

CASCNA NOVEMBER MINUTES

Meeting called to order by chair: Joe A

Opened with moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer

Service Prayer: Stephanie

12 Traditions: Brandy H

12 Concepts: Cory S

Purpose/Function: Shawn

Approval/amendments of last month's minutes: yes

Area Positions/Committees Roll Call

	Present	Absent	Vacant
Chair		x	
Vice Chair		x	
Secretary	x		
Treasurer	x		
Activities	x		
H & I		X	
Surrender Under the Stars	x		
RCM	x		
Fellowship Development	x		

Home Group Roll Call

	Present	Absent
805	x	
Active Change	x	
Athens Serenity		x
Hope not Dope	x	
Humble Hearts		x
New Horizons	x	
No Matter What	x	
Someone Believes in Me		x

Not Fade Away	x	
Today There is Hope	X	
Turning Point	X	
Rooms for Improvement		x
Open Arms	x	
Second Chances		x
From the Ashes Spiritual Sisters	X	
Spiritual Conditions	x	
Architects of Recovery	X	
Getting Real Group	X	
Up and Down	x	

The Fix	x	
Rise and Shine	x	
Hugs not Drugs		x
The Kiss	X	

New Group/s:

KISS Group
Wednesdays 7pm
255 Broad St Sw

Cleveland TN 37311

Quorum: **Established**

Administrative Reports

- **Chair Report**

AREA CHAIR REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

11/19/2023

Hello Family,

First, Thank you Chelsea for filling in for me in my absence it is greatly appreciated. I am under the weather right now and could not be there today. There are a few things to take care of today, we have two motions to vote on and a election to take care of. Thank you all for being here to participate today. As far as what we talked about last month, yes we will be updating the area guidelines but in the future, I am not there today to appoint a ad hoc committee chair person so we will hold this over for another day. Also being held over is the Area Service day or learning day as well as the service day for activities and H&I. I think those are things we can work towards for the upcoming new year. Plus it will take some planning on my part for that and I am not there to open that up. On another note, I heard from Jason, treasurer, that Gary is going to have to cash the \$198 refund check from Public Storage before we can deposit it into our account so we are working on getting that done as well. Again I am sorry I am not able to be there today, Hope and pray everyone is doing well and ready for the holidays! Remember VRC Is next weekend if you don't have anywhere to go for the Holidays come celebrate with us throughout the weekend at the Marriott!

In Loving Service,

Kim P.

423-316-2625

Area Chair

- **Vice Chair Report**
- **Secretary Report**
- **RCM Report**

Hello family,

I hope everyone is doing well. Nothing much to report on. VRC 41 happening

Thanksgiving weekend at the Marriott downtown. The website is 2023.vrcna.org. I will also attach a flyer to my report. Region will be held on Sunday 11-26-2023 at the Marriott if anyone

would like to sit in and experience what a regional meeting. If anyone is potentially interested in stepping up for RCM in January this would be a good opportunity to see what all is involved.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

I.L.S.

Joe A RCM

- **Treasurer**

CASCNA

Treasure's Report

November 19, 2023

Greetings Family,

As instructed last month I held \$500 back from areas donation to region which left 112.22 that was forwarded to region. For the month of November, we started with a beginning balance of \$1,134.06. We took in \$422.15 in area donations. We had \$613 in expenses. Our prudent reserve is \$500. This left us with \$443.21 in available funds. It is my recommendation that we continue to hold funds until we receive a check amount from activities for the Winter Bash.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns and thank you for allowing me to serve.

In loving service,

Jason N

Treasurer

Home Group Reports

- **805**

805 Report to Area – November 2023

Dear Family,

The 805 is going well. We continue to have regular attendance at our Monday meeting with about 20-42, Tuesday women's about 8-10, Friday's about 22-37, and Saturday meetings roughly 20-48.

We have an Area donation this month of \$128.40.

