

East Coast Convention 24

Host Committee Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2019

The meeting was held at Christ Church Parish in Stevensville. We opened the meeting at 7:02pm with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. The Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous were read by Paul.

*indicates absence

Roll Call:

Chair	Mike R.
Vice Chair	Deanne F.*
Secretary	Ashley R.
Treasurer	John A.
Liaison to College	Wayne B.*
Liaison to East of the Bay	April B.
Arts & Graphics	Josie J.
Registration	Christine S.
Auction	Frank R.
Convention Information	Regen L.
Entertainment & Fundraising	James M.**
Hospitality	Ethan W.
Marathon	Pamela T.*
Merchandise	Don M.
Program	Kevin R.
Serenity Keepers	Chloe O.*

Quorum: Quorum met

Administrative Reports:

Chair: See attached report.

Liaison to College: Wayne participated in the tour of Washington College with Mike R. and is now waiting to hear back from the college with details on the registration packages

Program: See attached report.

Merchandise: Subcommittee has not met yet but Don plans on holding his meetings on a Monday at the Country Club.

Registration: Christine met with Ronnie to get some suggestions. The subcommittee hasn't met yet but has plans to meet the 1st Monday of every month at Dunkin' Donuts in Cape St. Claire.

Auction: Frank stated that they have not met as a subcommittee yet but has been getting support set up for when the committee does meet. He also mentioned that he has room to begin storing donations for auction.

Arts and Graphics: Josie has been reaching out to potential artists in our area. Keith has shown interest in submitting artwork once we decide on a theme.

Hospitality: Ethan has been making announcements for the subcommittee to gain interest and support.

Convention Information: Subcommittee has not met but Regen has been prepping for when the time comes.

Entertainment and Fundraising: James announced through our Host Committee group text message that he will no longer be able to be of service and resigned from his position.

Elections and Nominations:

Entertainment and Fundraising: Kevin R. nominated Mike A. which he accepted. Mike meets the clean time requirements and has previous experience as the Entertainment and Fundraising chair for ECCNA 17.

Old Business:

- Wayne B. mentioned reaching out to Washington College to lock in our dates. Mike is planning on forwarding e-mails between him and the college to Wayne so he can work on a contract and give them our deposit.
- Convention theme ideas are to be brought to the next host committee meeting.

New Business:

- Deanne was called by Regen during the meeting to announce that half of the proceeds from the Tri-County Area Unity Retreat will be donated to ECCNA 24.
- Theme Ideas- Many ideas were brought to the Host Committee meeting. The four that we decided to vote on were as follows:
 - A ray of light in the darkness
 - Therapeutic value
 - Gratitude into action
 - Living in the momentThe theme "Gratitude into action" received the most votes and will be the theme for ECCNA 24!!
- The AB has begun distributing Basic Texts to the area who hosted ECCNA 23

Open Forum

- Kevin R. brought up meeting space at the college to start planning where certain meetings will be held during the convention.
- Mike A. brought up concern of the open meeting space in the cafeteria that we had in 2012 and how there wasn't much privacy.
- Kevin R. asked whether or not people can register now for the convention. Mike R. stated that people can go to ECCNA.org and put a deposit down for a full registration.
- The group discussed the topics that the Program committee came up with and stated that all topics look great.
- Mike A. asked when the last meeting of the day will be held so that he can begin planning events for the convention. Kevin R. said that he would get Wayne B's reports from ECCNA 17 for guidance.

Host Chair Report 9-18-2019

Hey gang,

Things are going good and there's a list of things to do so hopefully we are full swing getting this going. We received a message of resignation from James M today so we need to elect a Fundraising and Entertainment person.

I went with Wayne and Amy to Chestertown today to tour the facilities and start a negotiation with the college. I'd like to go over the facilities that are available to us.

The pricing and billing from 2013 is pretty clear, but the obvious chink in it is the way attendants are counted. Wayne is trying to negotiate something that would give us the ability to sell a Saturday only registration with lunch and dinner, and get a reduced rate on a day attendant, lunch dinner combo. Seems like a good tactic. The convention planner at Washington was open to 2 of the suggestions Wayne had, and said she would talk to her boss and get back to Wayne in a few days.

