



**Toronto Area Service Committee
of Narcotics Anonymous**

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

FOR

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**CAMH
33 RUSSEL STREET
TORONTO**



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TASC EXECUTIVE & SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS

(See attached TASC Roll Call sheet for attendance)

Chairperson	Paul F
Alt. Chair	Fran R
Treasurer	Susan M
Alt. Treasurer	OPEN
Secretary	Sara N
Alt. Secretary	OPEN
RCM	Alex D
Alt. RCM	OPEN
Activities Chair	Deborah M
CleanTimes Chair	Sabryna S
Helpline Chair	Laurie-Ann C
H&I Chair	Richard H
Literature Chair	Michael S
Outreach Chair	David W
ORCNA Core Rep	Richard H
P.I. Chair	Matthew P
Retreat Chair	Patty A

CALL TO ORDER 10:25 AM

SERENITY PRAYER All

SERVICE PRAYER Richard H

12 TRADITIONS Janice K

12 CONCEPTS David W

NEW GSR(S) PRESENT Robin U – Recovery Comes First
(Welcome & Orientation) Kaitlyn R – Surrender to Serenity

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motioned by Alex D, 2nd by Richard H
For: 14 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0



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SUBCOMMITTEE & TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS (* indicates report attached)

Activities* (Jaime S standing in for Deborah M) The Chair's report was read. A question was asked about the day and time the sub committee meets. The answer was, on the last Wednesday of the month at 33 Russell Street, room to be determined. Paul F said that when the committee use the cafeteria for events, the tables and chairs must be reorganized and any postings must be taken off the walls and doors. A question was asked about the financial report from the New Year's Eve Dance. The answer was there is a report, but Jaime didn't have it with her.

Clean Times * Sabryna S read her report.

Helpline * Laurie-Anne C read her report.

Hospital & Institutions* Richard H read his report. A question was asked about the need for orientations being made a GSR point. The answer was that for 2 years it's been a GSR point. There hasn't been any support from the fellowship. A great deal of conversation ensued about the Don Jail, meetings by mail and volunteer co-ordinators. The highlights: There is a publication available from World Service "Reaching Out" written by incarcerated addicts. It's available for \$36.00 a year. Richard will discuss other potential ways of bringing the message to institutions (i.e. e-mail, literature, regular mail) with the sub-committee. Note – there is an issue of anonymity because of return addresses. Richard has been keeping copies of all correspondence to the volunteer co-ordinators as they can be very tardy in responding to his email requests. Richard also noted that the members of the H&I sub committee seem to do a lot of service, and there are currently 11 H&I commitments. He also mentioned that he may not run for Chair of H&I and presently there isn't a suitable candidate to act as Alt. Chair. \$121.50 was requested for the H&I literature order, which is within their budget.

Literature * Michael S Read his report . New literature order forms are now available. They are dated January 2006. A question was asked about the new form being put onto the Narcotics Anonymous web site. The answer was next week. A question was asked about the Basic Text being available on CD Rom, The answer was that is it.

Outreach* David W Read his report. A statement was made that Unity day seems very popular all over North America and we should have one in Toronto. There was a discussion about Outreach attempting to hold a Unity Day for the past 2 years. There were several reasons why it hasn't happened yet (lack of Activity Chair, only 3 members on the Outreach Committee.) There was also some discussion about a "hook up". Outreach will meet with Activities in the next month or so. They are planning to have a Unity Day this year.

Public Information * Chantal M Read the Chair's report.

Retreat * (Christina V standing in for Patty A) The Chair's report was read. A question was asked about the Co-ed retreat in May, which might conflict with the convention in Windsor. Christina will take it back to the next sub committee meeting.



