

NWA AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE

October 9, 2021

**** NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR ALL POSITIONS (CLEAN TIME REQUIRED) ****

ASC Vice Chair (2 years)
ASC Treasurer-in-Training (2 years)

RCM (3 years)
RCM Alt (2 years)

General Business began at 1:47 PM (Peaceful Dozen hosting)

Open with Serenity Prayer

Reading of 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, Purpose of the ASC

Trusted Servant Roll Call:

- Chair - Alicia A.
- HIPPR - Jennifer G
- 2021 Convention Host Liaison - Janet W.
- Web - Faith A.

Absent:

- Activities Chair - Tiffany T.

Vacant:

- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Treasurer in Training
- RCM
- RCM Alt

Group Roll Call: *Quorum Met*

Present:

- Coffee Pot NA Meeting (Peaches S)
- Livin Clean (Scott H.)
- New Beginnings (Marc S)
- New Life (Jennifer G., JW)
- Peaceful Dozen (Crystal)
- Therapeutic Value (Karen/Janet W)

Absent:

- Final Frontier (Laurel B)
- R.A.W. (Michael)
- 2nd Chance (Ken F.) - *removed from roll call for quorum purposes*

Secretary Report: Alicia read minutes and they were accepted without opposition.

Treasurer's Report: Opening Balance and report given by Alicia. Opening balance is \$2081.96

Before handing everything over to our new treasurer, I reviewed the minutes and bank statements for the past few months since the audit in June 2021. I found a few things that need to be calculated into the balance from the bank statement as well as several miscalculations in the minutes. I apologize for this and as I was having to multitask to take notes for the minute, act as the treasurer and chair the meeting, there were some things I didn't do the best.

- Square reader purchase for the ASC to be used at BRU was not documented in the treasurer report (\$7.04)
- July 2021 - \$200 from Coffee Pot was received via mail before the July ASC and immediately deposited, but not documented in the minutes
- July 2021 - \$50 from New Life was deposited, but not documented in the minutes
- July 2021 - the math wasn't done correctly in the final treasurer report
- Sept 2021 - \$100 from Coffee Pot was received via mail before the July ASC and immediately deposited, but not documented in the minutes
- Sept 2021 - based on the miscalculation, there is no donating to the RSC
- Sept 2021 - ending balance should have been \$1489.00
- Below is a the corrected starting balance for October 2021

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| Sept ending balance | \$1489.00 |
| RCM Travel \$ not used | +\$250.00 |
| Square reader for BRU | - \$7.04 |

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| | \$1731.96 |
| 6/18 Donaction (Coffee Pot) | +\$200.00 |
| 7/10 Donation (New Life) | + \$50.00 |
| 8/3 Donation (Coffee Pot) | +\$100.00 |
| October starting balance | \$2081.96 |

GSR Reports: Report submitted and attached.

- Living Clean: meeting may now be either inside or outside (chair's choice), inside meetings no longer require a mask
- New Beginnings: Tentative "open house" scheduled for Dec 4th - more will be revealed
- New Beginnings: 10/19/2021 will be the last Tuesday meeting, after that the group will only meet on Thursdays at Flagstone
- New Life: smaller meetings could be held outside on the patio if the group agrees (happens a couple of times a week)
- Peaceful Dozen: Halloweenie Bash on 10/23/21 5:30p - 9p
- R.A.W. - Pumpkin carving, chili cook off on 10/15/21 6p - 8p

RCM: Nominations for all RSC positions except RD and RDA were opened and the following positions still need to receive nominations: **Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer in Training, and Phonenumber (must be present)**. HIPPR, Literature, and Outreach subcommittees were moved to project based instead of committees

- **Plans for next meeting** - Saturday, November 5, 2021 at Recovery Central at 1305 W Markham, Little Rock Arkansas, 9am "Strategic Planning: Creating an Action Plan", 10am Service Committee Meeting
- RSC Motion #2: Remove from guidelines: "The UPS mail will be forwarded to the Treasurer." * sent back to Areas - **CARRIED BY THE ASK WITHOUT OPPOSITION**

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: (BRU) Alicia A. - Current bank balance is \$7811.63. BRU 2022 seed money is \$5500 and \$650 has already been paid toward the campgrounds leaving the current balance of the seed money at \$4850. The difference that will be donated back to the ASC is \$2961.63. There is a motion coming forward today to increase the seed money and if that passes then the ASC can return the increase to the Activities account.

