

**Bayou Recovery  
Area Minutes  
February 16, 2020**

## Bayou Recovery Area Contact List

<b>Name</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
<b>Ryan S.</b>	<b>Chair</b>		
<b>Donovan C.</b>	<b>Vice-Chair</b>		
<b>Elmore B.</b>	<b>Area Service Rep ASRA</b>		
<b>Elmore B.</b>	<b>H&amp;I</b>		
<b>Kristine M.</b>	<b>Secretary</b>		
<b>Bob Si.</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>		
<b>Joel V.</b>	<b>Policy</b>		
<b>James S.</b>	<b>Activities</b>		
<b>Alison C.</b>	<b>Group Supply</b>		
<b>Bob St.</b>	<b>Outreach</b>		
<b>Allison L.</b>	<b>Public Relations</b>		
<b>GSR'S</b>			
<b>Virginia W.</b>	<b>A New Way of Life</b>		
<b>Joel V.</b>	<b>Another Chance</b>		
<b>Vic M.</b>	<b>Fellowship Group</b>		
<b>Chris H.</b>	<b>How It Works</b>		
<b>Pixie S.</b>	<b>Miracle on the Bayou</b>		
<b>Jeremy J.</b>	<b>New Beginnings</b>		
<b>Chris B.</b>	<b>GSR-A New Beginnings</b>		
<b>James S.</b>	<b>Open Minded Group</b>		
<b>Jason H.</b>	<b>Recovery Ninjas</b>		
<b>Billie F.</b>	<b>Saturday Night Group</b>		
<b>Magan B.</b>	<b>Unity Rangers</b>		
<b>Joel E.</b>	<b>GSR-A</b>		

Meeting starts at 2:13

Joel V. Reads Traditions

Joel E. Reads The Purpose

## Roll Call

<b>Position</b>	<b>AT OPEN</b>	<b>AT CLOSE</b>
Chair- Ryan S.	P	P
Vice Chair- Donovan C.	A	A
Area Service Rep- Elmore B.	P	P
Area Service Rep Alternate- James	P	P
Secretary- Kristine M.	P	P
Treasurer- Bob Si.	P	P
Policy Chair- Joel V.	P	P
Activities – James S.	P	P
Hospitals and Institutions- Elmore	P	P
Group Supply- Alison C.	P	P
Outreach- Bob St.	P	P
Public Relations- Allison L.	P	P
<b>Groups</b>	<b>AT OPEN</b>	<b>AT CLOSE</b>
A New Way of Life	A	A
Another Chance	P	P
Daily Reprieve	A	A
Felicianas Group	P	P
Fellowship Group	A	A
How it Works	P	P
Miracle on the Bayou	P	P
New Beginnings	A	A
New Foundation	A	A
New Approach to Life	A	A
Open Minded Group	P	P
Real Time	P	P
Recovery Ninjas	P	P
Saturday Night Group	P	P
Stairway to Life	A	A
Start to Live	P	P
Unity Rangers	P	P
Vision of Hope	A	A

Total GSR Present: Open: 9

Close: 9

A= Absent    P= Present    V=Vacant

Motion to Approve Last Area Minutes- Chris H

Seconded by Elmore B.

Minutes approved

## 2020 Area Meeting Schedule

**All Bayou Recovery Area meetings will be held at Francis Asbury Church-15447 Old Hammond Hwy, Baton Rouge at 2:00pm**

January 26	April 26	July 26	October 25
February 16	May 31	August 23	November 22
March 22	June 28	September 27	December 20

## Birthdays

<u>Member</u>	<u>Clean Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Celebration Date</u>
Matt B		How it Works	March 1st
Joel E.	March 11th	Feliciana Group	March 14 <sup>th</sup> or 21st

## Events

Unity Day	April 25th
Game Night	June 13 <sup>th</sup>
Midsummer Night of Fun	August 15 <sup>th</sup>

## Action Items

### **1. Quorum:**

At least six active groups needed for February ASC.

• GSRs from 9 unique groups attended the February ASC's. Quorum for March ASC will be reached if at least 5 of those active groups are present at roll call.

• Once quorum has been met and ASC is open, any inactive groups present at the February ASC will become active and eligible to vote at the March ASC. Any active group absent from ASC for two consecutive months will become inactive.