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ORCNA Core Rep* Richard H read his report. A question was asked about the official convention song. The answer was that it was probably being picked at that very moment, as the meeting was taking place at the same time as our T.A.S.C. meeting. A question was asked about choosing speakers for the convention. The answer was that application forms are left at the groups for potential speakers to fill in. Potential speakers also usually submit a tape and that is typically how the Programming Committee chooses the main and closing speakers. The speakers normally have their transportation and accommodation paid for by the committee. A point was made that Canadian speakers are chosen for Canadian conventions. A request for additional flyers to take to the groups was made. Richard also made a point of thanking Alex D for all his help.

RCM * Alex D Read his report. *THIS IS THE SAME INFORMATION AS THE LAST REPORT, AS THE REGIONAL MEETING IS JANUARY 15, 2006. Received flyers for upcoming events, please take back to groups. CAR workshop information should be mailed in November. Deadline for personal stories (basic text) is Dec. 1, 2005. CCNA 14 in Toronto officially ratified by CANA. CCNA 15 Scheduled in Victoria, BC in 2007. Various financial figures are contained in the Chair's report. Guide to world & local service as well as many IP's and booklets are now available at www.na.org. A draft of new policies for Ontario region has been produced and is looking for feedback. How does this area want to proceed? Meeting rotation procedure is in the report as well as elections (open positions & suggested clean time). Next meeting is January 15, 2006 at 117 Shirley Drive in Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Treasurer Susan M was not in attendance. Terry L who was standing in for her did not have a report to present.

Merchandise Ad Hoc* Michael M read his report.

TASC Secretary Sara N gave a verbal report asking to confirm GSR's email addresses. I also asked if any of the GSR's needed an updated copy of the Policies and Procedures. I also thanked Paul F for his role of Area Chair.

TASC Chair* Paul F read his final Chair report.

ELECTIONS

Chair	<u>Fran R</u>	ELECTED
Alt. RCM	<u>Keir B</u>	ELECTED
Alt. Secretary	<u>Amy B</u>	ELECTED

NOMINATIONS

Alt. Chair	<u>Terry L</u>	Nominated by Sara N	Seconded by Kevin T
		Accepts nomination pending discussion with sponsor & home group.	

Alt. Treasurer	<u>Vincenzo P</u>	Volunteered	
	<u>Kaitlyn R</u>	Nominated by Wayne B	Seconded by Chantal M
	<u>Bunny S</u>	Nominated by Brian A	Seconded by Dave S



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OLD BUSINESS

Approval of the Activities Committee prudent reserve remaining at \$1,000.00 was given by the groups. This item, from October, 2005, had been tabled from Motion 2005-28 (please see motion log for exact wording). The vote was For: 0 Against: 16 Abstentions: 1

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 2006-01 Maker: Outreach Subcommittee Seconded by: Richard H.
The Motion Reads: That the Toronto Area Service Committee of N.A. creates a Merchandising Sub-Committee.

Intent: To create a point of responsibility for convention merchandise. This committee could help facilitate a unifying logo/theme for the Toronto area, provide N.A. merchandise to members, work with conventions and committees to supply merchandise (and perhaps reduce costs) and ensure that the 11th Concept is met.

Result/Vote: Motion is to be taken back to the groups for a vote.

Points FOR this motion:

- Point of responsibility is very important. Problems are on-going, assist in connections and/or functions (i.e. developing relationships with suppliers). Toronto area logo and/or theme and to assist in creating unity and additional income.
- N.A. merchandise seems to sell.
- Sub-committee still have a say for their merchandise.

Points AGAINST this motion:

- April 2006 TACNA Committee elections – will duplicate.
- Will have to update P&P.
- Great idea but may not be able to fill the position.

GSR REPORT SUMMARYS

Thank you those of you who are submitting these reports
Please encourage other GSR's in the Toronto Area to do so as well

I CAN'T WE CAN – GSR BRIAN A.

Our group did a trial “no smoke break” for 2 months. We have recently re-instated our break but have made a point not to call it a “smoke break”. We have 2 medallions coming up. Bunny S. – 2years on Jan. 27th and Pedro – 1 year on Feb. 10th. Our group is pleased to announce new home group members and increase in attendance.



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RECOVERY COMES FIRST – GSR AMY B.

