Bay Area Service Committee Minutes for

January 11th, 2014

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Moment of Silence & Serenity Prayer Definition of an Area Service Committee (ASC) Introduction of New Members to the Area Service Tradition/Concept of the Month Roll Call / Group Reports

HOME GROUP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
1. The 11 th Step Beach Meeting	P	P	P	P
2. Always Here	R	R	P	P
3. The Autonomous Group	A	A	A	A
4. Basic Meeting	P	A	P	P
5. Bay Area Youth	A	P	P	P
6. Be a Part Of	P	P	P	P
7. Beach Group	A	A	A	A
8. Breaking Chains	A	A	A	A
9. Clean Harbor	P	P	P	P
10. Come As You Are	A	P	P	P
11. Defeating Our Addiction (D.O.A.)	P	P	A	A
12. Dopeless Hope Fiends	A	A	A	P
13. Do You Really Want to Know	P	P	P	P
14. The Dunedin Group	R	R	P	P
15. Freedom Group	P	P	P	P
16. Get A Life; Get Off The Horse	A	A	A	A
17. H.O.W. Group	Α	Α	Р	Р
18. Happy and Free	P	P	R	P
19. Hope for Hope	P	A	P	P
20. I'm Clean On Fridays (I.C.O.F.)	P	P	P	P
21. It Works	P	P	P	P
22. Just for Today	P	P	P	P
23. Keys to Recovery	P	P	P	R
24. Life's a Beach	P	P	P	P
25. Life's in Session	P	P	P	P
26. Living Clean	R	P	R	P
27. Logical & Educated	A	A	A	A
28. Miracles Happen	P	R	A	A
29. Morning Serenity	P	P	A	P
30. Never Alone	A	P	A	P
31. New Attitudes	P	P	P	A
32. New Beginnings On Southside	P	P	A	P
33. No Pain No Gain	A	P	P	P
34. Noon Group	P	P	R	P
35. The Point of Freedom	P	P	P	P
36. Primary Porpoise	A	A	A	A
37. Regardless Of	P	P	P	A
38. Relax and Recover	P	P	P	P
39. Resurrender	P	P	P	P
40. Saturday Night Live	R	P	R	R
41. Save Your Ass	P	P	A	P
42. Serenity in Addiction	P	A	P	P
43. Serenity on the South Side	A	A	A	A
44. Sisters in Serenity	P	P	P	P
45. Spiritual Principles	P	P	P	P
46. Spiritual Solutions	P	P	P	P
47. Staying Clean on the South Side	-	-	-	P
48. Stairway to Recovery	P	P	P	A
49. Step Free	P	P	P	P
50. Sunshine	P	P	P	P
51. Trust the Process	P	P	P	P

New To ASC: Madeline - Alt GSR Be A Part Of Joe - Alt GSR Life's in Session Joe - Alt GSR LITE'S IN Session Kevin - Alt GSR B.A.Y.N.A. Allan C. - GSR I.C.O.F. Fred G. - Alt. GSR Always Here Jim D. - GSR Never Alone Dave - Alt GSR Spiritual Solutions Jane W - GSR Save Your Ass Denise F. - Resurrnder Phillip – Work the Steps and Live Brad S. - Alt GSR Relax and Recover

18: areas in the Florida Region 63: home groups that are members of the Bay Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous.

52. Unity	Α	Α	Α	Α
53. Unity Works	-	-	-	Р
54. Wakeup Call	Α	Α	R	R
55. Wakeup Clean	Р	Р	R	Р
56. We're Clean	Α	Α	Р	Р
57. We Do Recover	Р	Р	Р	Р
58. We Found a Way Out	Р	Р	Р	Р
59. Welcome Home	Р	Р	Р	Р
60. Women and Recovery	Р	Р	Р	Р
61. Women on Wednesdays	Α	Р	Р	Α
62. Work the Steps and Live	Р	Α	Α	Р
63. Work the Steps or Die	Α	Α	Α	Α
64. Young, Free, and Clean	P	P	P	P
HOME GROUPS REPRESENTED	42	46	46	49
VOTING PARTICIPATION	40	42	41	46

