

KANA ASC Minutes 11-20-21

Traditions: Bob M

Concepts: Rob H

Roll Call:

Changes	A
Dopeless	A
Easy Does It	A
Faith/Fear	P
The Fix	P
Glow/Dark	A
H.O.P.E.	A
Hope/Hood	P
Hugs	P
JFT	A
Let Go	P
LRG	A
OM24	P
Nickel&Dime	A
Nightshift	P
NoName	P
Noon30	P
PA	P
PP	P
Raw	P
Recovery Plug	A
Serenity/Sweetwater	A
Sisters	P
Solutions	P
TGFNB	P
Vol Group	P
Chair	P
Alt Chair	P
Secretary	P
Treasurer	P
Alt Treas	P
RCM	P
H&I	A
PR	P

KACNA	P
ROR	P
P&P	P
Outreach	P
KAZM	P
Activities	P

Reports:

Secretary:

- Treasurer audit has begun
- KAZM meeting needs a consistent chair
- Joe S for Treasurer was tabled
- Hannah M for Regional Secretary passed
- We reestablished Activities as its own committee, with Robert “Cash” P as its Chair
- In Open Forum;
 - Quickbooks subscription increasing from \$5 to \$35 monthly
 - ROR money needs to be given to Area
 - Over-prudent money is to be split between PR and Region
- In New Business;
 - Motion made to give PR \$600 for presentation supplies [vote today]
 - Motion made to pay for 6 months of QB subscription, and a discussions on the ethics of using a discount
- In Group Reports;
 - LRG, RAW, Let Go, and OM24 need support
 - New GSR orientation was to be held today 9 am before ASC meeting
 - Glow/Dark Halloween Party Oct 29
- Activities needs a subcommittee

Effective immediately, I will be stepping down from my position as Area Secretary, due to personal reasons. I thank you all for allowing me to serve this year and it is not without difficulty that I make this announcement. I will be posting today’s minutes as my final act as Secretary. Thank you.

Chair: Thank you for being here today. Please remember to use the hand-raise function on Zoom and in-person. Thank you for letting me serve.

Alt Chair: no report

Treasurer: \$4660.88 in account. Received \$987. Spent \$252. \$3143 over prudent. Please notify treasurers when making deposits into bank account; we have a \$37 deposit from an unknown source. Jim Brady has been paying for the website domain for the last five years (\$105.85).

RCM: Region has not met yet, therefore no report. Next meeting is Nov 28, 10AM est on Zoom.

H&I:

Chris announced effective immediately he is stepping down from the Chair position. He is submitting a formal letter to the Area to announce this Saturday. As Vice Chair, Becca is now filling the Chair position until March 2022 or until another qualified and willing addict steps up to the position.

All positions will be up for filling at the end of February, so KANA may want to keep this in mind

Panel Leader Reports:

Bogie for Centerpointe Saturdays: Via GroupMe - All is going well at Center Point. Will be out of town 12/18 so Adam P will fill in. States new stamps are needed that say "Hospitals & Institutions".

Chris RE: Centerpointe Wednesdays for Paul: No report.

Knox County Females: Rachel via GroupMe - Meeting every other week. Application sent in for Prudence. Needs literature.

Darin D for Blount County: Via GroupMe - Blount Co Jail attendance is low, but someone there every week to go in. Need literature.

Becca B for Journey Pure: Every other Tuesdays still going in and flexible with the timing for scheduling. Can use speakers, so any women willing with a strong message, step up! Need white booklets and schedules.

Ellise R for Evolve Women's PHP: Evolve is going good; Carrie P and a sponsee joined one week and Becca another. Mixed formats are working well. Their census is quite high but they seem attentive. Need IPs and white booklets.

Adam P for Knox County Males: Via GroupMe - First zoom meeting on 11/18/21. Hard to keep them engaged, especially via zoom. May need literature but will discuss it at next meeting.

Chris B for The Elevate Program at Knox County Schools: No Report.

Amber M for The Village: Via GroupMe - Nothing new and have not gone in due to scheduling conflicts.

*****EVERYONE needs support and additional speakers willing to help. Please encourage your homegroups and sponsees AND AT ASC!!!!!!!!*****

Letter from Chris B:

“It’s with a heavy heart that I’m sending you this today. It was never my intention to leave this commitment when I took it on, but I don’t think I knew what I was signing up for. Not in this commitment, but in the other areas of my life. I don’t think I realized how full my life was about to become and how hard finding a balance post pandemic would be for the way I operated in service. I don’t think I understood just how full my life would get when my lost dreams came not only back to life but reached a level of fruition of sorts, with no end in sight. I think that I’ve done and am doing the subcommittee a great disservice by staying in past my expiration date anyways. For months and months, almost the entire time I became chair after vice chair, I have not had space or time to chair this Committee, I have done so anyways, but I have done the bare minimum and maybe a little less. I honestly believe anyone else would be a better option for representation and I believe someone new could possibly give this position the attention it adamantly demands. I have been drained of my willingness to give my all to it, and in that way have done a disservice. I heavily regret having to send my resignation this way, as If breaking up through text or a dear John letter, but even this is a good enough example of why I’m not the best choice to lead this subcommittee any longer. It has been a pleasure serving this subcommittee over the last three years of my recovery and I suspect my involvement isn’t completely over by any means, but for myself, my family, and most importantly my own recovery and spirit, I have to step down. This isn’t a choice I made on a whim or with a light heart, and I have been trying to avoid it for a while, but I don’t have it in me to be on this side of it.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Former chair of the KANA ASC H AND I SUBCOMMITTEE.