Area motion voting:

- PASSED - Surrender motion to increase the seed money by \$2500 from \$5000 to \$7500.

Motion by Amy S, second by Vince B.

- PASSED (13 FOR, 5 AGAINST, 2 ABSTENTIONS) - Ad Hoc Motion for the Area to provide support to the Chill Out on Chilhowee campout committee as an Area event. The nature of that support is primarily public relations and assisting with guidelines to promote unity. Intent of the motion

is to provide guidance, accountability, and support to the annual campout. The expectation is the event be self-supporting financially. Motion by Tom B., second by Dee C.

- PASSED - Motion to vote Dee C. in as Area Activities Chair. Her resume shows 3 years Surrender secretary and currently her home group GSR. She has always completed her positions. Motion by Joe A. second by Amy S.

Celebrations coming up:

- December 2, Saturday, Kim P., 7 years

- Dec 8, Hiram T 29 yrs and Laban S 2 years

I wanted to share a recent experience about liability insurance for home groups. We had an injury at our Saturday night meeting that resulted in a 911 call, ambulance evaluation, and transport to the ER. As facility liaison, I had to report to the church that this had happened. About a week later, the church asked if we had a liability policy. The answer is no. Also, the individual who was injured ultimately had no significant injury, no bleeding or broken bones, was evaluated and released, and was a with a treatment center, who would have had their own insurance policy to cover patients on outings. Nothing ever came of the event. Here are some findings our Area might be interested:

- I have found no NA home groups in the Chattanooga Area nor in the Volunteer Region that have a liability insurance policy.

- I asked a local AA member about this and they do not know of an AA group in the ChattanoogaArea that has a policy.

- Neither the Volunteer Region nor the Chattanooga Area Service Committees carry any blanket policies that cover home groups.

- Researching the internet, the Northern California Region jumped out as a Region that does have a blanket policy that covers all home groups in their Region.

- I talked with the Georgia Region of NA Insurance Liaison David C. (connected to me by Jimmy N, who did our Area inventory) about that Region. They had a blanket policy for their Region that covered home groups until, within the last year when, through a mix up, failed to send their premium payment and the company cancelled their policy. The company does not appear willing to reinstate the policy, so there is no Region policy covering Georgia home groups any more at this time.

- In sum, the norm is that most 12-step groups in the TN and GA regions do not have liability insurance. This may be of surprise to your meeting facility, who might just be under the assumption that all our groups actually have something like this. Our church partner where this incident occurred was surprised by the fact that no groups in this Area have a policy.

- I have taken the liberty of talking with a local broker about getting a policy. I explained that we can't ask a single individual to take out a policy in their name for the group. This puts all the liability on that single individual if something should ever happen. I said we would need a policy that is only in the name of the home group. So I filled out an application without any name other than "805 Group of NA" and the broker forwarded it to an underwriter. We are waiting to see what the underwriter returns as an offer, if any. (Please note, this does not obligate me to buy the policy, it's just to see what the offer would look like.)

- The next question I will have for the broker/underwriter will be, could that policy cover all groups in our Area, or even our Region? A question to our Area home groups would be, are we willing to support together in unity a premium payment for a policy that covers us all, and if so, would doing so impact a home group's autonomy? I kindly ask the GSRs to discuss this among your home groups.

ILS,

Tom B., GSR

- **Active Change**

Active Change GSR Report November 2023

Hello Family,

My name is Tristian I am an addict. Everything is well at Active Change. We still meet every Sunday starting @ 6pm CST. With all meetings coming from the NA literature. Attendance is dropping slightly. We have sent an area donation for \$38.35 this month and a donation of \$37 from last month. No celebrations or announcements.

In Loving Service,

Tristian M.

