

N.A SOUTHEN AREA COMMITTEE REPORT 10TH AUGUST 2008

ATTENDANCE: Tina, Paul, Danny, Paul, Gerry, Elaine, Miriam, Dave, Paul, Claire, John, Mark, Ciarain, Sean, Ger, Bert.

TRADITION 6: Read by Claire.

APOLOGIES: Robert, Marsha, Maureen, Martin, Michael, Finbarr, Anoushka.

ELECTIONS

Area elections will be held in September. All positions are available. If you are interested in getting involved in service at area level please attend.

GROUP REPORTS:

Y.M.C.A: No Report.

Ennis: No report. New meeting on Saturday at 8.30pm in Friary Hall.

Trinity: Meeting going well. Donation: €65. Meeting needs a G.S.R.

Clonmel: Av . Att. 7. All positions filled. No Donation. Meeting going well.

Dominican Centre: Av . Att: 25 - 30. Meeting going well. Donation €120.

Clonakilty: No Report. **SUPPORT NEEDED FOR SUNDAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Dean St: Av . Att: 25 - 30. Donation: €30. Treasurer and G.S.R needed. Meeting going well.

Cobh: No Report. **NEEDS SUPPORT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Churchfield (Wednesday): Meeting going well. Av . Att: 6 – 12. No Donation. **NEEDS SUPPORT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Churchfield (Thursday): Av . Att: 10 – 15. Meeting going well. Donation: €81. G.S.R needed.

Churchfield (Sunday): Av . Att: 7. All positions filled. Donation: €5.

Nenagh: No Report.

Tralee: No Report.

Listowel: No Report.

Unity: No Report.

Limerick: No Report.

Shannon: No Report.

Youghal: No Report.

Skibbereen: Av . Att: 6. Donation: €25.

C.U.H. G.F: Av . Att: 20 - 25. Donation: €30.

Mallow: No Report.

Fermoy: No Report. **MEETING NEEDS SUPPORT!!!!!!!!!!**

St. Johns, Waterford: Meeting's going well. Av . Att: 7. G.S.R and alternate G.S.R needed. Donation: €240.

Lady lane, Waterford: Meeting going well. Av . Att. 8. Thursday meeting no longer running. Needs G.S.R. Thanks to Outreach for support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VICE-CHAIR:

- No Report.

PHONE & OFFICE:

- Phone is going well.
- Had three requests for information packs from professionals.
- It was requested we attended world mental health day event on the 11th of October in Emmetts place where we would have a stall set up.
- Thanks to all v olunteers.
- **Danny is looking for a secretary for Phone and Office who would possibly be interested in taking over as chairperson in September.**
- **Expenses:** €20.

LITERATURE:

- Literature will be on sale from 2.30pm on the day of Area and again after Area each month.
- No literature ordered this month. Ev erything in stock except Just for Today tags.
- Office will be open for Cork groups throughout the month.
- Request for four info packs this month.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS:

- No Report.

FUNDRAISING:

- No Report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- No Report.

OUTREACH:

- Plenty of v olunteers, need help from driv ers.
- Thanks to Con for his assistance to the Youghal meeting.
- Two trips made to Waterford this month. Thanks to Dave, Conor, Claire, Tanya and Ciarain.
- Expenses: €50

A.S.R

- Southern Area's concerns about the mov e of the shop were noted and addressed. The shop was moved as the original had urine coming from upstairs, mould on the walls and dead animals in the

walls. The rent is reasonable. As to be expected it has taken time to settle but now revenue is returning to previous levels.

- Eastern Area are concerned with the amount of meetings that are likely to close. It was asked how to go about closing meetings and how much support an Area committee could give struggling meetings. It was pointed out that strong members make strong meetings and that it is better to close a meeting than to carry a weak message.
- Western Area is surviving but there has been a split in the fellowship between Galway city groups and the rest of the WAC. The WAC now meets in Roscommon which is more central to area as a whole but means that Galway's ASR has to travel to Area which they're not doing. It was felt that Region should provide Fellowship Development support and workshops.
- A new rota has been made up for the shop and a voluntary assistants list has also been made up.
- The convention is progressing well. The hotel has 110 rooms block booked.
- A letter will be sent to each Area detailing any money spent at Region.
- If you would like a look at a more detailed report ask Dave W.

EVENTS:

- A dance has been arranged for September 13th in the Oriel House hotel in Cork from 8.30pm to 1am. Newcomers are free. Members and guests are €15. Sandwiches are included in the price. Bert and Jason have tickets.

Webmaster:

- The website is now online at www.nasouth.ie.
- Meeting list updated.
- Regional convention details updated.
- Speaker tapes are available for download from the website.
- All comments and suggestions welcome to Robert or Paul or to mail address www.webmaster@nasouth.ie.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Discussion was held about having an events float that would pay for any events to be held. It was decided we wouldn't need a separate fund for events, as money would be sitting in the bank and not moving forward.
- Clonakilty put forward a question as to whether our literature was printed on recycled paper. It will be brought to Region.
- Phone and Office asked whether we would have to continue asking members to ask callers where they got the number from when they ring the help line. It was decided to leave it to the discretion of the member.
- Discussion took place about the lack of clean time at meetings. All people can do is lead by example even if they're only a couple of years clean. We can't make people come to meetings. We will look into the Area planning tool.

- Discussion also took place about members taking up positions when they're not ready for them.
We need to encourage members to take up service and help them in any way possible. If someone is not fulfilling their duties the positions can be forfeit.
- Enclosed are copies of the convention flyer, please put these up in meetings.

N.A Southern Area Treasurer's Report August 2008

Opening Balance €1484.19

Donations

Trinity	€ 65
Skibbereen	€ 25
Dean Street	€ 30
Dominican Centre	€120
Churchfield Sunday	€ 5
Churchfield Thursday	€ 81
Lady's Lane Waterford	€ 70
St. John's Waterford	€240
GF	€30
Printing Returns	€70
	+ € 736 (Donations)
	€ 2220.19

Expenses

Rent (Direct Debit)	€ 100.00
Rent (Area Room)	€ 7.00
Secretary	€ 15.00
Tabor Lodge	€ 15.00
Outreach	€ 50.00
Driving Expenses	€ 60.00
Literature	€ 6.06
	- € 266.60)

Closing Balance € 1953.59

Prudent Reserve (500)

Fundraising Reserve (500)

- € 1000.00

Working Balance € 953.59

**NEXT AREA MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 14th SEPTEMBER 2008,
in the YMCA in Malboro st. at 3pm.
ALL ARE WELCOME.**