

EAST TEXAS AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2026

Meeting Opened with Service Prayer: 2:00 pm

12 Traditions: Brittany B

12 Concepts: Sheila

Tradition 5: Brittany D

Roll Call: Stacey B.

Position	Name	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Facilitator	Doug H.	P	P	P	P	P							
Co-Facilitator	Paul G.	P	A	P	P	P							
Notetaker	Stacey B.	P	P	P	P	P							
Notetaker Alt	Lexi W.	P	P	P	P	P							
Money Handler	Kristen R.	P	P	P	P	A							
Money Handler Alt	Arianna M.	P	A	P	P	P							
Literature Rep	Stacy H.	P	P	P	P	P							
Literature Rep. Alt	Jeremy P.	P	P	P	A	A							
RCM	Becky D.	P	P	P	A	P							
RCMA	Danny D.	P	A	P	A	P							
Activities	Holly B.	P	P	A	P	A							
Activities Alt	Brittany B.	P	P	A	P	P							
H&I	Troy T	P	P	P	A	A							
H&I Alt	Brittany D.	P	P	P	A	P							
PR	Randy B.	P	P	P	P	A							
PR Alt	Shane	A	P	P	P	P							
Web Facilitator	Kristen R. (Appointed)	P	P	P	P	A							
Web Facilitator Alt	Open	O	O	O	O	O							

GROUPS

GROUP	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Another Look	P	P	P	P	P							
Candlelight	P	P	P	P	P							
The Home Group	P	P	P	P	P							
Keep it Simple	P	A	A	A	P							
Living Recovery	P	P	P	P	P							
New Beginnings	P	A	P	P	P							
No Matter What	O	P	P	P	P							
Palestine Freedom	P	P	A	P	P							
Red Bud	P	P	P	P	P							
Rising in Recovery	P	P	P	P	P							
Tried and True	O	P	A	A	P							
Visions of Recovery	P	P	P	P	P							

MINUTES FOR APRIL: APPROVED

REPORTS

Facilitator Report

(Verbal Report)

Glad to be here, made a few meetings.

Co-Facilitator Report

(Report read by Facilitator)

Home group meetings, R&R 1st Anniversary – Birthday night at Red Bud, Glad to be here, glad to be started on a good guideline review.

Money Handler Report

(Report Read Aloud - Attached)

\$4550.51, Deposit – 344.51 Cash 435 – prudent reserve 1800 total balance 3570.02. Donations = 45.00

Notetaker Report

(Report read aloud - Attached)

Report Read Aloud

Literature Report

(Report Read Aloud - Attached)

623.95 in Lit – 81.90 for H&I - \$110.20 for PR – Request Check for \$740.80

RCM Report

(Report Read Aloud - Attached)

Report Read Aloud - Attached

RCMA REPORT

Web Facilitator (Verbal Report)

No Report

Activities (Report Read Aloud - Attached)

Report read aloud – attached
SEE GSR TAKE BACK TO GROUPS SECTION

***** Next Activities Subcommittee Meeting is on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at 10 AM
at Rising in Recovery****
Zoom Meeting Info:

H&I (Report Read Aloud – Attached)

Report Aloud – Attached

****Next H&I Subcommittee Meeting is on Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, at 7:15 pm at Rising in
Recovery*****
Zoom Meeting Info:
Meeting ID: 819 2685 6853
Passcode: 146010

PR (Report read aloud - Attached)

****Next PR Subcommittee Meeting is on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at 2 PM*****
Zoom Meeting Info:
Meeting ID: 890 4824 9454
Passcode: 61616

GROUP REPORTS

ANOTHER LOOK

809 E Erwin Street, Tyler, TX

M-Su @ 7 PM, Sat & Sun @ Noon

Average Attendance: 8

Birthday Night – 1st Saturday of the Month (May 2, 2026) @ 7 PM.