Here's the facility overview. If you get a map to follow along, I can explain what we did last convention (2013) and what I think we could do this convention (2020). The bulk of the convention program was at Gibson Center for the arts. There are 3 meeting rooms there: the Decker Theatre, Tawes Theatre, and Hotchkiss. Next to Gibson is Daly hall. In 2013 we had main meetings and larger workshops in Decker, and workshops in Tawes and Hotchkiss. Merchandise, Jeweler, Taping in a classroom in Daly, but it really was "out of the way". We had a snack store / hospitality in the basement of Casey Academic Center, registration was on the top floor of Casey on Friday, and moved it to Hodson Hall on Saturday. Auction and Bid meeting was in Smith Hall auditorium. Dining is in the Hodson Hall commons on the 2nd floor. We ate there, and had a dance in the egg, also Karaoke there in the TV room. Our apartment housing was in Sassafras or Chester and so was the marathon meetings. Also we had Worcester / Wicomico dormitory housing (bathrooms at the ends of the halls).

This year we won't be forced to have the registration in Casey (that's what happened in 2013) and also we are able to use the "Western Shore apartments" The dorms were remodeled last year. Potentially we can offer 2 packages surrounding different housing, as the dormitory housing could be roughly \$20 cheaper for the weekend, also they are closer but with end hall bathrooms. I'm actually, personally, open to staying in the dorms, as it's closer: right next to the dining hall. We could have meetings in either of 2 meeting rooms in the Hobson Hall, but we really have much meeting space. I would recommend we have merchandise, jeweler, taping and registration all in Gibson Center lobby. It's very spacious and complaints in 2013 were that it was out of the way or even hard to find. We could also have the snack vending store there. Shirley promises that we will still be able to smoke and that Washington College will not implement a non smoking campus between now and the convention.

Also we had the auction and bid meeting Saturday pm in the Smith Hall auditorium. This is a meeting space with seating for about 135 and 35 on the balcony. The best thing about this space is that you can eat and drink here. In the Gibson Center meeting space, we can only drink water. Non water is not allowed. Also worth noting that the

convention services person pointed out that Hotchkiss gets really warm in the morning. It has a glass wall that faces the sun in the morning.

Meeting space that is open to us that we did not use are 2 rooms that hold about 100 people or more on the back of Hodson Hall commons. One is in the basement and holds over 100 people and is the presidents room and one is above it. It could be set up for hang out, but also there is the general area of the Hodson, court yards outside, etc. There's lots of hang out space at Washington College.

One thing I didn't figure out is where we should have the Marathon meeting. We used Sassafrass Hall for our housing in 2013. I believe we need to exit the school buildings so they can get locked up. We used the Sassafras commons for Marathon and hospitality during off hours. Currently we have been talking about using the Western Shore apartments and I don't know if they have a commons space for Marathon or late night hospitality.

Also we took the photo at the stadium in 2013 on Sunday morning. We could do that again, or we could change the time and do it Saturday when more people are present. Also we could change the location, for instance to the Martha Washington Square.

I went to the last AB meeting and we need to get this bank account stright. DeAnne messaged me that she would be missing the meeting, so I will call her tomorrow to get her up to speed and thank you for letting me share.

In loving service

Mike

PROGRAMMING, ECCNA 24

September 11, 2019

We opened our meeting with the serenity prayer.

There were (5) in attendance. We now have a location to meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00, Ferndale United Methodist Church.

We finalized the topics tonight. We have 36 meetings scheduled at this time.

I will turn in our Final topics to the board's October meeting for approval.

We briefly discussed some speaker suggestions and will start to work on this at our October meeting.

Closed at 8:45.

In loving service,
Kevin R.

