

# GULF COAST AREA MINUTES

## January 14, 2018

The meeting was opened at 11:00 a.m. by Tammy G.  
 Minutes were recorded by Tom K. and Tammy T.

**Traditions:** Linda E  
**Concepts:** Chad  
**Definition of an ASC:** Cam

### Open Forum

Linda E.— Under construction needs support.

Patty K. ---- Groups sending monies to NAWs should make sure that your group is registered. Also don't forget that we have plenty of costs associated with our sub-committees.

Bob C.--- New group, "After the Rush" on Mondays 7:00 pm at Salus care Cape Coral, Starter Kit requested.

Will O. --- Lehigh on recovery questions time frame in motion for email reports

Linda M.--- Can subcommittee chairs sit away from the table so GSRs have seats.

**Motion to accept last month's minutes:** Yes:

<b>Chair</b>	Tammy G	P	
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Matt S	P	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Patty K	P	
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	Doree	P	
<b>Secretary</b>	Tom K	P	
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	Tammy T	P	
<b>RCM</b>	Steve H.	P	
<b>RCM II</b>	Andrew	P	
<b>Activities</b>	CJ B	P	
<b>H&amp;I</b>	Shelly S	P	
<b>Literature</b>	Vinny L.	P	
<b>Newsletter</b>	Open	--	
<b>Policy</b>	Open	--	
<b>P.R.</b>	Joe R	P	
-----GROUPS-----			
	<b>A Shot of Hope</b>	P	
	<b>After the Rush</b>	P	new
	<b>Back to Life</b>	P	
	<b>Against All Odds</b>	A	1

Bridge to Recovery	P	
End Of The Road	-	2
Dare to Win	P	
<b>Do or Die//Folded</b>	--	--
Filling the Void	P	new
Goodfellas in Recovery	P	
In the Solution	A	1
It Works	P	
Just for Today	P	
Keeping It Clean	P	
Last Stop	P	
<b>Late Night Recovery</b>	-	3
Lehigh on Recovery	P	
Live and Let Live	P	
Lost Dreams Awakened	P	
Never to Early	P	
<b>New Beginnings</b>	-	2
Not Quite There Yet	P	
Rainbow Group	P	
Saturday Night Live	P	
Sick as Our Secrets	P	
Sistas Journey	P	
Together we can	P	
The Truth Will Set You Free	P	
Ultimate Weapon	P	
Under Construction	P	
Women Do Recover	P	

### Establish Quorum

- **Total: 25**
- **Quorum: 13**
- **Policy Change: 14**

### RCM Report

Good morning Gulf Coast Area. Region was held at The Bonaventure Resort in Weston in December. Andrew and Steve attended Region together. On Saturday Andrew attended the H&I subcommittee and Steve attended the PR subcommittee. We both attended ADMIN on Saturday afternoon. Those reports are available if anyone is interested a copy of the minutes will be included with this report. Sunday morning the RSC came together at 9 am. 13 areas were present at the start of business. The secretary's report was given and accepted on the floor. The RCM and subcommittee reports were then given. Notable items on those reports include the SFRNA H&I subcommittee is looking for t-shirt logo designs for the annual t-shirts sale. Flyers and info is available to submit designs by next Region. Also SFRNA made a donation of \$18,530.38 on top of a previous donation of \$10,000 for a total of \$28530.38 minus pre-registration for the next convention for a grand total of \$17,795.38. WOW!

Elections: Joann and Renee were elected to the BOD unanimously.

Old business: All budget motions were passed. A motion to with old all NAWS donations until FIPT inspection is resolved was tabled.(10-12-17) A motion to accept donations from other area, regions, and groups for the purpose of the legal fees associated with the inspection request was also tabled.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer suggests an increase of the prudent reserve from \$12,000 to \$18,000. South Broward made a motion to increase the prudent reserve to \$30,000. Motion and discussion was tabled to the next Region's cycle.

New business: To go back to groups is The Gulf Coast Area motion.

Motion: 12-8-17

Maker: Gulf Coast

2nd: Beach and Bay

Motion reads: That the SFR stop the NAWS inspection request.

Intent: To have the groups decide and have a true group conscience of the inspection request.

No donations were made to WSC or SEZF

Next Region will be held in February at the Crowne Plaza in The Gulf Coast Area. See everyone there!

