

West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (04/22/2018)

WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW FOR OUR BUSINESS MEETING?

Open Positions in our Area	Suggested Clean Time
ASC Vice Chair (pending)	1 year
Activities	1 year
RCM	3 years

Motion: To nominate Drew R for Vice Chair

Regional Motion (Please see RCM report for all the pages of addendums):

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Title/Sub/Group	Name	2/25/2018	3/25/2018	4/22/2018
Administrative				
Chairperson	James R.	X	X	X
Vice Chairperson	OPEN	X	X	OPEN
Secretary	Mandy R.	X	X	X
Alternate Secretary	Jennifer H.	OPEN	OPEN	X
Treasurer	OPEN	X	X	OPEN
Alternate Treasurer	OPEN	X	O	OPEN
Regional Committee Member	OPEN	X	O	OPEN
Alternate Regional Committee Member	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Subcommittees				
Activities	OPEN	X	O	OPEN
Archives	Lucy O.	X	X	X
Hospitals and Institutions	Penny B.	X	X	X
Literature	Laurie R.	X	X	X
NA in May	Amanda H.	X	O	X
Newsletter	David T.	X	X	X
Outreach	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Policy and Procedures	Taylor D.	X	X	X
Public Relations	Brad D.	OPEN	O	X
Voting Groups				
Clarity (was Farfromusen)	Corey B.	X	X	X
Clean A.I.R.	Brad D.	X	O	O
Cordova Hope	Paul B.	O	X	X
Desire	Sarah M.	X	X	X
Doin' This Thing	Jake S.	X	X	X
Get Honest or Die	Andrew M.	X	X	X
G.I.F.T.	Frank S.	X	X	O
Good Orderly Direction	Ben D.	O	X	X
Harmony	Thomas B.	X	X	X
High On Life	David T.	X	X	X
Hope Dealers	Michael M.	X	X	X
Keep It Green	Bill B.	X	X	X
Lunch Bunch	Corey P.	X	X	X
No Matter What	Drew R.	X	X	X
One Is Too Many	Susan V.	X	X	X
Primary Purpose	Thomas R.	X	X	X
Saturday Night Alive	Glen H.	X	X	X
Simplicity is the Key	Geoff B.	X	X	X
Something Different	Bill S.	X	X	X
Spiritual Awakenings	Tonia L.	X	X	X
Step Write In	Vince H.	X	X	X
Thursday Nighters	Tracy E.	X	X	O
Unity Group	Lamar G.	O	X	O
Welcome Home	Tommy B.	X	X	X
You + Me = We	Karen W.	X	X	X
Non-Voting Groups and Meetings				
Hopenminded	Nicole S.	O	X	O
Starting Somewhere		O	O	O
We Are Entirely Ready	Ben D.	O	O	X

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair – No report

Vice Chair – Position open

Treasurer – See attached

Secretary – No report

RCM – We still need the following positions filled at the Regional level:

- Treasurer
- Alternate Secretary
- H & I Chair
- Outreach
- PR Vice Chair

The motion nominating Dell as Vice Chair passed

There is a motion to take back to groups that will change the meeting

The Beneficiary of the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust is the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole. The Beneficiary's specific rights and responsibilities are detailed in Article V of these rules.

The section that reads: Any regional service committee or equivalent service body may inspect the records and operations of the Trust on behalf of the Beneficiary has no specificity towards what ON BEHALF OF THE BENEFICIARY.

Many members have asked what this exactly means. Does this mean that we, as a Fellowship, must elect or select the Inspector? IF so, do WE as a Region 'choose' the South Florida Region to do this? Different Regions have responded in very varied ways. Some are in support of the SFR request and are even financially supporting the idea by way of setting aside funds for the purpose of supporting the process. Then other Regions are vocal about the concerns. When asked, what specifically does the Region feel about this? We might well be asked to make decisions based upon this information and having a clear conscience from the region will be helpful.

We took a straw poll and GSRs are ok with asking our Regional Delegates to vote no to change now at the World Conference.

