

**New River Valley of Narcotics Anonymous**

**Area Service Meeting**

**February 11, 2018**

**Held at Highland Park Community Church**

Meeting opened by Lauren B. at 2:00 pm, 2/11/2018, with the Serenity Prayer, reading of 12 Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous by Ed, and the 12 Concepts for NA Service ready by Jade L.

**Next NRVANA Area Service Meeting will be March 4, 2018; held at the Highland Park Community Church.**

**Area Services Members and GSR contact information as of 02/11/18**

<b>Service Position</b>			
Chair	Matt R.	540-577-7157	<a href="mailto:mjrobertson8630@gmail.com">mjrobertson8630@gmail.com</a>
VICE Chair	Vacant		
Treasurer	Paula L.	540-320-1307	<a href="mailto:Plineberry9@gmail.com">Plineberry9@gmail.com</a>
Secretary	Robert A	540-616-9902	<a href="mailto:r.ayers@icloud.com">r.ayers@icloud.com</a>
Policy Chair	Lauren B	540-922-9175	<a href="mailto:Lbattson81@gmail.com">Lbattson81@gmail.com</a>
Activities Chair	Sharon Q.	540-230-4754	<a href="mailto:Sqberry102210@gmail.com">Sqberry102210@gmail.com</a>
Outreach Chair	Thomas L.	352-210-2767	<a href="mailto:thomas.langston@icloud.com">thomas.langston@icloud.com</a>
Literature Chair	Richard Mc.	540-200-5428	<a href="mailto:rmmcdougal@gmail.com">rmmcdougal@gmail.com</a>
Literature Vice Chair	Shaun Q.	540-320-5711	<a href="mailto:Shaunq5150@gmail.com">Shaunq5150@gmail.com</a>
RCM	John E.	540-641-0865	<a href="mailto:Jearly85@yahoo.com">Jearly85@yahoo.com</a>
RCM Alternate and VRCC	Vacant		
<b>Group GSR and Alternates</b>			
The Book Opens Here/ Not high noon but clean noon GSR	Robin L.	276-238-7326	<a href="mailto:bro.love56@yahoo.com">bro.love56@yahoo.com</a>
The Book Opens Here/ Not high noon but clean noon Alternate GSR	Marcia L.	276-730-4712	<a href="mailto:marciamarciamarcia62@yahoo.com">marciamarciamarcia62@yahoo.com</a>
Principles Before Personalities (PBP) GSR	Lauren B	540-922-9175	<a href="mailto:Lbattson81@gmail.com">Lbattson81@gmail.com</a>
Principles Before Personalities (PBP) Alt. GSR	Amber D	Needed	Needed
Honesty, Open- mindedness, Willingness (H.O.W) GSR	Jessi J.	276-617-0411	<a href="mailto:jessi.hiwasee@gmail.com">jessi.hiwasee@gmail.com</a>
Keep It Simple Stupid (KISS) GSR	Rachel J	540-239-8121	<a href="mailto:racheljarvis14@gmail.com">racheljarvis14@gmail.com</a>
KISS Alternate GSR	Sara F	540-835-4616	<a href="mailto:Destny913@gmail.com">Destny913@gmail.com</a>
I Can't We Can GSR	Brian G.	276-768-7837	<a href="mailto:bpg274@gmail.com">bpg274@gmail.com</a>
Together We Can GSR	Carla L.	540-267-6223	<a href="mailto:lottamnstr@yahoo.com">lottamnstr@yahoo.com</a>
It Works If You Live It/ Never Alone, Never	Stacy J	276-733-7062	Needed

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Steps to Freedom GSR	Thomas L.	352-210-2767	Thomas.langston@icloud.com
Circle of Hope	Bently W	540-392-4671	mustanghokie@yahoo.com

### Roll call for 0211/2018:

Service Position		Attendance	Absences since Apr. 2017	
Chair	Matt R	Absent	1	
Vice Chair	Vacant	Vacant	0	
Treasurer	Paula L	Present	2	
Secretary	Robert A	Present	0	
Activities Chair	Sharon Q.	Present	0	
Literature Chair	Richard Mc.	Present	0	
Policy Chair	Lauren B	Present	0	
Outreach Chair	Thomas L.	Absent	2	
RCM	John E.	Present	2	
RCM Alternate	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	
VRCC	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	
Group	GSR or Alternate GSR	Attendance	Absences for the Group since Apr. 2017	Voting Status
The Book Opens Here/ Not high noon but clean noon	Robin L.	Present	3	Eligible
PBP	Lauren B.	Present	0	Eligible
HOW	Jessi J., GSR	Present	0	Eligible
KISS	Sara F., alt GSR	Present	1	Eligible
I Can't We Can	Stacy J	Present	1	Eligible
Steps to Freedom	Thomas L, GSR	Absent	2	Eligible
Together we can	Carla L	Present	0	Eligible
It Works If You Live It	Stacy J	Present	1	Eligible
Circle of Hope	Bently W, GSR	Present	0	Eligible