Quorum (avg. of 3 previous months' attendance, ÷ 2, + 1): 22
Next Quorum: 23
Total Home Groups Represented at Roll Call: 49
Voting Participation (number of groups able to cast vote): 46
Simple Majority (51% of this month's voting participation: 22

participation: 22				
ADMIN. & SUBCOMMITTEES	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
Chairperson — Ernest E	P	P	P	P
Vice Chair — Erin R.	P	P	P	P
Secretary — Michael V.	P	P	P	P
Alternate Secretary — Allen R.	V	V	P	P
Treasurer — Chuck S.	P	P	P	P
Alternate Treasurer — Allan N.	P	V	P	P
RCM — Dathan J.	P	P	P	P
RCM-II — Sharon L.	P	P	P	P
Literature Distributor — Christine C.	P	P	P	P
Alt. Literature Distributor — Rob M.	P	P	P	P
Web Servant — Andrea B.	P	P	P	P
Alt. Web Servant – Vacant	V	V	V	V
Activities Chair — Danette R.	P	P	P	P
Activities Vice Chair – Mike M.	P	P	P	P
Archivist Chair – Shawn M.	A	P	A	A
Archivist Vice Chair – Vacant	V	V	V	V
Helpline Chair — Mike P.	P	P	P	P
Helpline Vice Chair – Mike L.	P	P	P	P
H&I Chair — Chris B.	P	P	P	A
H&I Vice Chair — Leelah J.	P	A	P	A
Literature (Newsletter) Chair – Vacant	V	V	P	V
Lit. (Newsletter) Vice Chair – Vacant	V	V	V	V
Policy Chair — John R.	P	P	P	P
Policy Vice Chair —Vacant	V	V	V	V
PR Chair — Mark B	P	A	P	A
PR Vice Chair – Todd B.	A	A	A	P
BASCNA Inc. Representative Barry C.	P	A	A	A
BASCNA Inc. Representative Jeannie H.	P	A	A	A
BASCNA Inc. Representative Jackie S.	Р	Α	Α	Α

HOME GROUP	GSR	DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETINGS	# GROUP MEMBER S	# PEOPLE ATTENDING	REPORTED DONATION	
Freedom Group	Brian M.	W @ 7:30	-	30		
All is well.				ı		
Get A Life; Get Off the Horse	Kevin K	7:30/8:30 FRI OUTSIDE				
No report submitted.	Kally F	Fridaya Onno		20.25	-	
H.O.W. Group No report submitted	Kelly F.	Fridays 8pm	5	20-25	-	
Happy and Free	Michelle P.	Tues @ 7:30 PM	20	30	-	
		esday of January. Will share his story			-	
		k study on second Tuesday of every r		9		
Hope for Hope	Erin S	Thurs 6:30 pm	6	10-15		
All is well. Meeting attendance	is strong.				7	
I'm Clean On Fridays (ICOF)	Scott G.	Friday 7:30 PM	13	50		
celebrating 12 years on Januar	y 31 st . ILS Alle	every Friday nite at 7:30 pm. All is wo en/Brook L				
It Works	Jacob R.	Mon 6:30 – 7:30	12	21		
6:30. We have a mew home gr	oup member.	at of the living clean. We meet on M_1 Joey M. We are in need of an alternate hike for March 1^{st} . We are making a	te GSR a	nd an		
Just for Today (JFT)	Mel B.	M, W, F, Sat 10PM-11:30PM	2	0		
We need your support and atte					-	
Keys to Recovery	Leslie R.	8-9pm, Every Day	- 24 2015	- \//-	-	
		ive of Terra Nova Club House January ps is still in need of support & are un				
area this month. Life's a Beach	Denise S	Mon. 7:30pm / Sat. 8:00pm	8	10-40		
		port at our meetings. Thank you ICS	_			
Life's in Session	Lauren A.	Wed. 7:45 PM – 9:00 pm	23	29	-	
Attendance was down last month and Life in session: Still all is well. We are a literature Study working guide. We meet Wednesday 7:45 pm @ St. John's Episcopal in Largo. This month Dave V is celebrating 14 years. After rent and Lit our donation is 5.35. (as a result of low attendance during the holidays). Come join us in sharing our experience, strength and hope. ILS, Laura						
Living Clean	Don C.	Monday 7:30 pm	8	25	-	
All is well.	David M	Tuesday Opm		I	-	
Logical and Educated No report submitted.	David M	Tuesday 8pm			_	
Miracles Happen	Megan B.	Fri 10:00PM	7	5-10	-	
No report submitted	Megan B.	111 10.001 14	,	J 10	-	
Morning Serenity	Candice H	Everyday 7:45 - 8:45	5	5	-	
		because short on attendance and co	ntributio	ns	1	
Never Alone	Dan M	Tues 8pm	24	60		
weekly basis. Out annual picni		en good with a lot of E, S and H bein e in March sometimes. More will be i				
date. New Attitudes	Vacant	Fridays 8-9pm	15	50	+	
No report submitted	Vacant	тпаауз о-эрш	13	_ 50	+	
New Beginnings on South	Longii	Mandaya 7pm with 0.	25	25	†	
side	Leroy S.	Mondays 7pm until 8pm	25	35		
New Beginnings on the South side wants to thank everyone for the wonderful support for out 3 rd Annual Holiday Part. NA showed up and had a blast. Last Monday every mother is speaker meeting on 1/25/2015 "POP' with 25 years will be speaking. Please come show support and hear amazing E, S, H. Area Donation 100.00 "POPS" clean date 1/5/1990.						
No Pain No Gain	Robert R	Mon & Fri 8:00 to 9:00			İ	
	meeting at T	he Freedom House and things are go	oing well.	The		
Noon Group	Karly W.	Mon - Sat NOON	14	11		
study back to Living Clean		/22/10. January 2015- Changing Mor	-			
The Point of Freedom	Frank D.	Daily @ 8pm	27	15-20		

