

Texas State Convention of Narcotics Anonymous III
(TSCNAIII)

Meeting held at the Any Length Group in Waco, TX

Minutes from 7-18-2004

Open Discussion

Meeting was held at the Any Lengths Group in Waco, TX beginning at 1:15 pm. Meeting was call to order by Ken G. serving as chairperson with reading of the Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, Service Prayer and Roll Call of Planning Committee. All committee members were present at meeting. Pam G. secretary read minutes from last meeting. Ken G. ask registration chair to contact Mary A. to get an estimated count of registration from last years registration information.

Reports

Chair

Ken G. chair encouraged everyone to help make this convention possible and the way to do this is to be honest about your committee. I am asking each sub-committee chair to work on their assignments and to contact me or Cheryl B. at least once a month until next schedule meeting. This is to give updates and ensure the progress of convention planning. If unable to follow through on assignments please inform the committee so that we can delegate to other members. The P.O. Box was purchased and pre-registration flyers are complete: There will be a walk 1hrbugh of the convention center and motel on Tuesday 20, 2004 at 1:00 pm for all committee members who are interested. If you plan on attending please let me know before Tuesday 20, 2004. If you have a design for the convention logo please bring it to our next scheduled meeting we should also start thinking of a theme for the convention. Each sub-committee is responsible for submitting a budget for their committee and if you need help please contact me or Cheryl for assistance. The convention is posted on the web site,

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Our fellowship's service structure is founded on the unity of our groups; to maintain the union, we must have regular communications throughout Narcotics Anonymous. Together, our group have created a service structure to meet their common needs and to help them fulfil their common purpose. The effectiveness of the service structure depends on the continued unity of the NA groups, and on their continued support and direction. These things can only be maintained in an atmosphere of honest, open, and straightforward communication among all parties concerned.

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Vice Chair

Cheryl B. vice chair I do not have a written report, but I will have one at the next meeting. I will be attending the meeting on July 20, 2004 to view the facilities in question. I did ride and look at the motel location following the last meeting on 6-19-2004. I do have some concerns regarding available space for motel, and transportation from motel to convention center and back to motel. Also the distance between the two and if there is other motels in the same area to house additional people coming to the convention.

Secretary

Pam G. secretary I ask all committee members to please have a written report at all meetings. Also to read over minutes from previous meeting upon arrival at each meeting, so if there are any errors, they can be corrected.

Treasure

Michael S. treasure at this time I have Quick Books in place. I will have the accounts in place once I receive the beginning balance from previous committee. I received \$45.00 at the last meeting for registration. Once I received the account identification the deposit was made. I purchased a receipt book and also I will give Ken B. some deposit slips for bank. That is all I have to report at this time.

Registration

Brenda G. registration chair our first meeting was held on July 10th at the Golden Corral in Hillsboro, TX starting @ 1:30 pm. We discussed contents for registration package. The first 100 that register will get a bonus gift. De'Angela S. will create a service schedule for all people working @ registration table and Shirley T. will bring sample items and prices for registration items. Pre Registration \$15.00 will end on November 30 2004, after Nov. registration will be \$20.00. We would like to ask committee for an expected number of registrants to prepare for, at the end of TSCNA II in Galveston, TX I turned in \$490.00 collected for pre registration for TSCNA III and I turned in \$45.00 to treasure chair at the last committee meeting on 6-19- 2004. Meeting ended at 3:10 pm.

Fundraiser

Traci R. fundraising chair I have been speaking with several people since our last meeting regarding Fundraising. I tried to get a hold of Michael J. in San Antonio, and he finally returned my call at about midnight the other night! I tried to return his call, but was unsuccessful in reaching him. However, San Antonio has scheduled a Fundraiser (tentative date October 23, 2004), in which Michael and I will coordinate and more will be revealed soon. They are also interested in hosting one in February; again I will let you know when I have more information. I also tried to contact Jeff in San Angelo, and was told they have a new activities person, and I left my contact information for her. I spoke with several members at 24 HR in Fort Worth, and of course they are willing to host one also. I attended Lone Star Region in Nacogdoches last weekend, in which there was much discussion about the last convention by the chair of the LSCNA, and the concern was that Lone Star as well as Fort Worth Area had so many conventions so close to one another.

My response was, "Have a little faith it'll all work itself out". For the record, however, the general consensus at Lone Star is that they DO support us, contrary to all the rumours that may have surfaced in the past. The FW ACNA Vice Chair has instructed his committee that they are not to serve on that convention and TSCNA III together, so a lot of my friends that really wanted to help me can't due to serving on FWACNA. But, I do know a lot of other people who are willing to help and ready to do so! I hope to plan a Fundraiser for possible the beginning of September, but I need to find out what is going on, and where it can be. As far as I know, Waco has offered to host one, and I think the first one should be in Waco, to allow

people to come and see where the convention will take place, and hopefully generate enough enthusiasm for them to register and make their reservations also at that time! I am open to any and all suggestions!

