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COR Meeting

April 17, 2005

1119C Johnston St.,
Lafayette, La. 6:00 PM

AGENDA

Open with the Serenity
Prayer

Sign-in

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Office Manager's Report

Committee Reports

District Liaison Reports

Old Business

Election

New Business

None

Close with the Lord's Prayer

Steering Committee Elections Set

The Elections Committee has announced the following members as standing for the vacant Steering Committee positions:

Treasurer

Jim E. - Reflections

Mary C. - Northside Gratitude

Contact

Kathy R. - Reflections

Communications

Christie G. - Step by Step

Kathleen - Freedom's Choice

David - Freedom's Choice

Vice-Chairman

Jace B. - Scott Group

Lloyd P. - Serenity Group of NI

The election will take place on Sunday, April 17, 2005 at the regular monthly COR meeting.

Those eligible to vote are Central Office Representatives or their Alternates from the member groups.

Anyone else interested in standing for these positions is urged to attend this meeting and inform the Elections Committee. All of these positions require two years of continuous sobriety as qualification.

The newly elected trusted servants will take office on June 1, 2005 and serve for two years. The other three Steering Committee positions:
Chairperson
Secretary
Activities Chairperson
Will expire on May 31, 2006.

The Family Afterward

The following note was received at Central Office. It of course expresses a message of gratitude:

“Dear Pat & Chapter,

Thank you for all the love and support you gave my Mother during the past 44 years. Quite an accomplishment I think. She loved all of you as her second family.

During the past 2 years she was mostly bed-ridden but she did appreciate your brief visits. Pat, thank you for seeing her in her last days.

I know she was smiling down from Heaven at the ‘final’ meeting you held Saturday night—she loved it & thanks so many for coming. We shall all miss her.

Ruth Brunson”

Daughter of
Katherine H.

New Iberia AA Sets Unity Day

Courage to Change, Back to Basics, and Serenity Groups of New Iberia have scheduled their Unity Day for Saturday, May 14, 2005 at the Cyr Gates Community Center in the New Iberia City Park. This will be a day of fun for the whole family. Five speakers are scheduled. See the enclosed flyer for details

Book Price Increase

The General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous posted the following announcement in the April-May 2005 issue of *Box 459*:

“On July 1, 2005 the price of all books, with the exception of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, will increase by \$1.00. This increase applies to books of all languages and formats, including hardcover, softcover, large-print, and booklets. The various formats of the Big Book will remain as currently priced.

The A.A. World Services Board also approved the implementation of a service charge on orders. The service charge will be 10% on all orders, with a minimum charge of \$3.00. Orders of \$250 or more will be exempt from the service charge.

Both of these measures, along with a broad cost-cutting plan at the General Service Office will go a long way in helping the trustees maintain a Prudent Reserve.”

Your Central Office Steering Committee is currently studying the impact of these price increases on the operation of Acadiana Central Office and is preparing a plan to present to the Central Office Representatives at the May 15, 2005 COR meeting.

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**ACADIANA AREA CENTRAL OFFICE REPRESENTATIVES MEETING
Minutes from March 20, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by Susan T. and opened with the Serenity Prayer.
The attendees were:

<u>Steering Committee</u>		<u>Central Office Representatives</u>	
Chairman	Susan T	Freedom's Choice	Susan T
Secretary	Shanda C	New Way Group of BB	Gloria T L
Activities	Todd D	Northside Gratitude	Mary C
Contact	Lloyd P	Opelousas Group	Alice R
Newsletter	Bill S	Primary Purpose	Michelle S
<u>Central Office Representatives</u>		Queen City Gratitude	Kathy R
A Design for Living	Michael H	Scott Group	Rod S
Abbeville Area	Ronnie H	Serenity	Lionel
Area Group of Breaux Bridge	Bill S	Serenity Group N.I.	Lloyd P
Downtown Group	Albert H	Sobriety and Beyond	Jay S
Dry Dock	Avery F	Step by Step	Kristie G
Duson Group	Dennis B		
Faith	Patti L		

The **February minutes** were read by Schanda C and accepted as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Bill S reported on behalf of Bob R. There was a starting balance of 2,000.00, a regular total income of 2063.55, and a sales income of 1347.15, for a total income of 3410.70. The regular expenses were 1886.89, sales expenses were 1375.70, for a total of expenses of 3262.59 for the month of February. The net income total was 148.11. We then transferred 148.11 back to the prudent reserve, leaving 2,000.00 for the regular working balance. The report was accepted.