In loving service, Steve and Andrew

## Sub-committees

- **Activities:** Attendance: CJ, Sophia, Lynn, Ashley, Racheal, Dorree, (new member) Samantha  
Activities would like to hold a "Colors to Freedom" glow in the dark party.  
Wear your white shirts!!  
March 10, 2018  
Waiting on confirmation of location  
Tentatively at William Austin Youth Group  
315 SW 2nd Ave Cape Coral  
6pm-10pm  
Pizza and Music  
3 speakers to start off the night.  
\$5.00 suggested donation
- **H&I** We had 39 members present at the subcommittee this morning. There is plenty of willingness. All is well in H&I. ILS Shelly
- **Policy:** NONE

**P.R:** We have begun Distributing our Flyers with helpline information to Lee County high schools and Middle schools. We're short on meeting list today however will be receiving 1000 more on Monday. Please contact myself or Mark S.

Meeting lists have been switched to the new three-panel format. Going forward, please be sure to hand me an extra flyer for every celebration and event so we may update the website accordingly. I will be reaching out to the H&I chairperson to facilitate public relations having a bigger presence and more support in our local learning day. We submitted a motion requesting an additional \$2,190 for our annual budget which will include \$1,890 for add cards in 21 more buses, this will complete all 36 buses in Lee County, as well as the two new bench ads. The breakdown is \$140 a month additional for the bus and cards, and \$210 Upfront for the printing of these add cards, as well as \$25 a month additional for the bench ads which totals \$300. \$1,890 + \$300 equals \$2,190.

ILS, Joe Rollo

- **Literature:** H&I ordered \$192.00, area lit order was \$1285.95 and PR was \$63.25 with a total of \$1,541.20 ILS Vinnie.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Area motions

Motion 12-01-17—Ammended to State “At the end of the day” instead of “the end of ASC”

Passes 22/0/1

### Regional motions

none

**NEW BUSINESS** Motions numbered in red are to be voted on at the group

### Area motions

Motion 01-01-18-Returned to maker of motion for clarification, First part of motion was made at the last ASC and the intent was addressed in motion 12-01-17.

**Motion 01-02-18 Made by PR, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lost Dreams Awakened reads;** PR is asking to add to its budget \$2,190.00, for bus ad cards and bench ads. \$140.00 per month for 21 bus cards, plus \$210.00 up front cost for to print cards. Also \$300.00 more for extra bench ad @ \$25.00/month.  
 $\$1,890.00 + \$300.00 = \$2,190.00$

Intent; To reach more sick and suffering addicts and have a better presence in our community.

No cons were given on the floor, the pro is the intent.

### Regional motions

**At our ASC in Dec we made the following motion.**

Motion 12-02-17 Just for today 2<sup>nd</sup> by Back to life. To direct the South Fl. Region to stop any and all dealings pertaining to motion 12-05-16, and send the motion out to groups for a true regional Conscience. Intent: To make sure that this is the true conscience of the Region prior to proceeding with any action.

Somehow this is the motion that was made on the Regional floor, but it is what we need to vote on.

**Motion 12-8-17**

**Maker- Gulf Coast**

**2nd- Beach and Bay**

Motion reads: That the south Florida region stop the NAWS Inspection request.

Financial Impact- NONE

Intent- To have the groups decide and have a true group conscience for the inspection request.

. This is the motion that was written in the Regional minutes in Dec of 2016.

Motion 12-05-16 Maker: East Central Florida Second: South Broward Motion Reads: Motion: We agree in principle that the South Florida Region request an inspection of the records and operations of NA World Services per the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) dated May 2012 in accordance with ARTICLE V: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BENEFICIARY pages 16-17.

Intent: To hold Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc (NAWS, Inc) accountable to the fellowship and to accurately account for all money coming in and out of NAWS as well as looking at literature related contracts between NAWS, Inc and outside organizations. In all the time since the FIPT was created this has never been requested. It is time to do so!

Related Issues: The current financial statements coming out of NAWS, Inc do not tell us what they are spending money on except in highly generalized terms. They refuse to clarify their financial information claiming that what they have provided is in accordance with California and Federal law. They also refuse to state what kind of deals they make with outside organizations in relation to literature sales saying they don't legally have to.

NAWS, Inc was advised of the Drug Strategies website (<http://www.drugstrategies.org/NAMeetings/Florida/>) giving away free NA literature in November 2015. We have been advised that it will take at least a year to investigate and even more time to go through a legal action. On the other hand, an online Group ([www.nabasictext.com](http://www.nabasictext.com)) was issued a Digital Millennium Copyright Act takedown notification within 24 hours of the website going live by NAWS, Inc.

