

Piedmont Area Service Committee Minutes

July 11, 2021

Hybrid Meeting

I. Call to Order and Serenity Prayer:

4:04 pm led by David H.

Twelve Traditions: Lawrence E.

Twelve Concepts: Not read.

Purpose of the ASC: David H.

Definition of the ASC: Not read.

ROLL CALL

Trusted Servants

Chair: David H (*Jan 2022*)

Vice Chair: Amalie D (*Feb 2022*)

Treasurer: Kurt S. (*November 2021*)
(*Absent*)

Vice Treasurer: Ben C (*Jan 2022*)

Secretary: Dana R. (*September 2021*)
(*Absent*)

Alternate Secretary: Lawrence E (*December 2021*)

RCM: Chris P. (*September 2022*)

RCM II: Bryan K (Jan 2023)

Literature Chair: Kyle W. (*August 2020*)

Alternate Literature Chair: Vacant

Public Relations Chair: Ben C. (*December 2021*)

H&I Chair: Jim W (*October 2021*)

Special Events Chair: John B (*Feb 2021*)
(*Absent 3*)

VRCC Director: Tee T. (*March 2022*)
(*Absent - 2*)

Alternate VRCC Director: None

Group Service Representatives

Quorum was met.

Addicts in the Belfry: Terry W.

Changing Perspectives: Erich H.

ESP: Kurt S.

New Attitudes: Ryan R.

SOS: Tee T.

Serene in Green: Tracey A.

Spiritual Solutions: Anthony M.

We Choose Recovery: David D.

Whatever It Takes: Jake B. (-2)

Where I'm At: Dave O.

Groups removed from roll call:

Whatever It Takes

Groups to be added:

None

Also attending:

DeeDee

Kermit O.

June Minutes:

Anthony M. moved to approve the June minutes, seconded by Erich H.

OPEN FORUM

Jim W. brought up a proposal previously suggested to move ASC to First Baptist Church in an effort to be more inclusive to the people of color in our Fellowship. It was suggested that the move would make no difference. The Chair suggested that we ought not rush into a solution. A ad hoc committee was formed to consider why our Charlottesville Fellowship is separated by color. The group is to make recommendations to the ASC. Jim W., Erich H., others offered to participate.

II. REPORTS

Chair Report: (*David H.*) No report was made.

Vice Chair Report: (*Amalie D.*) No report was made.

Secretary Report: (*Lawrence E.*) No report was made.

Regional Committee Member Report (*Chris P.*)

Hey family,

Wanted to start with a huge shout out to our special events team, they put on a great speaker jam for the region. It received rave reviews at the 209th RSC.

Both Brian K and I attended RSC 209 and quorum was met, however... it seems the newly elected secretary was not logged into the secretary's email yet and the minutes were sent out missing huge chunks of information, including the Piedmont report. She has been given access to the email as of this week and I will be able to give a more accurate report when she sends out the revised minutes.

Big things that happened:

We have elected a new secretary and chairperson for the region. We do have some folks who have been pro tem in their position for a long time and if anyone is interested in regional service please come talk to me. Especially if you have an interest in H&I because we really need help. H&I at the regional level has some pretty amazing projects including inmate stepwriting. Please become involved, it's life saving.

The motion brought to area last month was ratified unanimously. Thanks for piedmonts group conscience.

I will have a more in-depth report once the minutes are out.
Ty

VRCC/ECCNA Report: (*Tee T., absent*)

Tee is not able to be here today, but sends this report:

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I am hoping someone from our area, besides me will attend, so they can report back to the area the results. I unfortunately can't be at area this month.

ILS

Tee T.

Special Events Report: (*John B.*)

Thanks for agreeing to present my Special Events report to Area today. I sent the money and receipts with Lawrence, who will give it to the treasurer (and will give it to our Regional Rep, I'm sure).

Regional Speakerjam on June 12, 2021:

The Regional Speakerjam at First Baptist in Charlottesville was a great success! We had 47 online attendees, and approximately 25 or more in-person attendees.