Current list of active groups:

- Another Chance
- Fellowship Group (Absent)
- How It Works
- Miracle on the Bayou
- Open Minded Group
- Recovery Ninjas
- Saturday Night Group
- Unity Rangers
- Start to Live
- A New Way of Life (Absent)
- Felicianas Group

## Administrative Reports

**Chair-Ryan S.**-No Report

**Vice Chair-Donovan C.**- Absent

**ASR-Elmore B.**- No report

**ASR-A James S.**- No report

**Secretary- Kristine:** So I am kind of just changing some of the things because I could not convert the PDF format. So can everyone please me your written/typed report through a word or excel file. It helps me out if you can send me your reports through e-mail. Any Microsoft Office.

**Treasurer- Bob Si.:** Does everyone have a report? I have one extra. What happens is my cat is always on my copy machine.

Hi, I'm Bob and I am an addict. You should have three pieces of paper in front of you, the treasurer's report, the spreadsheet and the bank statement. Things have been ok in the world of the treasurer. We currently have a balance of \$1,845.58 as of last area. We currently have one outstanding charge of \$338.55 from the Florida Regional Service office and that hasn't gone through yet. We have had six transactions since last area meeting, one deposit of \$1,176.55 and a bank transfer to Florida Regional Service office in the amount of \$338.55. I have not paid rent yet. I paid the rent at Tiger Bend Storage for 6 months we get a free month if we pay for six months. Rent will not be due until July 2020. Once again we spent more money than we are bringing in. I have not heard from anyone on their budgets so I guessed on their amounts by reviewing last year's. Because of the short time between area meetings I have not had time to work on the literature part of budget spreadsheet. I don't know why our transaction of the Florida Regional Service office isn't showing up on the bank statement. I printed those up this morning. I did it last week, and they sent me a receipt. So I went over the budgets and I already started to make adjustments for January. The first I did was for storage. It is about \$55.00 a month I put that amount in all the way to July. PR handed me a reimbursement for \$275.48 which I am assuming includes schedules and the rent. I have already capped their budget. Now if you noticed the PR spot is listing \$30,000 budget. This is what happens when you don't give me a budget. The ASR and ASR-A travel will stay the same. The Secretary stays the same. The CAR is \$300.00. I haven't seen any charges but I will adjust the budget if there are charges for printing. We had set activities at \$2000.00 last year but I have talked to a couple of people and I am considering removing Activities from the budget because their money goes out and more money comes in, atleast that's the theory. It is too hard to budget. We also have never budgeted for group supply and I am not sure that we should. I added H&I to the budget, last year we gave them \$1,200.00 and gave them \$1,200.00 again this year. The problem is that this number doesn't actually work, I am going to have to have Allison help me set it up. Any thoughts on the Budget?

James: You list one \$300.00 check deposit for seed money but shouldn't there be two.

Bob Si.: There was but it was in last months area. Do you all want to move the budgets to New Business or do you like them the way they are with PR having \$30,000?

Ryan: Well obviously you are joking, so if anyone does want to address the budgets we can do that in New Business. What do you need?

Bob Si.: I need a motion to approve the motion. The other thing is too, I read a lot of reports and everyone of them and I get a feeling that nobody looks at them. Anyway that's all I got.

