

Bayou Recovery

Area Minutes

February 28, 2021

Hybrid

Grace Baptist Church

Richland, Ave.

and

**Zoom ID: 530-368-
0575**

Bayou Recovery Area Contact List

Name	Positions	Email	Phone Number
Ryan S.	Chair		
Joel V.	Vice-Chair		
Elmore B.	Area Service Rep ASRA		
Elmore B.	H&I		
Michelle G.	Secretary		
Bob Si.	Treasurer		
Luke L.	Policy		
Joel V.	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		
	Fellowship Group		
Chris H.	How It Works		
Pixie S.	Miracle on the Bayou		
Jason H.	Recovery Ninjas		
Billie F.	Saturday Night Group		
Magan B.	Unity Rangers		
Bob St.	Phoenix Group		
Julie S.	Our Gratitude Speaks		

Meeting starts at 2:14

Ryan S. Reads Traditions

Elmore B. Reads The Purpose

Roll Call

Position	AT OPEN	AT CLOSE
Chair- Ryan S.	P	P
Vice Chair- Joel V.	P	P
Area Service Rep- Elmore B.	P	P
Area Service Rep Alternate- Vacant	A	A
Secretary- Michelle G.	P	P
Treasurer- Bob Si.	P	P
Policy Chair- Luke L.	P	P
Activities – Joel V.	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	A	A
Another Chance	A	A
Daily Reprieve	A	A
Felicianas Group****REMOVE FROM LIST	A	A
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	A	A
Our Gratitude Speaks	P	P
Phoenix Group	P	P
Real Time	A	A
Recovery Ninjas	P	P
Saturday Night Group	P	P
Stairway to Life	A	A
Start to Live	A	A
Unity Rangers	A	A
Vision of Hope	A	A

Total GSR Present: Open: 6

Close: 6

A= Absent P= Present PZ= Present via Zoom V=Vacant

Motion to Approve Last Area Minutes-Ryan S.

Seconded by Nancy S..

Minutes approved

2021 Area Meeting Schedule

All Bayou Recovery Area meetings will be held at Grace Baptist Church 630 Richland Ave. Baton Rouge at 2:00pm

January 24	April 25	July 25	October 24
February 28	May 23	August 22	November 28
March 28	June 27	September 26	December 19

Events

Unity Day	April 10
Game Night	TBA
Midsummer Night of Fun	TBA
Moonlight Madness	October 29-30

Action Items

1. Quorum:

At least 4 active groups needed for February ASC.

- GSRs from 6 unique groups attended the January's ASC. Quorum for February ASC will be reached if at least 4 of those active groups are present at roll call.
- Once quorum has been met and ASC is open, any inactive groups present at the January ASC will become active and eligible to vote at the January ASC. Any active group absent from ASC for two consecutive months will become inactive.

Current list of active groups:

- How It Works
- Miracle on the Bayou
- Recovery Ninjas
- Saturday Night Group
- Our Gratitude Speaks
- Phoenix Group

Administrative Reports

Chair-Ryan S.- Spoke with the church and all dates are approved for the 2021 area meetings.

Vice Chair- Joel V.- No Report

ASR-Elmore B.- Region face to face meeting in April is cancelled, but is assuming the meeting will still take place via Zoom.

ASR-A Vacant.- Absent

Secretary- Michelle G.: No Report

Treasurer- Bob Si.: "Greetings from your treasurer

Not much has changed from last month. We currently have a balance of \$2,275.48 as of 2/28/2021. We have had 2 bank transactions since the last Area meeting (see accounts page) and a 0 bank transfers. The check number 2015 for \$25.00 was to Grace Baptist Church for rent and a deposit in the amount of \$197.18. If you look at the bank statement and compare it with the treasurer's spreadsheet you will see that the amounts for deposits and checks and bank balance in the spread sheet reconcile with the report.

All checks have cleared. Allison helped me set up the Venmo account that the area requested. You can access our Venmo account @ BatonRougeNA

I paid the Tiger Bend storage for 6 months on January 22nd, for 6 months. We get a free month rent if we pay for 6 months. Rent on the storage unit is not due until September 2021.