- **Anonymous Group**
- **Architects Of Recovery**

Celebration **Shay M. 6 years Dec 6th**

Area donation- \$112

Meeting going well, steady attendance and home group member growth

No concerns within our group or at the area level

MOTIONS:

- 1) Increase surrender seed- In favor
- 2) Make chillowee campout area event – not in favor
- 3) Dee C activities chair- in favor

- **Athens Serenity**

Happy Sunday everyone. First , I would like to take a moment to recognize the loss of one of our members. The unexpected passing of Tabetha from Athens is heartbreaking. It could happen to any one of us at any time. We must keep in mind we are only given a daily reprieve contingent on our spiritual condition.

Other than that, I am pleased to report that Athens Serenity Group is trudging the road to happy destiny with an average of 7 to 13 in attendance. We will be changing the time of our Thursday night meeting from 8 pm to 7pm beginning December 21st. Also, I noticed the schedule reads that we have a speaker meeting the last Sunday of every month. We need that to be removed as we generally have open meetings on Sunday, unless there is a celebration. We have no donation for area this month. Thank you for allowing me to serve. -Love, JESS-

- **From The Ashes/ Spiritual Sisters**

From the Ashes

11/19/23

All is well at From the Ashes. Our home group is continuing to grow. We are averaging 45 ppl at our Thursday night meeting. The Friday night meeting is averaging about 10 women. The Saturday night meeting is averaging 15 ppl. We have a \$50 donation to area at this time.

We have four celebrations this month,

Steven S 1 year 11/30

Lisa W 5 years Mare T speaking 12/1

Hillary B 1 year "Ask it Basket" 12/30

Cheyenne H 1 year 1/4

In Loving Service

- **Getting Real**

- **Humble Hearts**
- **Hope Not Dope**
- **Never Alone**
- **New Horizons**
- **New Realities**
- **Next Right Thing**
- **Not Fade Away**

Hello Family,

All is well from The Not Fade Away group of Narcotics Anonymous. We have an average of 15 women at our Wednesday night meeting. We have an area donation of \$50. this month. We have one celebration for the month of December, Chelsea W. with 4 years on December 20th, Sarah S. from Knoxville will be speaking.

In loving service, Brandy H.

- **No Matter What**

No Matter What

November 19, 2023

Greetings Family,

All is well with the No Matter What group. Our attendance continues to be strong with an average of 45 to 75 people per meeting, this month. Our donation for Area is \$204.

Celebrations for December 2023:

December 1: Tim C. 3 years
 December 8: David C. 33 years Kris L. speaking
 December 29: Lydia S. 10 years

Grateful to be of service,

Dee C.

- **Open Arms**

Hello family all of going wills at open arms we are in need of more home group members we have 1 celebration December 22nd Anthony F celebrating 5 years Steve R is speaking

- **Rooms for Improvement**

- **Second Chances**
- **Someone Believes in Me**

Greetings all.

Things are going well with the someone believes in me homegroup. We are averaging approximately 25-30 people at meetings between our sat, sun, and Wednesday night meetings. We have several celebrations coming up in December.

12/3 lance b..1yr

12/6 Jeff j....6yrs

12/10 James m 1 yr

12/13 Matt b 6 yrs

12/17 Jerry f 2 yrs

12/20 Keith p 6yrs

We donated 10 basic texts to VRC. We have an are donation this month of 50.00. As always thank you for allowing me serve.

Your humble servant,
Kathy b

- **Spiritual Conditions**

Good afternoon family, the Spiritual Conditions Group is doing well. We have been averaging 31 people a meeting over the last month. The majority of our attendance continues to come from treatment centers in the local area. We averaged \$23 per week in 7th tradition funds. We are not presenting an area donation this month; however we are donating 10 basic texts and coffee for VRC.

We have three anniversaries for the month of dec.

Steve P 1 year 12-29

Collin F 1 year 12-29

CJ G 8 years 12-29

As the majority of our meeting attendance consists of newcomers (between 10-20 per week) we would like to ask for support from any experienced members to visit and help us guide the presence of the Spiritual Conditions Group.

We are currently planning to hold a speaker meeting monthly and are asking for volunteers. Anyone willing to speak at pout group please get with me after the meeting.