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Addendum:

Change Article IV, Section 2

from: "The VRSC is a committee made up of Regional Committee Members (RCMs) from all the Areas within the Volunteer Region, which meets bi-monthly (the "December" meeting is held at VRG in November) for the express purpose of serving the specific needs of its member areas. The VRSC holds its meetings regularly and consistently in the Volunteer Region"

To: "The VRSC is a committee made up of Regional Committee Members (RCMs) from all the Areas within the Volunteer Region, which meets quarterly for the express purpose of serving the specific needs of its member areas. The VRSC holds its meetings regularly and consistently in the Volunteer Region"

Change Article VI, Section 2G

from: "G. Nominations shall be closed at the regularly scheduled VRSC meeting two months prior to election."

To: "G. Nominations shall be closed at the regularly scheduled VRSC meeting prior to election."

Change Article VI Section 3F

from: "F. VRSC Officers or Subcommittee Chairs may be elected as needed to fill vacant positions. Their term of office shall be for the remainder of their predecessor's term of office and shall conclude at the annual elections. If that interim officer is re-elected at the annual election, it shall not be considered their second term of office. (See this ARTICLE VI, Section 3, item C). They will assume their position immediately upon being elected to that position"

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Change Article VIII, Section 2A, letter 1a

from: "One year commitment"

To: "Two-year commitment"

Change Article VIII, Section 2B, letter 1a

from: "Two years commitment (one as Vice Chairperson and one year as Chairperson if elected at the next election)."

To: "Two-year commitment"

Change Article VIII, Section 2C, letter 1a

from: "One year commitment"

To: "Two-year commitment"

Change Article VIII, Section 2D, letter 1a

from: "Two year commitment (one year as Alternate and one year as Secretary if elected at the next election)."

To: "Two-year commitment"

Change Article VIII, Section 2E, letter 1a

from: "One year commitment"

To: "Two-year commitment"

Change Article VIII, Section 2F, letter 1a

from: "Two years commitment (one year as Alternate and one year as Treasurer if elected at the next election)."

To: "Two-year commitment."

Change Article VIII, Section 2H, letter 1a

from: "Four years commitment (two years as RD Alternate and two years as RD)."

To: "Two-year commitment."

Change Article VIII, Section 2I, letter 1a

from: "One year commitment."

To: "Two-year commitment"

Change Article VIII, Section 2J, letter 1a

from: "One year commitment."

To: "Two-year commitment"

Change Article VIII, Section 2J, letter 2a

from: "Hold one bi-monthly scheduled meeting of that subcommittee (monthly for VRC)."

To: "a. Hold at least one quarterly scheduled meeting of that subcommittee (monthly for VRC)."

Change Article IX, Section 1

from: "The regular meeting of the committee shall meet the first Sunday of each even numbered month (February, April, June, etc...). Unless otherwise ordered by this committee, the regular meeting of VRSC shall be held in the Volunteer Region. The VRSC shall consider for special needs and accessibility to make reasonable accommodations in regard to all VRSC meetings and functions."

To: "The regular meeting of the committee shall meet the first Sunday of February, May, and August, as well as the Sunday of the VRC at the convention. Unless otherwise ordered by this committee, the regular meeting of VRSC shall be held in the Volunteer Region. The VRSC shall consider for special needs and accessibility to make reasonable accommodations in regard to all VRSC meetings and functions."

Discussion Floor:

The was reviewed by Policy and Procedure and Amended

There were notes regarding alternate positions. None of these state training.

All the alter positions make the assumption that the trusted servant will be moved into the positions.If elected

Straw poll to send back to groups

To be Sent to groups for vote.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities – Position open

H & I – All is going well with H&I. We have one open panel for alternating Tuesdays at MRC Youth. Please share this open panel with your home groups. Clean time requirement is 9 months. We are currently in the process of revising our subcommittee guidelines with the help of the PR chair, Brad. Once the revisions are made we will bring them to area to be voted on by the home groups.

Literature – No report

NA in May – Hello Family!!!! NA in May is in less than 2 weeks wow!!!!

Things are going well and we are on track to have a blast!!!! We currently have over 40 preregistrations. Registration will start at 3 pm Friday May 4th. Looking forward to having a successful event to keep subsidizing our Area Basic text fund which allows us to sell the basic texts for only \$5... Any home groups or individuals that would like to donate Basic texts for our Clean Time count down please see me

Newsletter – Greetings. All is well at The Clean Times. We are moving along with the next issue and will be sending it to the printers soon. I do have the latest issue to give out. I am very sorry for it being a month late.

