

October 16th, 2011

Clean Acres Area of NA – Area Service Committee

| Position | Representative |
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| Chair Person | John H. |
| Co-Chair | Brad A. |
| Secretary | Ryan W. |
| Treasurer | Susan |
| Co-Treasurer | vacant |
| Regional Committee Member | vacant |
| Hospitals & Institutions Chair | Brittany Y. |
| H&I Co-Chair | Lisa W. |
| Literature Chair | Max |
| Literature Co-Chair | Tom M. |
| Public Relations Chair | Adam B. |
| PR Co-Chair | vacant |
| Convention Representative | vacant |
| Activities Chair | Ed |
| Activities Co-Chair | Earl C. |
| Policy Chair | Sean |
| Policy Co-Chair | vacant |

Requirements for Vacant Positions – See “Clean Acres Area Service Position Requirements” sheet

Area Service Committee Meeting – October 16th, 2011

7:00 p.m. Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the NA Service Paragraph and the 12 Traditions of NA.

7:05 Old Business

Introductions

| Group | Attendance | Representative |
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| Anonymous Group | X | Nate B. |
| Clean and Serene | X | Derek |
| Come Grow With Us | X | Johnnie P. |
| Drug Free in Dub C | X | Nate C. |
| Easy Does It | X | Ricky T. |
| Find and Feel the Freedom | X | Josh W. |
| Focus Group | X | Lula |
| Footwork | X | Steve |
| Free At Last | X | Dave B. |
| Give It Away | X | Teri F. |
| Good Morning Group | X | Mark K. |
| Good Orderly Direction | X | Josh T. |
| Go With the Flow | X | Chris L. |
| Grateful Living Group | X | Randy N. |
| How and Why It Works | X | Leola B. |
| I Can't Do This on My Own | | |

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| I Can't We Can | | |
| Just for Today | X | Tom P. |
| Message of Hope | X | Rob U. |
| Miracle on Merchant | X | Garfield F. |
| New Beginnings | | |
| New Life Group | X | Lorenzo A. |
| Recovery in the Morning | | |
| Recovery is a Process | | |
| Recovery on the Hill | | |
| Saturday Night Solution | X | Ian S. |
| Spiritual Awakenings | X | Tyrone C. |
| Stairway to Freedom | X | Richard |
| Start Talking About Recovery | | |
| Sunday Step-Working Group | X | Christopher M. |
| Surrender to Win | | |
| Tuesday Night Group | | |
| Twelve Steps to Freedom | X | Lori M. |
| W.A.I.T. Group | X | Stacy T. |

7:10 Group Reports

Group: Anonymous **Meeting Place:** 307 Clubhouse **Day & Time:** Fridays, 11 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.

Report: Home-group is alive. Meeting attendance is up but we still need experienced members to come. We have had a lot of newer members showing up. We are planning a speaker jam for fall/winter on history of the group. Home-group member Nate B. celebrated 1 year last month.

Discussion:

Group: Clean and Serene **Meeting Place:** Routes 472&10 Oxford Presbyterian Church

Day & Time: Fridays, 7:30 p.m. **Donation:** \$54.13

Report: Our group is continuing to grow. We have one new home-group member Sean. Our group has voted to change our group service positions for the year. Sat. 10/22 our group is going on a road trip to visit a home-group member in a halfway house to help carry the message.

Discussion:

Group: Come Grow With Us **Meeting Place:** 9th&Merchant St. Coatesville PA 19320

Day & Time: Saturdays, 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Report: All is fine. We have two old home-group members come back. Doors open on time. Still in need of trusted servants.

Discussion:

Group: Drug Free in Dub C **Meeting Place:** Community Center **Day & Time:** Saturdays, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Donation: \$26.55

Report: All good. Great attendance. Carrying message. 1st year anniversary went great. Sean M. celebrated 5 years. 3 new home-group members.

Discussion:

Group: Easy Does It **Meeting Place:** St. Agnes Church West Chester PA

Day & Time: Thursdays, 7:15 – 8:45 p.m. **Donation:** \$65.00

Report: All is well. Ricky T. celebrated 3 years 9/30/11. Hilary celebrated 12 years 10/13/11. Meeting is still carrying the message to the newcomer.

