

West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (09/23/2018)

WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW FOR OUR BUSINESS MEETING?

Open Positions in our Area	Suggested Clean Time
Alt Secretary	1 year
Activities	1 year
RCM	3 years

Terms ending in September:

H&I Chair	2 years
Outreach chair	1 year
Policies and Procedure chair	4 years
Public relations chair	1 year
Archives	5 years
Secretary	1 year
Alternate Secretary	1 year

Step Write In has temporarily moved to Christ United Methodist. They will meet in this location for approximately 6 months.

Plan B, a new women's meeting, is meeting in Horn Lake, MS on Sunday at 8pm. Address is 1953 Sartain Horn Lake, MS 38671

See Alternate RCM report for motions to be voted on for Region

Motion: To nominate Brad H for Activities Chair

Motion: To nominate Jennifer H for Secretary for new term.

Motion: To nominate Susan V for H & I subcommittee chair.

Title/Sub/Group	Name	6/24/2018	7/22/2018	8/26/2018	9/23/2018
Administrative					
Chairperson	James R.	X	X	X	
Vice Chairperson	Drew R.	OPEN	X	O	
Secretary	Jennifer H.	OPEN	OPEN	X	
Alternate Secretary	OPEN	X	X	OPEN	OPEN
Treasurer	Mandy R.	X	X	X	
Alternate Treasurer	Tonia L.	X	X	O	
Regional Committee Member	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Alternate Regional Committee Member	Leigh Ann F.	X	X	X	
Subcommittees					
Activities	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Archives	Lucy O.	X	X	O	
Hospitals and Institutions	Penny B.	X	X	X	
Literature	Laurie R.	O	X	X	
NA in May		O	X	O	
Newsletter	David T.	X	X	X	
Outreach	Sam T.	X	X	X	
Policy and Procedures	Taylor D.	X	X	O	
Public Relations	Brad D.	O	X	X	
Voting Groups					
Clarity (was Farfromusen)	Corey B.	X	X	X	
Desire	Sarah M.	X	X	X	
Doin' This Thing	Brad B.	X	O	O	
Get Honest or Die	Andrew M.	X	X	X	
G.I.F.T.	Frank S.	X	X	X	
Harmony	Thomas B.	X	X	X	
High On Life	David T.	X	X	X	
Hope Dealers	Michael M.	X	O	X	
Hopenminded	Jessee S.	X	X	X	
Lunch Bunch	Corey P.	X	X	X	
Keep It green	Brooks S	X	X	X	
One is too many	Susan V.	X	X	X	
Plan B	Brandy C				
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	Sara S.	X	X	X	
Step Write In	Vince H.	O	X	X	
Welcome Home	Ryan B.	X	X	X	
You + Me = We	Karen W.	X	X	X	
Non-Voting Groups and Meetings					
Cordova Hope	Paul B.	O	O	X	
Clean A.I.R.		O	O	O	
Good Orderly Direction	Ben D.	O	O	X	
No Matter What	Drew R.	O	O	O	
Thursday Nighters	Sam	O	O	X	
Unity Group	Lamar G.	O	O	O	
We Are Entirely Ready	Ben D.	O	O	X	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair – NO REPORT

Vice Chair – NO REPORT

Treasurer –During July’s area, Mandy announced an incorrect balance. The treasurer’s report that went out with the minutes was corrected prior to the minutes being sent out.

Secretary – NO REPORT

RCM - OPEN

RCM ALT–

VOLUNTEER REGIONAL SERVICE MEETING Alt Regional Committee Member Report

MEETING DATE August 5, 2018

AREA REPORT DATE: August 26, 2018

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I attended the Regional Committee Meeting on August 4, 2018.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

H&I

- Temporary H&I Chair who is the Alt RD will be sending two copies of the H&I Handbook to each RCM. I requested 10 for our Area in the hopes of each Panel Leader getting their own.
- I printed out a picture of the Inmate Writing brochure that will be discussed at the next Regional H&I meeting.

ITCC

- YAP Program that connects users with a meeting list by voice or text. Text your zip code to 901-350-5030 to get a list of meeting in your area.
- They will be checking into another location to meet that has WiFi and a better room to meet in for sound quality.

POLICY & PROCEDURE

- Two motions to vote on that will change the Regional Guidelines. I have reformatted them to make it easier for the groups to vote on. Please bring your response back to the next meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- A new Phone line Basics handbook is available for \$1.85. I have printed a copy off the World website and brought for the groups to review.

