

Attention: GSR'S and Executive Members - gas reimbursement is available
Any area group may request to have the LAASC Meeting in their own town by contacting the LAASC Chair or
LAASC Vice Chair two months in advance to the month they wish to host.

Lake Agassiz Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous Minutes from September 2019

*September LAASC was held in Fargo @ 650 2nd Ave. N on September 21st at Noon.
October ASC will be cancelled to hold the Area Inventory which will be held in Fargo @
650 2nd Ave. N on October 19th at Noon.
November ASC will be held in Fargo @ 650 2nd Ave. N on November 16th at Noon.*

Attendance was as follows: Wes K, Jim C, Richard B, Megan J, Sly W, Sydney S,
Hannah F, Cody L, Chris J, Alex R, Jon T, Shawn O and Renee B

Part 1: Quorum Report / Approval of Minutes

7 GSR Present at opening of meeting

Motion to approve amended minute by Alex R seconded by Shawn O. (6-0-1)

Part 2: Housekeeping

Elections: Manuel not present for secretary election, tabled this.

Nominations: Jim – Activities Chair

Open Positions: Vice Chair, Secretary, Parliamentarian, PR Chair, Literature Chair,
Treasurer, RCM and RCMA

*(For any questions on what these positions are or what they entail please contact
someone on the election schedule found at the end of these minutes)*

Part 3: Reports

Chair – Aaron

Vice Chair – VACANT

Secretary - VACANT

Treasurer – Shawn O

Regional Committee Team: Erica – resigned.

Hospitals and Institutions Chair: Sly - written report attached.

Public Relations Chair: Alex R (acting) - written report attached

Activities Chair: Jon T- written report attached

Literature Committee Chairperson: VACANT

Literature orders will be only done at ASC monthly meeting.

Please email your order beforehand to: laascmin@yahoo.com

GSR REPORTS

Meeting	GSR	Open Positions	Suggestions
Recovery in Motion	Sly W	GSR, alt GSR	Keep Coming Back
She Do Recover	Ericka R	GSR, alt GSR, Treasurer	None
Clean and Free	Cody L	GSR, alt GSR	None
Sherwood Men’s Group	Wes K	None	None
HOW	Jim C	GSR, alt GSR, Vice Chair	None
Stepping Stones	Hannah F	None	Keep Coming Back
Break in the Day	Renee B	Yes	None
Mixed Nuts	Shawn O	None	Don’t Do Drugs

Part 4: Sharing Session

Old Business

1. **ASC Inventory:** October 19 Jeremy T. and Brandon F. form Lewis Clark – <https://na.org/?ID=PR2> It was discussed the importance of reading up on what an inventory is and how it works beforehand, This is the link to the Public Relations handbook, page 20 titled “Inventory local services” has a lot of information on this.
2. **Budgets:**
 - a. *Executive*- this budget was amended to remove the activities start up due to the activities chair saying it won’t be needed and to add \$7 to the PO Box, this was voted on and the budget passed
 - b. *Public Relations*- this budget was voted on and passed as is.
 - c. *Hospitals and Institutions*- A lot of conversation on the increase of this budget and how much was spent the last year. Conversation included the current growing of H&I facilities. This budget will be voted on in Nov.
3. **Regional Trailer:** discussed to end

New Business

1. **Regional Discussion:** Sly brought a letter from region that is attached at the end of these minutes regarding finances at the Upper Midwest Region.

2. **Behaviors at NA events and meetings:** This conversation was about inappropriate behaviors at meetings and events, how we can help when they happen, and how to make sure people feel safe to continue coming to the rooms. A few things that were suggested:
 - a. NAWs is currently working on more literature regarding this.
 - b. Do more workshops at events about this issue and what to do in these situations.
 - c. Have signs at events of who to call if you feel uncomfortable for any reason, this will help someone newer who may not know who to go to.
 - d. Talking regularly to others about the importance of this.
 - e. Using wording in our meetings formats so people know where to go, for example, *“If you feel unsafe before, during or after this meeting please come to a home group member. Can all home group members please raise their hand?”*

3. **RCM team:** Wes K and Alex R volunteered to be RCM and RCMA for the November Regional meeting. Voted today, passed.

