

## **N.A SOUTHEN AREA COMMITTEE REPORT Aug 9th 2009**

**TRADITION 10:** Read by Miriam

**ATTENDANCE:** Paul C, Finbarr F, Tanya, Dessie P, Elaine B, Miriam Mc, Dave W, Martin C, Danny F, Michael H, Bertie B, Robert O,B, Therse K, Ger C, Conor C, Dave D, Tina

**APOLOGIES:** Ciaran, Paul N, Fiona

### **ELECTIONS**

Area elections are taking place in September. All positions are up for re-election.

People interested in taking up positions at Area please come to the next area.

**THESE POSITIONS ARE IMPORTANT!!!!!!**

### **GROUP REPORTS:**

**Y.M.C.A:** No Report

**Ennis Freedom for Today Group:** No Report

**Ennis Friary Group:** No Report

**Trinity:** Av. Att.25. Meeting going ok. Need clean time support. Need a new GSR. Donation €50.

**Clonmel:** Av. Att. 12. All positions filled. Meeting going well. Donation €140

**Dominican Centre:** Meeting going well. Av. Att. 25-30. Donation €150

**Clonakilty:** . New Secretary Wed Tony, New Treasurer Dan Joe. Av Att both meetings 5. Both meetings request support from Outreach, Particularly from female members. Donation €55.

**Dean St:** No Report.

**Cobh:** No report

**Churchfield (Wednesday):** . Meeting doing well, numbers have come up, Av Att 6-10, Donation of €5

**La Verna:** Av Att. 25-30 Donation €100.

**Churchfield (Sunday):** Meeting numbers are coming up. Av. Att. 3-5. Still no Treasurer. All other positions filled. No Donation

**Nenagh:** No Report.

**Tralee:** No Report.

**Listowel:** Tuesday Av. Att 3. Friday Av. Att 5.No Donation. **Both meetings need support.**

**Unity:** Meeting going well. Av. Att 8 No Donation

**Limerick:** No report

**Shannon:** No Report.

**Youghal:** No Report

**Skibbereen:** Alv. Att. 4. All positions filled, No Donation.

**C.U.H. G.F:** No Report

**Mallow:** Av. Att 4-5. All positions filled. No Donation. **In urgent need of support, 3 meetings held this month instead of 4.**

**Fermoy:** Av.Att. 7. All positions filled. Donation €50. Meeting well recieved, some newcomers coming. **Badly needs support.**

**St. Johns, Waterford:** All positions filled. meeting going ok. **Mon and Sat need support.** Rent only being being met no surplus. Av Att 4. No Donation

**Lady lane, Waterford:** See above

**Macroon:** No Report

**Talbot Grove, Castleisland Kerry:** No Report

**Kilarney:** No Report

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **VICE-CHAIR:**

- No Report

#### **PHONE & OFFICE:**

- Ciaran sends his appologies
- There is a request for €30
- Phone has been manned for the month of July
- Nothing to report
- Ciaran has been asked by the committee to step down as he has not attended Area for a while
- Tanya as Vice-Chair will co-ordinate the position

#### **LITERATURE:**

- Literature worth €190.82 was ordered.
- No Expenses
- Literature on sale from 2.30pm on day of Area and after Area.
- New prices for literature are on the order froms
- Rob O'B is helping in the office as Limerick Ian pulled out.

#### **HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS:**

- St. Miichaels Mercy Hospital: Dave W Secretary. Meeting going well. Literature required.  
Ciaran H, Trevor, Jenny and Jason spoke this month.
- Bruree: Finbarr and Damian Secretaries. Damien and 2 speakers spoke this month along with

