COQUINA COAST AREA MINUTES

🍁SEPTEMBER 13, 2026🍁

The meeting opened at 1:00 pm with the Serenity Prayer led by Jason.
Readings: 12 Traditions: Kristy 12 Concepts: Tommy Definition of ASC: Jeret

ATTENDANCE

Facilitator✔️
Co-Facilitato✔️
Secretary✔️
Co-Secretary❌
Treasurer✔️
Co-Treasurer🚫
H&I✔️
Activities❌
I.T.❌
Fellowship Development✔️
RCM 1✔️
RCM 2✔️
RCM 3✔️
Literature✔️
PR Helplin✔️

9 GROUPS PRESENT

A New Life❌
A Vision of Hope✔️
Back to Basics❌
Baker's Dozen✔️
Clean and Serene❌
Lost and Found✔️
NA Group✔️
Never Alone✔️
New Beginnings✔️
No Matter What❌
We Do Recover✔️
Welcome Home✔️
W.I.S.H✔️

NEW GROUPS OR GSRs- Brian M. is the new GSR for Lost and Found. Welcome!
Jeff O. would like to start a meeting in St. Augustine Beach. Welcome!
Jason: Those who were not here in fellowship development, Jeff O. let us know what was going on. He is starting a group, they have a time and a location but not a name yet. He will come back next month with more information so we can start announcing it and get it on the meeting schedule. It will be held on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM at the St. Augustine beach pier.
Jeff O.: I will try and get a name together and come back next month and go from there.
Jason: He came in fellowship development and is requesting a starter kit, is that something we just give him now?
Corey: You have to submit your group name and information to the IT coordinator to be able to get the starter kit. We want to be able to publish the name before we give them the starter kit.
Jason: That raised my question about the Guide…It is a year and a half out of date.
We will keep in touch with Jeff and get things going and we will let you guys know next month what was finalized.
LAST MONTH'S MINUTES- Approved ✔️

FACILITATOR- JASON S.

I was here to attend fellowship development, we had a couple things we talked about that will come up in open discussion. I don't have anything else going on.

CO-FACILITATOR- KEVIN O.

Nothing to report

SECRETARY- TRICIA

Nothing to report

TREASURER- TJ

Opening balance: $1,092.54 which is $297.71 under prudent reserve

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FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT- JEF (Kevin gave report)

Kevin stepped in as co facilitator.

-There were 14 members present today. We had some PR discussion and a lot was taken care of right here at fellowship development.

-Jeff had a few concerns with H&I and he is working on that to decide with his subcommittee about the meetings.

- Jeff O. that was just here came in with the new meeting.

-Corey had mentioned some stuff that will be coming up later.

-Other than that I think we are in good shape. One more thing..

-We notice the Guide is out dated so we are going to really work on it this month with the fellowship development coordinator and other members to get this thing updated. We are in a search for all the proposals that were presented throughout the last year into this year and all the changes that needed to be made.

Brian: Can we get a group together to do this?

Kevin: no, you can participate, we will talk to Jef first, let me see what he has going on as the facilitator and we can put it on the Coquina page if necessary. We are going to go back in the archives from this last year for any amendments, anything presented and any changes throughout the year. We have to catch up

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RCM 1- COREY G.

Not a lot to report this month. I'm going to bring up a topic in open forum. I just wanted to say there is a lot of stuff going on in area that I will report back to region and I just want to say that is just evidence of what is happening here and our growth. PR in particular, we have gone a couple years without certain things happening. So this is a really exciting time to report this to region.

The only other thing I wanted to mention is that region is there as a tool for any subcommittee that needs it to help with any questions. There is a lot of experience there and that's what fellowship development is for on Saturdays. If you can't attend, it's always available on zoom on Saturdays. The region meeting is available on Sundays as well. But on Saturdays you have a voice, so if there is a question you are bringing, otherwise I am happy to bring information back and forth, that is my job to bring it forward. We have not utilized that a lot in the past but we

have used it to some extent. What we do is we ask what other area experiences there are and we share some of the things the PR person reports on.