HIPPR: Jennifer/Janis - verbal report given by J.W.

Web: Faith - No changes have been made to the website. Some events have been added to the website and several meeting changes have been made. Please let me know if there is something that needs to be updated or added.

2021 Arkansas Regional Convention Host Committee Liaison: Janet W. - book your hotel and make sure to ask for a 1st floor if you have any physical limitations (there is no elevator). If you want to volunteer then contact Janet or someone on the committee so they can get your contact info to the right person.

- The online registration for the convention is now LIVE!! You can register, donate, and purchase a virtual "gift card" to give someone in recovery that can be used during the convention. Link for online registration and newcomer/hardship donations: <https://arscna.square.site/> Link to purchase a gift certificate that can be used by anyone at the convention: <https://squareup.com/gift/MLBH5H8DNFFW5/order>

Guidelines Committee Ad Hoc: Alicia - progress still underway

NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS:

- Election for ASC Secretary: Karen S. **ELECTED WITHOUT OPPOSITION**

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- Nomination for ASC Vice Chair (2 years) - **NONE**
- Nomination for ASC Treasurer-in-Training (2 years) - **NONE**
- Nomination for RCM (3 years) - **NONE**
- Nomination for RCM Alt (2 years) - **NONE**

OLD BUSINESS:

- ASC Password and Resources list draft - take back to groups for discussion. *Are these the items we want to collect information about and are there other items that need to be on the list? (it should be password protected and shared ONLY with the guidance committee) *Leave in Old Business until complete
- Convention fundraiser: Selling raffle tickets for \$10 each to win a 2 night stay + registration + t-shirt (special vote will be taken with all groups since we do not have quorum) *Passed via email vote
- Discuss using a Strategic Planning Ad hoc
- Establishing a grievance procedure

OPEN SHARE DISCUSSION:

- 1st Topic - Livin Clean brings forth grievance against Marc for inappropriate sexual advances to Livin Clean homegroup member Todd M.
 - Todd M states at the last ARSC meeting Marc sexually touched him inappropriately and this is why he has stepped down as RCM. Todd, multiple members present and Livin Clean (through the GSR) feel that Marc should step down from all his service positions.
 - Marc expressed his apology and stated the 4th concept does not support him stepping down. He then became unmanageable.
 - Scott and multiple members became unmanageable and the dialog became unproductive and uncondusive to NWAANA business.
 - Multiple members expressed their concern. Much discussion was held. Marc left the meeting.
- 2nd Topic - JW brought forth discussion about raising the Activity budget to cover increasing expenses.

MONEY MOTIONS/ TREASURER REQUESTS:

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion #1 PASSED WITHOUT OPPOSITION

Policy Change: No

Motion Maker: Scott H.

Motion 2nd: Randy M.

Motion: Our Area donate \$500 for coffee to the Regional Convention Committee to supply coffee.

Intent: Because no outside food or drink allowed. The Inn will supply coffee at \$25 a gallon. We need coffee.

Motion #2

Policy Change: Yes

Motion Maker: Frank M.

Motion 2nd: J.W.

Motion: Raise Beaver Round Up Reserve from \$5500 to \$6250 due to increasing cost and inflation.

Intent: Ensure we have enough to cover expenses and looking for ways to reduce costs.

Policy Affected: Article X: Financial, Budgets

YES _____

NO _____

ABSTAIN _____

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Motion #3 PASSED - OPPOSITION STOOD ASIDE

Policy Change: No

Motion Maker: Todd M.

Motion 2nd: Randy M.

Motion: Have the RSC remove Marc S. from his service position at this RSC. He made inappropriate sexual advances resulting in unwanted physical touch.

Intent: To protect the next person willing to be of service in NA. Also to provide a space that is more comfortable for the newcomer and make service at this level more attractive.

