



December Minutes 2014

Apologies: Anoushka M. (GSR Trinity); Niamh O (Events & Fundraising Chair); Nakita B. (GSR GF);

Attendance List: Bert M. (Chair); Michelle W.(Secretary); John O(Treasurer); Paul J.(GSR we do recover); Mairead B.(Literature Alt.); Pam W.(Literature Chair); Mark C.(Treasurer South Parish); Brendan O.(PR Chair) Thomas F.(GSR Waterford); Colin P.(ASR); Dermot M.(GSR Killarney); Martin D.(member); Donnacha C.(GSR La Verna); Damien M. (GSR Tralee); Joe E.(GSR Skibbereen); Jenny H. (Trinity Treasurer) ; Tara W (GSR Hillside Solas)

Sub Committee Reports.

Area Treasurer: John O

Opening balance: €3112

Donations: €575

Expenses: €837

Closing Balance: €2850

Prudent reserve total: €2850

Working Balance: €0

€547 donation for region this month

Public relations: Brendan O'B. (Chair), Paul N. (Webmaster), Peter H. (Social Media Advertisement), Paul J. (Poster Distribution Campaign)

CIT Presentation On Friday the 21st of November NA did a presentation to the final year Social Studies students in CIT as part of their module in addiction studies. This is the second year that we have done this and it was a big success.

Thanks to Pat for doing the presentation, and to Aileen W and Tristan M for speaking on behalf of NA. Thanks also to Niall S for being present and to Joe Moynihan at CIT for having us.

Expenses €80.

Posters. There still a lot of NA posters available, if any groups would like to get some, please have your GSR contact PR at 085-1630753.

Next PR meeting will take place on Tuesday January 6th, at 7pm in the NA offices in YMCA, Marlboro Street. All are welcome to attend. Brendan O'B.

Events & Fundraising: Niamh O (Chair)

The chairperson has been contacted by members interested in forming a committee. A fundraising event will be held in February incorporating workshops in the day time, we are currently booking a location. Members of region have committed to doing the workshops.

Note a list of workshops have been attached again (at the end of these minutes) to get more feedback from groups to decide topics for the workshops, please can GSR's get feedback from groups and relay back to next area.

Literature Report (Pam W.)

Total sales for November €279.10

Total ordered €279.10

Balance is €0.00

Expenses 0

Literature activities: We have had a quiet month, with nothing to report

Any other business

We have taken a look at the NA online shop. It is fantastic site

- We feel the added work would be too much for two people.
- We don't currently have an internet connection

We have also put forward the issue of opening the area at an earlier time.

Our next literature committee meeting is Sunday January the 10th at 12noon.

ASR Colin P.

November regional service committee meeting

Regional activities

Public relations

Need to ask GSR's to confirm the meeting list locations on the Na app are correct.

The committee is planning to have a monthly open meeting. A location has yet to be confirmed.

The committee needs people to do radio and press interviews and also to give presentations.

The regional PR committee wants to let the southern area PR committee know it is willing to help with presentations and other work if needed.

Irish Service Office

The Irish service office (ISO) has completed a series of workshops at conventions of the last couple of years the aim of which was to find out how the fellowship would like it to develop. It was clear from the response the fellowship would like the ISO to expand and to incorporate meeting space.

The ISO treasurer reported an operating balance of 5000.

This figure pays for the rent, electricity internet and covers the cost of ordering literature from Europe.

There was some discussion about reporting the accounts of the ISO with the Regional treasurer's report. This discussion is due for discussion at the next region.

Two members of the ISO committee will visit the UK service office to gain their experience on how to develop our services and funding. It was noted that currently the UK service office does not contribute to the UK region.

Treasury

Convention 14 profit of 2900 returned to the region

The insurance policy is due for payment this month, it costs € 1400.

Elections

Chairperson election – Morris O'C. New chairperson.

Vice treasurer position – Liz M.

Secretary – Conor H.

Convention treasurer – Aileen

The following positions are still available and need to be filled Vice chair, Events, literature, parents and carers and H+I .We ask that GSR's let their groups know which positions are available and try to encourage people to step forward.

Business brought to region

I put forward the suggestion to rotate the regional meeting; it was felt that the travel costs would be too great and that it would prevent people from purchasing literature from the ISO shop on the day of region.

Regional minutes – after some discussion about emailing the minutes to the groups it was decided that the regional secretary would email a copy to the area secretary's which can then be sent on to the groups.