Discussion:

Group: Find and Feel the Freedom **Meeting Place:** Trinity Church, West Chester

Day & Time: Wednesdays, 7 – 8 p.m. **Donation:** \$55.90

Report: As a group we're carrying the message and have a lot of newcomers. Our format is 2 speaker meetings, step of the month, and pamphlet meeting each month. We have more than enough home-group members but attendance at the business meeting is sometimes staggered. But we have enough people to fulfill our service positions. The church we're at has been good and we host the same time as an AA meeting down the hall so sometimes we step on each other's toes, but we're good. We have involvement amongst home-group members in area and monthly let others in our home-group know of area service position vacancies.

Discussion:

Group: Focus Group

Meeting Place: CVAMC Bldg. 6B

Day & Time: Tuesdays, 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Donation: \$10.00

Report: Focus group is doing well. We need more experienced home-group members to carry the message. We need help and experience with our business meetings. I Lula am still the treasurer.

Discussion:

Group: Footwork

Meeting Place: Messiah Lutheran Church

Day & Time: Fridays, 8 – 9:30 p.m.

Donation: \$74.30

Report: All is going well.

Discussion:

Group: Free At Last

Meeting Place: Malvern Center

Day & Time: Mondays & Thursdays 7 – 8 p.m.

Report: We read from Lit. every Monday and do the steps with a speaker every Thursday. All is well.

Discussion:

Group: Give It Away

Meeting Place: Malvern Center

Day & Time: Sundays, 6:30 p.m.

Report: Attendance is great. Julie celebrated 1 year. Teri F. celebrated 6 years. We are always in need of experienced home-group members.

Discussion:

Group: Good Morning Group

Meeting Place: Quaker Meeting House 37 N. Whitehorse Rd. Phoenixville PA 19460

Day & Time: Saturdays, 9 a.m.

Donation: \$40.00

Report: The group continues to do well. Attendance is slowly growing, especially with those new to recovery. The meeting seems to serve addicts fresh out of rehab trying to start the weekend clean.

Discussion:

Group: Good Orderly Direction

Meeting Place: St. James 409 E. Lancaster Ave. Downingtown PA 19335

Day & Time: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.

Donation: \$15.00

Report: The G.O.D. group is a 12-step speaker meeting. We open early at 7 pm and always stay late. Come help us share the solution found in the steps by sharing your experience strength and hope.

Discussion:

Group: Go With the Flow

Meeting Place: Club A Phoenixville Gay & Walnut Sts.

Day & Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Fridays, 8 – 9 p.m.

Donation: \$100.00

Report: Tuesday night continues to need support. Patti R. home-group member celebrated 19 years on 10/21. Albert R. celebrated 7 years on 10/7.

Discussion:

Group: Grateful Living Group

Meeting Place: Royersford PA 3rd & Washington Sts. Church of the Epiphany

Day & Time: Mondays, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Donation: \$52.00

Report: Group is celebrating our 8 year anniversary tomorrow Monday 10/17. Food, fun, fellowship will be there at 6:30 meeting still 7:30 – 8:30. Group is doing well, and carrying the message. The group did not find any issues when going over the group inventory.

Discussion:

Group: How and Why It Works

Meeting Place: 8th & Diamond Alley Coatesville

Day & Time: Monday-Friday 12 – 1 p.m.

Donation: \$30.00

Report: Meetings are well. We are carrying the message of recovery but we are still in need of trusted servants.

Discussion:

Group: Just for Today

Meeting Place: St. Paul's UCC Exton

Day & Time: Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:45 p.m.

Report: All is well. Group is celebrating 24 years Oct. 19 5:30-7:30 food, fun, fellowship. All are welcome.

Discussion:

Group: Message of Hope

Meeting Place: Honey Brook Presbyterian

Day & Time: Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Donation: \$55.00