RCM 2- TOMMY

Nothing to report. Region is happening this weekend but due to me getting a new job and my work schedule is conflicting with that I will not be attending physically but I will be attending on zoom. In the future I will be better with getting the time off that I need but I just started this new job this week so I couldn't get the time off.

RCM 3- BRIAN W.

Nothing to report.

I.T- SUZ

No report

ACTIVITIES- JENNIFER (Tricia read the report)

-I would like to apologize for not being there again. I have things going on with my son.
-We had 23 people show up to the bowling event in August. It was a very good turn out. We did not use any funds for this event so we do not have a donation for area.
-Our next activity is a fun game night. It will be on Sept. 26th at 5:00pm 1520 S. Daytona Ave. Come join us for some friendly games.
-Our next committee meeting will be Sept. 14th at 7:45 pm after the New Beginnings meeting. Please come support your area activities committee.

H&I- JEFF

-The subcommittee met on Sunday August 23rd at 6:00 PM There were 4 members in person and 1 member on zoom that attended.
-Commitments
Flagler Jail Men- 2 out of 3 meetings met.
Flagler Jail Women- No meetings were met.
Project Warm- All meetings were met.
Epic- All meetings were met.
St. Johns County Jail- All meetings were met.
St. John's Recovery Center- 3 out of 4 meetings were met.
-We have a housekeeping issue that will be discussed at the next subcommittee meeting that I hope to get resolved, I brought it up in fellowship development.
-Rent was paid.
-The next subcommittee meeting will be on Sun. September 27th at 6:00pm 200 S. Church St. Bunnell.

LITERATURE- TAMI

All is well.

PR/HELPLINE- JERET

-Last subcommittee meeting was 8/30/26 at 5:00 PM and the **next subcommittee meeting will be 9/27/26 at 5:00 PM at 200 S. Church Street Bunnell.**

-We have had two really great booth sittings for PR since the last area. We had a booth on August 31st at the overdose walk and one on September 12th at Foundations to Freedom. -We have some more booth sittings coming up, this coming Saturday at Epic Recovery Fair that we need volunteers for. You can contact me if you would like to do that.
-We potentially have one on October 24th at the Crescent City Bike Fest that we will also need volunteers for.
-The subcommittee meeting in general needs support.
-We need volunteers for booth sittings and we need trusted servants for the subcommittee. We need a co facilitator and a secretary. People are welcomed to come by if they want to be of service in any capacity with any clean time they have we can help them.
-We especially need female volunteers for booth sittings. Traditionally PR work you have a male and a female at every booth sitting. That has always not been possible because of the lack of female volunteers showing up so we would love for them to reach out.
Corey: What is the clean time requirement for booth sitting?
Jeret: That is something that is up for discussion, in the guidelines we were given for PR it said 3 years. Traditionally what I am aware of it has been 6 months so we can waive that and I think 6 months is a good target. We encourage anyone with any amount of clean time to reach out about volunteering and we can always talk to them.

GSR REPORTS

A VISION OF HOPE
GSR: Kristy
Celebrations: 9/20 Kristy S. celebrates 3 years
Donation: $130.33
Comments: .Average of 8 to 10 addicts in attendance and 2 to 4 newcomers

BAKER'S DOZEN
GSR: Kasey R.
Celebrations:
Donation: $139.00
Comments: Group is having a Fall Picnic on 10/24/26 from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM at Bings Landing N Pavilion 5900 N. Oceanshore Blvd. All are welcome. This is a free event. We are not using 7th tradition money. Homegroup members are donating for this so please bring a dish if you wish. Kid friendly!
Average of 15 to 20 addicts in attendance on Fridays and 1 to 3 newcomers. Average of 10 addicts in attendance on Saturdays.

LOST AND FOUND
GSR: Brian
Celebrations:
Donation:
Comments: Average of 10 addicts in attendance and 1 to 2 newcomers.