Thank you for your continued support and allowing me to be of service.

Bryan P.

- **MTC**
- **Survivors**
- **Today There's Hope**

Today theres hope is doing great. We have an average of 30-35 addicts in attendance agt our weekly Thursday meeting. I am filling in for our gsr Matt K. so our area donation will be brought in next month. We are still making our way through the Livibng Clean book.

Celebrations:

David G 2 years 11-30

Devin P 1 year 12-14

Edith T 21 years 12-7

Keith L 17 years 12-7

- **Turning Point**
- **The Fix**

Hey family,

The Fix is doing well. We are averaging 10-15 addicts per meeting and have an area donation of \$52. We have no upcoming celebrations for the next month. Also please announce that on Nov 25 we will not be holding a meeting. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Christina p.

- **Up or Down**

- **The Rise and Shine Group**
- **Hugs Not Drugs**

Subcommittee Reports

- **Activities**

Activities Sub Committee November 2023 Report

Greetings family:

Activities Sub-Committee met today with 12 in attendance.

The Sky Hike in October was a success!

Hunter B. stepped up for Vice Chair and was voted in unanimously.

Rayvn C. has announced her intention of stepping down from Treasurer. Kathy B. has graciously accepted and will start training with Ravyn this month.

The Activities Sub-Committee is requesting from Area the amount of \$500 to cover our budget for Winter Bash.

The flyer for Winter Bash is currently being designed and will be available soon.

Yours in grateful service,

Dee C.

Activities Budget 2023-2024

Activities Budget 2023-2024	Event Name	Est. Amount Needed
January		
February	Chili Cookoff	\$150.00
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August	Unity Day	\$175.00
September	Field Day	0.00
October	Sky High Hike	0.00
November		
December	Winter Bash	\$475.00
Totals:		\$800.00

- **Fellowship Development**

Greetings Family,

FD met on November 12th, 2023

TIME: 1:11PM ATTENDANCE: In-Person: Joanna R, Vince B. On Zoom: Jason S, Steve R, Cory S (temporarily), Shockey.

REPORTS:

SECRETARY - JOANNA R

- Read last month's website report

WEBSITE - JOANNA R

- Changed Tuesday morning Rise and Shine Group meeting time from 7AM to 7:30AM
- Added Area birthday list to events page
- Removed outdated flyers from events page
- We had 2,653 views and 1,345 visitors in 8 different countries
- 2,603 views in US, 31 in Belgium, 7 in China, 5 in Canada, 4 in Italy, 1 in Ireland, 1 in the Philippines, and 1 in Germany

MEETING SCHEDULES - RAVYN C

- Changed Tuesday morning Rise and Shine Group meeting time from 7AM to 7:30AM

PHONE LINE - STEVE R

- 73 calls
- 281 minutes
- 3 schedule calls
- 1 voicemail call (returned)
- 4 forwarded calls
- 3 male
- 1 female
- Anthony is almost finished with updating all phone line materials
- Steve still needs to orientate 2 females volunteers
- Steve is waiting for a response to see if Anthony updated Wednesday's meeting schedule on the phone line and Steve will update Tuesday morning meeting's time change on the phone line
- Orientations at Speaker Spooktacular went well
- Still doing finishing touches on creating the manual for phone line volunteers
- We currently have around 15 people orientated for the phone line; the list contains some people who are new to recovery but by the time they cycle to the "Active List", they would have the appropriate amount of clean time to hold the position. The "Active List" currently contains 7 people, still need 1 female for a full roster

- The phone line has more than doubled our contacts of orientated volunteers since the Speaker Spooktacular, we thank the Fellowship for your interest and willingness to get involved!