Cost: Indeterminate as Jeff P (SFR Regional Delegate) originally estimated around \$2,000, but this could be considerably less depending on whether we can get other Regions to help pay for this.

References:

[http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/legal-sales/2012\\_FIPT\\_Final.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/legal-sales/2012_FIPT_Final.pdf)

<http://www.nabasictext.com>

<http://www.drugstrategies.org/NA-Mettings/Florida/>

## **Nominations**

Nominations open for Policy and Newsletter..

## **Elections**

Tom K for secretary---**Elected**

## **Group Reports**

- **A Shot of Hope:** A Shot of Hope is great. In the business of saving lives. Attendance is great. Looking for a new location. More will be revealed.
- **Against All Odds:** Starting in January Shane C. will be the new GSR. The message of NA and hope is being carried. Attendance is growing and good. Home group grows as well.
- **Back to Life:** No report.

- **Bridge to Recovery:** All is well. Meeting well attended with a nice mix of newcomers and addicts with time. Frank M. will be celebrating 37 years on Jan 26<sup>th</sup>. Please come and celebrate.
- **Dare to Win:** Attendance is really great and Rob R. will be chairing for 2 months.
- **Filling the Void;** Monday night 7pm Freedom clubhouse Step/Tradition from basic text Open meeting
- **Goodfellas in Recovery:** The group is doing well, attendance is between 25-35 each week the message is being carried We are always. We are always seeking new members and trusted servants.
- **In the Solution:** No report.
- **It Works:** Awesome meeting, good meeting for sharing and message is being carried. Good attendance.
- **Just For Today:** All is running smoothly. Flyer was made for Ashley H 3 year Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and Travis B 7 years on Feb 18. Heatherann is the GSR and Rick P is the alt.
- **Keeping it Clean:** Meeting attendance is good. David L. celebrates 1yr on Wed. Jan 24<sup>th</sup>. Phil C. celebrates 7yrs on Thursday Feb 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Late Night Recovery:** Carrying the message to the sick and suffering addict. Lots of newcomers in attendance. Saturday is from the Living clean with a lead in speaker.
- **Last stop .** Group is doing well. New members join us this month. Continuing to carry the message
- **.Lehigh On Recovery:** Recovery is strong in Lehigh. We have new regular attendees and our home group has 2 new members. Prudent reserve is up again.
- **Live and Let Live:** Group continues to carry the message, attendance has dropped a little, rent was barely made last month and trusted servants are in need.
- **Lost Dreams Awakened:** We continue to carry the message to the newcomer. Attendance is steady. Haley C. & Ashley L will be celebrating 1 year on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Never Too Early:** The time change to 9:00 am has improved attendance and the group is serving the Area more effectively.
- **New Beginnings:** No report.
- **.Not Quite There Yet:** Attendance and basket \$\$ were down in December due to Christmas Eve and New Years Eve falling on Sunday. Still carrying the message and the home group is strong. ILS, Jen G.
- **On Solid Ground:** No report.
- **Rainbow Group:** Doing very well, attendance is good and rent is paid. Pat A. is celebrating 32 years clean. We will announce when we will be celebrating.
- **Saturday Night Live:** Regular attendance. Cam E. & Tyler B. celebrating 1yr Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Sick As Our Secrets:** Meeting is small but good. All is well.
- **Sisters Journey:** Group continues to serve our primary purpose. On average weekly attendance is 10-15 women with 4-5 newcomers. Vaping is no longer allowed in our meeting as per facility.
- **The Last Stop:** No report.
- **The Truth Will Set You Free:** Our meeting is increasing and our home group is growing.
- **The Ultimate Weapon:** Attendance is good and the message is being carried. Kyle W. will be celebrating 2yrs Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Together We Can:** Send minutes to me.
- **Under Construction:** I brought a flyer announcing that our group needs support. Please announce our meeting and location to your groups. It's an NA meeting that has a slightly different flare. Please come to visit.
- **We Do Recover:** No report.
- **Women Do Recover:** Group is well. 1st Tuesday of the month we read the step corresponding with the month. We have a celebrant speaking on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Announcements--None**

**Meeting closed at 12:07**

**Next Area Service meeting will be February 11th.**