NA GROUP
GSR: Matt
Celebrations: Sun. Sept. 20th Robert M. celebrates 19 years and 9/26 Lisa celebrates 1 year
Donation: $103.00
Comments:

NEVER ALONE
GSR: Rob
Celebrations:-
Donation: $49.91
Comments: Average of 15 to 20 addicts in attendance and 5 to 8 newcomers.
NEW BEGINNINGS
GSR: Andrew
Celebrations:
Donation: $138.10
Comments: Average of 8 to 10 addicts in attendance and 4 to 6 newcomers.
WE DO RECOVER
GSR: Ed
Celebrations:
Donation: $33.00
Comments: Average of 12 addicts in attendance and 2 newcomers.
WELCOME HOME
GSR: Mike
Celebrations: 10/8 Maria celebrates 1 year
Donation: $35.00
Comments: Average of 15 addicts in attendance and 4 newcomers
W.I.S.H
GSR: Beth
Celebrations:
Donation:
Comments:.Average of 12 addicts in attendance and 4 newcomers

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OPEN SHARING

Corey: We were asked by region co author a motion around nepotism. It is a little bit of an unclear question. I am going to lay out the proper scenarios for you guys and we just want to have an open discussion about your thoughts about it. I don't have a good answer on how to solve the problem. So there are a couple versions of nepotism, we have our own policy that is really based around financials but the nepotism we are talking about are instances over the last year. We've had challenges in two or three different scenarios. One is husband and wife having positions that they were able to override policy a little bit. And the second one was around Sponsor and sponsee where the proper role was to
go to the person who was in the more senior role and they wouldn't take care of it because their alternate was their sponsor. So what they're trying to solve at Region is what should we do about this kind of situation? Whether it's something we should write a policy around, whether we should just have some advisory. What is the answer? Because it feels like there is some sort of challenge that we're experiencing with these different situations. Now I will say also that we also have on the other side of this, this idea that we want to encourage mentorship of sponsor to sponsee and the question becomes when is that too far? So I just want to put it out there for discussion, mainly so that I can get pre-inputs. If I'm asked to support this motion at region, what should that look like? Because I'll likely be helping to
author it at their request.
Kevin: Feedback, is that what you're looking for?
Corey: Yep

Jason: Anybody have any questions or input for the RCM?
Jeff: So is it a situation such as, for example, gatekeeping?
Corey: I don't know if it's quite gatekeeping as much as it is. I'll use an example. If your sponsee or sponsor was your alternates and then the next time it comes up for election there's a concern that it is going to happen again? So that a sponsorship family ends up dominating a particular role. And the other part of that is when that happens, generally that also means a single sex is dominating a problem. So that's what we're trying to ask.
Kevin: So would one of the solutions be if you wrote something in the policy itself that they couldn't do that, but are you willing to have the courage?
Corey: Oh yeah. For me it's not a problem directly.
Kevin: So that'd be part of..”is this what you're looking for”? Is this what you're looking for feedback on what to approach with?
Corey: Yeah. Sometimes in NA something happens and we react like we need to write a policy around this. That may not always be the best approach, but it is an approach. So I struggle personally with what the right answer for this is. And so I'm looking for some feedback on what the area thinks is right, should we put something in policy that says this can't happen or to limit this or what should be the boundaries we really want to help mitigate this in the future? Or maybe the answer is no. I don't know.
Rob: We kind of dealt with that here and with various family members holding different positions in the area. And my own personal opinion on it has always been, I mean they're trusted servants for a reason. They're elected for a reason because we trust them to do the job that they have volunteered to do. So until they give us a reason not to trust them anymore, my opinion's been to trust them and if they're willing and they have to meet the other qualifications, let them do it.
Kevin: At region, I know about the husband wife one, but the one you talked about, the sponsorship family line, was there a situation? You said there was a situation or there wasn’t?
Corey: So there was a problem with the alternate and they had some inappropriate comments during region and some inappropriate emails and their correct approach is to go to the primary person and talk to them about it. And they said, "Well, I can't do anything. “They are my sponsor." And so what it ended up causing, to be frank, was now I'm in a position where I have to voice it on the floor versus just giving him some advice on how to handle himself better. And I don't care what everybody thinks of that personally, but there's certainly an opinion that every time they speak they feel like they're attacked by this because we have no alternative to go to the RD in this case and that's now gone away. But the challenge was that the RD was the sponsee of this RDA and we were expecting another sponsee to become the new RDA when they moved up. It turned out that it didn't happen. That was everybody's expectation that something happened in their line.
Kevin: You have your own criteria of line you'd like to use. Is that correct?
Corey: No, not yet. So the reason is because they're going to ask me to co-author this because they don't know how to write it. And they know that Coquina has a reputation for A, being very careful about motions and also being able to navigate the politics of region through the way we write and speak of motions and not having this opinion that we have to win. So yeah, it is a good reputation. Now we're a strong area at region, which is cool for being so small. So I think that's why we're being asked some of these things now. We get asked to support a lot of things. Whenever a new RCM is there, we're asked to help mentor them. It's a good place for our area

