

Serenity Coast Area Minutes

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Held Nov 21, 2015 @ Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church – 7860 Southside Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32256
 Opened at 5:10pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and reading of the Twelve Traditions.

Administrative Roll Call and Attendance:

<u>Position (Suggested Clean Time)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Chairperson (5yrs)	Bob F.	(904)813-4266	P
Vice-Chair (4yrs)	Randy M.	(904)874-5800	A
Secretary (2yrs)	Mary Jo V.	(904)371-7750	A
Alt. Secretary (1yr)	OPEN		
Treasurer (5yrs)	Gina A.	(973)6193199	P
Alt. Treasurer (4yrs)	Phyllis C.	(904)327-0086	A
Web Servant (2yrs)	OPEN		
Info Line (1yr)	OPEN		

Group Roll Call:

<u>Group Name</u>	<u>GSR / Alt</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
By The Book	Sue M. / Connie D.	(904)327-4044	P
Carrying The Message	Phyllis C.	(904)327-0086	P
Clean and Serene	Dave S.		P
Courage To Change	Anthony M.	(386)503-5623	A
Gift of Life	Sheri H.	(904)955-5112	A
Gratitude Group	Judist C.	(904)613-9724	A
In The Wind	Kristan C.	(904)442-4581	P
It Works, We Do Recover			A
Just Say No	Ryan G.	(202)425-7178	A
Keep It Simple			A
Life After Group	Judy S.	(404)661-1114	A
Living with Hope	Suze T.	(904)315-9204	P
Lost and Found	Eric C.	(904)806-5711	A
Middleburg Group	Ken W.		A
No More Excuses	Lisa Y.	(904)629-6285	A
Rising Sun	Eric C.	(314)803-5735	P
Safe Haven	Marianne W.	(386)328-3580	A
Serenity SWAG			A
Sit Down & Shut Up Meditation	Katie B.	(970)596-8503	P
The Solution Group	Joe C.	(904)6741288	P
There Is Hope	Gary S. (Haley W.)	(904)254-1832	A
Turning Point	Jamie P.	(904)551-8696	P (late)
Ultimate Weapon	Randy M.	(904)874-5800	P
Why Are We Here	Ted M.	(904)838-5255	A

Admin Reports:

Chair's Report – Thanks for allowing me to serve this year.

Secretary Report- (Arrived late due to work.) I am unable to continue in this position after the first of the year. Thanks for allowing me to serve this past year. Just a reminder that all positions in Serenity Coast are renewed in January and alternate positions will then be open as well.

Treasurer Report- The balance brought forward of the Area's Treasury on September 18, 2015 was \$53.20. We paid rent in the amount of (\$10.00) ten dollars for our use of our meeting space; this \$10.00 was given to Turning Point. Donation received from Rising Sun group of \$20.00. We have a new balance of \$63.20. Even though we have no bills due other than the \$10.00 rent we pay each ASC every other month, we need to keep in mind that our Info Line will be due and payable early June of 2016. In Loving Service, Gina A.

Web Servant – OPEN position

Info Line – OPEN position

GSR Reports:

By the Book - All is well.

Carrying the Message – All is well.

Clean & Serene – All is well.

In the Wind – All is well.

Living with Hope - All is well. Donation

Rising Sun- All is well.

Sit Down & Shut Up Meditation – Meeting has moved and added new members. Candlelight. Flyers passed out.

The Solution Group – All is well. Donation.

Turning Point – representative arrived late, due to work, in middle of open forum.

Ultimate Weapon – All is well.

Open Forum – Sue – By the Book – stated event calendar listed Freedom Area campout and said they are not NA.

Suze – Living With Hope – advised BMLT meeting list still incorrect. Bob F. – SCA chair – had spoken with FCA chair who was unfamiliar with BMLT. FCA chair agreed they should be using it but were not at this time. Since FCA is not using the BMLT the inaccuracies affect both areas.

Sue – By the Book – FCA has again decided to remove SCA meetings from their meeting list because a group is distributing Baby Blues. "It's so important we keep meeting list combined for the good of NA." Opinion given that this SC group is violating traditions and law by giving out those books. Sue then read from a NAWS periodical from 2014. (During reading the secretary and a Turning Point representative (Dave V.) arrived to ASC meeting).

Bob F. – Area Chair – invited a discussion on the issue since the group being discussed was now present to join in. Mary Jo V. began by acknowledging that TP did indeed give away free copies of the Basic Text known as the Baby Blue. She also advised that home group members had voted to do so in their group conscience and had also discussed the service structure of NA which allowed them the autonomy to do so since groups do not answer to any governing body such as NAWS.

Discussion ensued regarding service structure and who if anyone governs our groups or areas. Some seem to believe we answer to NAWS or a Region. Chair suggested this be taken back to groups for more discussion. More discussion of FIPT and interpretation of same being dictated by World when in fact there is a

worldwide movement within the NA fellowship that rejects the governing of NAWS and the editing of NA literature by non addicts. Sue and Connie D. – By the Book - revisited the same NAWS publications brought up in March 2015 ASC. ASC Chair said he wished to make amends for March 2015 ASC because that motion was not allowed to go back to the groups at that time. Mary Jo advised of the movement within the fellowship using older NA literature that does not recognize the current governing service structure as NA. Still more reading from NAWS publications stating violation of traditions, etc. Meeting schedule also brought up regarding threats from FCA dropping SCA meetings on schedule. Dave V. advised his home group has always carried a pure NA message and reads form current literature and sells current literature. He also stated that there is a clause in the FIPT that allows for a certain percentage of our literature to be reproduced and the Baby Blue falls under that percentage. He questioned what this issue is really about.

Chair finished up discussion by pointing out that we have made mistakes before, citing the 4th edition fiasco when professionals were hired to edit our literature and the result was an error filled edition of our Basic Text. He also read from the same FIPT that others had handed out that an NA group could reprint NA literature to be given away. He also noted that the Grey Form was the approval form of the Basic Text by the WSC Literature Committee not to be read in a regular NA meeting but had never read anything discussing groups studying as historical literature. He suggested we all go back to our groups, discuss with our sponsors, ask a loving God for direction and research all sides of the issue so we could practice open-mindedness. He also suggested we do this in a loving manner.

Old Business: Gina A. – Carrying The Message - handed out a form to assist in scheduling speakers for the women's H&I meeting in Lakeview every other Saturday. Please post in your home group and contact Gina A. at (973) 619-3199.

Elections –

Info Line - Bradley Eye – 9 for 0 against 0 abstain

Vice Chair – Susan Mc – 9 for 0 against 0 abstain

New Business – Sue Mc – By the Book – made a motion to take back to groups new information provided today about the Baby Blue Book and come back to next area with solutions. (Question raised as to what “new” information was being referred to.) Chair suggested he be emailed with any pertinent information on this issue that he could include in minutes. Sue stated intent of motion was to seek suggestions for unity. Motion seconded by Rising Sun.

Turning Point advised may need a new facility for SCASC as group members are not always available to open up this building. Chair suggested groups discuss possible new SCASC meeting locations. Will be here for January meeting.

Announcements: The next meeting will be Sat., Jan. 16, 2016 at 5pm, at Shepherd of the Woods, Southside Blvd. Motion to close approx. 6pm.

Addendum: No information was emailed to chair; therefore, nothing is available to add to minutes. However, since this ASC someone went into SCA website and removed Turning Point meetings from BMLT schedule. Chair person was advised and put them back on schedule and changed password but not before that group had group conscience and voted to stop giving out Baby Blues, largely due to discovering meetings removed from schedule and boycotting of group that had been going on for months.