Policy and Procedure – No report

Public Relations – PR is up and running. Since I have started, 3 outpatient facilities have reached out to me looking for us to bring a meeting to their facility. I have made no commitment since we operate on a volunteer basis, but I have told them that I am willing to see what we can do for them. I am currently working with policies and H&I on this matter since most of the people that go to those facilities should be able to make outside meetings on their own. If you want to be involved in PR, please see me. PR needs your support!

GROUP REPORTS

Clarity – All is well at Clarity. We are averaging 45 people with 10-15 newcomers. We added 5 new home group members this past month. Come join us in the month of May and hear Jake S. on May 10th and Sherri W. on May 24th.

Cordova Hope –All is well at Cordova Hope. We have an average attendance of 30-40 addicts.

Desire – Desire is continuing to do well with high attendance and not enough chairs. We are carrying the message with no issues to report.

Doin This Thing – All is well at DTT. Attendance is growing with our relocation to this facility.

Get Honest or Die – No written report given

Good Orderly Direction – Hey you guys! Good Orderly Direction has an average attendance of 23-30 addicts a week. We have 1 new member and no birthdays this month.

Harmony – All is well. Still carrying the message. Average attendance 13-15 with 2 newcomers

High On Life – Greetings. All is well at HOL. We had 86 addicts come through the doors including rehabs and newcomers. The next clean time celebration will be Jamie C with one year in May 28th. We have a lit order of \$24.70 and a donation of \$0.30 to area for a total of \$25.00

Hope Dealers – At Hope Dealers, we are looking for a new meeting space in Arlington. We often have a treatment facility in attendance and have 8-20 people at our meetings.

Keep it Green – All is well at KIG. We keep adding members with about an average of 50 per week.

Lunch Bunch – The Lunch Bunch continues in its best effort to carry the message of NA Monday – Saturday at noon and Sunday at 2 PM. Often we provide snacks. The Saturday meetings are 90 minutes and include a format of step of the month, tradition of the month, Living Clean, or IP, speaker meeting

the 4th Saturday. The Tuesday (literature) and Thursday meetings need support from members with experience. Programs and newcomers make a large number of attendees. If you are available, please come.

No Matter What – All is well at NMW. We are having about 5-6 people per meeting. We can only donate 3 basic texts to NA in May.

One is Too Many – All is well with One is Too Many. We've had no newcomers this past month. We continue to have 12-15 in attendance at each meeting. Next Friday, April 27th Penny B is scheduled to speak. Come out and celebrate recovery with us.

Primary Purpose – All is well at Primary Purpose. We have an average attendance of 15-20 addicts per meeting with 2 newcomers last month.

Saturday Night Alive – All is going well at SNA. We are always looking for people to share their story, so if you are interested and have 1 or more years clean email me at glen.harmon@outlook.com. We average 40 or more addicts per meeting.

Simplicity is the Key – Afternoon family, all is well at SITK. We had 112 addicts and 7 newcomers attend our meeting last month.

Something Different – Things are going great at Something Different. We have at least 40 addicts per meeting this month. This Monday we celebrate Laura S 1st birthday. April 30th, Trinity P celebrates 14 years.

Spiritual Awakenings – All is well at SA. We continue to have 15-40 addicts in attendance depending on treatment centers.

Step Write In – Nothing to report. Average attendance.

Unity – Meeting attendance is picking up!! Baby Love is bringing 7 mothers on meeting night. We have a few visitors from Elvis trickling in. Vera B is celebrating 6 years on the 14th, along with Geanie V celebrating 23 years.

We Are Entirely Ready – All is well at the We are Entirely Ready group. We are averaging 20-25 people per meeting. Lately we have been having 1-2 newcomers.

Welcome Home – All is well at Welcome Home. Averaging in 8-16 per meeting. 3 newcomers. Come fellowship with us Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30p and Sunday at 2:30p.

You+Me=We – All is well at You + Me = We. Over the last month our attendance has been 156 including 11 newcomers. We meet daily in the Cooper Young area at 8 am. Please come out and share your experience, strength, and hope. We'd love to see you. Geanie V will be celebrating 23 years on May 23.