Previous NRVANA minutes for 01/07/2018 were accepted and passed, 8-0-0. Motion was made to accept by Jessi and seconded by Bently W

#### Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$494.25

#### Donations

Steps to Freedom	\$10.00	<b>TOTAL</b>
Together We Can	\$6.00	
Literature	\$109.00	
Activities	\$64.00	

<b>Literature</b>	\$61.00		
			\$250.00
<b>Payouts</b>			<b>Total</b>
Check #170	Free State (Literature)	\$285.29	
Check #171	High Park Church (Rent)	\$20.00	
Check #172	C.A.R.N.A (Donation)	\$30.00	
Debit	Photo It Art (Meeting List)	\$70.00	\$405.00

**Deposits:** \$250.00 was deposited on 1/18/18

## **Ending Balance: \$338.96**

Our ending balance of \$338.96, well below our prudent reserve.

ILS, Paula L.

Additional Treasurer Info (ad-hoc annual review meeting):

The Audit was held on January 30, 2018. Jessi J and I were present. The audit was successful. Our projected budget meeting will be March 11, 2018, 2pm at Macados in Radord. – Paula L.

### **Activities Report: Sharon Q**

\$8.25 was discovered in 7<sup>th</sup> tradition donations from the New Year's Eve event. This money has been turned into area today. The activities subcommittee met on 2/2 to plan the Valentine's dance. The dance will take place on February 17<sup>th</sup> at Pulaski Train Station from 7 pm to midnight. Jana M. from Bluefield and Greg H. from Roanoke will be speaking. We are asking that members bring finger foods. We will have another subcommittee meeting to finalize details on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> after PBP. Please also start announcing the CAR workshop coming up on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

In loving service,

Sharon Q.

### **Literature report: Richard Mc. Literature Chair—**

Addict named Richard,

For month of January 2018, we had \$134.30 total literature sales. \$170 cash was turned over to treasurer at the January ASC. Inventory was done revealing \$604.49 worth of stocked literature. An appropriate order in the amount of \$177.25, including pre-ordered material, was placed and filled by Free State Service Center.

In Loving Service, Richard Mc

### **OutReach Report: Thomas L, Outreach chair**

Absent

### **Policy Sub-Committee Report: Lauren B.**

We met 1/27/18. Our next policy subcommittee meeting will be 2/19/18 after the HOW meeting. We have 3 motions to bring before Area. (Please see motions attached at end of minutes)

Thanks for letting me serve, Lauren B.

**RCM Report:** John E. – Nothing to report

### **GSR Reports for 02/11/2018:**

**PBP:** PBP still meets Thurs at 7pm and Friday & Saturday @ 6. We could always use some support. No celebrations this month. PBP is giving \$25 to Area and we have open nominations to present. *In Loving Service, Lauren B.*

#### **HOW:**

HOW is doing well. We still meet Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 and Saturdays at 11. We have 3 celebrations this month. Erine C. picked up 7 years on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Erica W. will pick up 6 years on February 12. Please bring a covered dish. Richard M will pick up 7 years on the 17<sup>th</sup>. We will not be making a donation to area at this time. *In loving service, Jessi J.*

**I Can't We Can:** The group is alive and well in Galax on Mondays @ 8, Thursdays @ 8, and Fridays @ 8. Attendance varies. Donating \$10.00 to Area. *In Loving service, Stacy J.*

#### **Together We Can:**

The Together We Can group of NA is doing well. We continue to meet at 7pm on Tuesday nights at Plenty in Floyd with 4 or 5 addicts in attendance. We have an upcoming anniversary celebration for two of our group members in March. Details will be provided in a flyer next month. We don't have any anniversaries this month. We have a \$10 donation to area this month. *In Loving Service, Carla L., GSR*

#### **It Works if You Live It/Never Alone, Never Again:**

IWIYALI is alive and well on Sundays at 5 in Hillsville at 516 N Main Street. Attendance is between 6 to 20 people. We are donating \$5.00 to Area.

