

CASC Meeting Notes 6/30/19

Opened the meeting at 2:07pm with the Serenity prayer, the 12 traditions, the 12 concepts of service and the service prayer.

A low number of GSRs were in attendance due to the odd meeting date, this is the reason why the meeting started late.

Roll call- there were...

- 18 GSRs present
- There were Officers Present

Approval of last month's minutes (which were never distributed) was not asked for. The minutes are in the process of being brought together and will be sent out ASAP.

Elections

It was explained once again that elections are an "all-vote" meaning that GSRs as well and subcommittee chairs are allowed to vote.

Jess is applying for the position (clean date -2/26/18) of alt secretary. She is the group GSR for Miracles in progress, but has no area, region or world experience (yet). She is openminded and willing to learn. She has good clerical skills. She is excited to learn and interested in expanding her horizons. She is employed full time and willing to travel if needed. A question was asked if she was willing to give up her GSR position for this ASC position. She responded yes. She was also asked how she could improve the problem of GSRs not receiving the minutes even though they had signed up to receive them. She provided a good suggestion of sending out a mass "test" email to see if there were bounce backs or if some were not received.

Pro- involved, attentive, regular attendance. It was also noted that she is regularly attending the area and not only that, but attentive while here. Se also seems to know all of "that computer stuff" too.

Another question was asked if she was able to stay impartial and deliver the minutes as they occurred and not get emotionally attached to deliver bias minutes. She responded that her children have helped her learn patience and she feels like she can deliver the minutes as they occurred and not her opinion about them.

A vote was taken, there were 22 votes for, 0 votes against, and 5 abstainers.

Tina applied for convention fundraiser chair. She says that she is openminded, ready to learn etc. She has no experience with the job, but is willing to seek help.

A question was asked regarding the ability to be the first there and the last out for events- is she willing to commit to that. She replied that she was. She understands the importance of leaving a venue how they found it as well.

Another question was asked if she would be committed to all fundraisers- not just a select few. She agreed that it would be important and would commit to that.

Another question was asked- how likely do you think you are to complete this position, and do you feel you will be accountable to the funds that are collected? She replied that she is an accountant by profession, so her record keeping skills are exemplary- everything will be reconciled down to the penny. She also replied that she wants to see the convention thrive and be successful. Since fundraising is vital to this convention, she feels strongly that she would serve well and complete the requirements for the position.

A question was asked about what she had an idea to do regarding rebuilding trust, creating excitement, and find some new people and new service opportunities to get more people involved. She feels like this will get people excited about the activities in our area. She wants to get a consensus about what the Area wants to do and not just what she or her friends want to do.

A question was asked about segregation about activities- is she willing to try to bring the area together instead of further creating divides between the different people of our area. She is aware of the issue and feels that this would be something she feels as though she can improve. Another (similar) question was asked regarding outlying meetings and bringing activities to Zebulon, etc. She has experience recruiting people from all over the place to come to functions and has a record of being successful in fundraising.

The question about financial unmanageability was asked- is she trustworthy? She said that she is not going to put herself in a position to mismanage the money. She would have 2 people handling, counting, depositing the money.

Pro- She was part of the convention ad-hoc committee, she did a great job in that position.

Another pro was given that she sounds knowledgeable and would be an asset to the area.

No cons were given, so we go to a vote.

There votes 23 for , 0 votes against and 4 abstainers.

Delphyne applied for alternate RCM (clean date 10/23/93). She has extensive experience in Group service and area service. She stepped down from a couple of positions, but has never been removed from one. She has a passion for service and feels as though it enhances her recovery. She is retired, and can travel with this service commitment.

A question was asked about her stepping down from a position, would she be committed to this new position? How do we know she won't step down from this one? She said she will not.

A question was asked about her prior position- she did not complete her last job, was unwilling, or unable to do it. What makes this new position different? She replied that she had no help and was overwhelmed.

A question was asked about reliable transportation, and she has it.

A question was asked about her attitude towards feeling attacked. Her attitude seems a little heated- she rolled her eyes and blew some people off- or at least it seemed as though this was the case (per the question). How is she going to deal with a heated environment at Region

when she has problems in the Area? Her response was that she will conduct herself appropriately ("I will").

Another question was asked as a follow-up to the previous- is she willing to work on herself in these areas in order to reflect this area appropriately? Also, is she willing to be a part of the group or is she going to represent Delphyne at the Region? She said that she is able, and provided some supporting information.

Pros- Kay said she is going to run for RCM again, and is willing to work with her so that next year she will be able to step up and carry the message. Another pro was given that she has held a lot of positions in a lot of different areas.

Cons- A concern was raised that she is very defensive and emotional and since she is representing our area in this position, she will have trouble doing this in a neutral fashion. Another con was given that this might be another area where we let someone slide on a problem they are experiencing. The job she previously held she didn't do. Not only were tasks not getting done, but she was in fact standing in the way of stuff getting done.

A vote was taken- 3 votes for, 17 votes against and 5 abstainers.

Maria applied for the position of PR chair (clean date- 3/17/2015). She has had home group service commitments, but has not had experience in Area. She is willing to learn and excited to get involved.

A question was raised about how she was going to learn the position when she has not been involved in that subcommittee before. Would the previous PR chair kind of help her along?

Maria replied that a lot of good people with experience are currently sitting on the subcommittee- and the previous chair is also available to help get her well oriented.