4. **Treasurer: Motion** made for Shawn O to continue in position until December. **Intent** to get us through the next through months while we talk about guideline changes regarding how long someone can be in a position. Voted today, passed.

5. **Motion:** ASC to meet bi-monthly rather than monthly. The executive committee and subcommittee chairs continue to meet on the off months. **Intent:** To change up the dynamic of ASC in that GSRs attend every other month but are able to attend the executive committee months. **Made By:** Wes K **Seconded By:** Jim C Will vote in Nov.

6. **Motion:** to eliminate the quorum call **Intent:** Every group has the opportunity to send a GSR & if they don’t choose to attend the ASC we could still do business with the groups who do choose to attend. **Made By:** Jim C **Seconded By:** Wes K Will vote in Nov

7. **Motion:** to remove the guideline under “Terms of office, nomination and elections” Point A. And to add in place of it “A. Officers shall not be elected to serve more than two consecutive full terms.” **Intent:** to not box in the 18-month rule but still maintain rotation and continuity. **Made By:** Alex R **Seconded By:** Sly W Will vote in Nov

8. **Newcomer Packets:** Alex and Aaron will work together after the inventory to get this filled again.

Part 7: Voting (7 GSRS)

1. Motion to approve minutes (6-0-1) **PASSED**
2. Motion to amend executive budget and vote on this today (7-0-0) **PASSED**
3. Executive Budget (5-0-2) **PASSED**
4. Motion to vote on PR budget today (7-0-0) **PASSED**
5. Public Relations Budget (5-0-2) **PASSED**
6. Wes K and Alex R to act as RCM/RCMA at Nov RSC (6-0-1) **PASSED**
7. Extend Shawn's term to December for treasurer. (6-0-1) **PASSED**

Meet adjourned around 4pm

REPORTS

Approved Executive Budget 2019-2020

Rent: \$300

Minutes/Paper, Ink & Postage \$250

GSR Reimbursement \$500

Misc. \$300

PO Box \$65

Checks \$25

Total---- \$1,440

Approved Public Relations Budget 2019-2020

750 meeting list

720 phone line

550 Professional Events/Literature

250 PR Week and Kickball Tournament

250 Miscellaneous

Total ---- 2,520

H&I Budget not yet approved.

PR REPORT Sept 2019

Hey friends.

Due to all the things this month the PR committee did not formally meet. However, we have kept in contact about different PR activities going on and have continued to stay in touch with the other area in our region in regard to the Recovery Reinvented event coming up. We are also still working with the youth facility that approached us about bringing in a meeting.

There were a lot of changes to the meeting list so we did print more, and you can contact me if you need printed copies. You can also print them off the website directly or download the app! www.laascmeetinglist.org

We will continue to meet the second Sunday at 430pm at Red Raven and would love to see new faces and hear new ideas.

Thanks guys,

Alex R

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Activities Report Sept 2019

Greetings Area!

Planning for the fall banquet is mostly complete. We've had some new faces and would love to see more to potentially spearhead next year's committee. We are also looking for raffle items for this event, and possibly future events, so if you have NA related clothing, paintings, or other materials, please bring them to the fall banquet.

The bank states are all ready to be audited.

Again, I am prepared to walk a potential chair through my notes and filing notes to make transition to the next committee as painless as possible.

Since my first report, Jim C has stepped up for nomination for chair of the coming year. If you would like to serve on next year's committee get in contact with myself or him.

Thank You,

-Jon T

H & I Report Sept 2019

I am happy to announce that fargo/moorhead has an crease in participation. We have 2X a month prairie, 2x a month with hopeful increase in participation at Juvie pending on approval. Clay county Jail is steadily be gone into. Anchorage our new facility is gone into weekly and we have new panel leader Dela for Anchorage. So things are going well in h and I land. We are working on a new time and day for meeting mainly to meet people new school schedules and wanting to make available for all to participate...

There was some discussion on the amount of H and I budget to what was actually used. The committee does not have adequate data to know where to make cuts. Like to do a better follow of the money over the next year. Making adjustments at the end of the year.

