

REGION 51
REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 18, 2008

Opening:

At 1:00 PM Region 51 Meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Allen D. with the Serenity Prayer & Twelve Concepts.

Attendance:

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| RD | Rick W. | Present |
| RD-A | Shelly S. | Present |
| Chair | Allen D. | Present |
| Treasurer | Tony C. | Absent |
| Secretary | Ira Z. | Present |
| PI Chair | Chris B. | Present |
| H&I Chair | Wayne S. | Present |
| Activities Chair | Kelly M. | Present |
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| NXNWANA | Chris S. | Present |
| SNANA | Michael H. | Present |
| SNANA | Isar K. | Present |
| SNANA | Dan R. | Present |
| SVANA | Mitch G. | Present |
| ELVANA | Jeff H. | Present |

Secretary minutes were approved by the Region.

**Open Forum –
Topics:**

- Treasurer Questions, i.e deposits from Areas into Regional Account
- SNANA asking Regional support for their Convention Loss, still owe \$3500

REPORTS:

RD: NO WRITTEN REPORT. World Service Conference was great, we will hear About this in July.

RDA: May 18, 2008

Dear Regional Service Committee:

This past month has been a whirlwind. I was notified 3 weeks prior to the World Service Conference that Doug H. would not be able to attend the conference and he resigned from his Alternate Delegate position. Rick asked that I attend in his place so it was a lot to get my life organized so that I was able to attend. I received the materials for the conference only 2 weeks in advance and did my best at absorbing all the information over the 7 day conference. Needless to say, I didn't remember everything but I am reviewing my notes and we should have an outstanding report for the July assembly.

I have purchased a flash driver to download my notes off of the laptop and it can also be used to back up all of our treasury information as well. I also purchased an easel pad/flip chart to be used at the next assembly to aid us in a round table discussion and exercise on the new Issue Discussion Topics discussed at the conference. These items were purchased using the debit card and I have attached a receipt. I have also brought in my receipts from the hotel (of which the World Service Conference paid the other half of the room as they were not able to find a roommate for me) and my meal per diem expense. For the next Regional Assembly in July, I am looking for a projector that we can use to show a video of the fellowship development that has taken place in the last cycle and to do a power point presentation of the Issue Discussion Topic that will be discussed.

On a personal note, I am very honored to have participated at the 2008 World Service Conference representing Region 51 and thank God for Rick W. being my mentor to lend the history of past motions and information. I don't feel that I would have gained that same experience with a delegate who would have participated at the conference for one cycle. My personal recommendation is that we keep the terms of Regional Delegate and Regional Alternate Delegate as a 4 and 4 year term so that Region 51 can continue to be represented knowing all the information being given. We have a strong Western States forum that we can share knowledge but we can't always rely on other delegates to give us "their notes". It was mentally overwhelming but I was up for the task and looking forward to continue servicing the region at this level.

In addition, we also need to update our Regional information with the appropriate addresses and meeting dates and times. If the RCM's of each area could please make sure these are updated, that would be a big help to me.

In Loving Service,

Shelly S.

REGIONAL CHAIR:

Greetings to all. We need to discuss a few topics today. First we need to appoint new positions on the committee body as a rotation of service. We need to discuss insurance with any feedback from the Areas. We have the RD Alternate opening to plan for the General Assembly. The Area donations and South Valley Hosting the next General Assembly. Also, plan to itemize budgets and expenses. Thanks for letting me serve, Allen O.

Treasurer:

**REGION 51 NA TREASURER REPORT
05/10/2008**

Beginning Balance **\$9445.96**

Income

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Peace of Mind Group | 30.80 |
| SNA Donation | 500.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$530.80 |

Expenses

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| Stamps | 7.38 |
| P.O. Box Fees | 188.00 |
| World Donation | 2000.00 |
| Region Ass. Starter | 300.00 |
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| | \$2495.38 |

Checkbook Balance as of 05/13/2008 **\$6945.96**

Mailbox last checked 04/28/2008

Sorry for being out of town. I never got computer back to input this information. I will update comp in June and pass to new tres **Tony C.**

Secretary: I'm not adverse to having ALL reports submitted by email.
Ira Z.

Region 51 Public Information Subcommittee Report

May 18, 2008

Greetings from Public Information,

We have printed 3900 new regional meeting lists. The Region is now printing 2 types of meeting lists. One for H&I in white without any regional contact information and a colored meeting list (Yellow this time) with regional contact information on it. We have also added all new meetings and meeting changes .