Business for this Area

Convention 2015

The region would like to know what the areas think about having a raffle at the convention. The convention chair expressed that it may cause an issue for people with gambling addictions and would like direction from the areas.

The regional convention committee is look for the whereabouts of the Oliver Stanley cup. The committee would appreciate any information.

Expenses

Travel € 40

H&I:

Chair Joe E., Secretary Anthony M: **Vice chairperson needed**

Positions to be filled St. Helens second meeting, Arbour House, Tabor Lodge

Written handover will be given for new chair person in January.

Cork Prison meeting could do with speakers from the Southern Area.

If you would like to get involved could you please submit two passport photos, current address, past 10 year address's and date of birth.

Clean time 1 year, male speakers. Meeting is weekly on Friday mornings at 10am

H& I Group Reports:

Bruree Women

Sec: Aileen W

Group Report: Bruree Women meeting looking to change time as requested by facility to 6.30pm.

Group reports:

Cork City

Georges Quay: Women's Meeting Monday 6.30-7.45

Phone -0877731563 for directions. No report.

Rutland Street : Men's Meeting Monday 7pm No report

Hillside Solas : Monday 8.15pm & Saturday 8pm

Average Attendance: 20

Group report: new GSR Tara W.2 new treasurers, rent paid to date.

Donation: €130

Eason's Hill: Tuesday 6.15pm No report

Trinity: Tuesday 8.00pm

Average Attendance: 28

Group report: Meeting going well. All positions are filled.

AOB

Please note that we logged our preference for workshops roughly 6 months ago. We would like to see workshops on

1. Encouraging people to do service
2. Unity.

Re the ASR being sent to Belfast for the Regional Convention: 6 members attended the Group Conscience. The group was divided on the issue. Four of the members do not believe that this should set a precedent i.e. the majority of the conscience did not feel that ASR's should automatically be financially covered to attend Regional Conventions going forward. Two of these four members felt very strongly that the ASR should not have been paid to attend the convention at all. Two members could understand why it might be beneficial to the area to have the ASR attend – the sole reason being to carry back detailed information of the service workshops to the SASC.

There was a general consensus among the Group Conscience that in future, all such decisions should first go back to the groups before a final decision is made by the area. The service structure is intended to start at group level and work its way up – not at Area and work its way down. While the group understands that the Convention fell between two areas, therefore a decision needed to be made there and then – we would prefer if in future such decisions were made through the correct channels. There is plenty of notice for Regional Conventions, therefore the matter of funding should be brought to the groups at the earliest possible stage and not a week or two prior to a convention.

Donation: €75

Churchfield: Wednesday 6.30

Average Attendance: 14

Group report: group going well

Donation: €30

G.F Strength & Hope Wednesday 8pm and Sunday 2pm

Average Attendance: 18

Group report: Steady attendance

Donation: €80

La Verna Thursdays 8.00pm

Average Attendance:

Group report: Meeting going well, all positions filled.

Donation: €90.33

Dominican Centre: Friday morning 11.30 - 12.30

Group report: group going well

Donation: €70

Rutland Street: We Do Recover South Parish Community Centre Cork

Friday & Sunday 8.00pm

Average Attendance:

Group report: Group report: group going well; Julia B. was voted in as Alternate G.S.R. The group will be opening on Xmas day at 8pm. About the A.S.R was it a personal thing with the Waterford groups? Colin has done very good service for this fellowship, when he was the chair of literature he was still going to Dublin to be trained in as A.S.R, could this be a perk of the job? The 11th concept "N.A funds are to be used to further our primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly" and the thing that our group wants to know is; if the A.S.R going to the Convention has benefited the Munster area in anyway?

Feedback from group consciences concerning the 6 topics in order of preference the group would like to be in the February fundraising event:

1. Unity common welfare comes first.
2. Fully self-supporting the 7th tradition.
3. Service through sponsorship.
4. fund-raisin and events.
5. Encouraging people to do service.
6. Operating the NA telephone.

Donation: €80

Dominican Centre: Saturday 3.00pm

Average Attendance: 20

Group report: Decided to read the back of the Traditions. **GSR needed.**

Donation: €50

Cork County

Fermoy: Thursday 8.00pm No report

Skibbereen: Friday 8.00pm

Average Attendance: 6

Group report: Joe E. is the new GSR. All positions filled. Meeting going well.