HOME GROUP	GSR	DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETINGS	# GROUP MEMBER S	# PEOPLE ATTENDING	REPORTED DONATION
All is well. We welcome 2 new celebrated 1 year on Dec. 30. Services Frank D.	home group i Attendance a	members this month. Ryan C and Ke nd 7 th tradition have been steady ar	llie H. Kell nd stable.	ie H In Loving	
Primary Porpoise					
No report submitted.	*	d .			
Regardless Of	Jonathan S	Tuesdays 6:45p-7:45p	10	16	
No report submitted					
Relax and Recover	Rhonda F	Saturday 10:00 - 11:00	15	15	
		nic. March 21 at Northeast Park in La Jennifer 1/16- 6 years. Ramon R 1/1			
Resurrender	Mike M	Wednesday @ 8pm	15	50	
Meeting attendance is good. I	No celebration				
Saturday Night Live (SNL)	vacant	Sat. 8pm	5	-	
No report submitted					
Save Your Ass	Erich C.	7 days a week 5:30 - 6:30 pm	10	20-25	-
No report submitted		7 3			
Serenity in Addiction	James B	M, W, F 8-9pm	-	-	
increasing we have a total of and John B will be stepping up Fridays 8-9. Thank you for allo	6 new home g as new GSR f	appy to report that all our meetings roup members. I James B will be ste for S.I.A. We meet every Monday, Werve. S.I.A.	pping dow	n as GSR	
Serenity on the South side	Rodney	Sat NOON			
No report submitted.			1.2		
Sisters in Serenity	Melanie C.	Wed 7:30	8	12	
Everyone is invited to help he		about her recovery. 3 years on the 2.00 donation.	25 [™] of Feb		_
Spiritual Principles	Joe S	6:45 PM Thurs	10	10/16/1 5	_
Spiritual Solutions	is moving forv Joe J	vard, but we still need support. Mon-Tues 8:00 – 9:00 pm	10	25	
All is well.	Incom T	Wed 7 20 0 20	-		-
Stairway to Recovery No report submitted	Jason T.	Wed. 7:30-8:30pm	1		
Step Free	Kathleen M.	Thurs 8pm	7	10-12	
home group is thriving. Thank	you to area s			our	
Sunshine Group	Tad D.	Sunday 8pm	12		_
All is well.	0.11	T - 0.00	20	20.40	
Trust the Process	Brittney G.	Tue. 8:00pm	20	30-40	1
is celebrating 4 years on Febr	uary 3 rd .	cher is celebrating 5 years on Janua	ry 13 ··· and	a Clint H	
Unity Group No report submitted.	Timmy D	Sunday 8pm	4		-
Unity Works	Emily W.	Thurs 7pm		11	
		uccess. Every seat was full, but two.	Lots of su		-
from people with double digit For the purpose of meeting lis	s. I did contact	t World as a result. I am making Dua azing experience. Lots of tears and	l Diagnosi	is a topic.	
for letting me be a service.	Moshana	Eat Cam	10	24	
Wakeup Call All is well.	Meghann P	Sat. 9am.	10	24	
	Frank S	7 day / 7:45A	10	22	-
Wake Up Clean Things are going fair to Midlar	Frank S.	7 day / 7:45A Clean. With Terra Nova closing WUC			
the Freedom House. Located	@ 440 Rosa Pa ite is pending	ark Drive South. We will still be meet more to be revealed. Thank you. PS.	ing at 7:4	5 to 8:45	
We're Clean	Deborah R	Wed 7pm, Sunday 7pm			
The We're clean meeting is m	oving along., I	out we do need more support from t	he area. C)ur	
	820				

