

Serenity Coast Area Minutes

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Held May 16, 2015 @ Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church – 7860 Southside Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32256
Serenity Coast Area Service opened at 5:10 PM 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.		A
Secretary (2yrs)	Mary Jo V.	(904)371-7750	P
Alt. Secretary (1yr)	OPEN		
Treasurer (5yrs)	Gina A.	(973)619-3199	P
Alt. Treasurer (4yrs)	Phyllis C.	(904)327-0086	P
Web Servant (2yrs)	Jake Q.	(904)392-4779	P
Info Line (1yr)	OPEN		

Group Roll Call

<u>Group Name</u>	<u>GSR / Alt</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Present / Absent</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.		(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	Tim B.	(904)208-0754	(P)
Lost and Found	Eric C.	(904)806-5711	(A)
Middleburg Group	Ken W.		(A)
No More Excuses	Lisa Y.	(904)629-6285	(P)
Rising Sun	Ben S.	(904)238-8889	(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	Mike L.	(904)635-8822	(A)
There Is Hope	Gary S. (Haley W.)	(904)254-1832	(A)
Turning Point	Jamie P.	(904)551-8696	(P)
Ultimate Weapon	Randy M.	(904)874-5800	(P)
Why Are We Here	Ted M.	(904)838-5255	(A)

Admin Reports

Chair's Report – All is well.

Secretary Report- All is well and thank you for allowing me to serve. I am requesting the groups to take back to their group consciences that the alt. secretary position is open. I know in the future my work schedule will conflict with this Area meeting at some point and an alternate would prevent lack of coverage at those times. ILS, MJV

Treasurer Report- The balance brought forward of the Area's Treasury on March 21, 2015 was one hundred ninety dollars and sixty eight cents (\$190.68). We paid rent in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) for our use of our meeting space; this \$10.00 was given to Mary Jo from Turning Point. We have a new balance of \$180.68, one hundred eighty dollars and sixty eight cents. Even though we have no bills other than the ten dollars (\$10.00) rent we pay each ASC every other month, we need to keep in mind that our InfoLine will be due and payable early June, 2015. In Loving Service, Gina A.

Questions regarding if enough money was available to pay upcoming InfoLine bill for one year. By the Book advised they had a donation but did not bring it with them to ASC. They said they would get with the treasurer by June 2nd to make donation in time to pay bill.

Web Servant – Jake advised that someone other than himself actually deleted completely all info on the Grey Book Group from the website. He explained that normally he suspends or “non-publishes” info on groups at our request but doesn't completely delete group info so that it is still available, just not showing on meeting schedule. Suggested we may want to discuss further in New Business how to disallow any other areas from being able to change info on Serenity Coast website.

Info Line – Discussion and questions regarding duties of InfoLine. Chair advised it was simply maintaining the recording of the Serenity Coast meetings as any changes were needed. It is not a “helpline” or “hotline” where a live person is available to take calls or return them. Clean time requirement (per previous minutes) is one year.

GSR Reports

By the Book - All is well.

Carrying the Message - All is well.

In the Wind – All is well. Kristan C. has taken over the duties of GSR

Living with Hope - All is well.

No More Excuses – All is well. Lisa Y. is now GSR

Rising Sun- New Group-All is well. Group is now listed on BMLT and Ben S. is GSR

Sit Down & Shut Up Meditation Group – All is well. Home group members have all moved from the Beaches where group meets and may be looking for new meeting location and/or time. In the meantime please come out and support.

Turning Point – All is well

Ultimate Weapon – All is well.

Open Forum – By The Book asked if someone or some group was printing and selling “Baby Blues”. Turning Point group advised they were purchasing them (at cost) and giving them away as part of their newcomer packets and to anyone else that wants one at their meetings.

Bob F. advised he had received several phone calls from other Serenity Coast groups who felt disenfranchised after the last SCASC vote due to their not being able to participate in the voting process. In the past if groups were unable to attend Area meetings and a motion was discussed at Area, those groups were able to vote by proxy or the vote was temporarily postponed until an attempt was made to contact all groups to allow them time for a group conscience. Originally, Serenity Coast Area was founded as a “By the groups, For the groups, To the groups” Area with the Traditions, Concepts, and utilization of the Guide to Local Services as our “policy” package.

In The Wind (Eric L.) stated this Area doesn't have a policy and should use Robert's Rules of Order.

Bob F. reiterated the original policy and intent of SCA to allow ALL groups to have a vote and the feeling of many groups, as expressed to him, that that did not happen at the last (March, 2015) SCASC.

Old Business – None

Elections – Open Area positions are alt. Secretary and InfoLine. Clean time requirements for both are one (1) year. Alt. Secretary responsibilities are to fill in for Secretary when needed taking notes and recording SCASC meetings and transcribing those notes into Word document (SCASC minutes template). InfoLine responsibilities were discussed above under Admin Reports. Connor B. has graciously offered to continue maintenance of the InfoLine until someone else is elected.

>Please take both of these open positions back to your group conscience meetings. <

New Business – Motion by Carrying The Message group, second by Turning Point group:

“All motions brought to Serenity Coast Area must be sent back to the Serenity Coast groups for a vote except any motions that might be considered Area Housekeeping- which would be determined at same SCASC meeting.”

>Discussion and questions ensued as to what would be considered “Housekeeping”, for instance emergency or deemed to be pertinent at that time. Also discussed was the Google group established at inception of SCA to allow for full participation of all Serenity Coast groups considering the geographic distance involved in our Area. Chairperson interjected that our concepts tell us that all members of a service body are involved in the decision making process and the responsibility of a GSR is to take the group’s conscience to the Area and report back to the group any decisions made at Area.

>Groups are to take this motion back to their group conscience for a vote<

Motion by Turning Point group, second by Carrying The Message:

“To de-link First Coast and Serenity Coast areas’ BMLT meeting schedules leaving a link to each on each website.” Intent: to avoid another area’s ability to hold our area “hostage” over issues of our meetings as our group feels was done at the last SCASC. (Withdrawn-see below)

Discussion and questions as to how this would be implemented and why two areas have combined meeting schedules. Webservant and others discussed original implementation of BMLT, how it works, and original intent was of cooperation and assisting FCA with Website administration. Turning Point was asked to amend motion and GSR stated would need to go back to group conscience.

Another motion was suggested by webservant to take care of previous editing issue so Turning Point made new motion and Carrying The Message again seconded:

“To direct webservant to disallow editing authorization by any other Areas on the Serenity Coast area website, specifically the BMLT meeting schedule.”

This motion was determined to be a Housekeeping issue and voted on and passed: 9 groups for, 0 abstain, 0 against.

Motion by Turning Point, second by Carrying The Message:

“To add Grey Book Goup back to Serenity Coast Area and BMLT schedule.”

Motion was said to be out of order and suggested that the GBG should come to next SCASC and make request to rejoin Area.

Announcements: The next meeting will be Sat. July 18, 2015 at 5pm, at Shepherd of the Woods.

Motion to close was made at 6:24pm.