CHAIR - VINCE

- Vince sat in at Region(?) and got verification for allocated monies for the bus signs (\$600.00)

- Vince will contact Ravyn for completed bus signage to submit to Area and to submit to CARTA

NEW BUSINESS:

- Shockey attended Fellowship Development and announced that AA meeting "High Nooner" has been growing exponentially and has requested we open a noon NA meeting at the East Brainerd Club at the same time as their meetings are so that the overflow from their meeting can more comfortably attend a meeting at the same time and location. I asked him if he was aware there was an NA noon meeting that meets every day about 10 minutes down the road from the East Brainerd Club and that we'd love to have them. We told him that the NAchattanooga.com website is also the perfect guide to local NA meetings to anyone seeking information on that and he wrote it down along with some other questions we had for him to bring back to his home group; such as "how much would the rent be" etc. Vince and Shockey agreed to stay in contact with each other and more will be revealed next month on the progress made in their communications - Vince mentioned that our noon meeting is struggling right now and one option could be hosting the NA nooner meeting at the East Brainerd Club one day a week (potentially Wednesday) and he plans to bring it up to his home group at their next business meeting to see what the group thinks. Vince also said he would reach out to Anthony to see if he could possibly be a point of contact with the SLA (Sober Living America) which is the majority of the new members attending the AA High Noon Group to see if there's a way Fellowship Development could serve them.

- PSA's: Vince and the group voiced desire to see PSA's on Area website, radio stations, etc. - since treatment centers in Chattanooga seem to be growing rapidly, and treatment is not recovery, it's treatment; we believe now to be a very important time to bring our name to any and everyone that needs it. Vince has a World PSA that we can use as a point of reference. PSA's are free - and we have in-roads to people with the World Service Board, and we have resources on how to curate an NA PSA specified toward the Volunteer Region. We will also check out any information we have about PSA's in the PR Handbook and discuss more at the next Fellowship Development Subcommittee.

- 12 Traditions Learning Days coming up! We are very excited to start a Learning Day journey, if you will (coming with the new year!) where we will be learning about the Traditions. Similar to the Group Booklet Learning Day we hosted a few months back, this will be an opportunity for NA as such to gain deeper understandings of the Traditions - we have another subcommittee coming up in December where will try to

have more details nailed down (such as timing, location, facilitating volunteers, etc.), but we've currently been discussing whether we will host one Tradition Learning Day a month, or 2 Traditions in one day every other month, so as to get through all 12 Traditions within a year's time. This will be included in the Events Page on the NAchattanooga.com website as well as being included in FD's reports at Area. Jason S plans to ask St. Peter's Episcopal Church if we could use that location to host these events and Vince B is asking First Church of the Nazarene the same. We're considering hosting it on the 1st Saturday of the month (likely every other month "odds or evens") so as not to interfere with any other subcommittee or group meeting times. Potential timing of events: 9am-1pm - with time for discussion at the end so if anyone needs to leave early to attend the noon meeting or something, they can without missing any of the presentation. We discussed having about 2 people present/facilitate, one member of which will be a member of Fellowship Development as well and Jason S said he is willing to be the single point of accountability for the 12 Traditions Learning Day events. Our goal is to have a January or February 2024 Tradition study.

- Meeting schedules were ordered a little late; they might not make it to Area so we will distribute them to groups accordingly.

Thank you for allowing us to serve,
- Fellowship Developme

- **H & I**

Hello family,

I attempted to log onto zoom for the meeting, but however no one was on.

H&I is alive and well in the Chattanooga area. Focus, Sholze, Walker State Prison and CADAS are going well but as always we could use all the help we can get to insure the strength and diversity of the message we are trying to carry. We have great willingness for going into facilities but can always use new faces to help carry the message better. We also still really need people to sign up and help go to the Prison. To fill out the application you can find it in the NA Chattanooga website under the h&i page. Please feel free to call me anytime there is something with H&i you have questions or comments about or is there is anything you think we can do to better serve the addicts in these facilities. We spent 135.62 at the spooktacular o have submitted the receipts for reimbursement. We ordered 278.05 in lit this month. We slay raised 233 dollars to buy white books for different facilities. We did not have a meeting this month due to it being the same time as vrc. We will meet next month at our regular time. As always it has been a honor and a privilege to serve our area and the addicts in these various facilities.

