



Sussex Area LSC

Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday July 17, 2018

In Attendance

Steve L (SL) Chair
Marc S (MS) Treasurer
Neil P (NP) Vice Treasurer
Rupert (RW) Tea person/Minutes Sec.
Natalie S (NS) Female Volunteer Coordinator
Babs (Langford Women's Secretary)

Apologies: Shawn T (ST), Pete F (PF) Vice Chair, Ronnie (REH) Lighthouse Project Alt. Sec, Brian B (BB) Lighthouse Sec, Gary P (GP), Rachel H (RH) Communication Secretary, Homeless Coordinator, Mark K. (MK) Royal Sussex Hospital Secretary

- SL welcomed everyone and opened meeting with moments silence.
- Babs read the 12 Concepts of Service
- Group introduced themselves
- No minutes from June meeting because RW absent, only 2 attendees
- Acknowledged today's meet a week later than usual because of World Cup football

Positions Vacant

Literature Secretary; 12 Step Coordinator; Poster Coordinator; Panel Leaders (William Collier and Ford Prison).

Elections

Babs to 12th Step Coordinator.

Treasurers Opening Balance & Report

LSC Expenses for the period of 16/05/18 to 17/07/18 were detailed in a doc.

Total expenses for LSC over the 63 days was -£557.48.

MS clarified that from his perspective as Treasurer, ASC's balance was zero. And that if a negative balance existed, the negative sum is not drawn from ASC.

The expenses document included 3 proposals to take to ASC requesting funds.

The proposals were discussed by group and it was consienced that Proposal 1 would be presented to ASC and if this was not accepted then Proposal 2 would be presented.

Business

Ongoing

SL read through Chairpersons report.

SL confirmed discussion of evening meeting happening at Ford Prison (in the Chapel) in addition to the Saturday morning meeting. It was indicated that if in the Chapel, then everyone who attended in service might need to be vetted. It was shared that if the meet was in the Chapel it might encourage some Ford residents to attend who might not want to attend the Saturday morning meet next to DART's office because then they would have a better chance of anonymity (where DART is concerned).

SL discussed efforts, procedures and current obstacles/potential solutions to getting willing servants vetted.

SL highlighted that any male members willing to do service at Ford to contact any of the LSC committee members.

New

Convention Workshop: UKPI/UKH&I will shortly be posting an extensive guide to more clearly explain HMPPS vetting procedures via PDF and Power Point.

Lewes Prison: MS suggested he knew of a former work colleague now working within Lewes Prison, who may be willing to assist us in arranging an NA presentation to some staff there.

Langford: Babs gave feedback on women's meet. Nat discussed her availability. Babs described nature of meeting. Nat confirmed nature of service in that capacity not what she is looking for. Discussion of men's meet. Discussion of feasibility of combining men's and women's meets. Group Conscience that 1 men's meet per month and one women's meet per month is the way forward for now.

Recovery Lighthouse: Feedback consistently positive, NA always welcomed, some clients have left and come to NA after. REH confirmed Lighthouse recently purchased NA key tags from the NA service office.

Stonepillow: Nat will join SL on Thursday.

William Collier: When in foyer, interest plus some enthusiasm from residents, worth doing.

Reformed East Sussex, Eastbourne: Keen for NA to hold meeting at venue and already posted a meet on their website (Babs highlighted their over-zealousness). SL discussed unsure about room. Nat suggested Reformed's willingness to have NA meet be actively announced at Eastbourne meeting and highlighted possibility of someone doing a "Service" share at the Eastbourne meeting to help nudge willing servants to volunteer. SL mentioned inviting Reformed to a NA Learning Day.

12th Step Coordinator/responsibilities discussed: Babs willing to do. NP highlighted GDPR compliance aspect. Babs happy to do and will check-in with Charmaine.

Pride: SL asked if any volunteers to help set-up on the Friday (Aug. 03). None forthcoming. MS asked who was representing NA at Pride this year. SL shared names. Discussion of what NA would be doing there this year, vs last year, and importance of seeking to improve what we do (i.e. newcomer packs) and how we do it (i.e. distribution of materials, or not) y/y.

LSC communication and Conscience: Discussion of importance to have more group discussion around decisions and ultimately group consciences. It was acknowledged that the volume of service opportunities through LSC activities and outreach vs available willing servants/resources (because a lot of people are working) was unbalanced. SL acknowledged he was aware that as a retiree he had more time to offer but did not want to be consumed by the volume and that in fact he would prefer to be in a service position of less direct responsibility in the future.

Communication within LSC: Optimal and appropriate communication methods discussed. Rotating (Odd/Even) LSC dates ahead: Conscience that LSC meetings would rotate on Odd or Even dates going forward so that more people (Mark K, Ronnie and Brian for example) could hopefully attend.

Treasurers closing balance

-£557.48

Babs closed the meeting with the We version of the Serenity prayer.

Next LSC meeting

Tuesday August 14, 2018 (Friends Meeting House unwilling to be flexible about days of week currently however solution being sought).

7pm, Friends Meeting House
Ship Street, Brighton, BN1 1AF

Thank you for being of service

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