Finances:

\$600 budget from Region

- \$430 spent on Food and Drink (receipts provided to Treasurer)

- \$50 donation to First Baptist for use of facility

\$120 left over (to be returned to Region)

\$97 in cash donations received at the event

\$197 in cash will be returned to Treasurer at the July ASC

The Speaker Jam could not have been done without a few members really stepping up. Dana R. was the online moderator and overall tech person, and she did an amazing job making sure that the flow of the event was smooth and professional. Erick H. purchased the food for the live event and cooked it all himself. There was a bountiful spread with a number of hot entrees, desserts, fruit, and the overall presentation was that of a professional catering event. It was truly impressive. Jim W. helped prep the tech setup at the live event, and David H. and Jason B. provided some last minute tech help at the live event, and were very helpful at keeping things running smoothly. All of the speakers, especially those from out-of-area, made the online event very novel and entertaining, and lots of great recovery was shared. It was truly a special event and everyone really enjoyed our transition back to live meetings.

ILS, John B.

Discussion:

It was noted that John's report has a \$20 addition error. $\$120+97=\217.00 to be returned.

The RCM reminded that all PayPal donations on June 12, Speaker Jam Day, were to be sent to CARNA. The vice treasurer did not have that information; the request will be forwarded to the treasurer.

The treasurer was not present so a check could not be written.

Public Relations Report: *(Ben C.)*

The Public Relations sub-committee met today. We had six people in attendance.

Panel Reports:

Website:

- In the last 30 days we have had had 401 page visits, 7 contact form submissions, and 0 file downloads.
- The website has been reformatted slightly to be more aesthetically appealing.
- We Choose Reovery, ESP, and Spiritual Solutions have gone back to in-person meetings and is now reflected on the website.
- Just a reminder to all GSR's, as live meetings open back up, please be sure to email me updates by submitting via contact form on our website. Please give me as much notice as possible so I have time to update our site information.

Meetings Lists:

- The committee decided to wait until August to put out a new printed meeting list to see if more groups go back to in-person.

Literature Racks:

- Nothing new to report.

Phone Line:

- Since our last sub-committee meeting, the phone line has received one call, received by Ben C. The Coordinator has changed the rotation so a different person is now listed as the first volunteer giving others an opportunity to participate and get the experience. We currently have ten phone line volunteers since one moved out of the area.

Presentations:

- Both the UVA Nursing and Medical Schools have been contacted in the last month. Mini Med School at UVA was also contacted, but they have not been meeting because of Covid. Amalie has a point of contact at Drug Court, so she's going to reach out to him and see if others would benefit from a presentation. Adam is also contacting OAR, the local probation organization as well as follow up with Joe Platania, the current local Commonwealth's Attorney, who had expressed an interest in a presentation at the UVA Law School.

Old Business:

- The PR Budget was discussed and finalized. Here's the breakdown per month/year:
 - Zoom Account - \$31.50/\$378.00
 - Website Hosting - \$15.00/\$180.00
 - PR Annual Expenses - \$33.33/\$400.00 (Left at 2019 amount because PR went \$56 over budget that year and with meetings going back to in-person and things opening up, expenses will increase).
 - Meeting List Quarterly Printing - \$255.00/\$1,020.00
 - Total per month (excluding meeting list printing) \$79.83. Total per year (including meeting lists) \$1,978.00.
- Meeting List Coordinator Position description was finalized. The PR Guidelines will be updated, and the new version changed on the website.
- The Zoom account has been created according to Dana R. There's some change over and training that still needs to happen.
- The subcommittee is going to meet again next month via Zoom. A long-term decision has not been finalized.

New Business:

- None

Elections

- We still need a Literature Racks Coordinator.

Next Meeting of the PRS will be at 1:00 pm on August 1, 2021.

In Loving Service,

Ben C.

H&I Report: *(Jim W.)*

The subcommittee met at 2:30 today July 11, 2021. There were 10 addicts in attendance, including all the current Panel Leaders. A group conscience was reached regarding future meetings: we will begin to meet in-person next month with an online option.

ACRJ has not contacted us about reopening meetings. Kermit O. reported they are beginning to let in visitors again. Lauren H. and Kyle W. will be reaching out to our contact there and hopefully will receive some good news on our ability to take in meetings.

Wellness Center's Director reports that he thinks they will soon be open to visitors and we can resume using all our willing volunteers, but for now we are still only taking in one meeting a month with the same two volunteers: Blane S. and Patsy G. They reported that the meetings are still small- just 2 clients this month- but going well.