VOLUNTEER REGIONAL CONVENTION

- An ad hoc group has put together a new set of guidelines for the convention. One of the recommendations in these guidelines is that the convention can only be for 3 days.
- There is leftover fundraising money for VRC and it was discussed on what to do with it. The region has been holding \$8,686. The convention will owe \$41,000 if the room block is not met for the convention this year. I was voted on and passed to keep the money with the VRSC.
- There is discussion for enhanced oversight for VRC. This is another recommendation of the ad hoc committee to have a “Board of Directors” more actively involved with the convention.
- Vote on Sam L for VRC Chair XXXVII (Service Resume attached)

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Leigh Ann F

VRSC Motion #01-08-05-18 Amend VRSC Guidelines

Motion by Craig G from P&P Second: Charmaine D from Knoxville

Reads: To Amend the VRSC Guidelines

Intent: To make our guidelines more practical, current, in line with our guiding documents, and user friendly

1. Change Article IV, Section 3***

From: "Area may become an active voting participant of the VRSC after: A. Registering with the VRSC."

To: "An Area may become an active voting participant of the VRSC after registering with the VRSC by stating they are present during the roll call of Areas."

Rationale for recommendation- This guideline has been in the guidelines for years with no direction of what "Registering with the VRSC" actually entailed. Several years ago, a simple form was created to make the guideline practical, rather than suggesting that the guideline be changed. Our Secretary records if a new Area shows up and who their representative is, along with gather their email address in order to include them in the email list. Wasting space in our guidelines to make an Area jump through a hoop that doesn't serve anyone doesn't seem real practical

2. Change Article IV, Section 5***

From: "An area shall regain its status as an active voting participant after following the new area procedure."

To: "An Area shall regain its status as an active voting participant by showing up to the VRSC meeting and stating present during the roll call."

Rationale for recommendation- This is actually all we require for an Area to be recognized as a voting participant and if we remove the registration form we use as a requirement, then this only makes sense to change this guideline

5. Change Article VII Section 1***

From: "An officer of the VRSC shall be removed from their position for non-compliance, by a two- thirds vote."

To: "An officer of the VRSC shall be removed from their position for non-compliance by a two-thirds majority vote of the RCMs after following the procedure listed in the following sections of this Article."

Rationale for recommendation- To clarify who the 2/3 vote is made up of, and to clarify there is a procedure to follow other than just a 2/3 vote

6. Change Article VII, Section 3***

From: "Prior removal from office, the VRSC shall receive the following:

A. Written notice from the VRSC Chair indicating the exact nature of the non- compliance and the proposed action, ten days prior to the next VRSC meeting.

B. An opportunity to be heard relative to the alleged non-compliance."

To: "Prior to removal from office, the VRSC trusted servant shall receive the following:

A. Some form of written notice (handwritten, typed, emailed, etc.) from the VRSC Chair indicating the exact nature of the non-compliance and the proposed action, ten days prior to the next VRSC meeting.

B. An opportunity to be heard relative to the alleged non-compliance."

Rationale for recommendation- To allow any form of written notice to be considered appropriate, especially since the use of technology is the norm in our society and our fellowship seems to be trying to move more and more towards the use of technology.

7. Change Article VII, Section 4***

From: "After notice and an opportunity to be heard, the final vote relative to removal of the VRSC officer shall be referred back to the areas for a "Group Conscience."

To: "After notice and an opportunity to be heard, the final vote relative to removal of the VRSC officer shall be referred to the RCMs and will require a two thirds majority vote of RCMs."

Rationale for recommendation- To make the process we will follow less ambiguous and clearer

8. Change Article VII, Section 5***

From: "In extreme circumstances, a VRSC Officer may be suspended pending the resolution of this question upon a two-thirds majority vote."

To: "In extreme circumstances, a VRSC Officer may be suspended pending the resolution of this question upon a two-thirds majority vote of RCMs."

Rationale for recommendation- To clarify who the 2/3 vote is made up of

20. Change Article IX, Section 7***

From: "All motions must be seconded by active voting participants in order to be entertained by this committee."

To: "All motions must be seconded by active voting participants (RCMs) in order to be entertained by this committee."

Rationale for recommendation- Clarification who active voting participants are

22. Change Article IX, Section 9***

From: "A quorum is required for the VRSC to conduct business. A quorum meaning two-thirds of the active voting participants or their alternates being present. The quorum shall be established by the chairperson after roll call. To start Regional meeting promptly at 9:30 am CST. If a quorum cannot be established for actual business, the meeting can proceed with group reports and other housekeeping readings. Voting would be conducting business and cannot be done without a quorum."