Another question was raised- does she have any personal experience she can share where she would show that she is a good fit for being our public face? Maria responded that she is a work in progress- but feels as though she will be a good fit for the position. She is willing and excited about the opportunity.

It was remarked that if she was nervous, she didn't show it. Then, it was brought up that the PR chair is very much a management position, does she have leadership skills? She replied that she has been in retail for 15+/- years and has had positions that had employees below her. She was able to successfully manage their time and training in work related areas.

Pro- Maria has taken risks in her life to build a clientele of people who relate to her, trust her, etc who are not in the program. She would be a great person to carry our message to people outside of the NA program because of the way she relates to people. Another pro was given that she has intergrity, is not ego driven, and communicate very well. She seems to be a very nice fit for this position.

A vote was taken- 20 votes for, 5 votes against and 1 abstainer.

Kay ran for RCM position (again). Her clean date is 8 years ago. She has home group experience, area experience (and in this position exactly, in fact). She went into the position

last year and was put directly into the chair expecting a 2 year commitment (alt for 1 year then chair for 1 year). She is just wanting to fill out the 2nd year of her term.

A question was asked- knowing the position since you worked it last year, do you feel like you have the knowledge in order to do this now? She said that she feels like she is teachable and a good teacher.

It was asked what her position was last year- she was elected as the alt, but ran as the chair. In fact, she was the chair and the alt. There was a lot of discussion about why she was even running since it's a 2 year term and she only ran for 1. Clarification was made and the election ran forward. Another question was asked about the conflict of interest between her sitting on the serenity fellowship reunion board as well as the RCM position.

Pro- She works hard and would do well in any position. Another pro was provided that she was thrust into the position at first after 2 months- she is qualified and willing.

No cons were given.

23 yes 1 no 1 abstainer – she was voted in.

Elizabeth ran for Alt. RCM. She has had GSR and treasurer positions in 3 homegroups, and has completed all of her service positions successfully. She understands that she would be learning the role as the alt- feels qualified to bring the message. She is willing travel and has reliable transportation. She was held Outreach chair position, has been a panel leader in H&I for 2 years, she is on an H&I panel that she intends to keep, but is willing to let it go if it is a conflict. A question was asked regarding the relationship between her and the RCM- it is a healthy, fun relationship.

Pro- Elizabeth expresses a great interest in service, she knows that she is carrying the message, not her opinion. Also, her resume speaks for itself. She has completed all of her positions and has stayed in some for long times. She is well spoken.

No cons given except for Elizabeth, who was able to give a con on herself.

A vote was taken- all for, 0 against and 0 abstainers.


Positions still open-

Alt ASC chair, Treasurer and alt treasurer, alt policy chair, etc.

New Business-

Proposal by the convention subcommittee to have a one-time combined convention with the New Hope area. It is presented in the spirit of unity. It would be held in June or July of next year. There are details regarding the financial part- splitting proceeds, splitting the fundraising and the deposits. Since there is not likely to be enough money available for the next convention- combining efforts might be a good idea. A question was raised about who was going to be the contacts for the other area who we don't know? How are we going to show accountability across 2 areas when we have historically do it with one? If there is a misappropriation of funds of any kind, who is accountable? There were so many questions that it was decided we go back to the other area and ask all of these questions so that we can come

back next month with the answers. It was decided that we should email Chris any questions to ask them.

@gmail.com – Chris's email address.

Officer Reports

- Chairperson

Thank you for letting me serve. We are excited about moving in a positive area.

- Alt. Chairperson

None

- Treasurer

Starting balance \$1495.75 Brought in \$411.10 Checks and deductions \$572.93 Ending balance \$1333.92 which is \$466.08 below prudent reserve. Took in \$388.35 from donations today.

- Secretary

Stepping down to let Jessica step up and fill the position.

- RCM

No info today, only quarterly meetings. Next one is July 14th in Wilmington NC. She was asked to bring back info regarding Serenity Fellowship Reunion. It would appear as though since they are supported by a homegroup, they are an official NA function.

Subcommittee Reports

- Policy

Report included in minutes. Please read the summary at least, as it is important to bring back this info to your homegroup. The draft policy needs to be brought to the floor again.

- Convention Subcommittee

Brought \$356.59 in and deposited it into the bank from a recent fundraising activity. Next event is July 13th, open mic spaghetti dinner for \$10. Come out to support. Flyer to be posted to the website. There was some controversy over charging entry for an event labeled NA birthday celebration. Ultimately it was stated that no one would be turned away.

- H&I

Lots of good stuff at H&I. Leah stepped up to alt chair position. There is 1 vacant panel leader position, as well as an orientation leader. Monthly orientations should start at noon, now, instead of 12:30. This way new members can take part in the meeting. A guidelines handbook was created for our area- it took the world guidelines and basically made it applicable to our area. This manual will be emailed to the web servant and posted to the H&I section of the site. Due to time constraints, there is a proposal to remove H&I from activities again, but it will be discussed next month.

- PR

New positions filled- everything running smoothly. =) There are still positions available. The next printing of directories will be in September, and business cards will be printed again. The booth at the Opiod misuse forum went well.

- Outreach

All is well, we doing good.

- Activities

none

Homegroup Concerns

There was a group concern about charging entry for NA events. I'm not sure who wrote it, it claimed to be from Primary Purpose. This will be included into the minutes.

Second Role Call

There were 13 GSRs present at the 2nd role call.

Close

At 4:55.

Note: The first CASC meeting of the new service cycle will be held on August 4th, 2019.