In Loving Service,

Anthony F

- **Surrender Under the Stars**

SURRENDER TREASURY REPORT

November 2023

Greetings Family!

The bank balance as of October 14th was 12,068.88

Transactions since October 14th:

Bank Service Charge x1 = \$5.00

Our current bank balance is \$12,063.88

All checks have cleared. The damage deposit was returned. See previous spreadsheet for details.

Activities Monies – Activities monies remaining in the Surrender bank account are \$26.87.

Two checks were written today:

Liz W., Surrender Vice Chair – To cover the cost of new signage for Surrender 2024, in the amount of \$250.00 (discussed during our last subcommittee meeting and declared in our last report)

CASCNA – In the amount of \$4,287.01. These are the funds exceeding the \$7500 in seed money.

After these deductions are made. The Surrender bank balance will be \$7500.

The current spreadsheet and bank statement are attached.

In Loving Service,

Lydia S. Surrender Planning Committee Treasurer 2023

- **Chill Out Ad Hoc Committee report to Area –**

necessary expense. (There are showers and bathrooms.)

o Up to this date, the front end food cost was paid for by individuals who then were reimbursed by the event (see Future Suggestions for more detail on this). However, this practice is being discontinued. Future PCs will need enough in the seed money from year to year to fund the culinary needs (estimate of \$1200).

o CASCNA would be responsible for printing event flier/registration forms (See Future Suggestions for more detail on this).

- Public relations –

o There were about 55 people in attendance at the Saturday night speaker meeting. Roughly this was a count of the number of campers.

o There were very few “day trippers” who came from the local area to partake in events. This could be related to the lack of promotion in the CASCNA area and the distance to drive. The campground is 40 minutes drive from downtown Cleveland, TN, 1 hour from the Collegedale Municipal Center, and 1 1/2 hour drive from the Tennessee Aquarium (for reference). The distance could be a hindrance to local support, which means less registration money. By comparison, the Surrender event is a 30 minute drive from the Aquarium.

o According to current PC members, the event usually attracts 140-150 people, but this particular year, the campout changed weekends, and some claimed they couldn’t make the new weekend dates. There was a heat wave over the region the weekend of the campout, which was widely spread over many media outlets. Some people cannot endure camping in the heat and may have stayed home.

- Human resources –

o This was the 21st year of the event, but this was the first year a formal PC was established to coordinate the event. The event had been organized by a handful of dedicated attendees from Cleveland TN and from outside the area. In recent years, the coordination had become increasingly challenging to those individuals, which was the reason why they asked the CASCNA for support. They recognized the need for a formal PC for accountability-sake and to share the burden of coordinating all aspects of a campout.

o The 2023 PC consisted of NA members who live both in the CASCNA area and in other states. Their planning meetings were held via Zoom. This contrasts with Surrender Under the Stars, where all planning committee members live locally and meet in person. The Ad Hoc Committee chair Tom attended a PC meeting via Zoom. This was observed to be run very much like any Surrender planning committee meeting.

o According to the PCs final report, approximately 6 out of 9 PC members will not be serving on next year's PC but have offered to be available for consulting. If this were a CASCNA activity, the CASCNA should consider the recruitment effort to fill all PC slots and weigh against the human resource needs for other obligations (e.g., H&I, Activities, Fellowship Development and Surrender Under the Stars).

Efforts of the Ad Hoc Committee

The purpose of this section is to document the Ad Hoc Committee's efforts to learn as much about the COOC campout as possible in order to provide the CASCNA home groups with enough information for them to make the best decision they can for the Area.

6-18-23 – met with two PC members and one Ad Hoc Committee member after the same CASCNA meeting where the Ad Hoc Committee was formed.

6-19-23 – Ad Hoc chair interviewed the current PC chair.