To: "A quorum is required for the VRSC to conduct business. A quorum meaning two-thirds of the active voting participants (RCMs) or their alternates being present. The quorum shall be established by the chairperson after roll call. To start Regional meeting promptly at 9:30 am local time. If a quorum cannot be established for business, the meeting can proceed with Area reports and other housekeeping readings and reports. Voting would be conducting business and cannot be done without a quorum."

Rationale for recommendation- Clarification who active voting participants are

23. Change Article IX, Section 10***

From: "A. Discussion of motions should be kept to two pro and two con speakers.

B. A time limit for discussion may be set by the chairperson before opening the floor for discussion. If this occurs, the chair shall call for an end of discussion at the set time.

C. At the chairs discretion, informed members may be called to answer questions or deliver points of information.

D. The two pro and con rule can be suspended if the chair deems further discussion is necessary."

To: "A. A time limit for discussion shall be set by the chairperson before opening the floor for discussion. If this occurs, the chair shall call for an end of discussion at the set time.

B. At the chairs discretion, informed members may be called to answer questions or deliver points of information.

C. The time limit can be suspended if the chair deems further discussion is necessary.

Rationale for recommendation- Letter A and D of the original guidelines violates Concepts 6, 7, 8, and 9, which our guidelines and program make clear are higher on the order of guiding documents than Robert's Rules of Order. Also, our guidelines state in Article XIV that we will take no action that conflicts with the Twelve Concepts or Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous.

28. Change Article X, Section 2E:***

From: "In case of only one nomination for a position at the time of elections, the nominee must be elected is a simple majority vote of the VRSC."

To: All nominations shall be sent to groups for a group conscience.

Rationale for recommendation- To ensure that groups have a say on all nominations

38. Change Article XIII, Section 1***

From: "The VRSC guidelines shall, only, be changed or amended by a two-thirds majority."

To: "The VRSC guidelines shall only be changed or amended by a two-thirds majority of groups voting."

Rationale for recommendation- Simple housekeeping and clarification of who the 2/3 is made up of

ALL MOTIONS BELOW ARE HOUSEKEEPING BASED ON CORRECTIONS MADE WITH ABOVE CHANGES.

3. Remove Article VI, Section 4 due to duplication

Rationale for recommendation- We don't need to have an article about voting only to point it to another section further in the guidelines

4. Article VII needs to be moved to another place in our guidelines. Change Article VII to Article VIII and vice versa.

Rationale for recommendation- We talk about the process of removing a trusted servant before we even talk about who our trusted servants are, what they do, and what we require of them and simple housekeeping

9. Change Article VIII, Section 2B, letter 1c

From: "Two active service involvement in NA."

To: "Two years active service involvement in NA."

Rationale for recommendation- Simple housekeeping

10. Remove Article VIII, Section 2B, letter 2e because of duplication and lack of need

Rationale for recommendation- This is currently done through the Secretary with a form, or just acknowledgement of a new Area and gathering their information for the minutes. Even if the previous guideline does not get changed, this guideline can still be removed

11. Fix Article VIII, Section 2C, letter 1c

Rationale for recommendation- simple housekeeping

12. Remove Article VIII, Section 2D, letter 2b because of lack of need and confusion and then change letter "c" to letter "b"

Rationale for recommendation- This has not been done in many years and it states "in regard to his or her liaison duties with committees", so it is not clear who has the liaison duties, either the Vice-Chair or the Alt. Sec. This is an unnecessary guideline that makes this document unnecessarily longer. Also, the second part of changing "c" to "b" is simple housekeeping

13. Remove Article VIII, Section 2G, letter 2f and then change remaining lettering as needed

Rationale for recommendation- Because there are no WSC subcommittees anymore

14. Correct Article VIII, Section 2I, letter 2g

Rationale for recommendation- simple housekeeping

15. Correct Article VIII, Section 2J, letter 2b

Rationale for recommendation- simple housekeeping

16. Change Article IX, Section 2

From: "Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson of the committee, and shall be called by written request of members in the committee. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated. No business other than that which is stated will be conducted. At least fourteen days' notice shall be given to all involved. Any special meeting shall follow the VRSC guidelines. A. That the VRSC have an Annual Regional Assembly to be held in March of each year."

To: "Article IX: Meeting Section 1: Time and Place

The regular meeting of the committee... (all other wording here will be determined by quarterly vote)

A. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson of the committee and shall be called by written request of members in the committee. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated. No business other than that which is stated will be conducted. At least fourteen days' notice shall be given to all involved. Any special meeting shall follow the VRSC guidelines.