HOME GROUP	GSR	MEETINGS	MEMBER S	# PEOPLE ATTENDING	DC
attendance needs more new	comers to join	us. We also need more 7th trad	itions support.	55	2
We Do Recover	Anthony N	Tues 8pm	-	12	
All is well.			27.000.00		
We Found a Way Out	Alice N	SUN-SAT @ 6:30	10	15	
All is not well. We are still in n	eed of suppor	rt. No Celebration. We donated.	1		
Welcome Home	Jim S	Thursday 8pm	30	100-150	
All is well. We now do the Key 34th Anniversary party. Please		ning of the meeting. February 1 s celebrate.	2. We will be h	aving our	
Women and Recovery	Blanche S.	Sat 9:30 Sun 9:30	15		T
1 year Sheryl A 2/1/1999- 16	years. The m	2 celebrants this time in Februa eeting list is wrong should be Th w. Also on BASNA website it's wi	ne Place add. N	lo my	
Women on Wednesdays	Shelia C	Wednesday @ Noon			
No report submitted.					
Work the Steps and Live	Cara H	7 days at 12	15	15-30	
No report submitted					
Work the Steps or Die		3rd Sat 11a-5p			
No report submitted.	61		15.		
Young, Free, and Clean	David S	Friday @ 8pm	10	50	
All is well	-12.				

Old Business

#2014.12.14.02: Made by Clean Harbor Group/2nd by Dathan J, RCM

To have Bay Area make a Regional Proposal and restore the rights to the "regional Discussion Groups AKA FL Regional Newsgroups" and add a section under the FL Regional Guidelines under "FL Regional Newsgroup Guidelines" that a straw pole of the Regional Admin Body Before the site is locked down or major restrictions of use are implemented outside of a normal Regional Service Meeting. This straw pole can be done electronically or by telephone.

Intent: Concepts 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12

Action of the ASC in December: Tabled to groups
Action of the ASC in January: Tabled to February

#2014.12.14.05: Made by Activities/2nd by Resurrender

Pls add to meeting list, 460 46th Ave N St.Pete FL 33703

Intent: Add to meeting list!

Action of ASC in December: Tabled to January

Action of ASC in January: Passed

New Business

#2015.01.11.01: Made by We Found a Way Out/2nd by Resurrender

To allow activities to move storage to Terra Nova. This will allow activities to access supplies 24 hrs. Cost will be lower, approx \$50.