Programming

Alex G. programming chair we did not meet this month, so there is nothing to report at this time. However, I am trying to secure a meeting space in Caldwell, TX for our first meeting and maybe follow up with meetings in Waco, TX and Dallas, TX. I plan to propose to the programming committee our meetings before or after the convention committee meeting. I continue to be open

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To any suggestion from the committee and the fellowship on how we should proceed with workshops topics and speakers. At the first programming committee meeting we will elect a committee co chair and a committee secretary. Location and time will be announced to the fellowship this week.

Merchandise

Ken B. merchandise chair I do not have much to report since last meeting. I have not been anywhere; however I have been in contact with several people around Texas and Louisiana. I will be attending the Southern Zonal Forum the last weekend of this month in Addison, and will ask to sell merchandise there. Just to let you know what happened and what the final result was from TSCNA II was, my total sales at that convention were \$6508.00. I have provided a list of merchandise that was left over from that convention to the chair and secretary. At the end of the last convention, I did give Ken G. and Jim B. a copy of this report of left over merchandise.

I will also be attending the Texas Unity Convention (Whitney,Tx) in August to sell merchandise, so we need to get a pre-convention idea for T -shirts. If anyone has any artwork or ideas to submit, now is the time to let me know.

Hospitality

Ronna R, Hospitality chair we had our first meeting on June 26, 2004@ Golden Corral in Waco, TX. There was much discussion about transportation, hospitality room/rooms, number of people we will need to work in this area and we also discussed supplies. I will get with committee to address these issues. That's all at this time

Entertainment

Sylvia W. entertainment chair we had our first meeting on July 17, 2004 in Austin, TX. Sub-committee was formed and we will be working on activities. We discussed different ideas such as Comedy Show, Jazz Band, Talent Show, Fashion Show and other Mid-Day events. Gayla M. will be meeting the caterers and tasting food items and getting other information. Our next meeting will be at the Any Lengths Group Waco, TX. October 9, 2004

Arts & Graphics Open

Convention Information Open

Old Business

None

New Business

Cheryl B. suggested that any ideas for "Theme" for convention be brought back to next meeting, and that it is pertaining to "Diversity".

Michael S. ask that the minutes be read after roll call so they can be approved

Ken G. asks that each committee chair should read minutes for previous meeting upon arrival to check for accuracy of information so corrections can be made.

Alex G. asks if programming committee can have meeting at the Any Lengths Group Waco, TX on the follow dates: 8-05-04, 9-12-04, 10-10-04 and 11-14-04 to be held at 3:00 pm.

Alex states he has also asked other groups to provide names for speakers, and he stressed the importance of them being as diverse as possible.

Myron B. stated he will open account at bank and give information to vice chair. He stated that the names to go on the account will be chair, vice chair, treasure and secretary. There will be #150 checks and the original Logo will be on check

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Ken G. stated that Pre Registration Flyer is complete and the next flyer will be the "Final" to be sent the World Service Office.

Ken G. asked merchandise chair and arts & graphics chair to work together on logo. He suggested to at least have a minimum of three logo's to present to body for approval.

Myron B. and Ken G. advised that any flyers that go out need to be approved by arts & graphics chair.

They also advised Convention Information chair to also view flyers before they go out. These Flyers will need to have the NA Trade Mark on them.

Gino H. stated that once the rooms that are reserved are block out. We should provide additional motel information on flyers and web site. He stated that any ideas should be brought up for discussion (subject to policy change/add on/ revised).

Ken G. stated that additional motel information will be added to the website.

Ken B. ask about sitting aside budget to help merchandise chair travel to other functions due to he can not always afford to travel.

Gino H. stated there is a danger to sit aside a budget for merchandise because then that will open a door for others to also be provided funding to travel.

Ken G. stated if the situation comes up where monetary help is needed to call the chair or vice chair with any difficulties. He also stated "Don't wait until meeting to ask for help that way things can be delegated out to other member on the planning committee.

Gino Ho stated if you are a monitor and you are ask to go to a function, then we need to decide if TSCNA Committee will provided fun for travelling and or room and board.

Ken G. advised Ken B. that if this should occurs that he will be willing to take merchandise to other fundraising functions to sell for him, if need be.

Myron B. advised entertainment to get at lease three bids to bring back to committee body and he also suggested to entertainment chair to contact previous entertainment chair from last convention to see how to get bids.

Motions

None

Elections

Arts & Graphics -Evelyn L.
Convention Information -Doris H.

MEETING ENDS AT 6:35 PM
NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN WHITNEY @ CHAPEL OF
LIGHTS @ 12:00 NOON AUGUST 12, 2004

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