B. That the VRSC have an Annual Regional Assembly to be held in March of each odd numbered year."

Rationale for recommendation- simple housekeeping

17. Remove Article IX, Section 4 because of duplication

Rationale for recommendation- This is already stated at beginning of guidelines

18. Remove Article IX, Section 5 because of duplication

Rationale for recommendation- This is already stated at beginning of guidelines

19. Change Article IX, Section 6

From: "Only active voting participants, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, RD, and alternates and subcommittee chairs may make motions at the VRSC."

To: "Only active voting participants (RCMs), vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, RD, ITCC, and alternates and subcommittee chairs may make motions at the VRSC."

Rationale for recommendation- Clarification who active voting participants are and simple housekeeping

21. Remove Article IX, Section 8 because of duplication

Rationale for recommendation- This is already stated at beginning of guidelines

24. Change heading of Article IX, Section 11

From: "Format of the VRSC Meeting"

To: "Recommended format of the VRSC meeting, but this may be subject to change without needing approval in the form of a motion."

Rationale for recommendation- By changing the wording, we allow ourselves the flexibility of changing the format of the meeting without requiring it to be voted on by groups who are not affected by the format of the VRSC meeting

25. Fix Article IX, Section 11, letter G, H, O, & Q

Rationale for recommendation- Simple housekeeping

26. Change Article IX, Section 12, letter D

From: "Seconds can and shall be solicited by the chair at the time of the reaching to the VRSC."

To: "Seconds can and shall be solicited by the chair at the time of the reading to the VRSC."

Rationale for recommendation- Simple housekeeping

27. Remove Article X, Section 1D because of duplication and then change all remaining letters needed

Rationale for recommendation- Already stated in beginning of guidelines and then simple housekeeping

29. Remove Article X, Section 12B5

Rationale for recommendation- We no longer use checks for airline tickets

30. Remove Article XI, Section 12C and line saying "...up to two quarterly."

Rationale for recommendation- Because it is not clear what it means by "...up to two quarterly." And there are no WSC Subcommittees anymore

31. Fix Article XI, Section 4 numbering

Rationale for recommendation- Simple housekeeping

32. Fix Article XI, Section 11D

Rationale for recommendation- Simple housekeeping

33. Change Article XII, Section 2

From: "All Subcommittees of the VRSC shall create, adopt, and keep current guidelines which are consistent with the twelve concepts, VRSC guidelines, and World Service Conference approved handbooks or guidelines."

To: "All Subcommittees of the VRSC shall create, adopt, and keep current guidelines which are consistent with the Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts, VRSC guidelines, and World Service Conference approved handbooks or guidelines. The guidelines of each Subcommittee will be subject to review by the VRSC Policy and Procedure Subcommittee, and the assembly of Trusted Servants, for final approval by the active voting participants (RCMs)."

Rationale for recommendation- simple housekeeping and to combine 2 guidelines that make sense as one. Also, to clarify who active voting participants are

34. Remove Article XII, Section 3

Rationale for recommendation- due to there no longer being WSO Committees

35. Remove Article XII, Section 4

Rationale for recommendation- due to adding it to Section 2

36. Remove Article XII, Section 8B

Rationale for recommendation- There is no longer a World Literature Committee and a lack of need because of the use of workgroups

37. Change Article XII, Section 8D

From: "This committee deals with those things which are the policy of the VRSC. The general policies of NA are expressly stated in the Traditions and Twelve Concepts for NA service. The application of these Traditions and Concepts at the regional level, and our adherence to them is the concern of this committee. We may also look to this committee for an interpretation and verification of our guidelines. The Policy and Procedure Chair will facilitate and schedule with area functions a Regional Inventory. This shall be approximately on an annual basis rotating between area events. Note: This will rotate alternating with area"

To: "This committee deals with those things which are the policy of the VRSC. The general policies of NA are expressly stated in the Traditions and Twelve Concepts for NA Service. The application of these Traditions and Concepts at the Regional level, and our adherence to them is the concern of this committee. We may also look to this committee for an interpretation and verification of our guidelines. The Policy and Procedure Chair will facilitate and schedule a Regional Inventory with area functions. This shall be approximately on an annual basis rotating between area events."

Rationale for recommendation- "Note" is redundant and simple housekeeping

39. Fix Article XIV, Section 2, letters A & B

Rationale for recommendation- Simple housekeeping

40. Change Article XIV to Article VI and then change all remaining numbering and lettering as needed

Rationale for recommendation- This clarification should be at the beginning of the guidelines and set the tone for the rest of the guidelines. Simple housekeeping

41. Change parenthetical citation in Article VIII Section 2A, 2c, Article VIII Section 2B, 2a, Article VIII Section 2C, 2n, Article VIII Section 2D, 2c, Article VIII Section 2E, 2b, Article VIII Section 2F, 2d, Article VIII Section 2G, 2i, and Article VIII Section 2H, 2f

From: "(See Article XI: Funding, Section 4)"

To: "(See Article XII: Funding Section 4)"

Rationale for recommendation- To make references to other places in our guidelines correct after changing some of the guideline numbering. Simple housekeeping.

