



Local Service Committee Meeting

Tuesday 13th August 2024 6pm

Zoom Id - 832 7042 4390 password – 096 544

Hove Park School, Nevill Campus, Nevill Road, Hove BN3 7BN

Steve L, LSC Chair welcomed us to the meeting.

Moment of Silence to remember the still suffering addict both inside and outside the rooms.

Kat read the 12 Concepts.

? read the 12 Traditions.

In attendance:

Steve L – LSC Chair

Kat – LSC Treasurer/Co-Panel Leader Recovery Project.

Louise –LSC Literature Secretary/LSC Presentation Coordinator

(Attended online)

Lucy - Tea Person

Tyler - Poster Co-Ordinator

Jill – Panel Leader Bowerman House

Brian DG – Panel Leader HMP Ford & HMP Lewes

Brian B – Panel Leader Lighthouse

Paul K – Panel Leader Recovery Project

Anna – LSC Minutes Secretary

Visitors:

Apologies:

Steve P – LSC Vice-Chair

Aaron – Co-Panel Leader Lighthouse

Andy- Panel Leader Daubeny House

Rachel

Approval of last month's minutes

Last month's minutes proposed, seconded and approved.

Nominations

Vice-chair Steve P has handed in his commitment. It was noted that for the future, the length of the vice-chair commitment is under review due to its current length (2 years vice-chair plus 2 years as chair = 4 years, seeming unreasonably long).

Vice-Minutes Secretary Anna is handing in her Minutes Secretary commitment from October. Tyler nominated himself for Vice-Minutes Secretary, with view to step up in October. Tyler provided recovery CV, opportunity for questions. Tyler voted in unanimously.

Panel Leader Lighthouse Brian B handed in his position but will continue to cover until replacement is found. Brian B given round of applause for his long-standing service.

Kat suggested adding Vice-LSC Presentation Coordinator to list.

Treasurer's opening balance £500

Positions Vacant

LSC Vice Literature Secretary – 2 years clean time

LSC Vice Presentation Co-ordinator – 2 years clean time

LSC Vice Treasurer – 3 years clean time (to be reviewed in guidelines, suggestion 4 years)

Panel Leader Lighthouse – 2 years clean time

Panel Leader x 2 – Langford Centre Bexhill. 3+years clean time (as discussed this month, is under question mark whether is viable)

Zoom Tech Support –ideally 2 years clean time but tech savvy please.

Service Reports

Bowerman House: Jill reported (WhatsApp) meetings are monthly now. Still small but cosy.

Recovery Project: Paul reported(WhatsApp) 12-14 very enthusiastic members. Very happy to receive donation of a JFT book.

Daubeney House: Andy reported (WhatsApp) we have the go-ahead, just need some literature or starter pack. Will provide details of meeting times etc.

Lighthouse: Aaron reported (WhatsApp) Meetings running well. Attended by 10-15 clients regularly. NA Shares. Good feedback from clients.

Literature: Louise is liaising with members about their literature requirements.

LSC Presentation Coordinator: Louise reported (WhatsApp and at meeting) no follow-up yet to Brinsbury College Staff. Their terms in their roles won't begin until September when schools go back. Need to follow up presentation request to their BN based group.

Poster Coordinator: Tyler reported (WhatsApp) nothing to report, just looking for people to join in (with 6 months clean time minimum).

HMP Ford & Lewes: Brian DG reported: has started the lengthy vetting process, provided extensive info. Initially has been rejected with no reason given. Has appealed decision and awaiting outcome. HMP Ford would be happy for him to take online meeting if f2f meeting is not possible. Steve pointed out taking meeting online may make Brian accountable to UKPI rather than LSC. Steve and Brian mentioned it would be good to get interested people started on the vetting process asap because it is so involved. Also, we now have a better idea of what information is being asked for, so we can prepare people.

Millview: cancelled presentation at short notice (Aug 13th) and will be back in touch.

Pride: Kat reported: Provided NA presence at a successful event on 3rd August. Thanks to all especially Kat for coordinating. Next year, Louise will manage Pride along with vice-presentation coordinator as part of her role, has been given handover by Kat.

Business from previous months:

Possible CGL presentation: Louise queried the mention of CGL requesting a presentation-needs more info about this, was in last month's minutes. Kat will check last month's minutes notes to see if she can find more info.

UKPR/PI Learning Day: will be held Sunday 8th September 1-4pm at The Yews, Haywards Heath. Discussion about logistics for this are ongoing- UKPI rep mode of transport, venue equipment, itinerary for day. Please announce this event at meetings!

BHT Housing team: LSC have been asked back for another presentation in September/October, including possibly a 'goldfish bowl' meeting. UKPI will provide training on this on Sept 8th.

Homelessness outreach – Safe Haven Sussex: presentation given 11th July 2024, posters and literature provided.

AOB

Langford Centre (Bexhill): Discussion over logistics of running a meeting here. It is difficult because of location and nature of institution (residential centre for people with mental health problems and substance use problems). Must have two staff stationed outside the room for safety, expensive to administer. Weighing up whether it is a good idea to re-open there at present.

Louise suggested to provide an 'exit pack' of literature, WTFs etc for people leaving. Anna suggested perhaps it was a good candidate for a Zoom meeting? Steve responded that may be faced with similar issues to the Priory hospitals- difficulty with keeping people's attention online. Kat suggested Steve could reach out again and ask them what they would like, present various options on table, and discuss further next month. Paul added he has been announcing this commitment at Hastings meetings, there may be people interested who are more local to it. Steve reminded to announce requirement to attend 3x LSC meetings before becoming Panel Leader. Kat added, they could attend LSC online. It was agreed Paul could keep announcing and perhaps by next month there will be more clarity on whether the position will be viable. Clean time requirement should be 3 years minimum, due to nature of institution.

Priory Hospitals: Kat reminded the LSC that the working group discussion about managing withdrawing from Priory Hospitals still needs to happen- a new date was agreed with Kat, Steve and Louise (27th August).

Requests for funds: £378.49

Closing balance: £147.91

Request for funds from Area: £352.09

Meeting closed using the Serenity Prayer.

Meeting ended 7.05pm

Next Meeting: *Next LSC committee meeting Tuesday 10th September 2024 6pm.*

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