Office Manager's Report:

11 Twelve-Step calls 216 Meeting information calls 16 Other calls 3 Meeting lists mailed
9 Meeting Lists faxed 7 Al-Anon info 2 Office information calls 132 Walk-ins 57 Sales of merchandise 8 Internet Inquiries

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Todd D reported that they had set out over 200 chairs for the Chili cook-off, and all were full. The figures indicated a \$409.20 surplus after expenses were reimbursed. Thanks to Terry R for the use of his PA for only a \$25.00 donation. 150 fliers were given out for the Hawaiian BBQ, our next function.

Debbie C. from Step by Step will be the speaker at the BBQ. Volunteers will be needed, please see Todd D. Todd D thought that perhaps we could do a raffle where we keep all the \$. Last year we made a profit of only \$23 dollars, the year prior we were in the hole. This year the raffle took in 230.00 at the chili cook-off. 720.00 was taken in at the Christmas party and 150.00 at the BBQ. There was some discussion for and against the type of raffle previously mentioned. Ken mentioned that the bi-laws do state that money for the Central Office is to come from 3 sources.

Group and individual contributions 2. Literature sales 3. Events

So, events are 1 of 3 ways to bring in money. If the COR's believe the prudent reserve is in good shape, then the profit made at these events doesn't really matter. If the bi-laws are to be changed then we would need a 2/3 majority vote. Ken was not making a recommendation to do so, he was just providing the forum with information. Kathy asked if the bi-laws state a suggested amount for the prudent reserve. Ken answered with a no. Bill S said that we refer to as our prudent reserve is not really a prudent reserve. It's more like a cash account. We will use it as we need it and run it down if it comes to that. 8 years ago there was not a prudent reserve. Kathy asked what was Todd's actual concern. Todd thought that it was a means of producing more income for our Central Office. Mark suggested that we have a 50/50 raffle and a regular item raffle. Ken said that if you take a look back at the minutes from around 12-18 months ago; we were discussing the same topic regarding the raffles. The vote was approximately 13:1 to continue with a 50/50 raffle. Rod thought we should do both, and Jay agreed. The conclusion was that we would have both a 50/50 and an item raffle.

Lloyd reminded us that we need to have the menu for the BBQ finalized soon. It will cost money to rent a large pit. Lloyd will return with costs at the next meeting.

Website: Ken reported that the counter on the website is not working. The site is being maintained and everyone is encouraged to use it. The address is www.aa-acadiana.org

DISTRICT LIAISON REPORTS

District 13E: Ken reported that the State Convention will be in Metairie the weekend of 3/25/05. The Assembly will be at the Holiday Inn in Baton Rouge 4-8 thru 4-10. There are 2 more workshops being planned, perhaps "A Vision for You" and or a dinner. There are handouts available from the Traditions workshop; Irene has them.

District 13B: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

The elections committee announced that the interested nominees are as listed below:

Treasurer	Communications
Jim E. - Reflections	Christie G. – Step by Step
Mary C. - Northside Gratitude	Kathleen – Freedom's Choice
Contact	David – Freedom's Choice
Kathy R. – Reflections	Patti L. said that if the Central Office were
Vice-Chairman	in a bind, she would
Jace B. – Scott Group	be glad to help
Lloyd P. – Serenity Group of NI	

In addition to those willing to run for positions; Michael H., Michelle S., and Marcelle are willing to assist on those committees.

Mary C. had a question about the necessity of making both the steering and regular C.O. meeting if she were to be elected the new treasurer. The consensus was that it would be necessary. Jim E. asked for more information on the responsibilities for the Treasurer position. Pat d does the # crunching. Checks would need to be signed once or twice a month. Pat would be glad to work with the treasurer, as she has already been doing. Lloyd asked about the particulars for the Vice Chairman position. The response given was that one would need to attend the Central Office functions, be available to the Chairman, sit on the Steering committee and make the steering committee meetings prior to the regular meeting.

Susan T asked if there were any other questions. There were not any. She said that we need to be prepared to vote at the next meeting.

New Business

None

The meeting adjourned and was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting to be held April 17, 2005 at 6:00 PM at 1119-C Johnston (behind Domino's).

