



Southern Fairfield County Area of Narcotics Anonymous

2/7/15

Treasurer Report for January 2015

Beginning Balance:	\$4264.99
Group Donations	+ \$ 347.92
Expenses:	- <u>\$ 122.59</u>
Ending Balance:	\$4490.32
FUND FLOW to Region	- \$2990.32
Final Balance:	\$1500.00

Last month I raised concerns about our prudent reserve. I spoke to some addicts and read some literature. I also reached out to the Regional Treasurer last week but did not hear back.

Our current prudent reserve level (\$1000) was last increased in 2002 "to eliminate bank fees." This has not changed in the past 13 years while expenses for everything have increased substantially. In addition, for the past two years our Treasurers have kept more than \$1000 in the account because their experience with our cash flow indicated that a \$1000 prudent reserve was inadequate. While this goes against our Area Policy, the reasoning behind their actions should be considered in recommending a change in the amount of our prudent reserve.

One good measure of prudent reserve is two months' operating expenses.

- In 2012, 2013, and 2014 our actual expenses were approximately \$6000 per year. That means prudent reserve would be about \$1000 based on actual expenses.

- Our budget for 2015 is closer to \$9000, which would make prudent reserve approximately \$1500 using the "two month" measure. (All SFCA 2015 budgets come to \$8895.)

Looking at our records, nicely dividing our actual 2012 - 2014 expenses to calculate a two-month prudent reserve won't always keep us in safe territory if a couple months of big expenses happen to line up with a couple months of low contributions.* Based on this I suggest increasing prudent reserve to \$1500 and will make that motion today. I have calculated our January fund flow based on that figure; if the motion does not pass I will strictly adhere to our Policy and fund flow everything above \$1000 to Region at the end of this month.

* Group donations fluctuate wildly throughout the year, as do expenses. For example, one month in 2014 saw donations of \$330 while other months we collected more than twice that. In 2012 groups gave only \$390 in one month and gave over \$1000 in another. In July 2014 we collected \$520 less than we spent. With a \$1000 prudent reserve going into July, we would have come out of that month with only \$480 in the account. That would not be enough to cover a second month of high expenses and low collection.

Grateful to serve,

Jay L.

**SFCANA Treasurer's Report
Transactions of JANUARY 2015**

BEGINNING BALANCE **\$4,264.99**

GROUP DONATIONS \$347.92

EXPENSES	Check #	Budget group	Purpose	Amount
	1703	Exec. Comm.	BOD copies	\$3.51
	1704	Exec. Comm.	RCM copies	\$54.88
	1705	Exec. Comm.	Treasurer copies	\$10.50
	1706	Exec. Comm.	Secretary copies	\$17.90
	1707	H&I	Copies	\$21.74
	1708	Exec. Comm.	Secretary copies	\$14.06

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$122.59**

BALANCE PRIOR TO FUND FLOW **\$4,490.32**

FUND FLOW #1709 **\$2,990.32**

ENDING BALANCE **\$1,500.00**

