



Feburary Minutes 2015

Apologies: Nakita B. (GSR GF); Damien M. (GSR Tralee); Dermot M. (GSR Killarney).

Attendance List: Bert M. (Chair); Michelle W.(Secretary); Colin P.(ASR); John O.(outgoing Treasurer); Anoushka M. (GSR Trinity); Tara W. (GSR Hillside Solas); Joe E.(H&I Chair: GSR Skibbereen); Thomas F.(GSR Waterford); Julia B. (GSR Alternate WDR); Pam W.(Literature Chair); Mairead B.(Literature Alt. :Treasurer Churchfield); Mark C. (Treasurer South Parish); Brendan O.(PR Chair); Tony K. (Convention Chair); Niamh O (Events & Fundraising Chair); Conor C. (Member); John M (incoming Treasurer); Paul N. (Webmaster); Michelle F. (GSR Churchfield); Ray E. (GSR Fermoy)

Sub Committee Reports

Treasurers report: John O

Opening Balance: €2850

Donations: €656

Expenses: €279

Closing balance €3227

Prudent Reserve €2850

Working Balance €377

ASR report – Region January 2015

Old business: There was a discussion about group contribution to pay for the insurance policy. Insurance policy costs €1440 per year. The discussion focused on whether to appeal to the groups directly from region or to let areas collect the contribution. Comparison was made with AA which doesn't have a regional policy rather each group pays for its own policy. It was felt that many NA groups would not have the funds to pay for their own policy. If someone claimed the regional officers would be liable for the cost of the claim. As a result the region has decided to take out directors liability insurance to protect its trusted servants.

PR : The PR chair is to make out a regional calender which will show all events and important dates. The PR chair informed the area that after considerable research on the topic of the new child protection legislation which would possibly require us to inform authorities if a child shares about abuse or IV drug use. Our position is that we do not have to comply because we do not offer specific services to children.

Treasury: A bank account has been set for members who wish to contribute directly to the region, The account will be called IRSC donations. There was no treasurer present so the figures are not yet available.

ISO : Some discussion about what to do with ISO surplus, one suggestion was to leave it in the ISO accounts for further development of the ISO another suggestion was to transfer the surplus to the regional accounts for the region to decide what to do with.

- cash on hand €3650
- prudent reserve €5000

Convention : The regional convention committee needs people to volunteer to serve. Currently a secretary is needed urgently.

Expenses : Travel – €40

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

The subcommittee met on Tuesday 28th of January to discuss the upcoming presentation for Focus Midleton on 9th of February. As Focus works with the homeless, our main priority for was to arrange speakers who have that as part of their experience.

Expenses: 40.04 (literature)
06.00 (travel from last month)
46.04

Next PR Subcommittee meeting is on the 24th of February, in the NA offices on Marlboro Street at 7 pm, all are welcome to attend.

Webmaster's Report:

In January there were 300 visits to the website.

Email addresses are available for any group/committee that wants one

New Meetings list for Feb 2015 is available on the website, along with area minutes etc.

Events & Fundraising: Niamh O (Chair)

As chairperson of the E&F committee; I have been attending the committee meeting for the up and coming service day being held on the 14th March Colin P is chairperson of this committee the latest report is below & was submitted at the last area.

Due to work commitments; unfortunately I will not be available in the following weeks or for the fundraiser on 14th March.

I will be keeping in close contact with Colin P as to see how things are running.

Fundraiser committee meeting 31st Jan 15 :River lee hotel

Attended: Colin P.; Mark C.; Dan Joe M.; Dean O.; Andy T.; Jamie B.;Samantha I.; Kenneth D. ; Dean C.; Julia B.; Cyril R (via skype); Niamh O. **Apologies** Philip S.