Report: Home-group: 5-7 continuous home-group members. Most members have 2-5 years clean, a few over 5, a couple 10+. We see an average of 3-5 newcomers every month. We are primarily a newcomer Step 1-2-3 meeting. We have a good fund flow and can make regular area donations. We are not always happy with area activities and lack of accountability with funds. We have Step meeting, Step speaker, ESH speaker and choice meetings that all work well. Our group strengths: We have the church open well before the meeting starts. We welcome everyone with a hug. We talk with the newcomers before and after the meeting. Every newcomer receives a phone list. Everyone feels comfortable, feels like home. Everyone pitches in to set up the meeting, we are not hung up on titles. Occasionally different members/non-members bring in food, donuts, cookies. We change the meeting set-up from tables to couches to chairs to circles. We save the time for people who are in pain and for shy sharers. We like to have group outings for every season (Phillies games, Hawk Mountain etc.). We insert a thank-you letter in with every church donation. We give the church trash bags, paper towels, and we intend to have a clean-up day soon. We keep in frequent contact with the church. We attract members from Chester County, Coatesville, Downingtown, as well as Reading, Ephrata, Lancaster and Lebanon. We will give away literature sometimes. One time met at Honey Brook newly open diner for dinner before meeting. Had an eat-in-meetin at member's anniversary. Our group weaknesses: Passing on the importance of sponsorship. We have no suggestions to read in our format. Starting on time. Group issues: Many AA members attend our meeting on a regular basis. Sometimes we have long-winded speakers taking up most of the meeting time. Being out in the country may prevent others from attending our meeting. Announce: 3rd year anniversary planned for Thursday December 15 at 8 p.m.

Discussion:

Group: Miracle on Merchant

Meeting Place: St. Paul's AME Church Merchant & 7th Ave Coatesville

Day & Time: Fridays 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Report: 3 year anniversary mini speaker jam Oct 28 5 – 8 p.m.

Discussion:

Group: New Life Group

Meeting Place: 108 Gibbons St. South Coatesville

Day & Time: Thursdays, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Donation: \$43.06

Report: Lorenzo A. celebrated 12 years Oct. 6. Plan to hold the group 24th anniversary celebration on the 3rd of December. All are welcome. Speakers, food and fellowship 12:30 – 7 p.m.

Discussion:

Group: Saturday Night Solution

Meeting Place: 307 Clubhouse West Chester PA

Day & Time: Saturdays, 11 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.

Report: All is well. Attendance has increased. Kate J. just celebrated 5 years! Always looking for more home-group members to come serve and experienced members to come share experience strength and hope.

Discussion:

Group: Spiritual Awakening

Meeting Place: 645 E. Lincoln Highway

Day & Time: Sundays, 12:30 – 2 p.m.

Donation: \$8.24

Report: The group attendance is low. The message of recovery is being carried very well. 1 new member Curtis Tyrone C. will be celebrating 4 years on Oct. 26. All are welcome please come out and support us.

Discussion:

Group: Stairway to Freedom

Meeting Place: 200 S. Church St. West Chester PA 19382

Day & Time: Mondays, 7 p.m.

Report: Group continues to struggle for support. I apologize for no literature purchase. No donation this month.

Discussion:

Group: Sunday Step Writing Meeting

Meeting Place: 307 Club West Chester

Day & Time: Sundays, 2 p.m.

Report: Attendance is 10 members every time 2 hours of recovering. We're recovering!

Discussion:

Group: Twelve Steps to Freedom

Meeting Place: St. Simon & Jude Parish Center East, West Chester

Day & Time: Fridays, 7:30 p.m.

Donation: \$59.30

Report: All is well. Attendance remains very strong. We continue to fulfill the primary purpose of carrying the message to the addict who still suffers.

Discussion:

Group: WAIT Group

Meeting Place: 9th & Merchant Sts. Coatesville PA

Day & Time: Sundays & Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Donation: \$44.62

Report: Group is doing good. We are carrying the message to the addict who still suffers. We have new election coming up in Dec. We are trying to get an activity during the holidays with the Just for Today group from Exton, PA. Denise celebrated 5 years, Karen C. celebrates 25 years.

Discussion:

Treasurer's Report:

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| Beginning Balance | | \$750.00 |
| Less Expenses: | | |
| Check #230 Verizon | \$8.72 | |
| #231 Phone Power | \$27.45 | |
| Cost of new checks | \$25.95 | |
| #232 Ryan W. (secretary) | \$23.39 | |
| #233 Rusty T. (PR) | \$52.37 | |
| #234 CAANA Literature | \$173.80 | |
| #235 Susan C. (stamps) | \$7.92 | |
| Total Expenses | \$319.60 | |
| Total Balance Less Expenses | | \$430.40 |

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| Group Donations | \$739.46 |
| Current Total Balance | \$1,169.86 |
| Less Prudent Reserve | \$750.00 |
| Current Functional Balance | \$419.86 |
| Split and donate \$209.93 to Region and World | |
| New Balance | \$0 |

8:35 The meeting closed with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.