42. Remove statement between Article IV heading and Section 1, "Intent: To Insure a Consistently Informed Quorum"

Rationale for recommendation- Simple housekeeping

43. Change Article VII Section 3F parenthetical citation

From: "(See this Article VI, Section 3, item C)"

To: "(See Article VII Section 3C)"

Rationale for recommendation- simple housekeeping

44. Change Article VIII Section 2A, 2v parenthetical citation

From: "(See Article VI Section 2)"

To: "(See Article VII Section 2)"

Rationale for recommendation- Simple housekeeping

45. Change Article XI: Funding Section 3

From: "All expenditures for the VRSC shall be paid by bank instruments. The treasurer shall maintain a prudent reserve sufficient to cover two regional meeting cycles operating expenses, based on treasurer's projected expenses. The VRSC debit card will be held by someone other than the treasurer, which will be determined from the list of officers in Article XI, Section 4"

To: "Article XII: Funding

Section 3: All expenditures for the VRSC shall be paid by bank instruments. The treasurer shall maintain a prudent reserve sufficient to cover two regional meeting cycles operating expenses, based on treasurer's projected expenses. The VRSC debit card will be held by someone other than the treasurer, which will be determined from the list of officers in Article XII, Section 4."

Rationale for recommendation- Simple housekeeping

VRSC Motion #02-08-05-18

Amend VRSC Housekeeping Mechanism

Motion by Craig G from P&P Second: Paul H from Chattanooga Area

Motion reads as follows: Add to Article XIII a Section 2H which reads-

Changes to the guidelines that do not change the content or intent of the guidelines may be done in the following procedure;

1. Submit the motion for non-substantial change in writing form and solicit a second.
2. Through discussion, determine if the motion is a substantial change or not with approval of 2/3 of RCMs required to continue as a housekeeping motion
 - a. If determined to be substantial by changing content or intent of the guidelines, the motion will be handled according to our current procedure regarding changing the guidelines.
 - b. If determined non-substantial and does not affect content or intent of the guidelines, motion will require a 2/3 majority of RCMs approval to pass

Intent: To not burden the groups unnecessarily when needing to make non-substantial changes to the guidelines, such as when our guidelines needed changed regarding our treasurer writing check to airlines when airlines no longer take checks. This housekeeping guideline will allow us to make these kinds of changes without requiring groups to vote on them.

VRSC XXXVII Chair – Sam L.

Date Received: 8/5/18

VRSC Service Resume

Sam L. Clean date: 05/10/2010_{Total} Clean Time: 8 years

Term of Commitment: 2 year

Nominated by: *Paul H Chattanooga*

Second by: *Pete F Chattanooga*

Please list all group, area Regional and World Service positions you have held within the past five years and approximate dates for each period of service:

Turning Point literature and supplies present, Athens Serenity Cookout Programming 2018, Athens Serenity GSR 2017-2018, VRC 34 vice chair, Athens Serenity GSR 2014-2015

If you have not completed a term as a trusted servant or have been removed from a service position in the past five years, please explain:

Does not apply

What resources and experience (school, work, volunteer, etc.) do you believe you can bring to the position for which you have been nominated:

I carry out many responsibilities as a locomotive engineer, and I am also responsible for planning and helping many events in my community

Please include any other information which you consider relevant to your nomination:

I have strong leadership and communication skills, I Love the program of NA and being of Service. I have read the attached letter and am willing to make the necessary commitment as a trusted servant of the Volunteer Region of Narcotics Anonymous, and if elected, pledge to perform the duties relative to my position to the best of my ability. I understand that any committee or person handling any NA funds is completely accountable for these funds at all times. I furthermore understand that the VRSC has the authority to pursue legal action against any individual found misappropriating these funds.

Signed Sam L

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities – Position open

Archives – NO REPORT

H & I – All is well with H & I subcommittee. There are no big changes going on with us this month. All panels are filled at this time. Today we oriented one new panel member. As always, we are looking for members to carry the message. 3 months clean to sit in, 6 months to share, and 9 months to carry your own panel. We have a literature order of \$100.75.

Literature – Please take your time in filling out literature order forms in order to limit any mistakes with quantity or dollar amounts.

NA in May – NO REPORT

Newsletter – Greetings, all is well at The Clean Times. We held our last meeting together with PR and Outreach and it went well, so we are going to do it again on Sept. 9th at 2pm and Dunkin Donuts at Poplar and White Station. We would love to have a larger turnout. I hope to have the new issue for you next month.
ILS, David T.