6-29-23 – Ad Hoc chair interviewed the current PC vice chair.

6-29-23 – Ad Hoc chair attended a PC meeting via Zoom to observe and meet other PC members.

7-29-23 – Ad Hoc Committee met virtually to discuss all findings to date.

8-25/26-23 – 3 out of 5 Ad Hoc Committee members attended the campout.

8-27-23 – Ad Hoc chair discussed with the PC vice chair what the Ad Hoc Committee's process would look like in terms of the CASCNA process on how they would decide.

9-16-23 – Ad Hoc Committee met again via phone to discuss the campout and the PC's final report. Two members were present and two were absent, but the Ad Hoc chair called the two absent members later to discuss the same things and get their feedback.

9-17-23 – Ad Hoc chair talked with programming chair about the NA History workshop. The programming chair stated they were unaware ahead of time that the workshop speakers were going to focus specifically on the controversial topic of non-fellowship-approved literature.

9-18-23 – Ad Hoc chair talked with treasurer about the final financial report and if the event made enough seed money for the next year, which they did.

The Campout

The campout went from Thursday through Sunday. Three of the five Ad Hoc Committee members attended the campout.

- Thursday was an "early bird option" with only an early evening speaker and late evening

campfire meeting.

- Friday had a morning meditation, hot dog eating contest, spiritual principles workshop, dinner, main speaker in the evening, a glow stick meet-n-greet, and late campfire meeting.
- Saturday had a morning meditation, breakfast, guided spiritual walk to the falls, spongeball/fishbowl meeting, NA History workshop, dinner, auction, clean time countdown, main speaker in the evening, and a late campfire meeting.
- Sunday had a morning mediation, breakfast, morning speaker, and an optional whitewater rafting trip.

While all the camp events seemed very similar to the Surrender Under the Stars events, there was notable exception- the NA History workshop. This workshop did not carry an NA message. Rather, it was a resentment-fueled agenda meant to inform newer members that the fellowship they are counting on to save their lives is actually some hijacked version run by an uncaring corporate office of people who aren't even addicts. It was a very divisive lecture that created uncertainty, disunity, and confusion. The "Baby Blue" time period in NA is part of its history, but there were so many more positive, unifying events and milestones that could have been discussed to instill a sense of confidence and unity among the participants.

Be that as it may, the outer circle of our NA symbol "denotes a universal and total program that has room within it for all manifestations of the recovering person." This applies to all addicts seeking recovery regardless of what their personal stance is on the history of NA literature. For the record, the chair of the Ad Hoc Committee discussed the history workshop with the Programming Chair after the campout and said they were not aware of what specifically the workshop leaders were going to discuss.

The Ad Hoc Committee feels the rest of the campout was conducted according to the Traditions and that the focus and opinion of the few history speakers is no reason for the CASCNA to not support the campout.

Conclusion and Recommendation

The Ad Hoc Committee group conscience has arrived at three options:

1. The Committee recommends the Chill Out campout as an Area activity without hesitation or suggestions.
2. The Committee recommends the Chill Out campout as an Area activity with hesitation and suggestions.
3. The Committee does not recommend the Chill Out event as an Area activity.

Based on our observations and group conscience, we the Ad Hoc Committee have chosen option 2: The Committee recommends the Chill Out campout as an Area activity with hesitation and suggestions.

Future Suggestions

- Guidelines –

- o Guidelines should state the event's purpose and all activities be geared toward that purpose. We do not support the disunifying content that composed the NA History workshop. Speakers should be vetted for clear NA messages that are unifying and support the purpose of the event.

- o Specific guidelines should be approved by the CASCNA. Simply operating under "The Guide to Local Service," while important, is insufficient to ensure a clear, unifying NA message and for a campout's needs.

- o The guidelines should also state what the seed money goal is for the campout to make in order to maintain self-support into the next year.

- Financial accountability-

- o The PC needs to have a bank account with two signers, for example, the treasurer and the committee chair.