The Breakdown is as follows:

Southern Nevada Area - 1200 for Groups and 150 for H&I

East Las Vegas Area – 650 for Groups and 100 for H&I

North by Northwest Area – 650 for Groups and 150 for H&I

South Valley Area – 700 for Groups and 0 for H&I

Regional H&I Committee – 300 H&I Lists

I have submitted to the regional treasurer the invoice from PCM Printing to be paid for \$756.41

We are nominating our Vice Chairperson Robert R. for the position of Region 51 Public Information Chairperson.

REGION 51 WEBSITE UPDATE:

We did not purchase the region domain or website hosting. We felt it was premature to spend these funds until we were further along with the regional website. We have started developing the Region 51 website. It is still in the infinites stages. It is taking longer then expected to put together. We ask the regions patience's with this.

REGION 51 PHONELINE UPDATE:

We also have a few committee members who are willing to spear head the implementation of the Regional Phonenumber (Tom from East Last Vegas). We have started receiving back from groups volunteers willing to participate. Tom is going to contact all willing participate and set up a meeting to get the phonenumber up and running with in the next 6-9 months.

AREA and REGIONAL PI PRESENTATIONS SNICE LAST REGIONAL:

1. Stop the Violence Campaign Saturday April 12, 2008 Southern Nevada and North by Northwest. It went very well. We gave away a ton of literature and regional meeting lists. We were very well received by the community and recognized in their program.
2. Florence McClure Women Correctional Center in North Las Vegas April 25, 2008. They want a H&I Meeting in there general population and 15 Basic Texts and 15 Step Working Guides for their women's addiction program. NxNWA donated 5 Basic Texts and 5 Step Working Guides. They were very grateful for the donation. We have clearance forms for women willing to take a meeting into this prison. Here are the prison requirements.
 - Must pass Background Check
 - Must attend 6-8 hour orientation
 - Must pass TB Test

After speaking with the prison about the 5 year clean time requirement, they are will to have us pick the people to bring the meeting in. They still must complete the other standers. So please bring these forms back to your Area's and Groups and have willing women with one or more years fill out they clearance forms.

3. Cimarron Memorial High School Nursing and Guidance Staff May 13, 2008 – Very well received. Had Five other school nurses from the High Schools in the Northwest Las Vegas Area Attend. Gave each school numerous IP's, Regional Meeting List and each school a Basic Text. They will stated that they will start using Narcotics Anonymous as a resource in their community. Cimarron Memorial High School is also looking to see if they can provide space for Narcotics Anonymous to start an Open NA Meeting at the High School.
4. Juvenile Detention Center – Southern Nevada PI with their H&I Committee. They would like an H&I Meeting brought in on Fridays.

Below are the Area Public Information Reports:

Area Public Information Reports

North By Northwest:

PI is going well we have 5 active members.

NxNWASC - groups are also ok with only using the Regional Meeting Schedule.

The NxNWASC website is currently up to date. The URL is : www.nxnwana.org. If you have any announcement's from your group or subcommittee that you would like to be posted on our website please email them to me at Public-Information@nxnwana.org. We are now receiving 15-20 email requests on our website a week. Looking to access meetings in Las Vegas. These requests are from visitors to local people looking for Narcotics Anonymous Meetings.

East Las Vegas:

ELVANA PI report May 2008

First I would like to address the drop in participation on the sub committee this last year. Every member who has left either had more than fulfilled their commitment time, or had pressing personal issues that needed to be addressed. I would like to sincerely thank all of them for their contributions of time and effort to the committee. PI is not a high profile or glamorous service commitment, and they did an outstanding job.

Secondly, the core issues that faced PI this last year were resolved in the 1st quarter. The answering machine is now able to take information requests, and literature packets are being regularly mailed out. Our e-mail address was reestablished, and is being checked regularly. Meeting lists are timely, and checked at every area service for errors and omissions.

This last year has been focused on integrating services with the Region, pooling resources, sharing commitments, and reducing the duplication of efforts. We share the responsibility for literature rack placements and replenishment, distribution of meeting schedules to facilities, providing panel services, and phoneline response and administration. We hope to grow these services this next year, both in scope and efficiency. More participation from the area, both in membership and financial support will be needed to make this happen. I would like to continue on this next year as you PI Chair, to continue to make this exciting time come into place.

In service, Tom L. 287-2691

Southern Nevada:

Web site is getting updated with new contact info after we held our A.S.C. elections. Tina G. is our new PI chair and our Vice Chair position is still open. We are also looking for a new phone line coordinator. Earlier this past month we sent out p.s.a.'s to the local TV stations and they should be put into their rotation shortly. We went to the juvenile detention center for teenage boys with H&I and they would like a meeting brought in on Fridays. Thank you for allowing me to serve it's been a great experience being P.I. chair the past two years.

Thank you,
In Loving Service,
Robert R. Pi Southern Nevada

South Valley: We are currently focusing on setting up our groups in the new area. We have not discussed PI as of yet. We will as an Area address the service structure once we are more established with the new groups and literature. I will let you know once we start the PI process.