GC 2nd Sunday of the Month – Sunday, May 10, 2026 @ 1 pm

10th Anniversary (June 13th, 2026 @ Cowboy Church from 2p – 8p) –

Speaker Meeting: 1st Friday of the Month (June 5th, 2026)

Donation: \$40

CANDLELIGHT

2613 Daybreak, Nacogdoches, TX 75961- Tues & Thurs at 7 PM

820 First Street, Nacogdoches, TX 75961 – Saturday 7 pm – 8 pm

Average Attendance- 2-4

Donation: \$0

Needs Support

KEEP IT SIMPLE

Mailing Address: 421 CR 1330, Mt. Pleasant, TX

Meeting Address: 1403 E 1st. St., Mt. Pleasant, TX (use side door)

Monday @ 7 PM

Average Attendance: 4-6

Donation: \$50

Needs Support – Poster Day

LIVING RECOVERY

107B Wain Dr., Longview, TX

M-Th @ 12:15 PM, 6 PM and 8 PM; SAT 12:15 PM, 5 PM and 8 PM, SUN @ 12:15 PM & 8 PM

Average Attendance –10

Birthday Night – 3rd Saturday @ 8pm

Speaker Night – 2nd Saturday at 8pm

Campout – May 29-31, 2026, at Johnson's Creek – May 10th Cut Off Date for T-Shirts -- Anniversary is Coming up in August

Donation - \$100

NEW BEGINNINGS

Sun: 1 PM & 6 PM, Mon-Fri: 12 PM, Sat: 1 PM

919 S Vine Ave.

Average Attendance: 6

Last Sat of the Month is Birthday Night -8 PM

Donation: \$30

Needs Support

NO MATTER WHAT

909 1/2 Linda Drive, Dangerfield, TX

Friday – 7 PM

Birthday Night: None yet

GC – NO GC Meeting Set

Average Attendance: 15

Donation: \$20

Doing Dog Tags instead of Key Tags – Birthday night is on your birthday!!

PALESTINE FREEDOM

600 North Palestine Avenue, Palestine, TX

Sunday – Saturday – 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Birthday Night: Last Friday of the Month at 6 pm

Speaker Night – 3rd Saturday (May 16, 2026) at 6 pm

Average Attendance: 11

Donation: \$0

NEEDS SUPPORT ON SPEAKER NIGHT

RED BUD

406 Red Bud Lane, Grand Saline, TX

Monday, Tuesday & Saturday at 7 PM Tues – 7 pm – 8 pm, Saturday – 5 pm

Literature Study: Thursday, 7-8:30 PM

Birthday Night: Last Saturday at 5 PM

GC – 2nd Saturday at 5 pm

Red Bud 25th Anniversary is May 16, 2026, from 3 pm to 9 pm – Flyer Attached.

Average Attendance: 10

Donation: \$53

RISING IN RECOVERY

Cross Brand Cowboy Church (@ The Ranch House) – 11915 FM 2015, Tyler, TX

Sunday Women's Oriented Meeting at 6 PM (Available on Zoom/Hybrid)

Tuesday Open Meeting at 6 PM (in person only)

Wednesday RAW Literature Study at 7:15 PM to 8:30 PM – Needs Support

Average Attendance: 20

Birthday Night – Last Tuesday of the Month (May 26, 2026, at 6 pm - 5:30 for fellowship and food)

Donation: \$28

Service positions open.

THE HOME GROUP

Meeting Address: 229 Utzman Rd., Kilgore, TX

Mailing Address: 510 North Longview St., Kilgore, TX

Mon & Thurs @ 6:30 PM

Average Attendance: 2

Donation: \$30

NEEDS SUPPORT

TRIED AND TRUE

Meeting Address: 215 Apple Street, Winnsboro, TX

Wednesday – 7 PM

Birthday Night:

GC –

Average Attendance: 4

Donation: ~~\$0~~

INTERESTED IN POSTER DAY

VISIONS OF RECOVERY

Meeting Address: 804 Jordan Street, Nacogdoches, TX

Mailing Address: 16794 CR 3261, Garrison, TX 75946

Sunday, Wednesday & Friday at 7 PM

Birthday Night: Sunday, May 31, 2026, at 6 pm (Eat), 7 pm (Meeting)

3rd Sunday is Activities

Average Attendance: 7

Donation: \$39

Planning a Saturday field trip to the fish Hatchery in Athens, TX, on May 23, 2026.

Looking for Suggestions on Poster Day!

