

Bayou Recovery
Area ZOOM Minutes
April 26, 2020

Bayou Recovery Area Contact List

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

Meeting starts at 2:04

James S. Reads Traditions

Ryan S. Reads The Purpose

Roll Call

Position	AT OPEN	AT CLOSE
Chair- Ryan S.	P	P
Vice Chair- Vacant	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
Groups	AT OPEN	AT CLOSE
A New Way of Life	P	P
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	P
New Foundation	A	A
New Approach to Life	A	A
Open Minded Group	A	A
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: 10

A= Absent P= Present V=Vacant

Amend Minutes from last Minutes in February—Make vice chair vacant instead of absent.

Motion to Approve Last Area Minutes- Virginia

Seconded by Pixie

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-(Canceled due to Covid-19)	June 28	September 27	December 20

Birthdays

<u>Member</u>	<u>Clean Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Celebration Date</u>
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Events

Unity Day	Canceled due to Covid-19
Game Night	June 13 th
Midsummer Night of Fun	August 15 th

Action Items

1. Quorum:

At least six active groups needed for May ASC.

- GSRs from 10 unique groups attended the April's ASC. Quorum for May ASC will be reached if at least 6 of those active groups are present at roll call.
- Once quorum has been met and ASC is open, any inactive groups present at the April ASC will become active and eligible to vote at the May ASC. Any active group absent from ASC for two consecutive months will become inactive.

Current list of active groups:

- Another Chance
- 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
- New Beginnings

Administrative Reports

Chair-Ryan S.-No Report

Vice Chair Vacant

ASR-Elmore B.- "Region had a zoom meeting on April 5th. Whatever we discussed everybody already know everything we had going on has been canceled. I don't think anything was postponed that I know of. So we still in a holding mode. The next regional meeting will just continue to go on in July but we will see how that goes. I think the, out of the treasurer's report I

think if I am not mistaken, Pixie can correct me, I don't know if this is before or after they took any money out but Region had \$26,630.36. I don't know, it says donation to World Services and I got a check and I wanted to ask a question and I didn't get to it so I don't know what happened. That's a blank. Again, was a strange situation. Mostly what I did was listen. Doesn't look like I heard anything new. That's all I got."

Ryan- "I have a question Elmore. Did anything about the convention come up?"

Elmore- "The Alexandria convention, it was up to the host committee and they decided to cancel and next year will be still 38 instead of 39. Alexandria didn't want to postpone it and didn't want to look for another date. They just said that they wanted to walk away."

Ryan S.- "ok. Any other questions for Elmore."

Pixie- "ASR there was a motion, you might want to look in your minutes, that they tabled, but there was a motion that was brought forward. If you want me, I can tell you balance in the checking account if anyone is interested."

Elmore- "Pixie did they take the motion back or they couldn't take it back?"

Pixie- "No they didn't take it back"

Elmore- "ok but they are going to take it back, right?"

Pixie- "They can't take it back"

Elmore- "ok. And I don't remember who it was but I think it was from Unity Area. Actually I didn't get a report. I don't know why they didn't send me a report"

Pixie- "oh ok. I was tabled but was probably something we still need to know about and discuss. It doesn't really effect our area, it just effects how Region is run. So if you want to give me a minute I will try to find it."

Ryan- "We can bring it up in New Business"

James- "I sent the motion to Kristine. I will also send the minutes"

Kristine- "I have to pull it up. I don't have it. Oh it hasn't come through yet"

Ryan- "ok. Bob has mentioned about being able to clarify anything about the Regional Convention."

Bob S.- "Just one thing that ought to be corrected, and that is it was the LRCC Board, not the host committee that made the decision to cancel. The process that was followed was that the host committee was kept involved in a discussion, it was done in stages. They initially were told to hold up and not to spend any more money and then when it became clear that it was not going to be possible that's when we made the decision to cancel. It was posted on the LRCNA website as well as the Regional website."

Ryan S- "ok thanks Bob. Kristine are you ready to read the motion from Region?"

Motion states- "On Saturdays the RSC that Region setup and make available a video conference meeting for area sub-committees, H&I, PR and A&M i.e. zoom meetings which are held

regularly by NAWs. The intention is to increase area service committee chair persons to attend on Saturdays.”

Ryan- “ok is there any discussion on this. It’s been tabled so I guess it will come up when it goes back to areas. Pixie do you want to elaborate?”

Pixie- “Saturdays are for sub-committee meetings and because they haven’t had a lot of attendance from somebody, depending on where the meeting is, either people aren’t aware they could come to Region for more info on H&I or whatever in their areas. But they aren’t doing that so they are trying to get more attendance. This is just kind of a way to let you know what’s happening at Region. They are just trying to get more participation like we are in our area.”