In loving service,
Rene R.

As you can see PI is alive and well in Region 51.

It is a Privilege to Serve,

Chris B.

Public Information Chairperson – Region 51

To: Region 51 Admin panel
Fm: PI subcommittee, Answering service report

I have had the privilege to review the various services available in the marketplace, and the closest fit to our needs is from a company called 'OneBox' in the Chicago area. The most interesting feature is the flat rate of 2000 minutes per month usage for \$80. This should more than meet our needs, and its' cost is half of the closest competitor. It does require direct auto payment through debt enabled account, but Chris has informed me that this is not a problem.

The high points so the systems are as follows:

10 voice mailboxes included, with additional boxes for \$5 each. A 5-minute recording time for each box, which will allow us to structure informational messages as we see the need. They can be recorded with either direct phone access, or web managed with WMA or MPG3 recordings.

Each mailbox will forward to three phones, and if after so many rings will try 3 more, and will repeat one more time. The call system will allow the receiver to see the caller id, and know if they are free to take the call. This will open the door to many people who would not otherwise be willing to take 1st line response calls. A training program, and a pocket-sized guide will allow a person with minimal experience in recovery to participate in the service. Our goal is to use a two-tiered approach so the more experienced members can return the actual 12-step call.

We suggest choosing a new local phone number, and using call forwarding from our 2 established numbers listed in the yellow pages. This will provide a seamless cutover, and also allow a backup system to stay in place until confidence is complete. Perhaps one year of forwarding would be suggested, as the next publishing of the yellow pages is not coming until January.

Onebox does not require a contract, and can add an 800 toll free number at a later date if we request it. They assure me that they have several NA accounts already, and are familiar with our needs. This proposal

is awaiting your approval and any questions or suggestions you might have. Please check out the web site, www.onebox.com and feel free to call me and discuss it

In Service, Tom L.
Interim phonenumber co-coordinator.
287-2691

H&I REGIONAL REPORT

We are requesting Literature totaling \$349.30 which we will be supplying to Las Vegas City Jail, Summit View Youth Correctional Center and Indian Springs Prison. We are asking P.I. for meeting schedules with no staples as this is an issue with some facilities.

We have a communication concern regarding the P.O. Box and request that the Chair of the sub-committee have access.

The Vice Chairs of both Regional H&I and P.I. held a presentation at Summit View, with the intention of supplying services.

We are bringing Kelly D. forward as our Chair. Our Vice Chair position will be open.

Wayne S.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

Dear Region: Regional Activities met today with all areas present and Unity Day. We are acclimating Kelly M. as Chair. We are going to start a committee for New Year's Eve. SNANA had some activities. Lake Mead went good. Baseball sold out and the Drive-In Movie they lost \$30.00 but made up that money at their other events. They are putting on a speaker & game night at, "The Rooms" on June 28 from 7-11PM. ELVANA is having their Picnic on Sunday, May 25th at Mission Hills Park 11-4PM. In loving service, Kelly M.

May 18, 2008

Regional Unity Day Picnic – 2008

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| Committee Members: | Anthony P. | 348-6104 / anthony331@aol.com |
| | Carolyn B. | 254-8311 / Cbrekka@aol.com |
| | Clarence L. | 419-9025 / popadoc21@hotmail.com |
| | Jimmy S. | 460-8025 / strawb9@cox.net |
| | John M. | 641-9608 / jjm0811@cox.net |
| | Johnny Y. | 286-8472 / tcb@mccsoflasvegas.com |
| | Kareem A. | 561-4847 / kareemabdulali@yahoo.com |
| | Traci M. | 641-9608 / tkm0329@cox.net |



During our last Regional Assembly we provided flyers to announce elections for the Regional Unity Day Picnic Service Commitments, elections will be held on May 24th, 3:00pm at 1401 N. Decatur. Our hope is for member's who have not been involved in the Regional Unity Day Picnic to get involved and be a part of service. The 2007 committee member's will stay committed to the event to help the new member's for the 2008 event, with a tentative date of October 19th.

The following commitments are: Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Program (2), Merchandise (2), Food Coordinators and Games. Our North by Northwest Area will be the central location for the event this year.

Our 2008 Budget is as follows:

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| \$1,000.00 | Purchase T-Shirts – for Pre-Sale |
| <u>\$1,200.00</u> | Park location fee, food and supplies |
| \$2,200.00 | Total Budget |

The 2007 Budget was \$2,100.00, after receiving income for the T-Shirt Sales and Donations - the event cost was \$116.10. We hope to have as successful event for 2008.

I would like to mention again that as Vice Chair of the event in 2007, I am grateful to be of service as Chair for 2008. I look forward to achieving the goals we have set for this year's event. The first goal is for our last year's committee members to help new members transition into service commitments for this years Regional Unity Day Picnic.