Policy and Procedure – NO REPORT

Public Relations – All is well with PR. This past month we had a regional committee meeting to discuss and rewrite some regional PR guidelines, which were outdated. We also implemented a new regional helpline that was created by our own Lucy O. This helpline is very innovative since it ties itself to all the different helplines throughout TN. Also if you text the number your area code in TN, it will provide you with the nearby meetings for the day. This lends itself to be very helpful to incoming members. If you are interested in being involved in PR or have any knowledge of upcoming events we could be a part of please see me after the meeting. ILS, Brad D

Outreach – All is good with Outreach so far. We will be putting on a newcomer workshop sometime in October, so please spread the word. Time, date, and venue to be announced later. Our next subcommittee meeting is with PR and newsletter 9/9/18 at 2p inside the Dunkin' Donuts just west of White Station on the North side of Poplar. Please come out and be of service. We need more support and there aren't any clean time requirements. Thank you for letting me be of service. Dennis B

GROUP REPORTS

Clarity – Hello family, all is well at Clarity. We continue to have good attendance, averaging 45-50 per meeting with 10 newcomers and 2 new home group members.

Cordova hope – All is well at Cordova Hope. We had 268 addicts in attendance last month, 14 of which were newcomers. We have a lit order of \$269.40 and a donation of \$29.60.

Desire –All is well at Desire. We're continuing to have high attendance with lots of newcomers and no issues to report.

GIFT – All is well. Average attendance 4-5 per week with 1 newcomer.

Get Honest or Die –All good! No birthdays. \$11 lit order and \$5 to area.

Good Orderly Direction - All is well at God Orderly Direction group. Our message is strong. Attendance is great. We are averaging 25-30 people per meeting with 1 or 2 newcomers a meeting. Also every other meeting we have visitors. We have no birthdays for the month of September. Our lit order is \$24 and \$6 donated to area.

Harmony – All is well at Harmony. Average attendance is 15. 2 newcomers.

High On Life – Greetings, All is well at High on Life. No problems or concerns. We have one birthday coming up Jessica J will be celebrating her first year clean on October first. We had 99 addicts come through our door this month. We have a lit order \$8.90 and a donation of \$1.10 for a total of \$10.00.

Hopenminded – Hello family, here at Hopenminded we have had a wonderful month! We had around 25 per meeting and 15 newcomers walk through the door. We had a member show willingness to become our alternate GSR.

Hope dealers — Everything is great at Hope Dealers in Arlington. We average 10-12 members at each meeting except when we have a treatment center. Then jumps to 20.

Keep it Green – We continue to have 20 – 30 people at most meetings. We need to fill all our group positions. Problem with our treasurer has been fixed.

Lunch Bunch – Lunch Bunch continues to meet 7 days a week every day at noon except Saturdays at 2p. Saturday meetings are 90 minutes long with a rotating format. All birthdays are celebrated the 4th Saturday of the month. The bunch averages 20 addicts per meeting. We had 41 newcomers in attendance this month. Tuesday and Thursday, our literature meetings, need support from experienced members. A number newcomers and clients from programs attend. All birthdays will be celebrated on Saturday, September 22nd.

One is Too Many –One is too many is doing well. We had one newcomer this month. No new members. We continue to have an average of 15 people at each meeting. Sam D is our speaker this Friday 8/31/18.

Plan B – We have been a group for 10 months, but officially became our own group last Sunday. We want to be members of the WTASC. Every Sunday at 8p.

Primary Purpose –All is well at Primary purpose. We have an average attendance of 15-20 addicts a meeting. We added 2 new home group members last month. Thanks for letting me be of service.

Saturday Night Alive –Our meetings are going well and we are averaging 30-50 people per meeting.

Simplicity is the Key –All is well at Simplicity is the Key. We had 120 addicts and 5 newcomers attend our meeting last month. We continue to have good attendance and a strong message of recovery (sometimes)

Something Different – Our home group is doing well and averaging at least 20 people per meeting. We have a solution-oriented meeting and all are welcome. Ryan K is celebrating 3 years 8/27/18. Carl H is our new treasurer.

Spiritual Awakenings –All is well at SA

Step Write in – Step Write-In has moved temporarily to Christ United while Holy Communion undergoes construction. We should be here for around 6 months. The online schedule reflects this change nothing else to report.

Thursday's niters – High Attendance with a lot of treatment centers and newcomers.

Welcome Home – Average attendance of 12-25 people. Newcomers – 4. Book study Tuesday covering traditions from the How It Works and Why book.