Office Manager's Corner

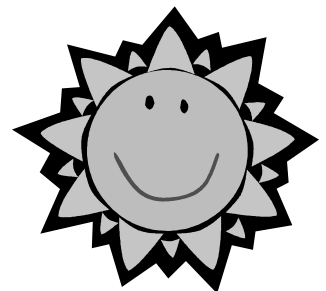
For the month of March, the Office Mgr. Pat d. reports the following activity:

12-Step Calls	8
Meeting Info Calls	227
Walk Ins	156
Office Information	2
Al-Anon Info	5
Other Calls	12
Meeting Lists Faxed	2
Internet Inquiries	4
Sales of Merchandise	81
Meeting Lists Mailed	0

The following members served as volunteers manning the office on Thursdays and Fridays during the month of March:

Mar. 3	Denise H.
Mar. 4	Bill S.
Mar. 10	Denise H.
Mar. 11	Walter T.
Mar. 17	Greg C.
Mar. 18	Denise H.
Mar. 24	Ed G.
Mar. 25	Walter T.
Mar. 28	Denise H.

The Sunlight Of The Spirit



	Acadiana Central Office				
	2005	FINANCIAL	REPORT		
	March	YTD	Group Donations	March	YTD
Starting Bank Balance	\$2,000.00		Abbeville Area	\$0.00	\$55.00
INCOME				\$0.00	\$0.00
Anonymous	\$0.00	\$170.00	Acadian Gr.	\$0.00	\$50.00
Coffee Kitty - Meeting List	\$37.00	\$37.00	Any Lengths	\$0.00	\$400.41
COR Meeting	\$23.15	\$91.85		\$0.00	\$0.00
District 13(B)	\$0.00	\$0.00	Blvd. Group (Opelousas)	\$0.00	\$75.00
Alcathon	\$0.00	\$0.00	Courage To Change (N.I.)	\$15.38	\$172.44
Chili Cook Off	\$0.00	\$700.08	Design For Living	\$110.00	\$284.68
Barbeque	\$0.00	\$0.00	Downtown Gr. (Opelousas)	\$68.00	\$120.14
Christmas Party	\$0.00	\$0.00	Dry Dock	\$0.00	\$90.00
Plug In The Jug News Lette	\$34.00	\$312.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Rent	\$30.00	\$75.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Group Donations	\$830.32	\$4,033.77	Faith	\$0.00	\$360.00
Total Regular Income	\$954.47	\$5,419.70		\$0.00	\$0.00
Literature Sales	\$1,817.25	\$5,942.30	Freedoms Choice	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chips & Speciality Items	\$647.00	\$1,899.10		\$0.00	\$0.00
Sales Income	\$2,464.25	\$7,841.40		\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,418.72	\$13,261.10		\$0.00	\$0.00
EXPENSES				\$0.00	\$0.00
Advertisement	\$58.00	\$232.00	Hang In There (Scott)	\$0.00	\$209.40
Answering Service	\$85.00	\$340.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Service Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	Hub City	\$200.00	\$200.00
Copying Expense	\$97.15	\$194.30	In Step (N.I.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chili Cook Off	\$0.00	\$290.88		\$0.00	\$0.00
Barbeque	\$100.00	\$147.49	Krotz Springs Gr.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christmas Party	\$0.00	\$50.00	Last Chance Acceptance	\$0.00	\$19.00
Alcathon	\$0.00	\$0.00	Living Sober	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gas Allowance	\$30.00	\$120.00	Live & Let Live (K. S.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office Expense	\$4.81	\$203.20		\$0.00	\$0.00
Payroll	\$900.00	\$2,700.00	New Way (Breux Bridge)	\$75.00	\$75.00
Payroll Taxes (all)	\$85.65	\$248.04		\$0.00	\$0.00
Repair & Maintance	\$0.00	\$14.03	Northside Gratitude	\$0.00	\$52.50
Postage	\$100.00	\$200.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Rent (All)	\$382.00	\$1,704.14	Opelousas Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
Telephone	\$105.57	\$408.71	Pass It On	\$25.00	\$25.00
Utilities	\$33.52	\$135.15	Queen City/ Gratitude (N.I.)	\$0.00	\$38.30
Workmans Comp.	\$0.00	\$0.00	Reflections	\$0.00	\$100.00
Secretary of State	\$0.00	\$5.00	Scott Group	\$29.74	\$322.41
Equip Key Bd, pad, Phone	\$0.00	\$0.00	Serenity N.I.	\$50.00	\$200.00
Computer	\$0.00	\$0.00	Simply Sober	\$0.00	\$0.00
Internet Service Provider	\$59.95	\$239.80	Sisters In Sobriety	\$0.00	\$120.00
Website	\$0.00	\$54.00	Sobriety & Beyond	\$0.00	\$0.00
Regular Expenses	\$2,041.65	\$7,286.74	Solution Gr. Ville Platte	\$0.00	\$0.00
Literature Purchases	\$978.15	\$4,508.60	Spring Group Port Barre	\$20.00	\$20.00
Chips & Specialty Items	\$344.74	\$1,218.44	Step Into Recovery	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sales Expenses	\$1,322.89	\$5,727.04	Step By Step	\$80.00	\$160.00
Total Expenses	\$3,364.54	\$13,013.78	S.M.F. Gr	\$0.00	\$0.00
			Sun Up	\$114.20	\$665.22
Net Income - Regular	-\$1,087.18	-\$1,867.04	3rd Street Park	\$0.00	\$163.27
Net Income - Sales	\$1,141.36	\$2,114.36	Truman Gr.	\$13.00	\$13.00
Theft	\$0.00	\$0.00	12 @ 12 Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net Income - Total	\$54.18	\$247.32	Willing To Believe (Duson)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bk. Statement Bal.	\$2,054.18	31-Mar-05	Willing To Be Willing (Rayne)	\$30.00	\$30.00
Prudent Reserve Transfer	-\$54.18		Total Group Donations	\$830.32	\$4,033.77
Reg Working Bk. Bal.	\$2,000.00	1-Apr-05			
Prud. Res. Bk. Bal.(Old)	\$6,812.18	31-Mar-05			
Transferred	\$54.18				
Prud. Res. Bk. Bal.(New)	\$6,866.36	1-Apr-05			