to be in. So we're being asked to co-author this because it's a tricky situation. They also know that I always have the backing of my area because I talk to you guys.
Kevin: So is there, other than the line that it goes down, is there anybody else that could step in and start to navigate the question areas, like what's going on, who to approach on that? See what I'm saying?
Corey: I think the question is really just a really simple question for this area is do we feel like there should be guidelines around sponsor sponsee relationships in different positions and should there be a limit on those times that can happen? And should there be a limitation on spousal relationships that he was describing that we've had here holding positions that are complimentary, interactory, whatever the rules are that we think are important. I think the other big difference between region and area is just the length of the commitments. So once you lock in, you can have the same folks in those positions for four, six years. And so the RDA RD position we are worried about because it's already been six years and was being set up for another three and then another three.
Kevin: Other than what you have, is all of region concerned?
Corey: Well, that's my point. It wasn't me bringing it forward actually. It was another area of coming to us and saying, "Hey, we don't have time today, but next month will you help us write this motion?" So that's why I'm trying to get your input first, just like what do you guys think of if I got some input, right? Says we shouldn't worry about it and it should not be a factor in deciding we either trust them or we don't. And I can support that if that's the opinion of the area, we just need to figure that out. That's why I was trying to make it clear.
Tami: So what I know about region is at least twice in recent history, the workings of the inner workings have been disrupted by the sponsor sponsee situation. We discussed something last month about a problem with the election and there was information that was discussed within this, in the subcommittee at region that was justified because it was a conversation between sponsor and sponsee. Had it not been a conversation between sponsor and sponsee, there wouldn't be any kind of justification for how it happened. So for me, it creates a lack of trust because I'm able to use " I can't talk to that person because they're my sponsor" and I don't have any right to confront them with their behavior or this conversation cannot be brought to public light because it was a conversation between sponsor and sponsee. It's a conversation between sponsor and sponsee. So it's awkward and yes, we should eliminate people being able to serve because of that, because of mentorship and all of that. And it really is a murky area.
Kevin: So where does that leave Corey?
Jason: Okay, well that's what I'm trying to get to. I wanted to make sure everybody that wanted to say something had the opportunity. Okay. So Corey, what are you asking for from this body? Do you want me to put out a straw poll whether we think you should do this or not?
Corey: If nobody is interested in participating in discussion, a straw poll isn't really helpful in this situation. It would be more helpful to hear what people think and if they don't really have an opinion that is also an opinion. So I think that's what I'm trying to see if there are opinions that are strong enough to move in one direction or another or do we just move forward with the best answer.
Jason: How would you feel about it if the conversation ended right now?
Corey: I do have an opinion and a couple of facts, but no opinion on where I should go, which is okay. It's just because that is an opinion is that we don't have an opinion as an