We are Entirely Ready - All is well at we are Entirely Ready group. Our message is strong, attendance is great. We are averaging 25-30 addicts per meeting with 1 newcomer per meeting. We no birthdays for September.

You+Me=We – All is well at You+Me=We. Our attendance over the last month was 153 with 7 newcomers. We continue to meet daily including holidays at 8a in the Cooper-Young area. Please come out and share your ESH.

OPEN FORUM TOPICS

Mandy – Region meetings are now quarterly. Mandy brought up a topic for discussion regarding whether we should begin sending the region donation on a quarterly basis as well.

Pros: Helps with balancing WTASC account and using money for our area before sending it to the region. Making quarterly payments would keep funds from sitting in the P.O. Box uncashed. **Cons:** Potentially not meeting our financial responsibilities to Region.

There was continued discussion concerning moving area's meeting place to Colonial Park United Methodist where Spiritual Awakening meets. They will be plenty of tables and chairs that we can use. Rent would likely be a donation of \$25-30/ month. We will always have access and will not be asked to move to another location at any time. One concern mentioned is that it is a one room meeting space. It would be difficult to have the literature set up in the same room as our area meeting. Sara S will get back to us with possible solutions.

OLD BUSINESS

Vote: No – 0 Abstain – 2 Yes - 16

Motion: Maker: Primary Purpose; Seconded by: GHOD

Rescind the recently passed motion and amendment regarding the monies over \$4,500 from NA in May.

Original motion made in May; passed in June: That the ASC guidelines are amended as follows: Under financial Procedures, item 1 will be amended as follows: 1. the second sentence will be changed from "All funds raised will be used to subsidize basic text." To "Funds raised will be used to meet the needs of our area based on the monthly group limitations below. 2. Last sentence to be changed from: "If there is a surplus of subsidy basic text fund, the surplus rolls over to the following year unless motion is made to do otherwise." To "To deal with any surplus of subsidy Basic text funds, the following procedure will be followed: Each year, after the NA in May Subcommittee has turned over its net proceeds to the Basic text fund, if the balance in the fund is over

\$4,500.00, then 50% of the excess over \$4,500.00 will be donated to the current year VRC, and the other 50% will be donated to the EWTASC H&I subcommittee.”

Motion: Maker: Brooks S; Seconded by: Simplicity is the Key

To amend the NA in May motion from May to specify that the funds come from the NA in May 2019 funds. The NA in May guidelines state that the proceeds go to the Basic Text Fund. **The new motion was not in effect when the funds were collected.**

Intent: The original motion made at the May area should have been ruled out of order. ~~First, a subcommittee made the motion, and subcommittees do not make motions (WTASC guidelines — MOTIONS, VOTING, AND PROCEDURES, AND OPERATIONS, and Section B3: Subcommittee chairs or their vice chairs in their absence).~~ Second, our Area guidelines AND the NA in MAY guidelines state, “All funds raised will be used to subsidize Basic texts (WTASC guidelines Financial Procedures I and NA in May guidelines 1B). Members gave money to NA in May with the understanding it was to fund our basic texts for \$5 and not for another purpose. The amendment to the motion made at the June ASC, per WTASC guidelines, should not have gone back to groups because it was a policy change. (MOTIONS, VOTING, PROCEDURES, AND OPERATIONS E5: “Any motion that affects policy will automatically go back to the groups for a vote.”) Concept 11 says”...flow of funds must not bottleneck at any point in our structure.” To keep this extra money over prudent reserve indefinitely as an additional as an additional set aside when it could be used to further carry the message is against what our 11th concept tell us. We could very well end up in the same predicament again when the subcommittee set asides from NA in May builds to an amount so large that we are still holding on to money that could be used to carry the message.

Note: The section above has been redacted because the maker of the original motion was Amanda H, the chair of the NA in May subcommittee, not the subcommittee itself. It was discussed and decided by the GSRs that it was unnecessary to take this information back to the home groups being that the motion to rescind passed.

Vote: No – 0 Abstain – 1 yes - 17

Motion: Maker: Policy Chair; **Seconded by:** Spiritual Awakenings

To update Policy subcommittee guidelines. At some point in revising the WTASC guidelines, a whole portion of the policy subcommittee guidelines was deleted. Myself and our Archivist went back through old Area minutes to see if we could find any motions that were made regarding the deleting the sections: Committee members, Requirements for membership, Goals for Policy Subcommittee, and Voting procedures. As of now the only thing written about Policy Subcommittee is having a policy chair. It doesn't say anything about the committee requirements and its members or voting procedures. Best we can tell it was deleted by mistake, since nowhere is it found in the old minutes to be revised/deleted.