Ryan- “ ok well we just go ahead and move on here”

ASR-A James S.- No report

Secretary- Kristine: No report

Treasurer- Bob Si.: “I have e-mailed Kristine and Ryan and some other people today’s treasurers report. I have included a copy of the treasurer’s report, the bank statement which is not a true bank statement because we don’t have one for this month. I wanted to get you a transaction for this month and that is basically what it is. I will start with the actually written report, which is actually kind of small. We currently have a balance of \$1,711.03 as of 4/26/2020. We currently have one outstanding check of \$30.00 for James S. which I still have because I haven’t seen him since March. I will mail it to him this week. We have had four transactions since last area meeting. One deposit for a total of \$986.00, three checks for see the accounts page and no bank transfers. If you look at the bank statement and compare it with the treasurers spread sheet, you will see that the amount for the deposits and checks and banks balances were consolidated through word. I have no direction for rent yet. I don’t know if we had to paid zoom rent or what. Some things to note. I have paid the rent for Tiger Bend Storage for six months. We get a free month rent if we pay for six months. Rent on the storage unit is not due until July 2020. Now that we covered that, all of our bills are currents. I paid the P.O. Box so we are good until next year. We have no outstanding balance to Florida Regional office. I ordered checks and deposit slips in February from Costco Harlen-Clark in the amount of \$73.83 and I will ask for reimbursement at the next area meeting, which is today. I also sent out a transaction report that lists the budgets as well as anything that we actually bought. I have to figure out Outreach’s budget section. One of the things that is odd about the way this is laid out is we had an outstanding payment to the Florida Regional Service office for \$338.55 since our last meeting. That has since cleared. We have not had any checks or deposits since the 10th of March.”

Allison L.- “How it works had a nice amount of cash on hand when all of this happened and I don’t know about other groups but I don’t see why we couldn’t set up a Venmo, maybe the treasurer could do that? And we could Venmo the treasurer the money. It is just a suggestion.

Bob Si- “I do have money from How It Works group but they haven’t directed me to put it in the bank so it is sitting in an envelope over here. It is up to the group to tell me what to do with the money, not me. So if you have a donation and you are not afraid of meeting somewhere or if you

are ok with it I will meet you. I am fine with that. But I know that we wrote a check for 300.00, or we received a check for 300.00 from Region. Did we spend it?"

Kristine M.- "Wasn't that check to reimburse someone?"

Ryan S.- "No that was money to host Region wasn't it?"

Allison L.- "Wasn't that money to make copies for the CAR Report?"

Pixie S.- "No it was 300.00 to put Region on but we didn't have Region obviously"

Kristine M.- Looking back at minutes "There was 300.00 check made out to James for seed money to host Region."

James S.- "Yeah there was 300.00 seed money for Region but because we didn't have Region I am giving it back to Pixie."

Bob Si- "Having said all of this about donations to World, when we start up we are going to have our own issues for literature and although I can sympathize with the fact that everybody needs and wants money, I would hope that groups would continue to donate to area. Ok my cat is here." (Bob's cat gets in the screen) "He is really kind of friendly. That's all I've got."

Kristine M.- "If we set up something like Venmo or Paypal would we have to write out a motion or something?"

Ryan S.- "Well Bob said he is willing to meet anyone so I don't think that's a good way do that."

Bob Si.- "If you want to set up a Venmo you will all have to do it on your own because I have no idea how any of that works."

Kristine M. – "Everyone can just go throw the money at your front door."

Committee Reports

Policy-Joel V.- No Report

Activities-James S.: "Sooo activities has been canceled, postponed. I am trying to find my list of stuff. I think the first thing that was canceled was the Potluck portion of the monthly potluck thing for Joel E.'s meeting. That was March. Recently, well yesterday was supposed to be Unity Day out in the park, and about half the people said cancel and half said postpone and some people had different answers. So I just postponed that event until we can decide on it. I really don't know what to do with Activities. I was thinking while we are still cautiously approaching meetings, I know some meetings are still holding face to face meetings but the majority of them are not, I umm well I really just don't know what do to. I am hoping to just get some guidance. I was thinking maybe since we have some Zoom meetings going on we could focus on just doing

some speaker meetings or I don't know something we could do through Zoom. I don't know. I don't know what the game plan is. I don't know how to precede. But Activities was supposed to host the April Region meeting. There is 300.00 that I have and will figure out how to get it Pixie. I don't think we have anything else. Last meeting was beginning of March. Elena and I were in attendance and we were talking about hiking meetings. I don't know how well that would work out locally but maybe Regionally these hiking meetings would play out better. It's just I doubt many people would do it so it would be under 10 people, once a month if that, a long drive is possible. A lot of things need to be planned out for that, but there won't be any real cost for that except for the cost of people of what each person would be carrying."

H&I- Elmore B.: "I am Elmore and I am an addict. We are not active and we are not entering any facilities. We are just marking time. I guess we will be ready to go once they let us back into these facilities. The same goes for the prisons, LCIW, Angola, DCI, we are all locked out. We are just standing by. That's it"

James S.- "Has there been any talks of trying to get a Zoom meeting into the prisons or institutions?"

Elmore B.-" No and I am not sure where to go are where to start and personally I am not interested in doing that. If you want me to hold a Zoom sub-committee meeting and talk about it but if as far as I am concerned I am just on standby and I am willing to wait until we are able to get back in. Plus these facilities are all in chaos too from what I understand. But if you are interested or you know anything just give me a call. If anyone has any ideas just let me know."