Elections:

Colin P (chairperson); Mark C (secretary); Dan Joe M (treasurer); Julia B (food chair); Cyril R (entertainment); Raffle (outstanding); Volunteers (Samantha I/Kenneth D)

Minutes:

To have 2 or 3 workshops

Mark C put it forward Julia B 2nd it that it would be 2 workshops and if it runs over its OK

Service + unity (Nail S + Davey P)

7th tradition (Pat M)

Julia B put forward that entrance should be €15 ;for newcomers €5,there will also be a donation at the door for the benefit fund for newcomers or for people that cannot afford it (bucket or register list)

Not to pay for workshops

7th tradition after every workshop

Leave the hall after every workshop and have tea and coffee in a different room (Niamh O forwarded it Kenneth P 2nd it)

The food will be discussed at the next meeting. Everyone was thanked

Literature Report: Pam W. (Chair); Mairead B. (Literature Alt.)

Total sales € 145.10

Total ordered € 145.10

Balance Nil

Expenses €15.00 (printing)

Literature Activites

Thanks to Paul N. who has agreed to come to the shop to go through the new on line shop, this will need a full vote, to be reviewed next month at area.

GSR's please do come to area next month as we are going to have Paul N give a short presentation on the new on line shop and how it works. At the moment I'm being trained in.

SHOP OPENS AT 2PM CLOSING AT 2.45 SHARP.

AOB

We need a new printer Black double sided laser printer.

Our next committee meeting is at 12 noon on Sunday 8th March.

H&I: Joe E. (Chair); **Vice chairperson needed; New secretary for H&I needed**

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

Cork Prison meeting needs 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. **GSRs please bring this back to meetings and have secretaries mention it at meetings as NA related announcements at the end of meetings.** Men volunteering should contact Anthony M. (munsterarea@hotmail.com will give his contact details). Meeting is weekly on Friday mornings at 10am.

Uncertainty about Cara Lodge and Farnanes meetings as, no contact could be made with secretaries. Will contact places directly. Tabor Lodge and Cork Prison meetings have recommenced. Thanks to Paddy C. and Aisling for taking on Tabor Lodge position. Thanks to Anthony M. for Cork Prison. No meeting at the moment in Arbor House. Will report next month on same.

Expenses: €10

Literature: €20

Bruree(meeting 1)

Sec:Brendan

Expenses:none

Att:25

All going well

Bruree (meeting 2)

Sec:Tom H.

Expenses:none

Att:25

All going well

Bruree (Women)

Sec:Aileen

Expenses:none

Att:12

All going well

Cara Lodge No report

Sec:Martin

Ceimele House

Sec:Ruth

Speaker:Dan joe

Cork Prison

Sec:Anthony M.

Meetings to begin again this month.Speakers needed.

Farnanes no report

Sec: Sarah

5B Limerick

Sec:Donna

Att:1

Looking for new secretary

St.Michaels

Needs secretary no meeting

St. Helens

Sec:Stephen

Att:12

Needs secretary for 2nd meeting and speakers.

Tabor lodge

Sec:Paddy C.,Aisling

Att:12

Expenses:10 Euro

Group Reports

Georges Quay: Women's Meeting Monday 6.30-7.45 No report.

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

Hillside Solas: Monday 8.15pm & Saturday 8pm

Average Attendance: 28

Group report: Rent paid

Donation: €90

Eason's Hill: Tuesday 6.15pm

Average Attendance: 15

Group report: All positions are filled: John Paul L. Sec.; Gerry O. GSR.

Meeting is going well. There was an issue in the past where the caretaker failed to turn up on a number of occasions to open the door. This has now has been resolved and will not be an issue in the future.

Trinity: Tuesday 8.00pm

Average Attendance: 28

Group report: Meeting going well. All positions filled.

Churchfield: Wednesday 6.30

Average Attendance: 12

Group report: **Looking for clean time support**, there are a lot of newcomers returning to the meeting needing to hear the message of experience strength and hope from established members.

Donation: €20

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

Average Attendance: 26

Group report: rent paid, donation for this month will be given with next months donation.

La Verna Thursdays 8.00pm

Average Attendance: 25

Group report: Meeting going well, though the meeting does need clean time support, established members are lacking in attendance in this group. Need an alternate GSR. Treasurers position is also available.

Donation: €50

Dominican Centre: Friday morning 11.30 - 12.30

Average Attendance: 8

Group report: All positions are filled, Rachel C. is new secretary & Elish M. has taken over as treasurer

Rutland Street: We Do Recover South Parish Community Centre Cork

Friday & Sunday 8.00pm

Secretary: Fri Jamie F. / Sun Eoin D. Treasurer: Mark C.