ACTION ITEMS

- Vote on Motion #2
- Nominations needed for ASC and RSC positions
- Several events going on in NWA and throughout the Arkansas Region - check the calendar for info

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 10/15/2021: 6 PM-8 PM at R.A.W. chili cookoff, cake walk, pumpkin carving event
- 10/23/2021: 5:30 PM-9 PM at Peaceful Dozen "Halloweenie Bash" - speakers, free hot dogs, chips, soda - costume contest for children and adults - 50/50 and raffle
- 11/5/2021: RSC Meeting at Recovery Central at 1305 W Markham, Little Rock Arkansas, 9am "Strategic Planning: Creating an Action Plan", 10am Service Committee Meeting
- 11/5/2021: 2023 Arkansas Regional Convention Bids will be accepted at the RSC meeting
- 10/4/2021: TENTATIVELY scheduled "Open House" event at New Beginnings group

ACCOUNT BALANCE:

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| Beginning Balance | \$2081.96 |
| Expenses | - \$1440.00 (\$670 Storage, \$190 Web, \$80 PO Box, \$500 Motion #1) |
| Donations | <u>+ \$3897.29</u> (including \$2961.63 from Activities) |
| Subtotal | \$4539.25 |
| Prudent Reserve | - <u>\$760.42</u> |
| Working Balance | \$3778.83 |
| Earmarked | - \$ 750.00 (Motion #2) |
| 15% RSC Donation | - \$ 454.32 |
| Prudent Reserve | <u>+ \$ 760.42</u> |
| Ending Balance | \$3334.93 |

Meeting adjourned and closed with the Third Step Prayer.

Next Area Service Meeting: November 13th at R.A.W Group at 1:30 PM

ATTACHMENTS:

Motions

GSR Reports

Disruptive and Violent Behavior IP

Contact List

NWAANA SERVICE COMMITTEE - MOTION TO ASC

DATE: 10.9.20

MOTION # 1

MAKER OF MOTION: Scott H

POLICY CHANGE: YES / NO

MOTION 2ND: Randy M.

MOTION: OUR AREA Donate \$500 - for coffee to the Regional Convention Committee to supply the coffee.

INTENT: Because no outside food or drink allowed. The FOW will supply coffee at \$25 - a gallon. we need coffee

POLICY AFFECTED: none

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

OUTCOME:

PASSED

FAILED

TABLED

REFERRED TO:

N.W.A.A.N.A. SERVICE COMMITTEE

MOTIONS TO ASC

Date 9-OCT-21 Motion Made By Frank M. Motion # 2

Motion: Raise Beaver Round up Reserve from
5500 to 6250 due to increasing costs +
inflation. ~~The~~ (Six thousand two hundred fifty)

Intent: Ensure we have enough to cover expenses
and looking for ways to reduce costs.

Seconded _____ Passed _____ Failed _____ Tabled _____

Back to groups

N.W.A.A.N.A. SERVICE COMMITTEE

MOTIONS TO ASC

Date 10/9/27 Motion Made By Todd M. Motion # 3

Motion:

Have the BSC remove Mark J. from his service position at this BSC. He made in apparent sexual advances resulting in unwanted physical touch.

Intent:

To protect the next person willing to be of service in N.A. Also to provide a space that is more comfortable for the new comers to make service at this level more attractive.

Seconded Randy M. Passed Failed Tabled

with opposition - stood aside

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AREA OF N.A.
GROUP SERVICE REP. REPORT TO A.S.C.**

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| Date: | 10-9-21 |
| Group Name: | Coffee Pot |
| GSR Name: | Peaches S.W. |
| GSR Alt Name: | ABBY S. |

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| Donation to ASC | \$300.00 | Check number | 3017 | Date | 10-8-21 |
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Convention