Never Alone, Never Again is alive and well in Galax at 201 E Washington Street on Wednesdays at noon. Attendance is between 4-15 people. *In Loving Service, Stacy J.*

#### **Circle of Hope Group:**

Circle of Hope group of Narcotics Anonymous meets each Thursday night at 7pm at the Christian Life Center of the Blacksburg United Methodist Church with an average of 2 addicts, although the last two weeks we have seen at least one new addict attendance. We have no celebrations this month. *In Loving Service, Bently W., GSR Circle of Hope Group*

#### **KISS:**

KISS Continues to meet on Tuesdays at 7pm and Wednesday and Fridays at 8pm in Christiansburg. This upcoming month we will have three anniversaries with Jade L celebrating 3 years on February 16 and Shaun Q speaking, Leah D celebrating 7 years on February 23 with Jade L speaking and Morgan Q celebrating her first miracle year on March 2 with Jessie S from Roanoke speaking. on Jan 17, 2018. We have a \$75 donation to Area this month.. *In Loving Service, Sara F.*

#### **Book Opens Here:**

It is with regrets that the Book Opens here group announces that the Not High Noon meeting has been cancelled. Also, the Book Opens Here meeting has been moved from Sober Christian Fellowship to Mission Love Church – 142 Petty Road Galax – at 8:00. Please come help support our new meeting place. We have no donation at this time. *In Loving Service, Robin L. GSR*

### **New/continuing Nominations:**

Nominations were brought from groups to this meeting and nominees accepted and answered required questions. Questions were asked by acting Chair – Lauren B. Please see attached documents for reference. Please take the following nominations to your groups for a vote and remember that Area accepts open nominations for vacant positions at each ASC meeting:

Literature Chair: Bently W.

Literature Chair: Shaun Q.

Activities Chair: Jade L.

Policy Chair: Lauren B.

Secretary: Morgan Q.

Treasurer: Robert A.

Vice Chair: Sharon Q.

Chair: (Matt)hew R.

### **Open Forum:**

- Treasurer discussed issue with using balance at the beginning of the meeting or end after donations taken to determine current balance of funds. Motion made in new business
- Request for generalized operational expense for prior year(s) to help determine accurate new budget and prudent reserve for upcoming year.
  - decided that this is performed at the annual budget meeting which was announced to be March 11,2018 at 2pm at Macados in Radford.
- Point was raised about meeting lists not being available currently as they should have been by this time. Several groups are without any. Secretary agreed to reach out to Outreach Chair (absent).

### **Old Business**

- Policy Motions from the last ASC meeting were brought to a vote, and the votes were as follows (see end of minutes for wording of each motion):
  - o **Motion 1 : 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions**
  - o **Motion 2: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions**
  - o **Motion 3: 4 in favor, 2 opposed, and 2 abstentions**
- Discussion of NRVNA calendar of announcements/events. Was lost at last ASC meeting. Will get a new one to replace for this year.

### **New Business:**

- Policy subcommittee brought three motions to the floor – Copies attached for report. All were in favor of advancing these motions to the groups., Please take to your groups to vote on.

- Discussion of whether to use the balance at the beginning of the meeting (the current process) versus after donations at the end was brought up and a motion was submitted by Bently W. and seconded by Jessi J. All were in favor. The motion passed. The motion read:
  - o “For the purpose of this year’s budget planning process, I move that the ending balance at ASC meeting be used as the prudent reserve number for current ASC spending purposes. I recommend that this be referred to policy subcommittee for future resolution.”
- Proposal that the calendar of events for the Area should go on the Area website. It was decided to put this in to place once elections are over.

**Motion to Close:** Motion made by Sharon Q. , seconded by Sara F. Accepted with vote of 8-0-0

**Meeting closed with the “WE” version of the Serenity Prayer.**

## **Motions:**

### **Motions accepted at this ASC meeting:**

#### Motion # 1

Motion: The Policy Subcommittee would like to request to the ASC to make a change in policy and ASC guidelines as follows:

Section IV. Membership in the ASC subsection B. Recognition of a Group as a Voting Member of the ASC number 5.

Currently Reads: "For a group to regain their membership at the ASC, thus regain their voting privileges, their GSR must attend two (2) consecutive ASC meetings. The groups voting privileges will be reinstated at the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) attendance to ASC"

We request change as follows: "For a group to regain their membership and voting privileges with the ASC, their GSR must attend two consecutive ASC meetings. Voting Privileges will be reinstated at their 2<sup>nd</sup> attendance to ASC."

Intent: To encourage group participation in the ASC.

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#### Motion # 2

Motion: The Policy Subcommittee would like to request to the ASC to make a change in policy and ASC guidelines as follows:

Section IV. Membership in the ASC subsection C. Recognition of a Group and meetings as Non-Voting Members of the ASC.