Thank you.
John M.

SOUTH VALLEY AREA REPORT

Dear Region 51,

Our ASC is doing well. We have just completed a draft of our area guidelines and will be presenting them to our GSR's this Wed. at our ASC. We are financially sound and usually take in about \$1,000.00 per month in group donations. We are happy to report we made our first donation to the region this month of \$600.00. We also finally received our check from the region for \$300.00 that was originally intended as a start up fund for the area. Since it took so long to receive it we no longer require the funds for start up so are using the money for the July Assembly since it cost \$300.00 for the last regional assembly. (40 rent, 260 food) We have been experiencing a difficult time finding a facility of Sunday to host the event and wanted to ask if was possible to schedule the event on a Saturday? Additionally, Noel has resigned her position as RCM due to her work schedule therefore we will be electing a new RCM this Wed. at our ASC,

In Loving Service,

Mitch G. SVANA RCM

NXNWA RCM REPORT

Greetings Region 51: The North by Northwest area recently had their nomination/election process. I am happy to inform that every position has been filled. We have new faces in service and some familiar ones transitioning into new positions. Our Area Treasurer had some donation checks to Region, some dating back to 2006 that are un-deposited. We would most likely cancel them and write new ones, but they would just like to make this body aware of this matter. Thanks. ILS, Chris S.

SNANA RCM Report

S.N.A. had area elections in May. All positions are filled except vice-treasurer. Dan R. is our new R.C.M. Tony C. is unable to be in attendance and gave me Treasurer's Report for Region. We are humbly asking the Region to financially help the convention committee. We owe \$3500.00 to the Riviera Hotel. And the committee is making payments to the Riviera. We are making changes to next year convention to correct the problems which created the debt. S.N.A. would like to see us change the R.D.A. commitment to two years instead of four. Tony C. is willing to serve as R.D.A. Southern Nevada Area would stop hosting the convention if the Region is willing to. We hope that the other Areas are interested in creating an ADHOC to look into the feasibility of a Regional Convention. SNA donated \$500 to Region 51 and is excited about the Region doing more to carry the message of N.A.

SNA RCM – Michael H, Izar K, and Dan R.

OLD Business:

- Rick submitted insurance quote \$1146.02 (SEE ATTACHED)
 - o That includes general liability on all meetings, all service committee meetings, 3 Regional Activities with a nominal or no charge for Area activities. (Within limitations). This covers the facilities.

- Regional Bank Account to be audited by an outside party.

NEW Business:

- **Subcommittee Chair acclamations.**
- **PI – Robert R.**
- **H&I – Kelly D.**
- **Activities – Kelly M.**
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- New Regional Committee Service positions
 - o Chair – Chris S.
 - o Treasurer –
 - o Secretary –

- The term of RDA-RD was tabled.

- Shelly will be acclimated as RD, and the Regional Chair will present the committees nomination for RD-A.

Southern Nevada Area has come to the Region to ask for help in paying off their loss for their last convention. They are in need of \$3500.00. It was discussed and decided to have the Region return their \$500 donation and in July after they meet and negotiate with the Riviera Hotel they will continue to pay off their debt. Many other alternatives were discussed.

July Regional subcommittee meeting will meet July 27, 2008 at 11 and the Regional Committee will meet 12:00 followed by the Regional Assembly at 1:00PM.

Al D. was asked to submit an agenda for the Regional Committee meeting and the Regional Assembly.

Closed meeting with the 3rd Step Prayer.

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Your Regional Phonenumber asks:

Got 5 minutes?

Be that initial contact, be the 1st voice that a caller hears.

Got 30 minutes?

Be the person that reaches out with a 12-step phone call.

Got a car?

Got a friend?

Got gratitude?

Form a team to give rides to a meeting.

Remember how scary it was to reach out for the 1st time?

Call Tom L. at 287-2691 after 7PM or week-ends or e-mail ELVANA_NA@Hotmail.com

**“WHEN WE FORGET WHO WE WERE,
WE FORGET WHY WE’RE HERE!”**

This message is brought to you by your new Region 51 phonenumber team.

REGION 51

Unity Day Picnic
Committee Members Elections

BE OF SERVICE

Saturday, May 24th 2008 – 3:00pm
1401 N. Decatur (3M Club)

[Service Committee Meeting Schedule](#)
[June 28 – July 26 – August 23 – September 27 – October 11](#)

Be part of planning for park location,
theme, artwork, games, etc.....

For more information call: John M. 641-9608

ANNUAL 2008 UNITY DAY PICNIC

FELLOWSHIP – FOOD – FUN – GAMES - SPEAKERS



Sunday, October 19