MAY BIRTHDAYS

715 YEARS OF SOBRIETY



Dale T.	5/1/81 Any Lengths	24 yrs	Bobby B.	5/17/74 Downtown Group	31 yrs
Deryl V.	5/1/89 Faith Group	16 yrs	Tari V.	5/17/02 Courage To Change	3 yrs
Stephan	5/1/97 Serenity Group N.I.	8 yrs	Eugene Sr.	5/18/86 3rd Street Park Crowley	19 yrs
Wallace H.	5/1/03 Opelousas Group	2 yrs	Anne M.	5/18/94 Dry Dock	11 yrs
Jim B	5/2/01 3rd Street Park Crowley	4 yrs	Heath L.	5/18/98 Lafayette Group	7 yrs
Richard B.	5/2/03 Serenity Group N.I.	2 yrs	Ron B.	5/19/97 Living Sober	8 yrs
Ed B,	5/2/04 Last Chance Acceptance	1 yr	Merrill P.	5/19/03 Courage To Change	2 yrs
Donna D.	5/3/92 In Step	13 yrs	John S.	5/19/03 Serenity Group N.I.	2 yrs
Tyson P.	5/3/03 Abbeville Area	2 yrs	Kenyatta M.	5/19/03 Serenity Group N.I.	2 yrs
Gradys R.	5/3/03 Queen City/Gratitude	2 yrs	Gary H.	5/20/02 Any Lengths	3 yrs
Jennifer L.	5/3/03 Queen City/Gratitude	2 yrs	Rickey F.	5/20/02 Courage To Change	3 yrs
Bob R.	5/4/04 Sun Up	1 yr	Gloria T.	5/21/95 New Way	10 yrs
Jack B.	5/5/86 Freedoms Choise	19 yrs	Wayne	5/21/00 Dry Dock	5 yrs
Larry B.	5/5/02 Serenity Group N.I.	3 yrs	Emily L.	5/21/03 Serenity Group N.I.	2 yrs
Suzy L.	5/6/87 Sun Up	18 yrs	Charlie M.	5/23/87 Serenity Group N.I.	18 yrs
Kenneth V	5/6/04 Scott	0 yrs	Irving D.	5/23/90 Design For Living	15 yrs
Bobby V.	5/7/81 Courage To Change	24 yrs	Kevin B.	5/23/98 Sun Up	7 yrs
Al B.	5/7/83 Faith Group	22 yrs	Leonard G.	5/23/00 Dry Dock	5 yrs
Pat	5/7/00 Lafayette Group	5 yrs	Paul G.	5/23/02 Any Lengths	3 yrs
Brian H.	5/7/03 Abbeville Area	0 yrs	Chris C.	5/23/03 Serenity Group N.I.	2 yrs
Robert M.	5/8/88 Faith Group	15 yrs	Debbie C.	5/24/86 Step By Step	17 yrs
Mike B.	5/8/03 Any Lengths	2 yrs	Brian P.	5/24/97 Abbeville Area	8 yrs
Jamie R.	5/8/03 Refections	2 yrs	Steve B.	5/24/02 Serenity Group N.I.	3 yrs
Wayne S.	5/10/83 Abbeville Area	22 yrs	Ed K.	5/25/83 Twelve At Twelve	22 yrs
Matthew S.	5/10/96 Twelve At Twelve	9	Mitch D.	5/25/02 Sobriety & Beyond	3 yrs
Danny G.	5/11/02 Any Lengths	3 yrs	Chris B.	5/25/03 Refections	2 yrs
Clayton B.	5/11/03 Sun Up	2 yrs	Donna F.	5/26/95 Abbeville Area	10 yrs
Scotty H.	5/11/04 Primary Purpose	1 yr	Judy L.	5/26/98 Lafayette Group	7 yrs
Buddy P.	5/12/96 Abbeville Area	9 yrs	David B.	5/26/00 Scott	5 yrs