- Dave W. A situation has developed in Bruree, Sr. Agnes claims to be unaware that we have been providing meetings in her facility. Despite her claim we have been providing meetings on a monthly basis for many years now. She has stated that they currently have their own in house NA meeting, this meeting conducts itself as an NA meeting but with no attachment to our service structure. This must be clarified, i will organise a meeting with Sr. Agnes in the coming week. Expenses €15
- Blarney St. Helens: Meeting going well. Eric W, Dave W, Eric T, and Michael spoke this month. Literature recieved. Expenses €75
  - Cork Prison: Bert Secretary. Meeting going well. Martin, Michael and Bert spoke this month. Literature required. Expenses €5
  - Tabor Lodge: Tanya and Elaine Secretaries. Regina, Conor, Ger and Claire spoke this month. Con D will fill in as Sec. on the 19th Aug to cover the members attending the World Convention. Expenses €20
  - Cara lodge: Martin C acting Sec. Meeting held twice this month. Dan Joe and Michael spoke this month. Literature recieved. Mark is taking over as new Sec on Wed 12th. Cara Lodge will now be sending their clients to an outside NA meeting once a week. The meeting they have chosen is La Verna on Thurs evening. They have requested a volunteer to meet with them at the meeting to help them link into the recovery process. They attended La Verna last Thurs. Expenses €20
  - Total expenses €180
  - Mon 20th July. Attended a meeting with the coordinator of the Cork Local Drugs Task Force, to clarify the position of both the H&I and P.I. representatives following confusion caused after they recieved a phonecall claiming the trusted servants were not representative of NA and that its the NA regional office that should be consulted. We spoke with the PR co-ordinator for Region, Conor H who was unaware of regional involvement and gave us the go ahead to proceed. We clarified with the Local Drugs Task Force that our involvement is not in breach of NA traditions and that both the H&I and P.I. service bodies are representative of NA in the Southern Region.
  - Tues 21st July. Attended the "Heroin Use Strategy Sub Group" meeting held by the Southern Regional Drugs Task Force. We offered no opinion on the strategy but highlighted how H&I and P.I. meetings could be provided in treatment, rehabilitation and educational environments. Literature packs and Meeting lists were provided to all attendees

### **FUNDRAISING:**

- No Report

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

- After the last Area meeting I spoke to Conor H. He was of the opinion it was very important NA attends the meeting we were invited to as we could be inviting these drug workers to

- Open Meetings all the time and they don't attend. This was apparent at the Open Meeting, Tina invited every worker and organisation in the local directory and not one attended. so to get the opportunity to present to them all at the same time what services NA provides is a golden opportunity. Myself and Martin met Gemma to explain to her what role we could take attending their meetings and Martin and Dave W attended.
- The Open Meeting was a good success it was well attended. I would like to thank Tina and Dave who put in an awful lot of work putting this together.
  - The Open Meeting will be held in La Verna from 12-1 on the second Saturday of every month
  - During the month we spoke to a group in Knocknaheeny, Martin did Sec and Michael and Cliff spoke.
  - Expenses €40.85

### **OUTREACH:**

- Outreach made the trip to Fermoy this month.
- Overwhelmed with requests for support
- Will make trips in the 3rd and 4th week of August
- Expenses €10

### **A.S.R**

- The following positions are still vacant at Region: Chair, Vice-Chair and the Three new positions.
- Convention preparations are going well. Fundraiser being held in the Phoenix Park on the 16/08/09 for up to 30 day clean addicts at the convention.
- The new literature price list has been published. The office will be contacting treatment centres in relation to this.
- The Regional PO box has been cancelled and the Southern Area landline. The compiling of an up-to-date all-Ireland meetings list is at an advanced stage
- Western Area: Campout fundraiser went well, money problems not as serious now. Intending to do this event on an annual basis. Looking to develop a website for the Western Area.
- Northern Area: No Report.
- Eastern Area: Secretary position not filled
- The question of under 18s attending meetings will be raised at EDM and Conor, Joe and Andy will be liaising with some AA members on this subject.
- For a full report please contact Dave W ASR or Michael H AASR

### **EVENTS:**

- No Report.

**Webmaster:**

- No Report

**Ad-Hoc Committee:**

- Meeting on "Service POsitions in Area" Sept 5th 11-12 in La Verna

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Clonakilty:**

Wondering if the H&I sign up sheet was available. Answer is yes.

Wondering about the prision sign-up sheet: Answered that sign up sheet was not availble yet, still waiting for them to be sent out.

Wondering bout incident on 96fm: it was clarified martin was not speaking as a member of NA and that 96fm made the mistake.

**Fermoy:**

Issue round minors and friends attending meeting. It was cleared up that yes if it was an Open Meeting but no if it was a closed meeting. Its a group consciense decision.

**Area Elections:**

Area elections take place this month. All positions are open. Anyone interested in service on the Southern Area Committee please attend.

**NEXT AREA MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUN 13th September 2009,**

**in Y.M.C.A, CORK at 3pm.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