GSR: Julia B. G.S.R (alternate)

Average Attendance: 25

Group Report: Group going well, it has been noted that the donations have been reduced at the meeting. Doing a topic meeting once a month on a relevant issue for the group-currently looking at "Disruptive Violent Behaviour".

Group Announcements: **GSR needed.**

Donation: €

Group Contact Details: wedorecover@nasouth.ie

Dominican Centre: Saturday 3.00pm

Average Attendance: 23

Group report: There has been the suggestion of changing the group format to "Round Robin" style sharing instead of the current format of being chair led. **GSR needed.**

Cork County

Fermoy: Thursday 8.00pm

Average Attendance: 8

Group report: Group going well, all positions filled.

Skibbereen: Friday 8.00pm

Average Attendance: 5

Group report: All going well. **Secretary needed**

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

Secretary/treasurer: Marsha T

Average attendance: 5

Group report: Firstly Youghal meeting would like to apologise to area for lack of representation at area; we have no GSR and Marsha is no longer able to attend area. From now on, our monthly report will be emailed to Michelle W. (area secretary). The Sunday 12pm meeting was cancelled due to lack of attendance, the webmaster was contacted to amend meeting list. The Friday meeting has started to pick back up again after a few quite months- newcomers have attended the meeting and some members from Cork travel down on a regular basis to support meeting. **GSR needed.**

Kerry

Tralee Community Development: Monday; Thursday & Saturday 8.00pm No report

Our Lady & St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre, The Presbytery, Upper Rock Street, Tralee: Tuesday & Wednesday 1.30-2.45pm No report

John Street, Dingle: Tuesday 7:30 PM

Average Attendance: 3

Group report: All well.

Donation: € 10

Contact Tor 0872220853 or Bert 0831246634)

Killarney Pastoral Centre: Tuesday 8:00 PM & Thursday 7.30PM No report

Listowel : Friday 8:00 PM No report

Talbot Grove: Sunday 8:00 PM

Average Attendance: 12 (including residents)

Group Report: All positions are filled

Group Announcements: Meeting going well

Donation: € 40

Waterford

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

Average Attendance: 14

Group report: All positions are filled, numbers have been falling the last few weeks especially on the Wednesday meeting.

Donation: €35

Edmund Rice Centre: Thursday 7.00PM

Average Attendance: 5

Group report: Meeting going well, rent paid. **Group needs a GSR.**

Limerick No report's

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

Group Report: Clonmel meetings are struggling to fill service positions due to lack of clean time from members. No one is available to come to area.

Group Announcements: Meeting going well

Donation: €395

Aisieri Cahir: Wednesday 8.30PM

Roscrea: Saturday 5PM

Clare No reports

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

Shannon town, Clare: Sunday 8.30PM

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Old business:

- Issue of Christmas party announced in groups during NA related announcements.
- Concerns raised from the *South Parish We Do Recover Group* on whether the event was run through Area and the accountability for the funds raised by the event.

Good afternoon everybody my name is Conor C and I am an addict. I am here today to explain the full financial breakdown of a recent Christmas party that was held at the Ambassador Hotel on Saturday 13th of December 2014.

The reason I am here today to explain the above is that I believe certain members from the *South Parish We Do Recover Group* brought it to last months Area meeting and brought my name into disrepute through concerns they had at their own group conscience meeting and questioned my good name, credibility and character in relation to same.

I would have appreciated if they had approached me in person prior to this happening to invite me in person to their group conscience meeting to explain myself or alternatively would have had the kindness and courtesy to extend this invitation to invite me to Area last month to do the same.

But unfortunately I was approached by an NA member outside of these events and informed of what was said about me at Area by these Home Group members from the *South Parish We Do Recover Group* in which I was extremely taken aback by and very disappointed in. this member was a third party who was not at Area last month and passed this information on to me.