Currently Reads:

1. A group or meeting that chooses to not be a voting member of the ASC may request that their meeting be listed in the NRVNA meeting list if a representative of said group/meeting comes before the ASC and can

confirm that said group/meeting meets at a regular place and time, have trust Servants to open/close the meeting, follows the Twelve Steps, and adheres to the Twelve Traditions of NA. Upon confirmation, the voting body of the ASC may ask for any additional information of said group/meeting.

2. Once all inquires have been satisfied an immediate vote will be taken by the GSR's on said request.
3. Once the ASC has agreed to list said group/meeting on the NRVNA meeting list, this approval will be limited to a 6-month listing (2 printings of meeting lists by the ASC). After 6 months, said group/meeting must again send a representative to the ASC to request an additional 6 month listing

We request change as follows: to simply insert "area website" next to meeting list in numbers 1 and 3.

Intent: To make certain any meeting that is listed on our meeting list also be listed on the Area website meeting section.

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### Motion # 3

Motion: The Policy Subcommittee would like to request to the ASC to make a change in policy and ASC guidelines as follows:

#### Section V. ELECTION OF ASC OFFICERS Subsection D. Additional Election Guidelines Number 4

Currently Reads: "In the spirit of rotation, no individual should serve more than two consecutive years in the same position. No individual is eligible for re-election to any position they have held in the last 3 (three) years."

We request change as follows: Strike the second sentence completely.

Intent: To clarify guidelines by removing contradiction.



**Motions to take back to groups for a vote:**

**Policy Subcommittee Motion 1**  
(February 2018 ASC)

**Motion:** The policy subcommittee would like to request the ASC to make a change in policy and ASC guidelines as follows:

“VI. QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASC OFFICERS Section: A. Vice-Chairperson – Subsection A, number 1”

Currently reads:

*“A willingness and desire to serve. Ideally this is a two-year commitment. The first year is spent becoming familiar with the job of chair, the second being the chairperson”*

We request changes to read as follows:

“A willingness to serve. This is a one year commitment, preparing and becoming familiar with the job of chair if elected.”

**Intent:** To clarify the commitment time for this position.

## Policy Subcommittee Motion 2

(February 2018 ASC)

**Motion:** The policy subcommittee would like to request the ASC to make a change in policy and guidelines as follows:

“VI. QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASC OFFICERS Section: B. Secretary – Subsection B, subsection h – second bullet”

Currently reads:

*“If no written report is received, recount verbal report to the best of your ability.”*

We request changes as follows:

“All reports need to be written and turned in to secretary to be included in the monthly minutes.”

**Intent:** To help secretary keep more accurate records.

## Policy Subcommittee Motion 3 (February 2018 ASC)

**Motion:** The policy subcommittee would like to request the ASC to make a change in policy and ASC guidelines as follows:

VI. QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASC OFFICERS Section: A. Secretary – Subsection M, section 2, number 3”

Currently reads:

*“...Note: Any member may request a copy of the ASC minutes by submitting a written request.”*

We request changes as follows:

*“...Note: Any member may request a copy of the ASC minutes.”*

**Intent:** To allow any member better access to ASC minutes.

**Service Position Qualify Suggested Questions Sheets:**

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Suggested Questions Asked Of Nominees Of ASC Officers.

1. First Name, Last Initial Bentley W
2. Position you are running for: List - down from floor
3. Clean Date 7-13-2016
4. Home Group Circle of Hope
5. Service Experience & Term of Commitment:  
At Group Level: openings, chairings, steering new meetings  
At Area Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
At Regional Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Service Work: sub com
6. Do you have an NA Sponsor? yes
7. Are you working steps? yes
8. Do you have an understanding of the 12 Traditions? I do
9. Are you familiar with the 12 Concepts of Service? I am familiar with <sup>being</sup> them?
10. How many NA meetings do you attend each week? 2-4 basic understanding and willing to learn
11. Why do you want to serve the NRVANA? commitments keep me obligated - coming back  
give back to what saved my life

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Suggested Questions Asked Of Nominees Of ASC Officers.

1. First Name, Last Initial Shawn Q
2. Position you are running for: lit down chair
3. Clean Date 6-23-16
4. Home Group PBP
5. Service Experience & Term of Commitment:  
At Group Level: open, chair, alt BSR  
At Area Level: vice chair-lit, numerous sub comm meetings  
At Regional Level: no  
Other Service Work: no
6. Do you have an NA Sponsor? I do
7. Are you working steps? I am
8. Do you have an understanding of the 12 Traditions? I do
9. Are you familiar with the 12 Concepts of Service? vaguely
10. How many NA meetings do you attend each week? 2-4
11. Why do you want to serve the NRVANA?  
service keeps me clean,  
give something back

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Suggested Questions Asked Of Nominees Of ASC Officers.

