

## **N.A SOUTHEN AREA COMMITTEE REPORT 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008**

**ATTENDANCE:** Tina, Paul, Con, Danny, Finbarr, Eric, Marsha, Paul, Gerry, Maureen, John, Anoushka, Jennie, Mary, Therese, Tracey, Enda, Elaine.

**TRADITION 4:** Read by Maureen.

**APOLOGIES:** Martin (Limerick), Dave, Martin, Michelle, Michael, Robert.

### **ELECTIONS**

The following elections took place this month at area as a continuance from last month

- **Public Relations Chairperson: Position still open.**

If you are interested in or know someone who is interested in a position please could you come to next month's area.

### **GROUP REPORTS:**

**Y.M.C.A:** Av . Att: 30. Meeting going well. All positions filled. Alan is new tea secretary. Donation: €92.22

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

**Trinity:** Meeting going well. Bertie is new secretary. Av . Att: 20 - 25. Donation: €80. All positions filled.

**Clonmel:** Av . Att: 6 - 7. All positions filled. No Donation. Meeting going well.

**Dominican Centre:** Av . Att: 25 - 30. Meeting going well. Donation €60.

**Clonakilty:** Av . Att: 7. All positions filled. No Donation. **SUPPORT NEEDED FOR SUNDAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Dean St:** Av . Att: 30. Donation: €65. Treasurer needed. Meeting going well.

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

**Churchfield (Wednesday):** Meeting going well. Av . Att: 8 - 12. G.S.R needed. Donation: €30. **NEEDS**

**CLEAN TIME SUPPORT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Churchfield (Thursday):** Av . Att: 10 - 15. Meeting going well. Jennie is new secretary. Donation: €49.

All position filled.

**Churchfield (Sunday):** No Report.

**Nenagh:** No Report.

**Traleee:** No Report.

**Listowel:** No Report.

**Unity:** No Report.

**Limerick:** Meeting going well. Av . Att: 15 - 18. No Donation. All positions filled.

**Shannon:** No Report.

**Youghal:** Meeting starting to pick up again. Av . Att: 7. All positions filled. No Donation.

**Skibbereen:** Av . Att: 5. No Donation. All positions filled.

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

**Mallow:** Av . Att: 4. No Donation.

**Fermoy:** Meeting going well. Av . Att: 4. All positions filled. No Donation. **MEETING NEEDS SUPPORT!!!!!!!**

**St. Johns, Waterford:** Av . Att: 8. All positions filled. Donation: €75.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **VICE-CHAIR:**

- Phone & Office: Everything is going well with phone and office. There was talk of having a Phone and Office workshop to raise awareness about how important this position is.
- Website: Is going well.
- Literature: Order is in. All is going well.
- Fundraising: Everything is going well with the fundraiser.
- Public Relations: Quiet this month. Danny is looking into changing back to old message simply stating on voicemail ' Looking for help call 087 138 6120, if you are a professional leave a message'.
- Hospitals and Institutions: Nine names cleared for Limerick prison. Looking at changing Mercy meeting to H and I format. Con is new secretary.

### **PHONE & OFFICE:**

- Phone is going well.
- Thanks to all volunteers.
- **Danny is looking for a secretary for Phone and Office who would possibly be interested in taking over as chairperson in September.**

### **LITERATURE:**

- Literature will be on sale from 2.30pm on the day of Area and again after Area each month.
- No order made this month.
- No requests during the month.
- Andy R has had to sign an indemnity to get An Post to re-issue the postal order. Still waiting for them to re-issue the draft.

### **HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS:**

Cara Lodge:

- Meeting being well received.
- John is secretary.
- Con spoke this month.

Tabor Lodge:

- Con is secretary.
- John, Jennie, Anoushka and Dave spoke.
- Meeting being well received.

Bruree:

- Finbarr is secretary.
- Tom and Mike spoke.
- Meeting well received.

Cork Prison:

- Paul is secretary.
- Meeting being well received.
- **If you are interested in speaking at the prison and are one year or close to one year clean give your name to John, Paul or Niall.**

Limerick Prison (Male):

- The committee would like to thank Conor for all his help with Limerick prison.
- **If you would like to speak in the prison please give your name to H&I. Passport photos as well as names are also needed for security clearance.**

St. Michael's Ward, Mercy Hospital:

- Dave O L is Secretary.
- Meeting going well.

Limerick Prison (Female):

- Not being held at the moment.
- **More females are needed to speak. If you are interested and are one year or close to one year clean PLEASE contact H&I. It would be greatly appreciated. Meetings are held on Sunday's.**

Blamey Sister's of Charity:

- Martin is secretary.
- Paul H spoke.
- Meeting being well received.