Renee' M	5/12/97 Step By Step	8 yrs	Joe M.	5/26/03 3rd Street Park Crowley	2 yrs
Sterling	5/12/00 Serenity Group N.I.	3 yrs	Rich L.	5/26/03 Any Lengths	2 yrs
Joel H.	5/12/02 Hub City	3 yrs	Archie H	5/27/74 Sun Up	31 yrs
Kathleen R.	5/13/83 Freedoms Choise	22 yrs	Jim E.	5/27/87 Refections	18 yrs
Lionel D.	5/13/03 Courage To Change	2 yrs	Guy C.	5/27/97 Scott	8 yrs
Carl C.	5/14/97 Abbeville Area	8 yrs	Kelly K.	5/27/99 Serenity Group N.I.	6 yrs
Nathan L.	5/14/99 Scott	6 yrs	Anne T.	5/27/03 Refections	2 yrs
Kathy D.	5/14/01 Abbeville Area	4 yrs	Bill D.	5/28/75 Sun Up	30 yrs
Bob L.	5/14/02 Hub City	3 yrs	Jason	5/28/82 In Step	23 yrs
Michael T.	5/15/86 Serenity Group N.I.	19 yrs	Glenn S.	5/28/98 Area Group Of BB	7 yrs
Tina P.	5/15/00 Serenity Group N.I.	5 yrs	Gixan S.	5/28/98 New Way	7 yrs
Danny A.	5/15/02 Hub City	3 yrs	Debbie B.	5/28/01 Serenity Group N.I.	4 yrs
Darlene C.	5/15/03 Any Lengths	2 yrs	John L.	5/28/04 Faith Group	1 yr
Cuz D.	5/16/93 Serenity Group N.I.	12 yrs	Jamie L.	5/30/03 Serenity Group N.I.	2 yrs
Ken M.	5/16/03 Abbeville Area	2 yrs			
Kenneth M,	5/16/03 Abbeville Area	2 yrs			

SICK BAY 2005

Pete R.	Bienvenue
Madelyn B.	Last Chance Acceptance
Ola B.	Last Chance Acceptance
Louis "Frere" K.	New Way Group
Sid D.	New Way Group
Beldon F.	Queen City/Gratitude
Celeste L.	Reflections
John D.	Truman Group

Things We Cannot Change (In Memoriam)

Katherine H.	Lafayette
Dot. M.	Sunday Morning Fellowship

April 17 – May 2, 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 17 4:00PM CCC Committee 1119C Johnston, Laf.. 6:00PM COR 1119C Johnston, Laf	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23
April 24 4:00 PM Dist. 13 C GSR 1 st Methodist Ch. Corner of Lee & Main, Lafayette	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30
May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7
May 8 6:30PM District 13 T & C, PI/CPC 300 E. Martial, Laf	May 9	May 10	May 11 6:00PM District 13E 115 Leonie St. Laf. 7:00PM District 13B Village DuLac, 1404 Carmel Ave. Lafayette	May 12	May 13	May 14 8:00AM Unity Day, New Iberia City Park, NI
May 15 4:00PM CCC Committee 1119C Johnston, Laf.. 6:00PM COR 1119C Johnston, Laf	May 16	May 17	May 8	May 19	May 20	May 21
May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28