Chris B.”

PR: new meeting sheets are being printed with corrections. Website is up to date. Cindy has a \$68.20 receipt for meeting sheet printing.

KACNA: has a check for \$5085.42, closing account. \$3600 is owed to us from Crowne Plaza. \$220 in cash for an event in the spring. Justin C will be stepping down as Chair. Depending on 501C3 status, they may open a bank account just for KACNA later on. Currently, the bank account has an individual’s SS# but it will be closed.

ROR: Camp is reserved for 2022 Oct 14-16, paid in full. Need positions filled. ROR bank account was in Treasurer Bobby’s name, and \$1700 was mistakenly used for personal reasons; money has been replaced and Bobby is stepping down as Treasurer of the ROR committee.

P&P: nothing to report

Outreach: GSR orientation was today at 9am; no one showed up. But available to happen again.

KAZM: nothing to report

Activities: trying to get plans together for an activity for January. Needs subcommittee participation.

Old Business:

\$600 for presentation materials. Motion passed.

Open Forum:

- Faith/Fear: fridays 8pm 413 Cumberland Ave 37902
- The Fix: TH/F/Sun 8pm 5925 Chapman Hwy 37920
- Primary Purpose Th meeting needs to be added online
- Reprieve meeting locations may need to be updated on App.
- Hope/Hood MWF 8pm 3920 Martin Luther King Jr Ave 37914
- Open positions: Secretary, Alt Secretary, Alt RCM, H&I Chair, Activities committee

New Business:

Motion made by NoName, 2nd by Nightshift

Rachel S for Area Secretary. Has a sponsor, 6 years clean, works steps, has sponsees, has willingness, typing skills, Word experience. Was previous GSR of Noon 30, secretary of ROR.

Motion made, 2nd by Noon 30

James M for H&I Chair. Previous treasurer of Area, vice chair of Area, has a sponsor, works steps. Has been a panel leader in H&I and has H&I experience.

Motion made by Noon30

Change KANA to a 501C3 non-profit.

Discussion is as followed:

KANA is breaking the law by not reporting as a non-profit entity. Joe S provided the following information:

“Upon working to prepare to facilitate the transfer, I understand the Area is not a legal entity and therefore does not have a federal tax ID number i.e. Employee Identification Number (EIN), and the Area’s checking account is currently tied to an individual social security number (SSN). This goes against NA guidelines see <https://m.na.org/?ID=bulletins-bull32>. This clearly states we should not use personal SSN for NA business. The primary reason for this is because the individual who supplies their SSN could be held liable to pay tax on the proceeds the KANA

Area receives in donations. Even if one can prove they are not liable, the cost of defending an IRS audit can be costly. Groups can file for an EIN and not be required to file tax returns or establish a legal entity if their donations do not exceed \$5,000 a year. KANA far exceeds this \$5,000 annual cap in donations.

Being a responsible productive member of society, I do not want to be exposed to potential tax liabilities and it is my strong recommendation that KANA establish itself as a Non-Profit entity (501(c) 3) just as the Volunteer Region of NA has done. Blake did propose this in the past, yet it was rejected by the Area.

If KANA does not do this, I believe we will have problems finding responsible treasures who would expose themselves to this liability. I know I am not willing to use my SSN to open any KANA checking accounts nor can I be complicit in avoiding statutory IRS and Tennessee State tax reporting requirements.

My understanding as to the process and cost to establish a non-profit entity in Tennessee are as follows. Please note I am not a Tax Professional or a lawyer. The area should seek professional advice before starting this process.

1. Form a nonprofit corporation in the [State of Tennessee](#), Fee \$100
2. Apply for [EIN Number](#), No cost
3. Apply to IRS for nonprofit status Form [1023-EZ](#) \$200 professional fee, \$275 filing fee
4. [State Nonprofit Registration](#), No cost
5. Ongoing requirements and costs
 - a. Tennessee State annual filing fee of \$5 for nonprofits
 - b. Annual Tax return, IRS [Form 990-N](#) \$300 professional fees

In closing, I request the area to please approve the money to spend to establish KANA as a nonprofit and a standing annual approved budget of \$5 State filing fee and tax prep cost of \$300 for IRS Form 990-N. If approved, we will need to decide on a name. e.g. Knoxville Area of Narcotics Anonymous, Inc. or Knoxville Area of NA, Inc or a name of the area's choosing.

Joe S is willing to put his own name as a registered agent if we change to a 501C3. We will pay no sales tax on purchases. We may want to seek professional advice on the matter. P&P Chair will add info on the subject into guidelines after an ADHOC committee comes up with them, such as who is responsible for filing the taxes each year. **TAKE BACK TO GROUPS.**

Group Reports/Announcements:

- Nightshift has changed location to AROCK Inc in Rockford 3722 Old Knoxville Hwy Sun/W/F 11pm in the AA room. Housewarming bonfire F Dec 10 9pm.
- Sisters in Recovery news support. T 6:30pm FUMC Kingston Pike.
- The Fix, last sunday of the month is a speaker meeting; needs speakers.