

June 28, 2021, Area Service Committee of Chinook NA

Discussed at admin meeting that GSR's are acting in accordance with consensus decision making, and making decisions on behalf of their group as representatives of that group

Introduction and group reports

- Bill, ASC Vice Chair, GSR Sowing the Seed
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday at noon
 - Contributions sent to treasurer
 - GSR Alt is not present
- Tim, ASC Chair
- Ron, ASC Literature chair
- Jon, Area H&I Chair
- Gina, Chinook RCM
- Shane, Area Treasurer
- Amber, Area PR Chair, GSR Living Clean
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 - Doing well
 - Virtual platform still
 - Area contribution, sent a couple of weeks ago \$65
 - Great attendance
 - All over the globe
 - Tuesday and Thursday at noon
 - Actively seeking home group members who are willing to be active; need help
 - Group has a discussion topic to be spoken about later *
- James & Chris, Just for Today
 - Mentoring for a GSR
 - 15-25 people, 1-2 newcomers
 - Doing fellowship after the meetings
 - No contribution to Area at this time
- Joel E, Literature Vice-Chair
- Liam, GSR Alt, Swinging into Recovery
 - Attendance is still good
 - Thursday 7pm
 - Membership is steady
 - No upcoming birthdays
 - No contribution to Area at this time
- Tanya, GSR Serenity Sunday
 - 10-20 online and in person
 - Treatment attendance
 - Strathmore group donated to help a group in the city
 - Contributed \$50 to ASC
 - Active home group members to open and close meetings
 - Needs assistance for ATB account

- Pat (Cranbrook)
 - Attendance is slipping a bit, 8-10 people per meetings
 - Second group starting fairly soon, awaiting more info
- Laura, GSR Alt Fresh Start
 - Wavering attendance between 6-9
 - Hospital still unsure whether the meeting will remain or not
 - Rent is officially what is given to mental ward of the hospital
 - With COVID restrictions lifting, will potential reopen by end of July
 - Amount owing since March of last year, though not needed it whole due to COVID
 - Holding back donations to area to commit to the rent instead
 - Need support
 - Friday, July 2nd, Connie S celebrating 1 year
 - Friday, July 9, Ed birthday for 7 years
- Pete W, GSR Night Vision
 - Newly elected
 - Sharing the message
 - 20-35 average attendance
 - Treatment centres have returned
 - Steady newcomer attendance
 - Rent is paid in full and on time, literature in stock (low) and key tags are given out and are often taken by attendees
 - 7th tradition risen
 - \$50 contribution to ASC
 - Held elections and have new members of service
 - Kamiika GSR Alt
- Kalle P, Free to be GSR
 - June 29, Andrea, 4 years
 - Online
 - Saturday, June 5 workshop, attract and keep newcomers
 - 16 in attendance
- Troy, GSR Recovery in Progress
 - Tuesday night in Airdrie
 - Higher attendance
 - Newcomers and regular comers
 - June 29, Caitlyn F 2 years
 - No contribution to Area at this time
- Ninar, GSR Alt Beltline Serenity
 - New church location as of July 2: St Gilies Church
 - Steady attendance, slightly less than normal due to nice weather
 - Unsure of Area contribution
- Wendy, interested member
- Jarrid, GSR Courage to Change (Medicine Hat)
 - Attendance about 20

- Only 4 active members, need more active members
- Sundays at 7pm Bridge Church
- Had their first BBQ since Covid
 - 20-30 people, 10 for the meeting afterwards
- Dan, GSR MIR
 - Tuesday 7:30-9 Foothills lutheran Church
 - Decreased attendance, live and in zoom
 - Capacity decreased from 30-15
 - Rent paid
 - No contribution to Area at this time
- Michelle, GSR We do Recover (Medicine Hat)
 - 3 meetings: 2 hybrid (Monday and Wednesday at 7pm) and Thursday zoom at 2pm
 - In person attendance has decreased
 - 6-12 in person, zoom is typically double that
 - Struggling to find members to commit to service position
 - Had 23 members, now have 6 active members
 - 7th tradition suffering
 - No contribution to Area at this time
 - First group activity: July 24, scavenger hunt with more details to follow
- Mike D, GSR for A Simple Way of Life
 - Attendance is about 15 per meeting
 - 6 active members
- Kamiika, GSR ALT Night vision
- Kyle, GSR Life Happens
 - Thursday at 8, Sunday at 7pm, zoom for now, potentially life pending Huntington hills but capacity of 5 and only on Thursday. Pending restrictions lifting, will consider it again
 - 3 months strictly zoom
 - May add another 3rd meeting
 - No contribution to Area at this time
 - Business meeting Sunday, July 4
 - Average 10 attendance
 - Eddie, Sunday, July 4, 1 year
 - Dave R. July 7, 16 years
 - Need some help, only 5-6 active home group members
 - Business Meeting asked to bring to area: issues with zoom bombers, wanting someone who can admit people in the waiting room to avoid zoom bombers (information discussion topics)