Group Supply-Alison C.: "I'm Alison and I'm an addict. I don't have report. I mean nothing has changed and I haven't delivered anything and I haven't ordered anything since the last order so I guess when meetings start being held again I will make another order. If anyone needs anything just let me know but that is all I got"

Outreach-Bob St.: "I am Bob recovering addict. Obviously I am doing absolutely nothing in regards to outreach right now. However, that being said I suspect things are going to be extremely busy once things start opening up to try and get out when to let folks know when area is meeting, what the circumstances are. So once we get started again, Bob Si. And I will be hopping on the bikes and going around to the meetings that don't usually show up to area and go from there."

Elmore B.-" We have the Denham Springs meeting on our list but has anyone heard from them?"

Allison L.- "Denham Springs told me they shut down."

Elmore B.- "Oh ok because I went out there Thursday at 6:00 and nobody was there"

Jeremy- "The Denham Springs meeting, yeah that's mine New Beginnings, We actually have two meetings on Tuesday and Thursday that we are doing on Zoom from 6-7pm and one on Saturday from 5:30-6:30.

Kristine M-“ Jeremy do you have that Zoom ID number and do you want to put it on the website?”

Jeremy- “yes please. The Id Number is 130-242-876 and the password is 066924.”

Public Relations-Alison L.: “I am Allison and I am an addict. I am glad that Denham Springs is here because I knew they had gone from meeting to outdoor meeting to Zoom, but my contact with Denham Springs is Chris who is on the PR sub-committee and at the time when I was updating the meeting list everyday he said they didn’t want it listed on the website. So it’s great that they want to add it to the website. As of today we only have two meetings that are still meeting in person, Angels in Recovery and Felicianas Group. They are both still on the website listed as meeting. Everyone else who has a Zoom meeting has been posted on the website as a Zoom meeting. All of the virtual meetings and everything like that is being kept to date. But other than that just trying to keep up with the website and keep up with cancelations and postponements. If you guys get cancelations or postponements, which I think I am pretty much up to date, but if you get those make sure they filter to me so I can update the website”

Group Reports

A New Way of Life: Virginia GSR. Meeting Location: We are not meeting at the O’brian house right now. I emailed them and we looking at maybe next month about the middle of the month and see how things go. So we haven’t had a meeting since about March. We have not birthdays coming up. Vacant Positions: GSR-A; I have no literature order. I have no donations.

Another Chance: Joel V. GSR. Meeting location: Little Zion Church(currently closed). Business meeting held: No. Area donation: \$100.00(Elmore will get it to Bob Si), Literature order: \$0.00. Vacant positions: No. Average attendance: 3-5. Problems or situations: None. Birthdays: None.

How it Works: Allison L. GSR-A. Meeting location: St. Patrick’s Church(currently closed). Business meeting held: Area donation: about \$190.00, Literature order: Vacant positions: No. Average attendance: 5-20. Problems or situations: None. Birthdays: Bob Si 37 Jerry S. 37 and Jim M. 33 all celebrate this month of April.

Miracle on the Bayou: Pixie S. GSR. Meeting location: Meadows Chapel United Methodist(currently closed), Business meeting held: Area Donation: Literature Order: 0.00. Vacant group positions: None. Average attendance: 10 Problems or situations: none. Birthdays: None.

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

Saturday Night Group: Billie F. GSR. Meeting Location: Grace Baptist Church (Currently Closed). Business meeting held: An hour ago Area donation: \$0.00, Literature order: \$0.00. Vacant positions: All. Average attendance: 3-12 Problems or situations: None. Birthdays: none.

Unity Rangers: Magan B. GSR. Meeting Location: University Baptist Church. (currently closed)
Business meeting held: 0 Area donation: \$0.00, Literature order: \$0.00. Vacant positions: none.
Average attendance: 10-20 Problems or situations: None. Birthdays: Magan B. May 15th

Start to Live: Elmore . Meeting Location: Donalsonville Mental Health (currently closed and no zoom).
Business meeting held: Area donation: \$50.00, 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-0

New Beginnings: Jeremy GSR. Meeting Location: only zoom right now. Business meeting held:
0 Area donation: \$0.00 Literature order \$0.00 Vacant positions: 0 Average attendance: 3-5
Problems or situations: Birthdays next month: Douglas B. made 37 years in April. Jeremy made 2 years in March.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

1. Mid-term area elections for vacant positions. Please bring that back your groups. Vice Chair is currently vacant. Clean time requirement for that position is 1 year service experience at area level and minimum of 1 year clean. Usually the Vice Chair takes over the next year as Area Chair....if they are in to that sort of thing.
2. Region Motion that originally got put in floor. Wants to get rid of meeting on Saturdays and just meet on Zoom.
3. We plan on meeting at Zoom for next area on May 31st at 2:00.

Motion to close Alison. Jeremy seconded.

Meeting comes to a close at 3:22 pm