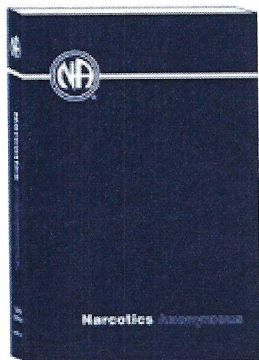
Topic	Final Topic	Speaker	Room
Steps 1,2,3	H.O.W.		
Steps 4,5	Me, my Sponsor and God		
Steps 6,7	Entirely ready, humbling asking		
Steps 8,9	Cleaning up our past		
Steps, 10,11,12	With vigilance we sought to carry the message		
NA History	History of NA ECCNA and Worldwide		
Relationship Mtg.	The Good, The Bad, The Ugly		
Men's Sponsorship tree			
Women's Sponsorship Tree			
It's a family disease	All in the Family		
Friday Opening			
Saturday Main	Convention Theme		
Sunday Closing			
Parenting	The Joys and Struggles of Parenting		

Youth	Did I get clean too soon?		
IP, self acceptance	Learning to like me		
IP, Triangle	Triangle of self-obsession		
IP, recovery and relapse	One is too many		
IP, am I an addict			
	One disease / One Program		
Grief	How to stay clean dealing with loss		
Coming off maintenance	From maintenance to abstinence		
Depression	Treating my depression in recovery		
Service work	Am I hiding or helping?		
Anonymity/Social media	Applying principles to social media		
Fun in recovery	I'm clean, now what?		
Overcoming adversity in recovery	How to weather the storms		
Network/clicks	How to develop a Network		

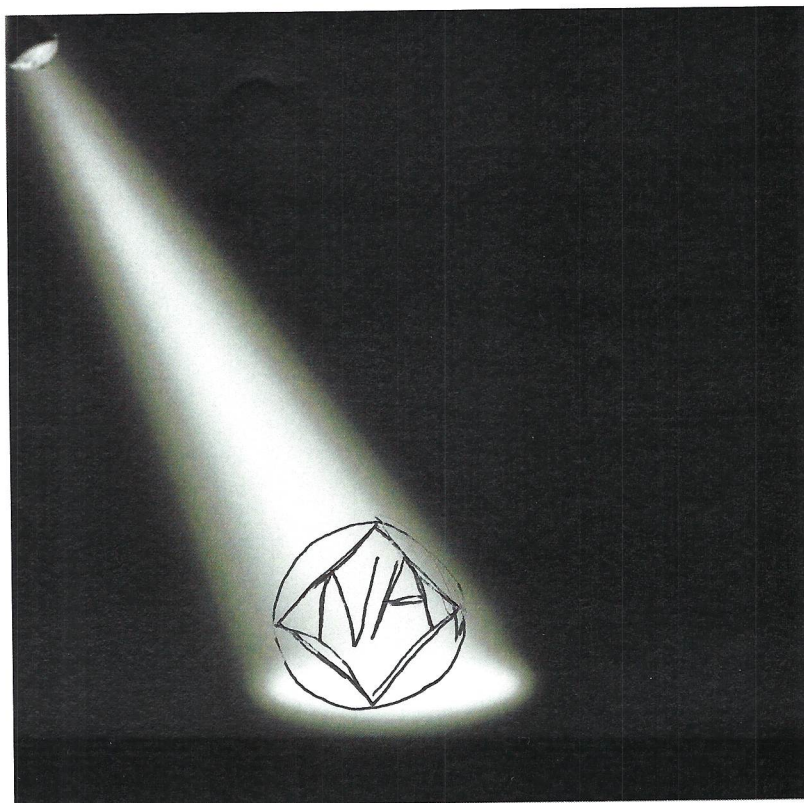
Isolation	The darkroom, where negatives are developed		
IP 29	Introduction to NA Meetings		
Why are we here	What Keeps me Here		
Old School NA			
Our primary purpose	One addict helping another		
Sponsor/sponsee, spouse using	When they choose not to stay		
Sick as your secrets	What don't come out in the wash, comes out in the rinse		
When at the end of the road	When at the end of the road		

35 meetings

76 speakers needed if you plot 4 for men's rap and 4 for women's rap and 4 for it's a family disease.



A Ray of light in the darkness



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Or maybe a 24 year medication
in the ray of light?