Donation: €20

Youghal : Nagle House Friday 8.00 Sunday 12.00- 1.00 **No report**

Kerry

Tralee Community Development: Monday; Thursday & Saturday 8.00pm

Average Attendance: 7

Group report: Group has closed Friday night meeting as rent was not being met. As a result attendance is slightly up at other meetings & arrears are being paid off. The key requires literature and key tags but is not in a position to buy them at the moment. No meeting Christmas day.

New meeting

St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre, Tralee: Tuesday & Wednesday 1.30-2.45pm

John Street, Dingle: Tuesday 7:30 PM

Average Attendance: 4

Group report: One new member has joined the group. "Long time sobriety birthdays are celebrated this month.

Well done Tor C. on 26 years & Bert M. 19 years.

Donation: €10

Contact Tor 0872220853 or Bert 0831246634)

Killarney Pastoral Centre: Tuesday 8:00 PM & Thursday 7.30PM

Average Attendance: 5

Group report: Meeting going well

Listowel : Friday 8:00 PM No report

Talbot Grove: Sunday 8:00 PM

Average Attendance: 10 (including residents)

Group report: Meeting going well.

Waterford City: St John's Monday 6.00PM; Tuesday 8.00PM; Friday 8.00PM Saturday 1.00PM & Sunday 8.00PM

Average Attendance: 19

Group report: meeting steady. After discussion at group conscience it was decided to read the 12 Traditions at the end of all meetings.

St Francis: Wednesday 8.00PM

Edmund Rice Centre: Thursday 7.00PM

Average Attendance: 5

Group report: All positions filled, rent paid.

Limerick:

Henry Street; Br Russell House: Monday; Wednesday & Friday 8.30PM;

Abbey field: Monday 8.00PM

St John's Church: Saturday 12.15 & 1PM; Sunday 6.30PM

Tipperary No report's

Nenagh: Monday & Thursday 8.30PM

Clonmel : Tuesday Friday & Sunday 8.30PM

Aisieri Cahir : Wednesday 8.30PM

Roscrea : Saturday 5PM

Clare No report's

Ennis Friary: Monday & Thursday 8.30PM; Saturday 9.00PM

Shannon town, Clare : Sunday 8.30PM

Bushy park, Ennis, Co. Clare: Friday 8:30 PM

Old business:

- **The following region positions need to be urgently filled:** Outreach; ASR Alternate
- In conclusion of the ongoing disagreement regarding the ASR funding to the Belfast convention.

The ASR carries literature back that would otherwise cost money to send. It was agreed at area that in future area will be presented with requests for funding or atypical expenses at the first opportunity.

Guidelines will be followed and brought to group.

- Online shop for literature, it was pointed out that for there to be an online shop it would be necessary to have more servers to ensure this facility was ran efficiently, as there is such a shortage of people stepping forward to do service and that the office computer is malfunctioning it is not likely in the foreseeable future that this will come to fruition.
- There was a proposal from last area the idea to move area to another time, it was concluded that this would not be possible due to meetings taking place before area and the shop opening hours for literature.
- Again this needs to go out to groups as there was a very poor reply rate: workshops.

Can all GSR's get feedback from upcoming group consciences ;please rate these topics 1 to 6 one being the topic you wish to be work shopped the most and 6 being the least.

1. operating the NA telephone
2. encouraging people to do service
3. unity common welfare comes first
4. service through sponsorship
5. fully self-supporting the 7th tradition
6. fundraising and events.

New business:

Area positions filled are as follows:

Congratulations to. Joe E. has been voted in as the new H&I chair.

- The NA information line is inactive at the moment; this will be activated hopefully after next area in January.
- The need for emergency basic need such as a starter pack with new comer's tags was addressed at area. Some meetings have found it so difficult to cover basic rent that they have no literature or tags, a prudent reserve is available to these meeting. . . make yourselves known come to area, we are here for support & committed to unity.
- The region would like to know what the areas think about having a raffle at the convention. The group at area came to the decision that if the fellowship has to be sensitive to members from other fellowships or with co-addictions, then the idea of the sensitivity of food addicts and partners of addicts that drink alcohol is also of concern, however we agreed that there has to be a certain amount of live and let live. Also that the raffle raises large funds for NA. We agreed that there should be raffles at conventions.

Next Area Sunday 11th January 2015 3pm

Glossary of terms

ASR – area service representative

ISO – Irish service office

GSR – group service representative

PR – public relations

H+I – hospitals and institutions