Going forward I would like to bring it to the attention of the Area that if something similar was to happen again, I would suggest that a discussion involving any member not present on the day should not be discussed without this member being present. I would strongly suggest also that this would be included in the Area guidelines so as to allow that person an opportunity to state their case and for Area and its members to work in a proper and ethical manner.

I also know that these members who are involved in bringing this issue forward from the *South Parish We Do Recover Group* have voiced personal opinions about my own recovery and how I conduct myself around fellow members of Narcotics Anonymous. I am aware that this is not Areas business but hence I would question their motives as to why they are really bringing this to Area. It is also interesting to note that this is the only group out of all the Southern Area Groups who had an issue with this and more importantly none of these members attended or supported the event on the night also.

Just to explain very briefly before I go into the financial breakdown of the night, I have run a similar Christmas night out in the year previous in the same hotel which was very successful but which was meal orientated only. My intention this year was to do the same but as the weeks went by and the event grew closer to the night, members had approached me asking about the possibility of entertainment and a raffle and spot prizes on the night.

Out of my naivety and innocence I agreed to try my best to organise this, in which I did. It certainly was not my intention to offend, harm or overstep anyone by doing this and also to note in the course of organising the night, things were progressing at a very fast pace. It was not my decision to have the Christmas Meal announced during Narcotics Anonymous meetings at NA Related Announcements time. I would have preferred if this had been announced through word of mouth outside of these times.

Through what I have been hearing and on a positive note, all who attended on the night thoroughly enjoyed themselves and all the other NA Groups around the Southern Area had no issue at all with it outside of the *South Parish We Do Recover Group*.

In hindsight and in discussion with my sponsor, looking back on the night now, I can see where certain members might question... Was it an NA fundraiser? Should it have gone through the

Entertainment and Events Chairperson? Was there a profit made and have those monies been passed on to Area? and also by donating NA books towards the raffle, how the NA name was used.

But as I said previously this was not my intention starting out, it was just intended for a meal and a night out for NA members over the Christmas period as it can be a lonely and difficult time for people in general.

If I have been seen to do anything wrong, I apologise to both NA and the Events and Entertainment Chairperson but the reasons for organising this was coming from a good place in my heart.

I understand after discussing it with my sponsor that going forward if I was ever to do something like this again to the same scale of events, I would firstly approach the Events and Entertainment Chairperson for permission, bring it to Area and get approval and go through the proper protocol for same.

So without further a due I will now go through with you all the full financial breakdown of the night.

Financial Breakdown Of The Night

Expenses

- 45 Meals @ €25 Each = €1,125
- Group Photo x 43 Prints @ 0.30c Each = €12.90

Raffle

1. 3 x N.A Books @ €13 each = €39
2. 1 Free Meal On The Night = €25
3. Dunne Stores Voucher = €25
4. Meal For 2 @ Ambassador Hotel = €20
5. Hot Water Bottle / Hot Chocolate Box Set = €15
6. Cork County GAA Alarm Clock = €10
7. Christmas Painting = €10
8. Meal For 2 @ Oriel House Hotel = Free Of Charge / Donated

Total Expenses = €1,281.90

Income

- 39 Meals @ €25 = €995
- Dance NA Members - 39 @ €5 Each = €195
- Dance Guests / Non Members -10 @ €10 = €100

Total Income = €1,270

Summary

- Total Expense €1,281.90
- Total Income €1,270.00

Loss of - €11.90

- Also Entertainment on the night and PA system and DJ Equipment were provided Free of Charge by NA Members *Brendan O'B* and *Rob H*.
- Also to add was if there was any profit made on the night these monies would go to the costings of both DJs and Equipment. However as this was not a fundraiser it was just a night out to break even and cover the cost of the event, there was never going to be any surplus of monies available.

There was a loss of €11.90 at my own expense.

New business:

Area positions filled are as follows:

Congratulations to. John M. has filled the position as new Treasurer.

Positions that need to be filled are: Vice Chair; Phone Chair; Outreach; ASR Alternate

Congratulations to Niamh O. (Events & Fundraising) who celebrates **18 years** &

Michelle W. (Area Secretary) celebrating **10 years** in recovery.

Next Area Sunday March 8th 3pm