\$200.00
\$200.00
\$200.00
Place

3015
3016
Meeting List
3018
Time

9-12-21
9-12-21
10-8-21

| | Place | Time | Type |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sunday | CP NA | NA | NA |
| Monday | CP | 5:30p | OD |
| Tuesday | CP | 5:30p | OD |
| Wednesday | CP | 5:30p | Spiritual Principles |
| Thursday | CP | 5:30p | OD |
| Friday | CP | 5:30p | Sponsorship, step 4, 2, 3 (Spencer) |
| Saturday | CP | 4:00pm | OD |
| Total Meetings | 24 | Total # of people | Total # of new people |

Activities report: none

Changes in group trusted servants: Henry W. resigned as Treasurer Assistant

Positive experiences your group would like to share: Continued growth, Transients attendees from 2 rehabs - Spencer's + True Self

Any concerns or problems your group is experiencing? no

Any upcoming birthdays? none

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AREA OF N.A.
GROUP SERVICE REP. REPORT TO A.S.C.

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| Date: | 10.9.20 |
| Group Name: | Lynn Cleam |
| GSR Name: | SCOTT H |
| GSR Alt Name: | RANDY M |

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| Donation to ASC | \$35.66 | Check number | Date |
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Meeting List

| | Place | Time | Type |
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| Sunday | 1520 Huntsville square | 3pm | Open chair choice |
| Monday | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |
| Tuesday | | | |
| Wednesday | | | |
| Thursday | | | |
| Friday | | | |
| Saturday | | | |
| Total Meetings | 7 week | Total # of people 558 | Total # of new people 8 |

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| Activities report: | None |
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| Changes in group trusted servants: | None |
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| Positive experiences your group would like to share: | More participation in group Business meetings and more homegroup members joining |
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| Any concerns or problems your group is experiencing? | Will be brought up during open share |
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| Any upcoming birthdays? | |
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Northwest Arkansas Area of Narcotics Anonymous
Group Service Report to A.S.C.

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| Date: Oct. 9, 2021 | | |
| Group Name: <i>New Beginnings (Yardbirds)</i> | | |
| GSR Name, address, phone number, email: <i>Marc S.</i> | | |
| GSR Alt. Name, address, phone number, email: | | |
| Donation to Area: | Cheque # | Date: |
| Meeting List: | | |
| Place: <i>N.B./Flagstone Church</i> | Time: <i>6:30 pm</i> | Type: <i>Closed</i> |
| Sunday | | |
| Monday | | |
| Tuesday: | | |
| Wednesday | | |
| Thursday: <i>New Beginnings</i> | | |
| Friday | | |
| Saturday | | |
| Total Meetings: 84 | Total People: | Total # of new people |
| Activities Report: <i>Thanksgiving Desert Potluck, Thanksgiving Day meeting, Open House Celebration, Tentative Date is Dec. 4th</i> | | |
| Changes in Group Trusted Servants: | | |
| Positive Experience your group would like to share: <i>Attendance is growing, Donation next month</i> | | |
| Any concerns or problems group is experiencing? | | |

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AREA OF N.A.
GROUP SERVICE REP. REPORT TO A.S.C.

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| Date: <u>9 Oct 27</u> |
| Group Name: <u>New Life</u> |
| GSR Name: <u>Jennifer G.</u> |
| GSR Alt Name: <u>JW</u> |

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| Donation to ASC <u>\$ 50</u> | Check number | Date <u>9/27</u> |
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Meeting List

| | Place | Time | Type |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------------|------------|
| Sunday | | 1pm | ↓ |
| Monday | | 12pm | |
| Tuesday | | 7pm | |
| Wednesday | | 12pm | |
| Thursday | | 7pm | |
| Friday | | 12pm | |
| Saturday | - | | |
| Total Meetings | <u>26</u> | Total # of people | <u>367</u> |
| | | Total # of new people | <u>20</u> |

Activities report: Light My Fire well-attended, deposit paid for next year. All expenses were offset from attendance, rattle \$50/50

Changes in group trusted servants:

Sheri - Literature - vacated
Gretta - Activities - ~~to~~ vacated

Positive experiences your group would like to share:

70 tags in heavy metal given out on Birthday Day

Any concerns or problems your group is experiencing?

Not at this time

Any upcoming birthdays?

They are recognised at meetings and if heavy metal is involved handed out last Sunday of the month

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GROUP SERVICE REP. REPORT TO A.S.C.