Intent: Concept 11

Action of ASC in January: Passed

#2015.01.11.02: Made by Clean Harbor/2nd by Morning Serenity

To get a starter kit for the new group Miracle at Noon, 440 Rosa Park Dr. (Freedom House)

Intent: Tradition 5

Action of ASC in January: Passed

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#2015.01.11.03: Relax & Recover/2nd by Step Free

To give a starter kit to new group, Triangle Group, 7pm Sunday, OD

Intent: Tradition 5

Action of ASC in January: Passed

#2015.01.11.04: Made by H.O.W. Group/2nd by Resurrender

Change the order of the day to allow Policy and Activities to give reports after roll call due to family event

Intent: Personal privilege

Action of ASC in January: Passed

#2015.01.11.05: Made by Resurrender/2nd by RCM

To include Soul Sistahs in the Bay Area meeting list. Meeting is held Tuesdays @ 6:30pm @ Palm Lake Christian Church, 5401 22nd Ave N, St, Petersburg 33710 – women's lit study.

Intent: To further carry the message, Tradition 5

Action of ASC in January: Passed

#2015.01.11.06: Made by Save Your Ass/2nd by Robert R.

To give a starter kit to new group Save Your Ass on the Southside, meets at Freedom House, 440 Rosa Park Dr. Tuesday through Sunday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Intent: Tradition 3

Action of ASC in January: Passed

#2015.01.11.07: Made by Treasurer/2nd by ICOF

Under "Qualifications & Responsibilities of ASC Officers", Treasurer, p. 11, add: 10. Have a working knowledge of computers, and the financial software currently in use by the ASC.

Intent: Concepts 8,11

Action of ASC in January: Tabled to Policy

#2015.01.11.08: Made by Treasurer/2nd by ICOF

To authorize the Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer to computerize BASCNA finances, using Quicken 2015. This will allow the ASC to obtain accurate information and reports in a timely fashion, and make balancing the checkbook easier.

Intent: (none listed)

Action of ASC in January: Tabled to Policy

Subcommittee and Administrative Position Reports

Secretary's Report

Due to the holidays and some other mitigating factors which should not be in play in the future, the minutes were quite late. Hopefully we will do better in the upcoming months.

ILS, Michael V. & Allen R.

RCMI & RCM II Report

RCM Report for January 11, 2015 ASC

- Proposals from Region: None
- Bay Area GSR Barbeque (Workshop) was a success. Approximately 20 to 25 GSRs stayed and participated in the workshop. The Workshop was held on Sunday, January 11, 2015 immediately following January ASC. The event was catered by James Darrigen BBQ. Presentations were delivered from Florida Region will be Mark B. our Regional Delegate to NAWS, Carlos N. Co-Facilitator of Fellowship Development, William W. our Regional Service Committee Co-Facilitator and Ron N Bay Area's very own. Our presenters did an awesome job. Presentations were given on Effective GSR, GSR Training, Consensus Based Decision Making, an interactive conversation on the upcoming CAT/CAR Report and the 6th Florida Service Symposium.

Announcements:

- -WCNA 36 Rio de Janeiro June 11-14, 2015: US Passport holders will need a Visa (\$200). Suggested to work with a travel agent or Visa handler to accomplish.
- -WCNA 37 2018: Orlando, Florida at the Orange County Civic Center. Final negotiations with hotels underway. More will be revealed. Volunteers are needed (thousands). Contact Mark B. (RD) or Bob L. (AD) is interested.
- -FRCNA website: FRCNA 34 One Promise, Many Gifts. FRCNA website is http://frc-na.org/. Here you can register, make hotel reservations in just a few clicks.
- -2015 Florida Region Service Symposium: Will be in Tampa March 12-15, 2014. Flyers distributed to GSRs. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact your RCM team for more information. Please announce at your meetings.
- Regional Weekend January 16, 17 and 18th, 2015 at the Hilton Ocala 3600 SW 36th Avenue Ocala, FL 34474. Room reservation cutoff date is January 3, 2015

ILS, Dathan J. RCM Sharon L. RCM II

Administrative

All is well. ILS Erin R.

Activities

Activities subcommittee meets at 6:30pm on the 1st and 3rdWednesday, in the small room, here at The Place.

We always accept new members. There is NO clean time requirement and we need your ideas for upcoming events, so please show up and share them with us!