Boxwood reopened this month after closing due to having a case of Covid there. They took no new clients and after all current clients were discharged, they did a thorough cleaning and have been slowly adding new clients. Three meetings were held in June and all went well. There is a lot of requests for meeting lists.

5 East continues to have 2 online meetings a month. They are going well. No news on when they will reopen for in-person meetings.

We have still not heard anything regarding a new budget; we will continue under past guidelines until we hear differently, but our needs are low due to few in-person meetings.

We still have vacancies for vice chair and Wellness Center Panel Leader.

Literature order total was \$34.15.

ILS,
Jim W.

Question:

Will H&I volunteers still be considered oriented when in-person ACRJ meetings begin again? Jim W. will inquire.

Treasurer's Report: *(Kurt S., absent. Presented by Ben C.)*

Our balance, being above prudent reserve, allows us to donate \$500 to NAWS and \$700 to CARNA, following our guidelines. The CARNA donation includes the \$217 return from the regional speakerjam event. The donation itself is \$483. Ben did not have the checkbook to write several checks, he will take care of it soon.

PIEDMONT AREA TREASURER REPORT			
Month	July '21	June '21	May '21
Beginning Balance	\$2,586.38	\$2,312.13	\$2,246.16
Donations	\$729.00	\$289.24	\$455.19
Expenses:			
Literature Order (NAWS)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$374.23
PR Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Secretary Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Treasurer Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Events	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PASC Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
USPS PO Box	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
H&I Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Web Site	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GoDaddy (Webpage)	\$14.99	\$14.99	\$14.99
CAR-NA Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NAWS Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ZOOM Account	\$31.48		
Total Expenses	\$46.47	\$14.99	\$389.22
Ending Balance	\$3,268.91	\$2,586.38	\$2,312.13
Difference +/- From Prudent Reserve (\$1,600)	\$1,668.91	\$986.38	\$712.13

Literature Report: *(Kyle W.)*

Literature given out this month: **\$211.09**

Contacted world and switched our account details to my information from Jim's.

Made an order of \$107.46

Alternate Literature Chair is open, please contact me if interested.

Much love,
Kyle W.

Ad-hoc Reports:

25th ECCNA Bid Committee Report: *(Tee T, absent)*

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Literature Ad Hoc: (*Kermit O., absent*)

No report was made.

Zoom Ad Hoc: (*Dana R., absent*)

Dana is not able to be here today, but sends this report.

The zoom account has been created, but I have not contacted all the people who use it to show them how to claim host. If you need this info, please reach out to me. When everyone has been contacted, we will change the links on the website.

RECESS:

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

None

VI. ELECTIONS

No nominees for the open positions. VRCC Alternate, Alt Literature Chair, ECCNA 2025 Area Representative

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All zoom links associated with the Piedmont Area will be changing soon. Please access each meeting by visiting the website and clicking the link from there to join a virtual meeting.

ESP candlelight meeting has resumed in person at Immanuel Lutheran, JPA, Tuesdays at 9 pm. Decaf coffee is served.

A reminder to groups that have changes to their meeting, whether that's going back to in-person or any other change (for example time of meeting) please go to our Area webpage and fill-out the "Contact Us" form so the Website Coordinator knows about the change and has a copy for his/her records.

The following positions are open for those interested in serving the NA Community:

- *Alternate Literature chair, please contact Kyle W. if interested 434-465-1621*
- *VRCC Alternate Director, please contact Tee T.*
- *H&I Chairperson, Vice Chair, and Wellness Recovery Center panel leader positions are open. Please contact Jim W.*
- *The PR Sub-Committee is in need of a Literature Racks Coordinator. Please contact Ben C. or Megan O.*
- *There are many positions open at the regional level. Please contact Chris P.*

ANNIVERSARIES

- *Jim W. will celebrate 3 years on Saturday, August 14 at 5:00 pm at Changing Perspectives, First Baptist Church, Main Street. It will be an eating meeting.*
- *Jason B. will celebrate 18 years in recovery on Wednesday, August 18 at 6:00 pm at Spiritual Solutions, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, JPA.*

VIII. MOTIONS TO SEND BACK TO GROUPS

None

Next ASC: *The next Area Service will be held in person, with a hybrid option, on August 1, 2021 at 4:00pm*

Motion to Close:

Made at 4:55

Made by: Tracey A.

2nd by: Brian K.

Serenity prayer said by all, led by David H.

ILS, Lawrence E.