area and that's okay. But it doesn't feel like there's anybody who has a strong opinion in the direction.
Jason: Does anybody else have anything they want to say on this? Most of us have no opinion..
Corey: There you go.
Jason: Do you have any other issues for open discussion?
TJ: I am well for starting new meetings. I am 100% for that. However, the meeting that was proposed to be started at St. Augustine Beach down at the pier has already been attempted 3 times in the course of St. Augustine's life span. The reason why it's never taken off is because of attendance. It being outside, there is no underneath. It is outside. So hurricane season,winter, the whole nine. We just want everybody to take that into consideration before we say go out and have fun. Give them a kit. I don't like throwing away money.
Jeff: Can we suggest to him that maybe he find a location and then take it from there? Somewhere, a church or some facility where he might have a better chance of surviving.
Tami: We can talk about whatever we want to, but if he's got people to help him start a meeting. We can't tell him we can't. Correct. It sounds silly to me that we even discuss it because we have no say so. If he comes in and says we want a starter kit, he's up here and we are serving him, not the other way around.
Rob: How much is the starter kit?What are we talking about? $100?.
Tami: $30. It's basically a starter kit from the world that's compiled that's got readings and blah, blah, blah and treasury and then five of each one of the key tags.
TJ: My point for bringing it up more so is not that we can't do anything to sway him in one way or another. We can't prevent him from starting a meeting. It may just be best to actually have a conversation with him to maybe establish a place, like Jeff said, that there would be better attendance. That's it. But I mean, we can't stop him.
Kristy: So our meeting attendance in St. Augustine is down. We have two home groups there right now and our meeting attendance is down. So personally, I don't have time to attend that new meeting. However, it may open up a new meeting for other addicts because we consistently have newcomers coming in. We just don't have the members to support these newcomers that are coming in. Personally, I work in the recovery field. I can't sponsor the women who come through my home. You know what I mean? And that's hard. So St. Augustine in general is struggling right now.
TJ: So with that said, if he opens a new meeting, I think it would be fantastic if we can band together as an area to go support it, at least for the first month for people that are capable. I understand Sunday at 10:00 AM is a difficult time for a lot of people to approve, but I mean, I'm all for starting new meetings. I'm all for getting the message out there and doing so. I just like to do so in a smart way. So I'm on board. We can't stop them or anything like that, but I think it just needs to be said that we should probably work on attempting to try and support a new meeting that's going to start in a spot that has already failed multiple times due to attendance. That's all.
Corey: I think this is a really good point. I think the question for me is less about this meeting though it is a particular thing. We've asked this question a couple times and we never really took action on what to do next. And that is really, how do we support? It's really easy to say go back to your groups and talk about it and share about it. It hasn't worked. I think at some point we need to either form an adhoc or a work group or whatever we call that to kind of investigate

what we can do. Other areas have some solutions, but they're bigger. Maybe that won't work in other areas where they have these things like road meetings or whatever they call them, take it to the street meetings where they pick a meeting every week and they kind of swarm it with people. I don't know what the right answer is, but I would be interested in participating and figuring out what the solution is. I think that's why we're here. And then we're not talking about one meeting that's coming up to us with this challenge. It's like a bunch up there. It's a third or a half of our area. Let's see what we can do to help as an area.
Kevin: So you asked the question, what can we do to help? Well, honestly, I think we're just very lazy people. It's a 35 to 40 minute ride up that way. Same way we don't go to Daytona. It's nothing personal, just the way I am. I have a lot of meetings here. I'm really comfortable. I really like the meetings I have here, the ones I attend. I agree with Corey. Maybe I should get out of my comfort zone, expand some of my input, some of my perceptions of getting the perception in through other ideas and views. But the thing is I just have to get my ass off the seat and go out there and do it, right? So that's the only solution to be honest. How do we make people do that? We don't. We just do our best and kind of portray the information and hopefully they survive. That's the only input and solution I have. I guess my best part is to show up. That's the only thing I can do if I can. And that goes for every one of us in this area and it does suck.
I think that's what it really is. It's a distance thing. That's pretty much the reality.
Rob: I mean there are meetings here that haven't been made, right? Since this area has started, there have been a lot more meetings that have come up and a lot of new groups that have formed and there's a lot of meetings that are on the same night of the week, same time and conflicting and competing with the other ones. Some of them don't make it.
I couldn't understand why. We're kind of a small area here, right? Flagler County is kind of a small place. I understand that we've grown a little bit, but we're going into these other jurisdictions, but me personally, I never understood why there were two meetings that needed to be Monday night at 6:00 PM. That's just my opinion. That's all.
Jason: I agree with a lot of things that have been said. We can't sit up here and tell you guys what to do, but I can certainly encourage the people that I'm around to help support these other meetings. That's all I can really do. If you guys don't want to see these meetings fail, encourage people and maybe yourself to go support them.
Rob: Either way, I think $30 is still a good investment if they're going to try.
Tommy: I have a quick question, when we have these meetings at area and requests for help are happening, are GSRs going back to their home groups and saying, "Hey, this meeting is asking for help. How can we help?" Is that a discussion happening at home group business meetings?
Jason: Hopefully.
Tommy: Are we even taking this information back to our home groups?
Jason: Hopefully
Tommy: Then that's all we know, hopefully. We don't know if that's happening.
Jason: I don't know. I don't know what the GSRs are doing. I know what my GSR is doing.
Rob: Is there anybody here that goes to those meetings up there that can touch on why they're struggling so badly?
Kristy::I'm the GSR for Vision of Hope and I attend lost and found meetings and they attend our meetings. We support each other's home groups. And it's just like since I came into the