Event Updates

• New Year's Eve Ball was held on 12/31/14 at Calvary Episcopal Church on Indian Rocks Beach. This year was a Dress your Best event. Total Expenses was \$1231.41, Total Income was \$981.00. So the event cost the area \$250.41. We are returning \$118.59 of unused money from the checks issued to the Treasurer.

Upcoming Events

Leap of Faith 12. Will be held on 02/28/15 at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve Pioneer Settlement 2900 31st Street South St Petersburg FL 33712. PR will host a Unity Day, BBQ Dinner, Auction, and Speaker Meeting. More will be revealed. A flyer was passed and an updated Flyer will be passed at the Feb ASC.

In The Works

• <u>Tampa Bay Lightning Hockey game.</u> A game has not been selected.

All of these events are posted on the BASCNA Events Calendar at www.bascna.org and on Social Media.

THIS MONTH'S CHECK REQUEST:	AMOUNT
U-Haul – Storage	\$69.50
Simply Hope - Rent (met 4x in Dec 2014)	\$40.00
Danette R Flyers for LOF	\$7.49
Denise F. – Food for LOF	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$616.99

In Loving Service,

Danette R and the Activities Subcommittee

Archivist

No report submitted.

Helpline

Helpline met on Sunday January 4, 2015 at 10am. We had 9 out of the 10 current members and 3 new members in attendance. We got 168 calls over the last month which is up from the previous month. All shifts are currently being covered. We could always use additional support. If you would like to join Helpline or just learn more about it, please let me know, or just come to the next Helpline subcommittee meeting the first Sunday of the month at 10am here at The Place. I am putting in a request to have the Treasurer write a check in the amount of \$10.00 to The Place for our monthly subcommittee meeting. In Loving Service, Mike P.

Hospitals & Institutions

No report submitted.

Literature Distributor

No report submitted.

Newsletter Report

Dormant subcommittee.

BASCNA Inc.

No report submitted.

Policy

Policy subcommittee meets at 9 am on the 2nd Sunday prior to the ASC. All GSR's are members of the Policy Subcommittee. We encourage you to attend. Attendance was not taken, however, there were many more GSR's and Admin members than in the prior months.

**The Policy Vice-chair position is still vacant. Must have at least 6 months clean and 6 months involved in the area service, candidate can continue to serve as GSR for their home group and be Vice-chair simultaneously.

<u>Old Business</u> - Collected a list of people that would be interested in working on the policy. Was not able to get a day and time that was suitable for members to get together, will try again before next ASC.

New Business - None.

In Loving Service, John R.

Public Relations

As we have reported for the last few months, we have been in contact with Todd Holiday at the V.A. hospital. I am pleased to announce that we will be bringing our first N.A. meeting to Bay Pines Monday @ 7pm. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible. If you have an interest in being a part of this panel please see Chris B. or Leelah. Also see me if you want to know where to go (building and parking).

Coming up at the end of the month, 31st, P.R. will have a tent set up. You are welcome to come and hang out with us. (Dress appropriate and come early to get ok (?)) And date for February DTSP Market is TBA. It was a major success last year. So we are planning to begin another learning day at Leap of Faith #12 on Wed, June 14th. Please join us in planning to assure another successful event. 6:30 Wed

Todd B.

Treasurer's Report

No written report submitted, please see attached for financials.

Web Servant

No report submitted.

Open Sharing

B.J. - new group "Soul Sistahs"
James B. - Unity Day recover coast
Emily - Unity Works will take "dual diagnosis" out of description
Jay V. - Changed for event which had a meeting
Bethany - Charged for event which had a meeting
Bethany - asked where we are on predatory behavior IP
Ramon - T-shirts for chili cookoff
Jake - did research on dual diagnosis meeting

Ad Hoc (GSR Training)

No report submitted.

Ad Hoc (Traveling Road Show)

Over the past 6 months or so we've organized groups of addicts to travel to meetings all over the county and support their attendance, their 7th tradition funds and try and offer solutions to their lack of attendance and home member support issues. We've also spent a lot of time observing, asking questions and talking to members about their groups. We've researched reasons why groups may be suffering by looking at what changes have happened - David

What we hope to provide through this report is some insight into a solution that may help aid with meetings that are suffering, by providing them a way to take an inventory of their current situation.