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| Date: <u>October 9th, 2021</u> |
| Group Name: <u>Peaceful Doves</u> |
| GSR Name: <u>Crystal Wilson</u> |
| GSR Alt Name: <u>Open Vacant</u> |

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| Donation to ASC | Check number | Date |
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Meeting List

| | Place | Time | Type |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sunday | <u>St Andrews</u> | <u>6:00p</u> | <u>Open</u> |
| Monday | <u>St Andrews</u> | <u>6:30p</u> | <u>Literature Study</u> |
| Tuesday | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Wednesday | <u>St Andrews</u> | <u>6:30p</u> | <u>Open</u> |
| Thursday | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Friday | <u>St Andrews</u> | <u>6:30p</u> | <u>Open</u> |
| Saturday | <u>St Andrews</u> | <u>6:30p</u> | <u>Open</u> |
| Total Meetings | <u>21</u> | Total # of people <u>625</u> | Total # of new people <u>4</u> |

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| Activities report: |
| <u>Oct 23 Halloween Bash</u> |
| <u>5:30-9 3 speakers</u> |
| <u>50/50 at Auction</u> |
| Changes in group trusted servants: <u>Costume Contest.</u> |
| <u>Mark B Stepped down as GSR</u> |
| <u>Crystal W. was voted in as GSR</u> |
| <u>Michelle S. is treasurer in training</u> |
| Positive experiences your group would like to share: |
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| Any concerns or problems your group is experiencing? |
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| Any upcoming birthdays? |
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NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AREA OF N.A.
GROUP SERVICE REP. REPORT TO A.S.C.

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| Date: 10/9/21 |
| Group Name: TVG |
| GSR Name: Janet W. |
| GSR Alt Name: na. |

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| Donation to ASC na. | Check number | Date |
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| Meeting List | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Place | Time | Type |
| Sunday | | |
| Monday | | |
| Tuesday | 20 S. 20th St. Rogers. | 7:00 Women's |
| Wednesday | | |
| Thursday | | |
| Friday | | |
| Saturday | | |
| Total Meetings | Total # of people | Total # of new people |

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| Activities report: |
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| Changes in group trusted servants: none |
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| Positive experiences your group would like to share: |
| loving, venerable sharing. |
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| Any concerns or problems your group is experiencing? no |
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| Any upcoming birthdays? no |
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DISRUPTIVE AND VIOLENT BEHAVIOR

Groups occasionally experience challenges in maintaining an atmosphere in which recovery can be shared among addicts. This pamphlet addresses one of those challenges: disruptive or violent behavior in NA groups. The information here is meant to help groups fulfill the responsibility of welcoming members without allowing an individual to threaten the safety of those attending a meeting. Below are some examples of the kinds of disruptions that can compromise a group's atmosphere of recovery. What follows are practical solutions for groups in their efforts to address these challenges.

One of our members who recently relapsed after two years clean has been creating a disturbing situation at several meetings, and the disturbance has recently escalated into a very bad situation. Most recently she has gotten more violent and has been verbally attacking several people and making threats of physical violence.

Lately, many members have come to me concerning the problem of some disruptive children in our meetings. I sympathize with parents who need to bring their children to meetings, but it's really disturbing the group and no one wants to speak up about it.

An addict in our group keeps interrupting the speaker or person sharing. He gets up a lot and shares until the end of the meeting. I know his sponsor has tried to talk to him, but he seems uninterested. Our group feels like he holds the meetina hostaae. What can we do?

The following strategies are some of the fellowship's best practices for addressing disruptive or violent behavior. There are varying degrees of disruptive behavior, and many of the challenges groups experience are not as

severe as the ones outlined above. In most cases, a minor disruption can be effectively handled by a well-prepared group secretary, leader, or chairperson. This pamphlet is geared toward those disruptions that occur during an actual meeting. Behaviors that occur outside of a meeting, such as harassment or behavior that exploits members' vulnerabilities, can also affect a meeting's atmosphere of recovery. Although these topics are not directly addressed in this pamphlet, a group's ability to have meaningful discussions will allow a group to better address and resolve any challenges it may face.