In Service, Bob S, Area treasurer”

Committee Reports

Policy-Luke L.- No Report

Activities- Joel V-

Activities Committee report

Bayou Recovery Area

February 28th, 2021

Activities committee meetings will be held at 1 pm on Sundays before area, outside the area meeting place. You can attend in person or zoom in for attendance. Contact Joel V. 225-290-2470, for details. If you have any other event ideas or would like to contribute, please reach out.

Unity Day is a cross area event with the Greater Baton Rouge Area. Next Unity Day is April 10th,2021 from 9am- 2pm, one speaker possibly Scotty from Lake Charles, plan on asking volunteers to bring snacks, the event will be at Brec Park.

The other planned event for the year will be Moonlight Madness Campout, to be held at Tickfaw State Park, on October 29, 30. Ryan S. has committed to make a keep sake box to be auctioned off at the event. We are accepting offers of handcrafted items for the auction. I am considering rebuilding the bike for a raffle.

H&I- Elmore B.: We have NO meeting changes, still under covid restrictions with the exception of one H & I meeting at the O Brian house, Saturday's at 6:30pm. Feedback from hospitals and institutions has been no meetings at this time until further notice due to state restrictions. No change in prisons.

Group Supply-Alison C.: The website has been hard to keep track of since November. Currently trying to fill meeting orders with what group supply currently has and waiting for orders from website.

Ordered red, white key tags. Will have orders in the next week or two.

***The new literature order form is not working properly on the website, if orders were placed on the website, Allison may or may not have gotten the order due to the website not working at 100% we are rounding the corner on finishing this aspect of the website.

Outreach-Bob St.: No report.

Public Relations-Alison L.: Have not been meeting since Covid -19. Currently working on building new website- still in the process fixing. Will be fixed by next time next month. Last thing to fix is the literature order form.

The PR Sub-Committee has not met since February of last year due to Covid. I am going to reach out to the group and ask if they would like to start meeting again or at very least a zoom meeting in the very near future.

Monetary Requests from Area: The PR Subcommittee is requesting money for the following: None but we do have a literature order in the works.

Library Literature Distribution: East Baton Rouge Library recently started putting out literature again. They had some from last year and we supplied them with everything I had on hand. We do have a large literature order in process and will re-stock them when we get it in.

100 pamphlet of each:

- Am I An Addict
- Newcomer
- Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous
- An Introduction to NA Meetings
- Need to bring meeting lists next month when we refill literature with order

Meeting lists – Since our meeting lists are changing and there aren't a lot of meetings open we have resorted to printing our own lists. Bob Si. has printed them himself so take some for your groups.

LSU & BRCC & Southern University: Need to check on these. Haven't had a PR meeting since February of last year and will schedule one soon.

PR & H&I Treatment Center Meetings in the works:

The Grove is opening a huge treatment and detox center in Gonzales in the coming months. I have reached out to the Director who put me in touch in with the meeting coordinator, Ryan Felder. He has requested a meeting with us and I am in the process of scheduling it. He wants to discuss NA bringing in an H&I Detox panel and in-house open meeting to the facility. I am asking Nancy and Elmore to accompany me and will keep yall posted.

Bridge Center for Hope: I am currently in the process of trying to find the right contact at the Bridge Center to schedule a meeting with them or at very least an email and phone call. I saw a segment about their opening on the news and I had previous contact with one of the administrators through Capital Area Opioid Taskforce. I will report back next month on this.

Website & Helpline

Br-na.org website had to be rebuilt due to original platform data failure. The url is the same and it looks basically the same except for literature order form. This is still under works and we hope have resolution by next month. Because most people use their mobile phones to access the website it has been difficult to make it work in both environments seamlessly. The desktop/tablet version looks great but the mobile version is a condensed version and doesn't look as good or flow as seamlessly. Steve is practically doing this for free so its hard to be overly assertive with our requirements!

Helpline Stats

From January 1 – Feb 27, 2021 our phone helpline received 148 calls.