fellowship almost three years ago, the meetings then were packed. And today we might have 10, maybe 12 members on a Sunday, but that's only one meeting. Our Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday meetings at Vision of Hope are anywhere from three to six members.
Rob: Because NA seems like it's always struggled in St. Augustine.
Kristy: I think from what I've heard, St. Augustine used to be a really big meeting. Lost and Found was a big meeting. It may have been the only meeting. I don't know. I wasn't a member then. Since I have been in the fellowship, I can say that the meeting attendance has dropped significantly.
Brian M: I was here 10 years ago and yet the attendance was a lot higher back then. A lot of us that were there back then went out and a lot of us are coming back right now.
Tami: Can I piggyback on what he said? There used to be a third meeting up there. And there were people who were very strong in supporting and then that stopped and that's what happened. But I think this is an opportunity for PR to help them get the information about those meetings out too. because there's recovery houses up there. There's more treatment centers up there than there are down here. So I think that's really a PR opportunity to get that information out. But I agree, it was a vision of hope. None of the meetings were over three or four, six months ago. And when you moved to a larger room, I think it just takes time. Growth takes time.
Corey: Yeah. I don't know if PR is the right answer though because PR is a dangerous situation. It's a slippery slope because if PR goes up there and gets 70 newcomers to show up to these meetings, they're not going to. If I walk into a meeting with three or four people and the most clean time is like one guy with more than a year clean, that would be really a tough setup when you can go across the street to the AA meeting and there's 35 people And so that's why I really feel strongly that this is an area problem that helps solve. I don't buy this whole, “we'll just talk about it in our home groups”. Area is there to support them and we are not. The bottom line is we are not supporting these groups in any way that is measurable. And I find it really odd that this area who's full of a bunch of smart people, can't figure out what we can do to change the way we function. And that's what I struggle with. I think that PR is a great idea if we can get as step two, if we can get enough people to go there regularly to support the newcomer that shows up. When New Beginnings started having all the guys show up, this was a meeting that had no men with clean time at that time. And a call went out to a couple of folks and a couple of folks started showing up with clean time and that's how we kept the boys that were coming here by themselves for a while. The same thing is happening over at the Thursday night meeting with Warm. It is flooded by warm folks and it works because there's enough women with clean time at that Thursday meeting and it's a Saturday meeting where they go to really support the influx of newcomers. Getting an influx of newcomers with nobody there to help is dangerous.
Kevin: Real quick. So understood. Hindsight on the other side of that is once we start leaving this area and going to that area, we're not going. So there's a balance. There's a real serious balance that has to be looked at. If I have a couple, just say I do four meetings a week and I do them here in town and I'm like, all right I'm going to instead decide to take two of those. Half of my meetings, now I'm not supporting those other two groups. I just want to see how it is. It's really different. It's a sticky situation for recovery for the groups and as well as the individual who is recovering, trying to support and get their own recovery.
Kristy: Can we maybe post something on our Coquina Coast page asking for support?