1. First Name, Last Initial Sale L
2. Position you are running for: Activities Chair
3. Clean Date 2-15-15
4. Home Group RIS5
5. Service Experience & Term of Commitment:  
At Group Level: Sec, Treas & Alt GRG operat, ~~operat~~  
At Area Level: Secretary  
At Regional Level: NO  
Other Service Work: NO
6. Do you have an NA Sponsor? yes, num num
7. Are you working steps? yes
8. Do you have an understanding of the 12 Traditions? yes
9. Are you familiar with the 12 Concepts of Service? yes
10. How many NA meetings do you attend each week? 1-3
11. Why do you want to serve the NRVANA?

Service is very important and changed my life  
makes me feel a part of keeps me clean  
keeps me coming back

Lauren

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1. First Name, Last Initial Lauren B
2. Position you are running for: Policy Chair
3. Clean Date April 3 2013
4. Home Group 768
5. Service Experience & Term of Commitment:  
At Group Level: OSR  
At Area Level: Policy Chair, See, Vice Act Chair  
At Regional Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Service Work: Sponsorship
6. Do you have an NA Sponsor? Yes
7. Are you working steps? Yes
8. Do you have an understanding of the 12 Traditions? Yes
9. Are you familiar with the 12 Concepts of Service? Somewhat
10. How many NA meetings do you attend each week? 3
11. Why do you want to serve the NRVANA?  
Because service keeps me clean

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Suggested Questions Asked Of Nominees Of ASC Officers.

1. First Name, Last Initial Wolgan Q
2. Position you are running for: secretary
3. Clean Date 2-27-2017
4. Home Group KISS
5. Service Experience & Term of Commitment:  
At Group Level: open, chair, AH GSR  
At Area Level: none  
At Regional Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Service Work: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you have an NA Sponsor? yes
7. Are you working steps? yes
8. Do you have an understanding of the 12 Traditions? yes
9. Are you familiar with the 12 Concepts of Service? not Really, can be
10. How many NA meetings do you attend each week? 2-3
11. Why do you want to serve the NRVANA?  
holds me accountable  
keeps me clean



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Suggested Questions Asked Of Nominees Of ASC Officers.

1. First Name, Last Initial Matt R

2. Position you are running for: Chair

3. Clean Date 4-28-2014

4. Home Group PBP

5. Service Experience & Term of Commitment: All positions GSR, AT, Sec

At Group Level: Vice Chair, Activities chair

At Area Level: NO

At Regional Level: NO

Other Service Work: NO

6. Do you have an NA Sponsor? yes

7. Are you working steps? I work 11 steps, yes man

8. Do you have an understanding of the 12 Traditions? yes I do

9. Are you familiar with the 12 Concepts of Service? Familiar is a good term

10. How many NA meetings do you attend each week? 3-5

11. Why do you want to serve the NRVANA?  
service keeps you clean  
help in long term with service experience

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1. First Name, Last Initial Sharon Q
2. Position you are running for: Vice Chair
3. Clean Date 10-26-15
4. Home Group PBR
5. Service Experience & Term of Commitment:  
At Group Level: opener, secretary, alt BSR  
At Area Level: activities chair  
At Regional Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Service Work: sponsorship
6. Do you have an NA Sponsor? yes
7. Are you working steps? yes
8. Do you have an understanding of the 12 Traditions? yes
9. Are you familiar with the 12 Concepts of Service? yes
10. How many NA meetings do you attend each week? 3
11. Why do you want to serve the NRVANA?  
Because I want to stay clean, service keeps me clean

Robert A.

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Suggested Questions Asked Of Nominees Of ASC Officers.

1. First Name, Last Initial Robert A

2. Position you are running for: Treasurer

3. Clean Date 7-21-2014

4. Home Group KISS

5. Service Experience & Term of Commitment:  
At Group Level: opened, A1+ GSR, Treasurer

At Area Level: secretary, attended meetings

At Regional Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Service Work: sub committees

6. Do you have an NA Sponsor? yes

7. Are you working steps? yes

8. Do you have an understanding of the 12 Traditions? yes

9. Are you familiar with the 12 Concepts of Service? yes

10. How many NA meetings do you attend each week? 3

11. Why do you want to serve the NRVANA?

keeps me coming back  
learn principles before personalities  
keeps me clean  
learn lessons for all areas of life