire expressed that he was willing to take any suggestion we could give towards finding a solution and entertained the idea of Dekalb County doing an H&I type meeting for the people in Drug Court/Community Corrections, he even went as far as to say they

would stop requiring signatures on court cards if that's what we wanted. No decisions were made as our ASC would need to talk about this. Judge Whitmire also addressed the recognition of new groups and the process of how this works and we explained it to him in the same manner as we discussed with Kim Presley that's already in this report. The outline portion of the Presentation is approximately 20 minutes and we spent almost 2 hours answering questions, it was an awesome experience and I don't know that a Presentation could have went any better. The phonenumber was active this month, Jason K received 1 call from someone looking for a meeting that signed documents in the Ft Payne/Rainsville area. Nick W received 1 call from someone looking for a meeting in Muscle Shoals, he gave her the North AL area phone number. Emily L received 2 calls, 1 from someone looking for a meeting in Jasper, TN she was directed to the Chattanooga phonenumber and the other call was from someone looking for a meeting in Red Bay, AL and she was gave the info for that area. I'm looking forward to the upcoming flyer day for the Gadsden Groups on June 22nd, those who are interested we are meeting at the Anonymy Group at 11:00am. If there's any request or suggestions for PI please let us know.

In loving service

Mike E

P.S. Phonenumber

Male
Jason K

Female
Clint U
Barbara S

Webmaster

June 9, 2013

I'm Christy and I'm an addict. I'd like to say thank you to the groups and members for supporting our area website. From May 1st thru June 1st we have had 178 hits on the home page, 71 hits on the area events page, 16 hits on the for our members page, 24 hits on the information for the public page, and 105 hits on the meeting schedules page.

Thank you for allowing me to be your webmaster and if you have any ideas that you would like to see on our site please feel free to share them with me. I am open to all suggestions.

Much love,

Christy C.

Unity Day Address

Dear Ase,

I have contacted 3 facilities for the Unity Day Aug 10.

- ① Goose Pond Colony - Scottsboro
\$90 All Day Pavilion
Beach, Pool,
- ② Oxford Civic Center
\$30-\$40 All Day Pavilion
\$50 All Day Meeting Room
- ③ Cheaha State Park
\$50 All Day Pavilion

These are the 3 locations to choose from.
My ideas for the Unity Day are attached to this report.

I will no longer be able to serve this area by continuing to plan the Unity Day because I am moving. Thank you and I love you all and it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with each one of you!

In heart Service,
Emily G.
6/9/13

Gift of Desperation

6-9-13

Hello Family I'm an addict named Andy. The Gift of ~~8~~ Desperation Group would to thank y'all of all the support you have showed. Our Attendance is steady and the atmosphere ~~za~~ of Recovery in our meeting is growing. At our group conscious meeting this month we decided to join the USSC. ~~After~~ we paid our rent of \$40 we didn't need to order more lit this month so we will be donating \$100.06 to area which brings our ending balance to 0 to start next month. The only problems we are having so far is addicts saying sober but we have resolved this problem after each meeting were it occered. We acend on the H+I guidelines and we acend on Leann for Lit Chair. We have some ~~questions~~ reservations about Frankie for RCM a question and possibly questions for him. but those will be asked during the election part of the ASC. Gift of Desperation would like to offer our facility for Unity day we have oked it with the facility, ~~we have~~ the facility has a playground, smaller rooms for workshops and a larger room for a



GSR REPORT

Freedom

GROUP

NEAANA Service Committee Meeting 6-9-13

TRUSTED SERVANTS:

GSR Ricky D. Pres
 ALT GSR Jeremiah M Abs
 SEC Brandy L. pres
 ALT SEC Lisa W. Abs
 TREAS Rosam M. Pres
 ALT TREAS Carrie T Abs

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning Balance	<u>\$23 46</u>
Credits	<u>5 ?</u>
TOTAL	<u>659 57</u>
Debits	<u>777 05</u>
Ending Balance	<u>-117 48</u>

Meeting Schedule Changes & Special Notes to Area:

We will donate \$ 0 to NEAANA this month.