Sometimes, NA members who attempt to address a disruptive situation cause just as much of a disturbance as the initial disruption. These suggestions are offered so that members of a group can work together to preserve a meeting's atmosphere of recovery; they are not meant to give members license to exert authority over other members.

Common sense, open minds, calm discussion, accurate information, mutual respect, and healthy personal recovery enable a group to deal effectively with almost anything that comes its way.

The Group Booklet

● Group discussion

The first thing a group can do is discuss the situation in a group business meeting. These discussions can help a group develop a plan for dealing with disruptive behavior and identify who in the group will be responsible for handling specific disruptions. An open and frank group discussion may also highlight some other important solutions and can help group members feel safer and more unified. Groups often experience minor disruptions such as members talking during meetings or unmonitored children. A discussion may not necessarily fix these disruptions, but it can help the group to feel more resolved about the situation.

● Meeting leader's role

A chairperson, leader, or group secretary can help refocus a meeting by interrupting a disruptive share or outburst. It is entirely appropriate for a group leader to help refocus a meeting's atmosphere of recovery by announcing a five-minute break or asking the group to join in a prayer or moment of silence. In an effort to respect members' individual rights, we sometimes forget to respect the group. In our respect for other members, we must not allow any individual to prevent a group from creating an atmosphere of recovery.

● Meeting topic

Another option is for the group to consider having the recovery meeting focused on a discussion about a group's atmosphere of recovery. This discussion would attempt to raise the group's awareness of the spiritual principles that apply to an atmosphere of recovery (such as unity or carrying NA's message). Groups that try this approach would want to be sure to avoid discussing a specific individual's behavior, instead focusing on principles and the group's atmosphere of recovery.

● ASC discussion

The group may consider taking the problem to the area service committee meeting in the hope that discussion there may lead to an increased awareness of the problem and possible examples of resolutions from other groups in the area.

● Approaching the member

If the group decides to approach the disruptive person, the circumstances of each situation will dictate the best way to do this. In some situations it may make sense for one member to discuss the situation with the disruptive individual. This will need to be done in a loving, caring way—tempering honesty with compassion and understanding.

We should be cautious not to put any individual at risk in the attempt to address the problem. In other situations it may be better for two or three of the group's mature, stable members to meet the disruptive individual on his or her way into the meeting each time. These members can help the individual understand what is being asked of him or her, and that violent behavior is not acceptable. Another solution is to keep the meeting going while several group members lead the individual outside. The goal of this approach is not to intimidate or imply authority over someone, but rather to keep the person from disrupting the meeting. Group members can let the disruptive member know that he or she can stay if the disruption stops, but will be asked to go outside if the disruption continues. Again, tempering honesty with compassion and understanding will help here. Great caution must be exercised in order to keep members safe and avoid escalating the situation. Groups can expect that this intervention may need to occur more than once or twice. However, if a group continues to lovingly and firmly address the situation, there is a better chance that the disruptive person will respect the needs of those attending the meeting.

● Temporarily suspending a meeting

In some cases, the violent or disruptive behavior may be serious enough for the group to temporarily suspend the meeting. This may mean temporarily stopping the meeting or adjourning until the next regularly scheduled meeting. The objective of this approach is to address the problem and ensure that the meeting is a safe and welcoming place for members.

● Protecting the welfare of the group

Finally, if a member is violent or threatening violence at an NA meeting and no other approaches have been successful, then the group may decide to call the police. The safety of all addicts who attend the meeting is the primary consideration. While we want to respect each member's anonymity, a violent individual sacrifices his or her right to

personal anonymity by their behavior. Calling law enforcement is appropriate when personal safety is at stake.

These suggestions are meant to help groups establish and maintain an atmosphere of recovery. This information is not meant to give groups authorization to attempt to control other NA members. Keeping our unity and primary purpose as our focus will better allow us to resolve any potential problems or challenges.

Whenever we come together, we seek the presence and guidance of [a] loving Higher Power. This direction then guides us through all our actions.

*It Works: How and Why,
Tradition Two*



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