# Committee Reports

## **Policy-Joel V.- No Report**

**Activities-James S.:** Activities Report February 16, 2020 Hello Family, Activities Committee met on February 2, 2020 to discuss Valentines Day Dance. Next meeting is Sunday March 1, 2020 12pm at Highland Coffees, 3350 Highland Rd. Our agenda will include our upcoming Potluck meeting, Region Meeting and Unity Day. Valentine's Day Dance, Feb 8, 2020: I am grateful for everyone who helped make this fundraiser happen. I could not do this alone! Nearly all the food, drinks and decorations were donated. Several people have approached me to tell me they enjoyed the dance and Sherry's story. Thank you! After expenses we brought in \$690 total, \$390 over the seed money. I will give this to our Treasurer for us to write a check to Region Convention. The breakdown follows: Cash: \$300 Seed Money \$615 Valentine's Day Dance donations \$915 Total cash. Expenses: \$125 Troy music \$19 Elena centerpieces. \$31 Pixie king cake \$50 Grace Baptist building rental \$225 Total expenses. Earnings: \$915 - \$225 = \$690 Next year for this event, and for all fundraiser events, I will investigate producing low-cost tickets to sell in advance, which may help generate additional donations. Conference Agenda Report Workshop, Feb 8, 2020: We had seven people in attendance. Lee was informative and very patient. He took a poll of the attendees' responses to the motions and tallies. His deadline for responses is March 15. Online response deadline is April 1 at [www.na.org/survey](http://www.na.org/survey). Potluck Meeting, March 2020 Our first potluck meeting will be hosted by Felicianas Group, which meets at Clinton United Methodist Church on Saturdays at 7:30pm. Joel E's 5-year celebration is March 14 and would be a good day to have the event. At Area I will solidify plans and announce through flyers and the website. I would love to see support for this event! Please let Activities know if your home group would like to host this event, which will be held once a month. Region Meeting, April 4-5, 2020 Bayou Recovery Area is hosting the upcoming Region Meeting and function at Martin Luther King Center. James G. from New Orleans Area is the speaker for the function. Activities needs food. I personally want Area members to attend. In March I will ask committee members and GSRs to help gather food donations from various home groups in our area. We are responsible for two breakfasts and two lunches at the meeting, and dinner at the function. It's a lot of food, but if we can get a lot of people to commit to bringing something, the burden will be less for everyone. I would like all Area members to attend Saturday, which is considered a workshop day where ideas can be discussed. It would be ideal if our Area committee members would attend the Region Meeting April 4 and speak with our Regional counterparts to address any ideas or concerns which will in turn be included in the region reports on Sunday. Unity Day, April 25, 2020 We will need a new pop up canopy since ours was damaged from the storm during Moonlight Madness 2019. I will investigate costs and discuss at next area. Game Night, June 13, 2020 No updates on Game Night. Midsummer Night of Fun, August 15, 2020 We do not have a speaker or location for this event. Let me know if your home group would be interested in hosting! Moonlight Madness, October 30 – November 1, 2020 We have a bike in storage for this event. I will eventually get with Jerry or Brent to see if they can fix up the bike while we have a lot of time. Other Activities: Our first mini-activity, Potluck Meeting is in the works! I will discuss at our committee meeting the other suggestions to see what else we can start: Go-Carts Mini-Golf Bowling Volleyball Hiking 12 Days of Christmas We are considering new mini-activities which are fun and possibly low-cost, without a speaker or

meeting format, but allow for fellowship in our community. GSR's if you like the suggestions or want to make new ones please let me know. I would like you to also field this to your home groups to see if there is any interest. In loving service, James S.

**H&I- Elmore B.:** My name is Elmore and I am an addict. H&I sub-committee meet on the second Monday at St. Patrick's. All of our facilities are being covered. Our main topic for discussion is our problem over at detox. We still haven't come up with a solution. So it's in the works. I have been trying to call over there to set up a meeting. They have not called me back. As of today we are not doing the Monday Detox anymore until further notice. Our DOC training is October 4<sup>th</sup> and we are going back to South Baton Rouge Church of Christ. I will send a literature order to group supply.

#### **Group Supply-Alison C.:** February 16, 2020

Hey everyone. Just a fair warning, this report may be a little bit lengthier than normal. At the last Area meeting in January, I met with Vick and was given all the inventory for group supply. However, no inventory list was available that detailed the items and number of items in the inventory. I got wild on a Friday evening and went through and counted everything we had. Then, I went ahead and really spiced things up and put all of this into an excel spreadsheet. There was roughly \$1,150.38 in inventory. I say "roughly" because there are some items that look like meeting starter kits but these items are all mixed up and it is unclear whether these are complete sets at this point. This amount also includes 11 hard cover Basic Texts that Bob S. (bee Bob) gave group supply after making an error when ordering for his own purposes. After evaluating what we had in stock and what was needed, I placed an order for group supply in the amount of \$338.55. This means including the Basic Texts from Bob S, the total amount in inventory is \$1,488.93.

There are several things I want to bring to everyone's attention.

1. There is a ridiculous amount of Guiding Principles – 24 hard covers and 8 soft covers. Nearly \$400 worth of these books. Please, please, please consider purchasing some of these for your groups, sponsees, or personal reading.
2. There is a "new" IP, or at least one I haven't seen before, called "Social Media & Our Guiding Principles." When placing the group supply order, I purchased some of these. They are not listed on the order forms but are \$0.33 if you're interested. I'll also get with Allison to have her add this onto the online order form.



3. If you are using a paper version of the order form, please make sure you are using the updated version. There have been some changes in pricing. The most recent forms will say "Revised 8/2019" at the top.

