

FDC MINUTES 10 APRIL 2016

OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH

833 MAGELLIAN DRIVE, SARASOTA

The meeting was convened at 2:30pm

Readings, Prayer

Roll call by writing contact information, 19 people were in attendance.

Coordinators presented their reports:

HELPLINE is in process of making a motion to revise Area 12 step protocol. They have sought advice from World and from other Areas across the country and are getting ready to present to groups for their approval. There were 72 calls in this month. Helpline is looking into the possibility of having our monthly rates lowered. We are using an average of 362 minutes per month and are currently allotted 2000. They will contact Onebox regarding a new rate to save money.

WEB reported an average 213 daily visits for March and 6603 total visits. The committee has updated several announcements, removed old announcements and updated several meeting times per the direction of the Groups. They are in process of updating resource reports as the current one has spelling errors and is outdated. The help wanted section of the website is being kept up so that any member who is looking for a service commitment can easily find just the right place for himself.

PUBLIC RELATIONS has been working with New College and they will be having a special interest presentation 8-12 week special and a new on campus home group will be starting up in the fall open to all area members. There are already NA members eager to support this new group. Spanish literature has arrived and will be available at booths. PR is engaging in ongoing CIT Training for Sarasota Police department and officers have received relevant IP's. There are three upcoming events scheduled for April, Partnership to End Homelessness 4/13/16

Veterans Stand Down 4/16/16

Community Social Services Outreach Fair 4/30/16

And in May

Six Annual Safe Children's Coalition Conference 5/6/16

PR has requested reimbursement for the booth payment for the May Event. This is within their budget. NAPR is active in our community and could use the help and support of more volunteers.

H&I: Gilbert was present to inform members of Bridging The Gap program to help prison inmates to transition to outside with dignity and support. Most of the facilities reported doing well. Port Manatee Women's Correctional needs volunteers. They have recently loosened their requirements and mothers and Infants are in need of volunteers to help carry the message there. Army has requested a member bring a step meeting This our coordinator sought the advice from the World Fellowship and will be getting with Pr to do a proper presentation to the Salvation Army letting them know what the fellowship can do to accommodate their requests. Some members would like to take a meeting to facilities on their own and would like to have our local policy changed. They were informed of the reasoning, but were still insistent so were advised to bring it before the Groups. Rehab facility meeting formats were corrected and new formats distributed to Panel Leaders.

RACK and NEWSLETTER coordinators were not present and did not turn in a report.

Helpline and H&I are going to corroborate putting a contact list together for use by panel leaders to ensure no appointments will be broken. They hope to put something together in the form of a sign -up sheet which could be available at home-groups

FDC will be holding a presentation at Area Activities with one of our services represented at each activity. We hope to reach more people in this manner and possibly save some money for the Area by combining events.

Kim S was appointed FDC Secretary

Other positions which need to be filled are FDC Co Chair, Helpline Co coordinator, PR Co coordinator. As well as volunteers in all areas of service.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm

Submitted by Sandra S.

FDC Chair