Average Attendance was approximately 12-16 per meeting.

Topics for the month have been Recovery related including
Topics from Living Clean on wed nights

Old Business: In general, major change we are considering
to help improve our message to the still suffering addict
and continue in fulfilling our common welfare

New Business: Lit chair elected Keith C. att Sec open
alt GSR open Alt Tres. open
We are also working toward updating our group Guidelin

Freedom

6/19/13

Hello Family & Im Ricky + im an addict
It seem as though the Freedom Group
is beginning to make quite a bit of
progress since we have made the
commitment to continue facing our
~~past~~ difficulties head on. at our last
business meeting we voted to actively
look for some places we could move
to which has been a most difficult decision
for many of us to arrive ~~at~~, never the
less we have made it to this decision.

We have also voted to close down
a few meetings Thur + Fri Noon
meetings and Tue @ 7pm. ^{also} We talked
about not being too severe about
closing down too many meetings at
one time because we really don't want
to harm anyone during this process of
trying to better our group.

~~Just as important~~ We are also
greatful for all the great things that
~~are~~ H+I is working for, we will
be bringing back 3 dates at the next
a.s.c. for the sub committee to consider
for getting a H+I workshop done
at The Freedom Group In Loving Service
Ricky D.



GSR REPORT

CTC

GROUP

Anniston, AZ

NEAANA Service Committee Meeting 6/9/13

TRUSTED SERVANTS:

GSR Robin B

ALT GSR LADD G.

SEC Jeff H.

ALT SEC Tina B

TREAS Amanda P

ALT TREAS Karen H

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning Balance 20.00

Credits 894.95

TOTAL ~~874.95~~ 914.95

Debits 894.95

Ending Balance 20.00

Meeting Schedule Changes & Special Notes to Area:

To change 3:00 pm to 2:00 on the website

We will donate \$ 57.69 to NEAANA this month.

Average Attendance was approximately 23 per meeting.

Topics for the month have been Book studies Closed discussion on Weds nite and Recovery Related

Old Business: Flash Drive cookout ~~10am~~ - Get new readings

New Business: 4th of July cookout ~~on~~ ^{at} Cheaha beach
10:00 AM when the city ~~passes~~ ^{PASSES}
the no smoking ordinance we will have all non
smoking mtgs. We CTC was in favor of Leanne as
LIT chair person unanimous and Frankie H. had a unanimous decision
as RCM



GSR REPORT
BREAKIN FREE GROUP
JUNE 6-2013

NEAANA Service Committee Meeting JUNE 9-2013

TRUSTED SERVANTS:

GSR	<u>Brynn P.</u>
ALT GSR	<u>Jenny A P.</u>
SEC	<u>Nicole E P.</u>
ALT SEC	<u>V</u>
TREAS	<u>Jim L P</u>
ALT TREAS	<u>V</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning Balance	<u>477.78</u>
Credits	<u>Deposit 199.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>676.78</u>
Debits	<u>Rent Area 100 LIT 100 283.92</u>
Ending Balance	<u>187.86</u>

Meeting Schedule Changes & Special Notes to Area:

Sharon S. celebrates 1yr. Kim K. speaks on the 25th. Consensus was reached on HTI guidelines. Consensus on Leanne W. for Lit chair. The nomination for Frankie has been blocked based on the 4th concept.

We will donate \$ 100 to NEAANA this month.

Average Attendance was approximately 10 to 50 per meeting.