Finally, my goal is to be able to keep items stocked so that GSRs can come to area and leave with any items they need. The only exception to this is medallions. I ask that you please give me advanced notice in the event we do not have it in supply and it needs to be ordered.

Thank you,

Alison C.

Bob Si: Just to clarify this, when I give you the amount of literature sales, I really don't check your math. If you say that you gave \$12.00 for a basic text and then \$12.00 for your donation, all it goes through as is a \$24.00 donation. I am only going to give a receipt for \$24.00. We will make the corrections internally but the receipt will only be \$24.00.

Alison C: I mean I am going to check your math because I am just anal like that.

**Outreach-Bob St.:** I really love the minutes and that they have been putting everything I there so I just want to say, all I have been doing the last month is eating bon bons and working on my motorcycle. No report.

**Public Relations-Alison L.:** I don't have a report this month but I do have a new flyer. We rescheduled the PR workshop because of Spanish Town Parade. I handed them out to everybody. It is the same flyer with a different date. Please send at least one person from your homegroup. We will start eating at 9 and the workshop will start at 10.

## Group Reports

Another Chance: Joel V. GSR. Meeting location: Little Zion Church. Business meeting held: No. Area donation: \$0.00, Literature order: \$0.00. Vacant positions: No. Average attendance: 3-5. Problems or situations: None. Birthdays: None.

How it Works: Chris H. GSR. Meeting location: St. Patrick's Church. Business meeting held: 1.20.2020 Area donation: \$91.88, Literature order: \$7.12. Vacant positions: No. Average attendance: 15-20. Problems or situations: None. Birthdays: Matt B. March 1st

Miracle on the Bayou: Pixie S. GSR. Meeting location: Meadows Chapel United Methodist, Business meeting held: Area Donation: \$20.00, Literature Order: 0.00. Vacant group positions:

None. Average attendance: 8. Problems or situations: Need more homegroup members.  
Birthdays: None.

Recovery Ninjas: GSR. Jason H. Meeting location: Grace Baptist – Richland Ave. Business meeting held: LOL. Area donation: \$0.00, Literature order: \$0.00. Vacant positions: No. Average attendance: 8-10 Problems or situations: None. Birthdays: None.

Open Minded Group: Brandon D. GSR. Meeting Location: Unitarian Church. Area donation: \$110.00, Literature order: \$0.00. Vacant positions: Average attendance: 20 Problems or situations: None. Birthdays:

Saturday Night Group: Billie F. GSR. Meeting Location: Grace Baptist Church. Business meeting held: Area donation: \$10.00, Literature order: \$0.00. Vacant positions: All. Average attendance: 9-14 Problems or situations: None. Birthdays: none.

Unity Rangers: Kyle K. GSR-A. Meeting Location: University Baptist Church. Business meeting held: 2.11.2020 Area donation: \$36.85, Literature order: \$12.15 plus tax. Vacant positions: none. Average attendance: 20-25 Problems or situations: None. Birthdays: none

Start to Live: Blake GSR. Meeting Location: Donalsonville Mental Health. Business meeting held: Area donation: \$0.00, Literature order: \$0.00. Vacant positions: Average attendance: 2-3 Problems or situations: Needs support

Felicianas Group: Joel E. GSR. Meeting Location: Clinton Methodist Church. Business meeting held: Area donation: \$0.00 Literature order: \$0.00. Vacant positions: Average attendance: 2-3 Problems or situations: Needs support. Birthday's next Month Joel E-March 11<sup>th</sup> Celebrating March 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **Old Business**

1. Ryan spoke to church about continuing to meet at St. Francis Asbury. The Church was very nice and would love for us to continue to meet here. I mentioned that the meeting was no longer meeting here and what should we pay for rent. At first she just asked if we could pass the basket and whatever was collected we could do that. But I told her it didn't work that way and then she said we could just meet here but I explained that we had to pay our way. I am going to send our date sheet to her and we will probably pay about \$25.00 a month. Which is what I found reasonable. She was upset that we weren't meeting here as a meeting anymore. She had nothing but sweet things to say.

## **New Business**

1. Potluck dinner/meeting will be March 21<sup>st</sup> at Felicianas Group.

2. Motion 20/02-001- passed

Final Treasurer Report: Brought in \$979.00, \$690.00 was from the fundraiser, I will write a check to LRCNA Convention. We have \$267.72 in Donations and \$20.73 in Literature orders. H&I had 138.21 against their budget.

Motion to close Brandon. Kyle seconded.

Meeting comes to a close at 3:16 pm