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- Laura makes a motion to approve minutes

Admin Reports:

- ASC Chair: No report

- Was active in the home group for treasurer and finding new location for his home group, so was not able to work for Area as much, and not much needed to be done

Laura asked: are we doing reporting or basing it on the reports sent out.

Tim responded: brief synopsis for new members who did not get email meetings and to send emails to Ninar for submission for the email list

- Bill, Vice-Chair Report:
 - Thankful to be elected
 - Attended subcommittee meetings (except literature)
 - Will attend next month
 - Apologize to H&I chair for disturbance at the meeting. Intend to foster unity and not create contempt
- Secretary: Open position
- Shane, Treasurer:
 - Email issues for submission, will be resolved for the next meeting
 - Balance of \$1919.47
 - Receipts collected: \$667.05
 - Disbursements: \$2,108.06
 - Noteworthy: \$317.93 went to AI-Sask contribution?
 - Noteworthy: \$1008 to Pattison for PR Advertising
 - Can do e-transfer now, though would prefer paying them directly
- Gina, RCM Report:
 - Attended regional June 12-13 on zoom
 - Discuss proposals tables by the regional table
 - Bring proposal from regional for discussion to area at new business
 - Intend to have admin body from regional attend area
 - Attaches posters: one-day zoom convention, but they way to open it up for one-day in person: TBD July 4 (await email for confirmation)
 - Selling merch online (information in the report)
 - Cana-scan: what we would like to see Cana do for us
 - Two nights: July 7, and July 18, everyone welcome
- Ad-Hoc: Location for ASC
 - On hold until things open. No report

Laura asked: group is asking for a picture shown of what the bus advertising is

Amber responded: She will show it during her report

Tim, Chair advised that we all put discussion items in the chat for further discussion

-----Break: 7:18-7:30-----

- Joel, Literature report:
 - May sales \$1,110.81
 - Purchases \$4194.18
 - \$1,267 inventory

- Bank balance: \$4915.69
- Literature for H&I, ASC and PR, \$446.86 (including some from last years based on electronic funds)
- Secretary needed for Literature Sub-committee
- John, H&I report:
 - June 2nd, 2021
 - 9 in attendance
 - 3 treatment centres have panel presentations
 - Dream centre presentations are weekly *revised from report that said monthly
 - Monday evenings
 - Sandstone now in person on the third Friday of every month
 - AARC – panel bi-weekly starting June 28
 - Need volunteers for panel coordinators and speakers
 - Orientation will be determined in the next day or so, sometime next week
 - Open positions:
 - Secretary
 - Vice-chair
 - Panel Coordinators
 - Questions:
 - How to volunteer? Re-orientations and orientations first (especially as panel chairs)
 - Reach out to John (H&I Chair) at Hospitals.institutions@chinookna.org
 - Where on Facebook? Chinook Area of Narcotics Anonymous
- Amber, PR Report:
 - Laura's question: bus picture



- Total expenditure: \$205.70
- Phone line orientation:
 - 2 people attended, slight disappointment in turn out
 - Need assistance

- Will do another one soon: TBD
 - Will do more to attract people into service
 - Note: had a newcomer reach out to the phonenumber for inquiries about attending a meeting since seeing an advertising on the bus!!
- BC Meetings on the BC Websites even though they are part of Chinook Area
- Attended region:
 - Presented on awareness campaign
 - Well-received by other areas who would like more details
 - Can't provide details on YAP yet, as it is awaiting region
- Advertising: leveraging space on digital spaces in elevators of Pattison in downtown residential buildings
- Amber will not be at the next Area meeting as previously discussed; however, will have a member sent as proxy
- Open positions:
 - Vice-chair
 - Social Media coordinator
 - General members
- **Next meeting: July 14 at 7pm**
- Dave G, GSR Fresh Start (joined at 7:46) was being a superhero grandparent
- Outreach report: not in attendance

Old business:

- None

New business:

- Life happens zoom bombers:
 - Zoom bombers and how to deal with that:
 - Kyle: as per group conscience, wanted someone willing to be “bouncer” who would take on this role, as people are fed up with being stuck in the waiting room. Ideally a non-home-group member who would be willing to sit and do this
 - Amber and Jon offered to reach out to assist with other ways to handle this request
- **Proposals:**
 - Living clean group, proposal brought up in introduction:
 - **To allow for more inclusiveness to our Regional meetings in the hopes of attracting more members to allow for service rotation. It is impractical for interested members to observe by travelling to the meetings. For the safety of participants travelling during the winter months. To allow for more participation by members of the region who might want to sit on any committees at the Regional level but cannot do so because of the cost of travelling to those meetings to participate. For the prudent use of NA funds from the Fellowship.**

- TLDR: Ensure that region continues to use online tool so that everyone in the region can participate should they choose to.
 - Feedback:
 - Issue with intent: Region meet in Sept/Oct then again in April, and doesn't have a large amount of traveling in the winter
 - Gina (RCM) Response: Region meets in January as a check-in. This is being discussed by region. Anticipate more info will be available at the next area meeting. Intention for Sept meeting to be in person, and to see what the set-up for hybrid will be; all pending re-opening on July 1.
 - Amber: intent it to have the ability the meet virtually so those who want to come can.
 - Hybrid will be beneficial for people with physical limitations
 - CBDM (Consensus based decision making)
 - Laura to amend the proposal to make a statement for physical limitations of people.
 - New proposal
 - Submitted for proposal to Region
- IDT: Issue Discussion topics
 - Fresh Start and Beltline:
 - Fresh start wants to look at how we are doing committee reports, or lack there of – ideally, no reports at ASC
 - Beltline has solution for it: google document
 - Does it have to be a google account? Doesn't have to be google except when creating a google document
 - Troy: related back to secretary discussion, add to secretary role
 - **Official Proposal: I propose that we change the way in which we submit reports utilizing the google document software to increase efficiency and ensure all members have access to reports in a timely manner (AKA instantly). The intent behind this is that it limits the work being done by individual committee chairs, increases efficiency, ensures reports are easy access and makes an easier transition for new members to view reports when they are newly elected in and can be kept up to date. This also limits report time as everyone has access to the reports at every ASC and we no longer need to have varying email lists; which makes it more organized.**
 - We would need to make a change to our PNP's to create this
 - Issues:
 - Newcomers are already overwhelmed
 - Requires people to be more tech savvy: email is more simple
 - Who is going to be doing this?
 - View only link on chinook NA on the website, used each month
 - Suggestion to try this proposal for a month:
 - Send minutes from tonight, and temporarily use this method for next ASC
- Region Proposals:

- Proposal 3 from the PR chair:
 - **To create a regional public relations committee which would be responsible for carrying out public relations in the ALSASK Region. In order to proceed we would need the commitment of resources (people to fill the positions) from the Areas. No additional financial commitment would be required at this time.**
 - **Intent: To support our current regional Public Relations Chairperson. His current responsibilities as outlined in the RSC policies and procedures are as follows: Maintain & update the website, maintain and update the Regional Meeting List, to reach out to the community as a whole by letting people know that NA exists and how they can be reached, coordinate with CANA FD West to provide NA or present report to the RSC, Check phone lines daily, respond to email, support/mentor ASC PR chairs. We as a body feel that these responsibilities are too much to ask of ONE trusted servant and should be carried out by a committee of service members. The possibility of sending a liaison to the region from the area public relations committee was discussed and seemed like a great idea to populate the regional public relations body. That would be an area decision of course**
 - Issues:
 - Why do we need a committee for this?
 - Concerns regarding mandating a committee, it seems there is support and this should be a choice and not a mandated committee
 - Goes against structure from Area to Region, not Region to Area
 - **Objected by Chinook Area**
- Next regional meeting: September
- **Old business tabled for next meeting:**
 - ***Proposal 4: To meet in person in Lloydminster on September 11 & 12, 2021*
 - ***Proposal 5: To have Region Service Committee Phonenumber switched to an automated system that redirects calls to the required areas.*
 - Need more info: \$30/month, standard IVR number for Region

Nominations:

- **Treasurer:**
 - Take it back to home groups as an open position
- **Secretary:**
 - Ninar is nominated by Amber, seconded by Kyle
 - Stand-for it with answer back by next month, with questions to be asked at the next meeting
- **RCM Alt:**
 - Take it back to home groups as an open position

- Convention Chair:
 - Take it back to home groups as an open position

Announcements:

- John C is taking 3 years on Wed at the Sowing the seed

-----*Meeting closed with third step prayer: 8:59pm*-----