Bushy Park:

- Joe is Secretary.
- Meeting going well.

#### Expenses:

- Travel: €165
- Literature: €70
- Total: €235

#### **FUNDRAISING:**

- All going well. Event coming together as planned. N.A groups around the country have been posted flyers and posters. Fundraiser has been posted on the Southern and Northern websites. Eastern Area doesn't have a Webmaster at the moment so we couldn't post it there.
- The committee would appreciate anyone with contacts in the Eastern Area to encourage them to attend. We need people to buy tickets early so we can cover costs ahead of the event such as the price of the hotel room and the DJ equipment costs.
- At last look we had €1500, we are aiming for a total of between €3500 and €4000. The majority of this will probably be made on the night from ticket and raffle ticket sales.
- Lastly the support of the Southern Area is crucial to this event.

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

- In Vice Chair's report.

#### **OUTREACH:**

- Support is still required by drivers.

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

- No Report.

#### **EVENTS:**

- No Report.

#### **Webmaster:**

- The website is now online at [www.nasouth.ie](http://www.nasouth.ie).
- June meeting list on website with 3 updates.
- All comments and suggestions welcome to Robert or Paul or to mail address [www.webmaster@nasouth.ie](mailto:www.webmaster@nasouth.ie).

#### **AD-HOC:**

- No Report.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Tim has drafted a letter for P.R, which was passed around. The letter would be sent to doctors, treatment centres, youth services etc and would also contain an updated version of the meeting list. The aim of the letter would be to let these services know who we are, what we're about and also where to find us. Tim and Tina will look at getting a list of gp's and clinics so we can send them out.
- Hospitals and Institutions would like to sincerely thank Conor for all his help with Limerick prison (males). It was greatly appreciated.
- Hospitals and Institutions also feel that a Tabor Lodge style meeting would be better suited in St. Michael's hospital. As it is an institution it might be better to have one secretary and to bring in one

or two speakers. This will take place from next month.

- The Dominican group have an issue with people using their phones during the meeting. It is a group issue and it is up to the group whether they want to be something in their preamble or to simply announce in the meeting could people keep their phones in their pockets.
- The Youghal group requested €150 for a Public Information meeting they are holding on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July. It will be held in Holy Family Church at 8pm. It was discussed about putting together a literature pack for such occasions. This smaller pack would be for professionals on the night. Also a larger pack would be available for general use, which would come back to Literature afterward, and restocked.
- Waterford put in a request for Area to be held in Waterford. Waterford will come back next month with a venue. Area is available to help groups if help is needed. Also if any group would like to host Area please come and let us know.
- The Wed Churchfield meeting have an issue concerning inappropriate behaviours in meetings. The World Service's take on this sort of stuff is that the person be taken aside and talked to in a caring manner. The option of stressing at the end of a meeting that this kind of behaviour wouldn't be tolerated is also there. This is a sensitive issue and needs to be dealt with carefully as some people don't realise that their behaviour isn't acceptable. Also predatory behaviour isn't only limited to males preying on women, it can also be woman preying on men or same sex also. Or even people around a while preying on newcomers. There was talk of opening a woman's meeting. Men can't be stopped going to meetings as this may be against traditions but the meeting would be set up primarily for women. A suggestion given was that if it was put in a groups preamble that this kind of behaviour won't be tolerated then it would be easier for secretaries to air this. It is also up to each individual member to be aware of this issue and that **it will not be tolerated** within Narcotics Anonymous.
- We are still without a Public Relations committee. This is a **VERY IMPORTANT** role and if Narcotics Anonymous is to be in the public eye we need a committee. **PLEASE CAN PEOPLE ANNOUNCE THIS.** Even if you are unsure come to area and find out more about this position.

## N.A Southern Area Treasurer's Report June 2008

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>€1439.67</b>
Donations	
Dean St	€65
Dominican	€60
Churchfield Wednesday	€30
Churchfield Thursday	€49
YMCA	€92.22

Trinity	€80
St. Johns Waterford	€75
Fundraising	€300

**ADD € 751.22 (Donations)**  
**€ 2190.89**

Expenses	
Rent (Direct Debit)	€ 100.00
Rent (Area Room)	€ 7.00
Secretary	€ 13.00
Phone and Office	€ 20.00
H&I Expenses	€235.00
Youghal P&I Meeting	€150

**SUBTRACT € 425.00 (Expenses)**

**Closing Balance € 1765.89**

Prudent Reserve (500)
Fundraising Reserve (300)
Convention Reserve (500)

**SUBTRACT € 1300.00 (Prudent Reserve)**

**Working Balance € 465.89**

**NEXT AREA MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2008,  
in the Y.M.C.A. in CORK at 3pm.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**