- o Registration with payment should be done through a website portal and/or through a mail PO Box by check. PayPal, Venmo, CashApp, etc through a person's private bank account is unacceptable. Cash payment onsite is acceptable but a receipt should be kept and given.

- o The PC chair should be present at all CASCNA meetings, or their designated representative such as the vice chair or treasurer, with a written report of the committee's current status and efforts.

- o A financial report should be submitted each month to the CASCNA, including bank statements. The Surrender committee is expected to hold these same accountabilities.

- Smoking policy –

- o The event needs to develop a smoking/vaping policy that prevents smoking/vaping among the crowd at all meetings, workshops, and activities.
- o Exposure to smoke/vape is harmful to children, anyone with health or lung problems, and to all non-smokers and smokers alike.

o Smoking/vaping should not be allowed under the main tent or within 25' of it (or anywhere upwind of it) at any time during the weekend. Too many people use it as a gathering place, even if a scheduled event is not going on.

- Culinary chair and vice chair with helpers –

o It was observed that getting “kitchen help” was a challenge, so having a culinary team (chair, vice chair, and few dedicated helpers) could improve that situation. It’s a great way to involve newcomers and those who can’t afford the registration fees.

o Future events should have enough seed money to prepay the culinary team to purchase all the items they need. Having people purchase everything out of their own funds and then get reimbursed out of the weekend’s revenue is unacceptable.

o The culinary chair should present a menu and a budget to the PC for approval well in advance of the campout. The treasurer then issues a check for the budgeted amount in the week or two leading up to the event for the culinary team to go make their purchases.

o The menu for the weekend did not include a variety of healthy food groups. It was primarily meat with few vegetables. Ideally, the menu would be approved by the entire committee. The menu should consider children as well.

- Camp clean up –

o It was observed that getting enough helpers to clean up on Sunday was another challenge. It was reported that not even all PC members stayed to help. This can ruin morale and unity and create resentments at the end of a great weekend.

- Human resources –

o Effort should be made to recruit committee members from both Chattanooga and Cleveland so that the PC is not all Cleveland people or all Chattanooga people. Having committee members from other states serve on the committee would not seem to be an issue, but it would be seem highly preferable for the chair and the treasurer to be local, with at least the chair being present at the monthly CASCNA business meetings. The Surrender committee has the same expectations.

o If the event cannot staff a complete committee, then the guidelines should address a course of action. Having one or two well-meaning people “pick up the torch” and just do the campout anyway without a committee is never a best practice.

The Ad Hoc Committee thanks the CASCNA for allowing us to be of service. We hope this report gives home groups the necessary information they need to make an informed decision.

In loving service,

Bekka S.

Sydney H.

Joe A.

Jason N.

Tom B.

5 Minute Break: taken

Moment of Silence to bring meeting back to order.

Sharing Session/Group Concerns/Issues-

Old Business

New Business

Nominations/Elections

Surrender motion- 15 yes 1 no

Adhoc COC- 10 yes 3 no 2 PNV 1 abstain

Dee C 15 yes 1 abstain

Nominations/ Motions

Winter bash motion attached to email

Motion voted on:

Surrender motion:

15 Y

1 N

Adhoc Chillout on Chilhowee

10 Y

3 N

2 PNV

1 A

Present Open Service Positions

Announcements/Events: Please start thinking about Area positions. We will be taking nominations in January and then voting in February.

For more information on Chattanooga NA events and meetings please go to the NA Chattanooga Web Site at <http://www.nachattanooga.com>

Celebrations:

Events/Announcements: Group booklet flyer in attachments

REMINDER: N/A.

GSR's Attention!! Please take back to homegroups that Activities needs major support. Activities meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 1:00pm Collegedale Municipal Celter, 4910 Swinyar Drive Collegedale TN 37315. Also, on ZOOM: Meeting ID 596-811-1398 Password: clean

If you or your group needs a motion/resume/expense form, please see the separate attachments.