Jason: On the website? Or the Facebook page?
Kristy: Both.
Jason: I mean you can post whatever you want on the page. If it doesn't meet the criteria, it'll be removed. As far as the website that would have to go through IT.
Jason: Corey, something that you said, you're surprised by this area. I'm hearing problems, but I'm not hearing anyone have a solution as far as what you're saying about you're surprised by this area. I've been a part of this area as long as it's been around and it has always suffered from mostly willingness. There were a ton of people here with clean time and not a lot of them are willing to do anything to help. It's been a problem with this area for as long as I can remember. I'm interested in a solution.
Tami: I think for me, if I'm going to be a part of the solution, if I go to three meetings a week for a few weeks, a few months, whatever it is, if I really want to do this and I really want to be part of the solution, I'm going to add another meeting to that week. I'm going to say Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, then I'm going to have to cough up another day. I'm going to have to be willing to be part of the solution instead of not.
Jason: And there it is willingness.
Jeret: I think kind of to Tami's point, if people were to show up there to support, and this was brought up before, I actually think more meetings in St. Augustine is a good solution to the problem as weird as it sounds when we're having meetings there with attendance problems already. If there's more options, maybe more people would go. Obviously, personal opinions on whatever new meeting was brought up today and its location and all that kind of stuff aside. Again, this is not something that's easy to do at the area level, but encouraging more meetings to start there and being able to support newcomers that show up, I think is a good solution. I don't know how we would do that.
Bri: I just want to throw out there, there are sober living houses and other Oxford houses that are in our town that don't even know what NA is. So I don't know how we can get across to them. I know there are some of them that definitely do know, but they don't even know what we are. They all go to AA. So I think that's also a big part of us missing newcomers and getting people to the door. Everyone's going over there.
Brian M: I'm just going to say, we have currently an invitation from Epic. They want us to bring a meeting there and it's kind of a long process to do it, right? But that is going to happen and that was very successful 10 years ago and it wasn't there.
Jason: Are you talking about the Epic treatment facility?
Brian M: Yeah.
Jason: We already have meetings. They go there every week. .
Brian M: And then there was somebody that was in the meetings last night from one of the sober houses. I'm not sure if it's the one you were talking about that didn't know about and had requested a stack of meeting lists. So things are starting to happen.
TJ: So as far as solution and support, we put a motion forward to set aside $100 to support a struggling new meeting opening and it got voted down. So we did the solution and we said fuck it. So everybody's points are valid and make complete sense. And yes, like I said, I want the area to continue to grow. I want NA to continue to grow. Here's the thing. From a practical standpoint, you cannot get blood from a rock. You can't. There is a best number, maybe 100 to 120 active addicts in our area. And by active addicts, I mean actually attending addicts, and

that's me being very generous. So the idea of supporting a meeting that is not a part of your schedule, that's difficult, right? People have kids, people have families, people have careers, people have odd working hours. People work their schedule around to be able to get two to three meetings to one meeting a week and everything like that. We need more people. You don't need more meetings. You need more people first because we can start a meeting every single day and every hour of the day and sit in an empty room and aint gonna do shit. So it's the age old dilemma that NA has faced, competing with AA, how do we get addicts to actually attend NA meetings? And if we can't answer that question, then I apologize for wasting everybody's time starting this conversation because it will fail. It will. 100%. It's going to fail. I don't say that negatively. I say that practically. You can't add more meetings without people. That doesn't make any damn sense. I am all for supporting St. Augustine. My wife's from St. Augustine. I know a lot of people in St. Augustine. The meetings there are good. They need people. People are needed here in Coquina as well, in Palm Coast. We need more people. So PR, H&I, how do we get people? Same question we've asked for generations. That's it. If you can't answer that, then we just waste time and we'll have this conversation three months from now.

OLD BUSINESS

Jason: The only thing I have here is for the RCM.. Last month you were looking for guidance on the HRP impeachment. Are you guys clear with the area?
Corey: Yes, that is going to happen this weekend.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

NOMINATIONS

Next month nominations will begin for all area positions!!
We have a nomination for a co facilitator for fellowship development. We do not vote on this at an area level. Service resume will go to fellowship development.

ANNOUNCMENTS

No Announcements

TREASURY

Closing balance $1,774.90 which puts us $384.65 over prudent reserve. There will be a donation to region made in the amount of $384.6

GSR REMINDER

- Let your groups know that the St. Augustine meetings are in need of support.
- Announce that all area positions will be up for nomination starting next month.

THANK YOU!

Jason S. closed the meeting at 2:10 PM with the Serenity Prayer. The next Area meeting will be **October 11, 2026** See you all then!!



In Loving Service, Tricia - Secretary