Our group is alive & well. Meeting attendance was lower than usual this month due to 2 consecutive closures at the centre where we meet. Because of this, we were unable to make a donation to Area for this month.

FRESH START – ROSS M.

Report was not filled in.

ROAD TO RECOVERY – TRUDY V.

At present, our group attendance is low? Winter weather? Holidays? Illness?

WE DO RECOVER – MICHAEL S.

We need support, lots of support.

MIMICO MONDAY MEETING – KEVIN T.

Things are going well. We have a consistent flow of newcomers and for the record, we have celebrated 1 year recently. Our gratitude meeting went well. We had around 50 people in attendance. We currently have 12 or so members. Up coming medallions are Chantell – 1 year on Jan. 9 /06, Dalin A. - 12 years on Jan. 30 /06, Kevin T. - 1 year on Feb. 20 /06, Jules C – 1 year on Feb. 27 /06.

T.G.I.F – VINCENZO P.

Things are going well. Regularly 15 to 20 people. Low seventh yet consistent. 6 active members. 4 regular long-time. We have a Step 1, 2, 3 meeting, Just for Today and when possible a rotating tradition. Caring the message, welcoming the newcomer.

LIVE & LET Live – WAYNE B.

Live & Let Live is doing very well every Thursday night at 7:30pm. We have a great turn out each meeting. Lately, there has a couple of new comers and people coming back looking for help. We are so glad & grateful. We are able to be there especially for that areas. Also would like to thank the church for their support.

NEW FOUND LIFE – DAVE S.

We had an excellent turn out for our Gratitude meeting. Over 150 people. We are getting good support and have been getting new comers. We celebrated a one year medallion Lise and a 3 year and 15, Peter & Fred. We wish everyone a safe & happy new year.

GSR POINTS

1. **CLEAN ON QUEEN'S** move has been postponed until further notice. They are still at Evangel Hall NOT the new lactation listed in the most recent meeting list.
2. **ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE** is meeting on January 25th this month at CAMH. Please note this is not the regular meeting time.
3. **CLEAN TIMES** needs submissions, particularly artwork for cover.



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4. **HELPLINE** will meet January 25th @ 7:30pm at CAMH room 4100. They need volunteers.
5. **HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS** needs an Alternate Chair.
6. **OUTREACH** Would like input from members and groups regarding the absence of groups from TASC, fellowship, problems, issues, solutions. Please bring feedback to Outreach subcommittee meeting @ CAMH room 4058A @ 7:00pm the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Also needs an Alternate Chair. Contact David W at outreach@torontona.org.
7. **PI** Is asking each group for one basic text to donate to public school libraries. Also, interested in feedback on the top three languages to provide basic texts in Toronto.
8. **RETREAT** subcommittee reports women's retreat is full. There's a waiting list. Men's retreat has 9 deposits. There are many beds still available. A co-ed retreat is planned in May.
9. **RCM** needs feedback from groups on revised P&P to be distributed. Are you interested in giving input? Secretary, H&I, PI Chair, Alt Chair, Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer. The meeting is January 15th at 10:00am at 117 Shirley Drive in Richmond Hill.
10. **CONGRATULATIONS** to our new trusted servants: Chair – Fran R, RCM – Keir B., Alt. Secretary Amy B.
11. **THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS** are open: Alt. Treasurer, Alt. Chair, Alt. RCM.
12. **NOMINATIONS:** Alt. Chair – Terry L, Alt. RCM – Justin M, Alt. Treasurer – Vincenzo P., Kaitlyn R., Bunny S.
13. **MOTION 2006-01** referred back to the groups.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Downtown Women's Groups is struggling strongly need support

Circle of Friends is changing format to an open speaker 3rd Monday.

Friends of Jimmy K. is changing format to open discussion.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting dissolved at approximately 1:15 PM.
The next TASC meeting is February 12th, 2006 @ 10 AM
In the cafeteria @ CAMH, 33 Russell Street