Break: Meeting adjourned for break at 3:06 pm. Meeting resumed at 3:20 pm

OLD BUSINESS

- ✓ Letter from Phillip Linton – TDJC Unit in Palestine was emailed to H&I Chair (Troy) and Alternate (Brittany D)

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Social Media Guidelines – Discussion was held at length about Social Media consent forms. It was decided that the PR Subcommittee will return with a draft of the Social Media consent.
- ❖ Another Look Anniversary – T-shirt/Hoodie Orders due in two weeks – Cups before next area. (ATTACHED) – Contact Kerri T or Becky D.
- ❖ Keep it Simple – Poster Day – Saturday, June 20, 2026, at 2 PM.
- ❖ Groups interested in Poster Day are: Keep it Simple, Tried and True, and Visions of Recovery. Keep it Simple scheduled – (see Take Back to Groups Section). Tried and True and Visions of Recovery will schedule theirs and let GSR's know.

TAKE BACK TO GROUPS (May):

- ❖ Change the name of Halloween Bash to Fall Bash. Information is provided on the next page.
- ❖ Approval of Artwork for ETA Campout due by Saturday, June 6, 2026.
- ❖ Auction Item Competition -- See Flyer Attached
- ❖ Social Media Guidelines (Attached) – Heather and Shane did a workshop on Social Media Guidelines –
- ❖ Keep it Simple Poster Day Saturday, June 20, 2026, at 2 PM – Meet at Keep it Simple – NEED PEOPLE TO HELP!!
- ❖ July 4th Area – Saturday, July 11th at 2:00 PM at New Beginnings
- ❖ ASC Meeting on June 6, 2026 will be hosted by the No Matter What group at 909 ½ Linda Drive, Dangerfield, TX

Meeting Closed: Circled up at 4:34 PM

Next Area Service Committee Meeting: Saturday, June 6, 2026

No Matter What

909 ½ Linda Drive, Dangerfield, TX

The activities subcommittee is requesting input on whether to rename the Halloween Bash to Fall Bash. Discussion was held regarding Halloween being a religious holiday, and NA is “not affiliated with any political, religious, or law enforcement groups”. Costumes would still be allowed.

INFORMATION FROM MICROSOFT COPILOT ABOUT THE ORIGINS OF HALLOWEEN:

Halloween is most closely associated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, a Gaelic pagan spiritual observance marking the end of the harvest and the beginning of winter. Samhain is the clearest, historically documented spiritual practice associated with what eventually evolved into Halloween. [Christianity unforsaken.org](#)

Core Spiritual Practice Behind Halloween: Samhain (Gaelic Paganism)

Samhain (pronounced *SAH-win* or *SOW-in*) was practiced by the ancient Celts in Ireland, Scotland, and parts of Britain. It involved:

- Belief in a thin veil between the living and the dead — spirits were thought to roam the earth on October 31. [Christianity](#)
- Bonfires used for protection, purification, and ritual significance. [unforsaken.org](#)
 - Offerings of food to wandering spirits. [unforsaken.org](#)
 - Costumes and disguises to confuse or ward off harmful spirits. [Christianity](#)
 - Druidic rituals, including divination and seasonal predictions. [unforsaken.org](#)

This festival was deeply spiritual, tied to death, the afterlife, and the transition into the “dark half” of the year.

Christian Influence: All Hallows’ Eve

While Samhain is the pagan root, Halloween as a named holiday comes from Christian liturgical practice:

- “Halloween” means All Hallows’ Eve, the vigil before All Saints’ Day on November 1.
- The Christian Church established this vigil as a night of prayer and reflection.
- Over time, Christian and local folk customs blended, creating the layered holiday we know today. [theologyinfive.com](#)

This means Halloween is not *purely* pagan nor *purely* Christian — it is a cultural hybrid shaped over centuries.

Other Spiritual Practices Sometimes Associated With Halloween

These are not origins, but they became linked through folklore or later cultural associations:

- **Witchcraft / folk magic (largely medieval and early modern associations, not original to Samhain)**
- **Divination traditions (apple bobbing, mirror scrying, etc., which emerged in later folklore)**
- **Ancestor veneration in various cultures (not directly tied to Halloween but often compared)**

These practices are secondary and developed long after Samhain.

In Summary

The specific religion or spiritual practice most directly tied to Halloween's origins is the ancient Celtic pagan festival of Samhain. Christianity later reshaped the date into All Hallows' Eve, creating the blended holiday recognized today.

If you want, I can break down the differences between Samhain, Halloween, and All Saints' Day in a clear comparison.