Proposed H&I Budget for 2019 - 2020

Facility Name(s)	Literature	Quantity	Per Unit Cost	Total Cost	
Fergus Falls Ottertail County Jail	JFT	7	9.55	66.85	
	BT SC	5	12.15	60.75	
	Step Guides SC	7	9.00	63.00	
	It Works H&W	7	9.55	66.85	
	Living Clean	7	10.35	72.45	
	IP's	100	.25	25.00	
	White Booklets	100	.80	80.00	
	Fergus Falls H&I			Total Cost	\$434.90
Hope Unit, Richland County Jail, and Wilcon County Jail	JFT	3	9.55	28.65	
	BT SC	6	12.15	72.90	
	IPs	30	.25	7.50	
	Wahpeton/Breckenridge			Total Cost	\$109.05
Clay County Juvy, & Clay County Jail	JFT	10	9.55	95.50	
	BT SC	10	12.15	121.50	
	It Works H&W SC	10	9.55	95.50	
	Living Clean SC	10	10.35	103.50	
	Behind the Walls	100	1.00	100.00	
	White booklets	100	.80	64.00	
	IPs	800	.25	200.00	
	Fargo/Moorhead			Total Cost	\$780.00
Thieft River Falls	Basic Text SC	10	12.15	121.50	
	JFT	10	9.55	95.50	
	It Works H&W SC	2	9.55	95.50	
	Thieft River Falls			Total Cost	\$312.50
Grand Forks Grand Forks County Correctional Center	JFT	7	9.55	66.85	
	BT SC	5	12.15	60.75	
	Step Guides SC	7	9.00	63.00	
	It Works H&W	7	9.55	66.85	
	Living Clean	7	10.35	72.45	
	IP's	100	.25	25.00	
	White Booklets	100	.80	80.00	
	GrandForks H&I			Total Cost	\$434.90
				Sub Total	\$ 2,071.35
				Tax 8%	\$165.71
				Total Cost	\$2,237.06
Meeting List H & I	500			Total Cost	\$60.00
Misc				Total Cost	\$200.00
Total H&I Proposed Budget					\$2,497.06

Letter From RSC Chair

Hello

I am sending this on behalf of The Upper Midwest Region. We have recently found some discrepancies in the regional activities account. There was 2 unauthorized charges made

5/22 electronic check for 35.00

5/24 electronic check 82.39

After discovering this we closed both main account and activities account. Reopened 2 new accounts and have made some adjustments on how the account is used. Activities will no longer use physical checks. Per direction of NA using IP 30 we decided to contact the prior chair to inquire about the charges. He said he would be willing to sit down with us. There were three separate meetings. He did not show up for. We then decided as a committee to send a certified letter to give them another chance. There was still no response. The letter was returned to the regional PO Box. On September 13th myself (Sly Regional Chair) and Shawn was contacted by the Gate City Bank to ask if we wanted to authorize checks that was written and attempted to be cash at the bank. The check was written for 350 and 450 to the same person for roof repairs. One was signed by the prior activities chair. One had no signature. We then as a committee and to protect ourselves we have filed an official report. Intent to protect ourselves legally if any of the unaccountable checks are further misused. This will keep us from any legal action from the business they was used at. A complete audit on the checking account was done. If anyone at this body or at the groups have any further questions, comments or concerns or please send them with your RCM at our November meeting or a representative from your home group. We can address them at that time.

Election Schedule

Position	Current Trusted Servant	Contact Information	Voted In	Term Ends	Meeting
LAASC Chair	Aaron	701-866-9091	02/2019	02/2020	3 rd Saturday 12pm at 1 st Presbyterian, 650 2 nd Ave N Fargo
LAASC Vice Chair	Vacant				-refer to chair
Secretary	Vacant				-refer to chair
LAASC Treasurer	Shawn O (acting)	218-684-0899	4/2018	4/2019	-refer to chair
LAASC RCM	Vacant				-refer to chair
LAASC Alt RCM	Vacant				-refer to chair
LAASC Parliamentarian	Vacant				-refer to chair
LAASC H&I Chair	Sly W	701-936-1360	09/2018	09/2020	
LAASC Area Activities Chair	Jon T	701-781-7610	01/2019	01/2020	Private residence, no set meetings, contact chair
LAASC Area Activities Treasurer					-refer to activities chair
LAASC PR Chair	Alex R (acting)	701-715-6239			2 nd Sunday at 430pm at Red Raven
LAASC Literature Chair	Vacant				

**The RCM, Alt RCM and H&I chair positions are two-year terms. All other positions are one-year terms.