Topics for the month have been Based out of the N.A. literature

Old Business: Group inventory is 6-23 at 11-Potluck

New Business: Nominate Kris L. for BCM
We're getting together on the 13th to discuss a history day on the 27th of July



GSR REPORT

ANONYMI GROUP
609 WASHINGTON ST.
GADSDEN, AL 35901

NEAANA Service Committee Meeting JUNE 9, 2013

TRUSTED SERVANTS:

GSR CHRIS M.
ALT GSR TIM M.
SEC BRANCE
ALT SEC DOLLIE S.
TREAS TODD S.
ALT TREAS JAMES B.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning Balance 43.57
Credits 57.00
TOTAL 100.57
Debits 90.00
Ending Balance 10.57

Meeting Schedule Changes & Special Notes to Area:

NO MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGES - MEET
MONDAYS, THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS @ 7:00 PM
Eating meeting 3RD SATURDAY OF MONTH
@ 6:00 PM WITH MEETING AFTER FOOD

We will donate \$ 0 to NEAANA this month.

Average Attendance was approximately 10-12 per meeting.

Topics for the month have been ACCEPTANCE, CHANGES
IN RECOVERY

Old Business: 1) HAND RAIL PLACED ON STEPS TO
BUILDING 2) BOUGHT GROUP LITERATURE
ASCENDED

1) ~~ELECTED~~ FRANKIE H. AS RCM

New Business: 2) REQUEST KELLY S. PLACED IN
AD POSITION IN REGION WITHOUT NEW NOMINATION

+ ELECTIONS 3) REQUEST AREA LOOK @ MORAGNE
PARK AS POSSIBLE LOCATION OF UNITY DAY

4) STAND ASIDE ON NEW GROUPS PLACEMENT ON AREA
MEETING SCHEDULE. 5) STILL HAVE T-SHIRTS FOR SALE, \$15.00

OSM Report June 2013 Active Change

We are doing wonderful and thriving in the HA way, and we believe that it is a result of fidelity and loyalty to the HA tradition and grateful that it's a loving God thing, not a personality thing.

We are carrying the message, greeting, welcoming and growing as we are supposed to. Our 7th tradition is very wisely spent. \$248.25 total, \$40.00 rent, \$50.00 lit, and \$158.25 area donation today. All service positions filled besides alt OSM. Imagine that. HA!

Tony B will be speaking at our birthday celebration this month on the 30th and we are happy to announce that Cheryl M. is celebrating 25 yrs.

We are blocking the nomination for Frankie H. first of all with the principle of love b/c we love Frankie and need it to be known it's nothing personal and second of all, due to the fourth concept and the fact that we feel this decision to nominate was made hastily and we would like to see him finish the steps and fill an area level position b/c going on to the regional level.

We think that the H&I guidelines and so bad, and said yes to Leann as lit, and we would like the ASC to consider not doing Undy Day for unity purposes and providence. In loving service, Nick W



GSR REPORT

Acceptance
Henagar AL

GROUP

NEAANA Service Committee Meeting 6/9/2013

TRUSTED SERVANTS:

GSR	<u>Leanne W</u>
ALT GSR	<u>Tony G</u>
SEC	<u>Vacant</u>
ALT SEC	<u>Lori K</u>
TREAS	<u>Sherry T</u>
ALT TREAS	<u>Angie O</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning Balance	<u>\$ 366.22</u>
Credits	<u>269.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>635.22</u>
Debits	<u>545.99</u>
Ending Balance	<u>89.23</u>

Meeting Schedule Changes, & Special Notes to Area:

Changed Friday Nights to open meetings & open Discus

We will donate \$ 0 to NEAANA this month.

Average Attendance was approximately 13 per meeting.

Topics for the month have been Recovery Related; Basic text
How & Why, Living Clean, Just for today Books

Old Business: Ad Hoc meeting for group policy revision
changed speaker to last tuesday of month

New Business: Changed Fri Night to open meeting, Elected
trusted servants Mike E will be our speaker Ascended
Frankie for RCM Nominated Tonya H area lit chair. stood
aside on H+I guidelines. NO for Leanne W to be Area lit chair.