OPEN FORUM TOPICS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Motion: To nominate Leigh Ann F. as Alternate RCM

Motion passes 21-0-0

Motion: To nominate Sam T. for Outreach Chair

Motion passes 20-1-0

Motion: To nominate Tonia L. as Alternate Treasurer

Motion passes 21-0-0

Motion: To nominate Mandy R. as Treasurer

Motion passes 21-0-0

Motion: That the wording in item H under financial procedures on page 11 be stricken, and replaced with the following:

Funds and/or literature will only be distributed to subcommittees to the extent the area is over prudent reserve, with a monthly cap on literature of \$200 for H & I and \$40 for PR. If all funds/literature requested cannot be distributed without going below prudent reserve the order of priority shall be:

1. Literature to H & I and PR up to their caps
2. Funds approved by GSR's vote for current needs to subcommittees.
3. Funds to replenish subcommittees' set asides in the event the subcommittee does not generate sufficient funds to do so.

A subcommittee in dire need of literature or funds can request the policy be overridden. Majority vote of voting GSRs present required.

Motion passes 19-0-2

We received a \$100.00 check in the mail last month. We did not know who it was from so we mailed it back with a letter explaining that we are self-supporting. They mailed the check back with a note that the husband is member of the Lunch Bunch. It was deposited into the NA account.

Chris M. researched several options regarding a laptop for use by the secretary. There were two options around \$200 each from different retailers. Cortez J. also offered to donate a 5 year old, upgraded and refurbished HP laptop with no warranty. There were no objections to accepting the donation. The money that was held last month pending this

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: To nominate Drew R as Vice Chair.

Willingness statement: I'm showing willingness for Area Vice Chair. I am working steps with a sponsor, have served my home group for the last 4 years, and have been GSR for my home group for 2 years. I have never misappropriated any NA funds. My clean date is 3/24/13.

Next W.T.A.S.C. meeting is 05/27/2018

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL				
Monies Received				
Source	Literature	Donations	Tot Rec'ds	Basic Texts
Clean A.I.R.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Clarity	\$ 59.75	\$ 19.51	\$ 79.26	4
Cordova Hope	\$ 83.60	\$ 16.40	\$ 100.00	0
Desire	\$ 35.20	\$ 4.80	\$ 40.00	3
Doin This Thing	\$ 3.20	\$ 0.80	\$ 4.00	0
Friday Night Step Writing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Get Honest or Die	\$ 5.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 37.00	1
Gift	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Good Orderly Direction	\$ 15.83	\$ 0.17	\$ 16.00	2
Harmony	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
High on Life	\$ 24.70	\$ 0.30	\$ 25.00	0
Hope Dealers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Hopenminded	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Keep it Green	\$ 10.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00	2
Lunch Bunch	\$ 193.40	\$ -	\$ 193.40	7
No Matter What	\$ 15.00	\$ 4.18	\$ 19.18	3
One is Too Many	\$ 33.39	\$ 6.61	\$ 40.00	2
Positive Awareness	\$ 119.78	\$ 0.22	\$ 120.00	4
Primary Purpose	\$ 23.21	\$ 21.79	\$ 45.00	2
Sat Nite Alive	\$ 4.79	\$ 65.21	\$ 70.00	0
Simplicity is the Key	\$ 28.80	\$ 11.20	\$ 40.00	1
Something Different	\$ 48.35	\$ 12.00	\$ 60.35	2
Spiritual Awakening	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Step Write In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Thursday Nighters	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Unity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
We Are Entirely Ready	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Welcome Home	\$ 79.45	\$ 14.55	\$ 94.00	0
You+ Me = we	\$ 12.10	\$ 20.90	\$ 33.00	0
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Misc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Sub Totals	\$ 795.55	\$ 290.64	\$ 1,086.19	33
Donations	\$ 290.64			
Literature	\$ 795.55			
Member donation	\$ 100.00			
Activities	\$ -			
Subtotal Received At Area	\$ 1,186.19			
Prior Balance	\$ 5,745.94			
	\$ -			
Available	\$ 6,932.13			