The main contributing factor we found that groups who are struggling have in common is they lack a guide they can use to take an inventory of their situation so they can identify the exact nature of their challenges and better communicate to the ASC how we can better support them.

In the 7th tradition section of the "It works: How and Why" - there's several inventories laid out for groups to use if they find their group struggling. Here's an example:

"As simple as a groups needs are, a groups decision to become fully self supporting does not usually require the commitment of extensive amounts of its members money, time, or other resources. If a group is having problems sustaining itself, it may want to ask its self some questions: What is our primary purpose, and how do we fulfill it? What does our group need to fulfill its primary purpose? Have we confused our wants with our needs? When a groups sense of its needs have become unreasonable, the simplicity of the Fifth tradition can help deflate those needs to their proper size."

Other questions in the 7th tradition of the It works book include:

What do I get from the group? Does my personal recovery depend on it's survival? Am I able to give more than I've already given and still meet my own financial responsibilities?

Obviously, there's more in our literature about what a group can do to inventory itself so they can decide what to do about their struggling situation. However, as we've seen in our area, simply announcing it ASC or expecting other members from the fellowship as a whole to be able to identify AND solve the issue of one groups struggling attendance or lack of Homegroup member support is unrealistic - and takes the focus of important and insightful recovery work that group may need to do and puts it on other members of the fellowship and the ASC.

As an ad-hoc committee, we'd recommend the area consider forming an ad-hoc to create a simple inventory from the information already provided in our literature for groups that are struggling so they can determine what the right actions they need to take for their group are. If after taking that inventory the group still has specific questions for the ASC, or would like guidance about a situation, we can give them specific guidance. However, a group that says they just need support and hasn't taken an inventory of their situation does't give the ASC enough information about their particular situation for the ASC to really help them grow long term.

If our recommendation as an ASC to groups who are struggling with support from home groups members, finical contributions or meeting attendance is for them to take inventory it will mirror the type of questions we ask and suggestions we give to individual NA members when they have issues, such as:

- Have you prayed about it?
- Have you done an inventory on the situation?
- What part do you play in the situation?

If these foundational suggestions apply to our personal recovery, they surely also apply to our groups. Our groups are simply an extension of our members, and encouraging our groups to take inventory when they run into issues will only make them stronger as groups, and strengthen their

personal recovery.

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As far as new meetings that are starting out, our recommendation to the ASC is to provide the same type of inventory for them to complete. Implementing this won't in any way change our current process or policy for new meeting starting out. I don't recommend forcing them to fill out the inventory sheet, just as we can't force anyone to work the steps. However, as an ASC and as members, we can strongly suggest they fill out the group inventory sheet before they start a meeting.

Some of the questions on the new group inventory sheet might include:

- What your motivation for starting a new meeting?
- Is your main reason to carry the message to the addict who still suffers or do you have any personal agenda?
- What format do you plan on using for the meeting?
- Is this going to be a closed NA meeting for addicts only or will it be open to non-addict as well?
- Are there any other meetings close by at the same time who's attendance maybe be affected by your meeting?
- Do you have all your service positions filled? Secretary, treasurer, GSR and someone to chair, set up the meeting and clean and close it down?

Simply encouraging a new member starting a meeting to take a simple inventory will help that member either gain a new awareness about how a new meeting may effect other other groups, or help them understand the responsibilities that come along with starting a new meeting.

In summary, we recommend the ACS consider, either now or at a later date to form a new ad-hoc committee and develop an inventory for new meetings starting out, and struggling meetings who need support so they can better understand the nature of their own struggles and better communicate to the ASC how we can help.

In loving service, David S. and Frank "Traveling Road Show 2.0"

Elections

Following are the remaining FRC Support reps needed from the Bay Area:

- 1 Registration
- 2 Hospitality / Marathon
- 2 Serenity Keepers / Greeters
- 2 Entertainment
- 1 Merchandise