Website Stats

From January 1- Feb 27, 2021

Users	Page Views	New Visitors %
342	903	76%

Website is listed in 1st place in front of NAWS in a google search for NA in Baton Rouge. Over 70% of our traffic is mobile phone driven.

PR Efforts

This is a list of where we left off in February of last year. Want to reach out and meet with a representative of the following organizations:

- Capital Area Human Services: 225-922-2700
- Mental Health Assoc of GBR: 225-929-7674
- Donaldsonville Prevost Hospital; New detox unit and 80 bed treatment facility opening soon. Vincent Cataldo, Administrator, 225-474-2139 or 225-473-7931
- Drug Courts
- Sheriff Dept- COPE program
- University Mental Health Days
- Capital Area Re-Entry Program: Rhonda Irving, CEO
- Needle Exchange
- Treatment Centers and Sober Living homes
- Families Helping Families Center

In Service,
Allison L
PR Chair

Group Reports

How it works: Nancy- Location: 15255 Jefferson Hwy., Baton Rouge, La Sunday Night at 6:30pm; Last Business Meeting: ; Area Donation: \$147.00; Literature Order: \$6.68; Open Positions: None; Average Attendance: 8-10; Problems or Situations:New Keurig Coffee Pot None; Birthdays: None

Miracle on the Bayou: Pixie- Location: Tuesday Nights at 7:30pm at Meadows Chapel United Methodist Church, Prairieville, La.; Last Business Meeting: 2/23/21; Area Donation: \$148.74; Literature Order: \$71.61; Open Positions: None; Average Attendance: 10; Problems or Situations: None; Birthdays: Virginia Celebrates February 2nd

Recovery Ninjas: Jason H.- Location: Thursday at 7:00pm at Grace Baptist Church Baton Rouge La.; Last Business Meeting: 2/25/21; Area Donation: \$; Literature Order: \$0.00; Open Positions: None; Average Attendance: 10-12; Problems or Situations: None; Birthdays: None

Saturday Night Group. Billie F.- Location: Saturdays at 7:00pm at Grace Baptist Church Baton Rouge La.; Last Business Meeting: 2/27/21; Area Donation: \$0; Literature Order: \$9.86; Open Positions: All; Average Attendance: 7-12; Problems or Situations: None; Birthdays: None

Phoenix Group: Location: Fridays at 7:00pm at Grace Baptist Church Baton Rouge La.; Last Business Meeting: Friday's at 7pm ; Area Donation: \$0.00; Literature Order: \$; Open Positions: None; Average Attendance: 8; Problems or Situations: None; Birthdays: None

Our Gratitude Speaks: - Location: Thursdays at 6:30pm Highland Presbyterian Church, 10024 Highland Road Baton Rouge, La. Last Business Meeting: 2/4/21; Area Donation: \$0.00; Literature Order: \$38.92; Open Positions: Treasure; Average Attendance:8-10 ; Problems or Situations: None; Birthdays: None

New Beginnings:- - Location: 7519 Amite Church Rd. Denham Springs, LA 7070; Last Business Meeting: 2/4/21; Area Donation: \$20.00; Literature Order:; Open Positions: N/A Average Attendance:4-8 ; Problems or Situations: None; Birthdays: None

Unity Rangers:- - Location: University Baptist Church O,D,NS 203 Leeward Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70808; Last Business Meeting: Every Tuesday at 7pm; Area Donation: \$73. Via Venmo; Literature Order:\$20.38; Open Positions: N/A Average Attendance:6-12 ; Problems or Situations: None; Birthdays: None

Old Business

New Business

1. There was a discussion about motion #21-01-001 it was re tabled and sent back to homegroups again with the hope it would not become policy.

January 2021 minute-

Motion 21/01-001- Purpose: Bayou Recovery Area to meet in Hybrid format for the foreseeable future allowing full participation either in person or via zoom. Intent: to facilitate participation in area by member groups. Tabled to bring back to homegroups and vote on next month.

Motion to close Bob Si. Ryan.Seconded

Meeting comes to a close at 3:00pm