Intent: To create a defined and complete set of guidelines for the policy Subcommittee. Also to avoid having to create Ad-Hoc committee regarding revising or editing policy guidelines since that is why the Policy Subcommittee was created in the first place to “clean up” and “update” any revisions made to the WTASC guidelines

NEW BUSINESS

Vote held over for next month due to unforeseen absence. No objections were voiced.

Motion: Maker: GHOD; **Seconded by:** Clarity

To nominate Brad H for Activities Chair

Intent: To fulfill the vacant Activities Chair

Willingness statement: I'm willing to be the na-wt activities chair. I have a sponsor who has a sponsor. I have 10 years clean.

I have the following experience in service:

H and I panel leader

H & I vice chair 2010

H & I chair 2011 and 2014

Manage the area website since 2009

Information Technology Communication Coordinator (ITCC) for the region for 2.75 years. 2012-2015

I've never quit or been kicked out of a position.

Motion: Maker: Simplicity is the Key; **Seconded by:** Harmony

To nominate Jennifer H for Secretary for new term.

Intent: To fill the position.

Willingness statement: I'm showing willingness to continue as Area Secretary. My clean date is 9/25/15. I have a sponsor who has a sponsor. I work steps with my sponsor. I am treasurer for my home group. I was information chair for VRC 35. I have served as panel member for H&I. I have never misappropriated any NA funds.

Motion: Maker: H & I chair; **Seconded by:** Lunch Bunch

To nominate Susan V for H & I subcommittee chair.

Intent: To fill the position for the new term.

Willingness statement: My name is Susan V. My clean date is 1/25/16. I have a sponsor who has a sponsor, and we are all working NA steps. I have never misappropriated NA funds. I have served as GSR of my home group for several years. I am currently vice chair of H & I subcommittee for 6 months. I am expressing willingness to serve as H & I chair.

Expenses					
Name	Amount	Check Number			
			VOIDED CHECKS		
P.O. Box Rental (1 year)	\$ -				
PI - Schedules	\$ -				
PI - Petty Cash Operating Fund	\$ -				
PI - Travel Expense to VRC	\$ -				
Secretary - Expense Reimbursement	\$ -		Literature Expense		
Activities	\$ -		H&I Literature	\$ 100.75	
Storage Rental	\$ -		PI Literature	\$ -	
Checks	\$ -		Group Literature	\$ 1,095.55	
Newsletter-Expense Reimbursement	\$ 25.00	2269	Add Lit	\$ -	
Literature- Expense Reimbursement	\$ -		rent	\$ -	
Treasurer's-Expense Reimbursement	\$ -		Starter kit Inst Mtg	\$ -	
Policy - Expense Reimbursement	\$ -		Sub Total	\$ 1,196.30	
RCM - Travel Advance	\$ -		Lone Star Discount	\$ -	
VRC 35 Donation	\$ -		Total Literature	\$ 1,196.30	
Safe Deposit Box	\$ -				
PI Phone Line / Freedom Voice	\$ 8.45				
Literature (Florida Regional Office)	\$ 1,128.43				
VRSC, Inc. (Regional Donation)	\$ -				
World Donation	\$ -				
Reimbursement Brad H Website hosting	\$ -				Basic Text Fund
Area Rent	\$ 20.00	2270		Beginning Balance	\$ 5,706.58
Glen H outreach	\$ -			BT Count	53
	\$ -			Ending Balance	\$ 5,327.63
	\$ -				
	\$ -				
	\$ -				
	\$ -				
Total Expenses	\$ 1,181.88				
Balance	\$ 9,120.78				
Set Asides					
Prudent Reserve	\$ 635.00				
PI Schedules \$250 qtrly \$83.33 monthly	\$ 166.66	Paid June 2018			
Newsletter \$25 qtrly \$8.33 monthly	\$ -	Paid August 2018			
Safe Deposit Box \$150 yr \$12.50 monthly	\$ 25.00	Paid June 2018			
PO Box Rental \$120 yr \$10.00 monthly	\$ 20.00	Paid May 2018			
Freedom Voice Phone Line	\$ 8.45				
Website hosting \$148.24 \$12.36 monthly	\$ 247.20	Paid Dec 2016			
Activities	\$ 400.00				
Outreach	\$ 5.54				
Tentative literature order	\$ 1,625.25				
NA in May Basic Text Fund	\$ 5,327.63				
Total Set Asides	\$ 8,460.73				
Available Cash	\$ 660.05				
Total Set Asides & Avail Cash	\$ 9,120.78				

Next W.T.A.S.C. meeting is 09/23/2018