

West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes

July 23, 2017

WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW FOR OUR BUSINESS MEETING?

Motion to nominate Amanda H. for RCM

Willingness statement: Hello family my name is Amanda and I am an addict. I am expressing willingness to fill the year long commitment of RCM. My clean date is 5/21/08 and I have a sponsor who has a sponsor and I work the steps of NA with my sponsor. My homegroup is Something Different. I have held previous positions like homegroup GSR, I am currently the acting Area RCM, I continue to have a H&I panel, have chaired Hospitality for 2013 VRC, and currently 2017 hospitality chair, I have not misappropriated NA funds. ILS, Amanda H.

Please announce the following opportunities to be of service!

Archivist	No one in the position now
Area Secretary	No one in the position now
Area Secretary Alternate	Term expires in September
Hospitals & Institutions	Term expires in September
NA in May Subcommittee Chair	No one in the position now
Outreach	Term expires in September
Policy & Procedures	Term expires in September
Public Relations	No one in the position now
Regional Committee Member Alternate	No one in the position now

The next meeting of the West Tennessee Area Service Committee will be held on Sunday, August 27th at 2:00 pm. Anyone interested in expressing willingness should be present. If you have any questions about the duties or requirements for these positions... our area guidelines are online at: na-wt.org/guidelines

*"NA service allows us to spend much of our time directly helping suffering addicts, as well as ensuring that Narcotics Anonymous itself survives."
~Basic Text pg. 59*

Title/Sub/Group	Name	5/28/2017	6/25/2017	7/23/2017
Administrative				
Chairperson	Christine J.	X	X	X
Vice Chairperson	James R.	X	X	O
Secretary	OPEN	X	O	OPEN
Alternate Secretary	Mandy R.	X	X	X
Treasurer	Michael H.	O	X	X
Alternate Treasurer	Amanda H.	X	X	X
Regional Committee Member	Amanda H.	X	X	X
Alternat Regional Committee Member	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Subcommittees				
Activities	Sara S	X	X	X
Archives	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Hospitals and Institutions	Penny B.	X	X	X
Literature	Jay R.	X	X	X
NA in May	Chris M.	X	X	X
Newsletter	David T.	X	X	X
Outreach	Marcus M.	O	X	X
Policy and Procedures	Jonathan M.	X	O	X
Public Relations	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Voting Groups				
Clean A.I.R.	Brad D.	X	X	X
Cordova Hope	Paul B.	X	X	X
Desire	Sarah M.	X	X	X
Doin' This Thing	Jake S.	X	O	X
Good Orderly Direction	William S.	O	X	X
High On Life	David T.	X	X	X
Hope Dealers	Bryan O	O	X	X
Hopenminded	Nicole S.		X	X
Keep It Green	Mandy R.	X	X	X
Living Clean	April F.	X	O	X
Lunch Bunch	Corey P.	X	X	X
No Matter What	Arnece S.	O	X	X
One Is Too Many	Susan V.	X	X	X
Primary Purpose	Thomas R.	X	X	X
Saturday Night Alive	Glen H.	O	X	X
Simplicity is the Key	Wendy O	X	X	X
Something Different	Ryan K.	X	X	X
Spiritual Awakenings	Sara S.	X	X	X
Step Write In 2	Jay R.	X	O	X
We Are Entirely Ready	Ben D.	O	X	X
You + Me = We	Karen W.	X	X	X
Non-Voting Groups and Meetings				
Clarity (was Farfromusen)	Corey B.	O	O	X
Just for ToGay	Sam T.	X	O	O
Get Honest or Die		O	O	O
G.I.F.T.	Frank S.	O	O	O
Harmony	Tim W.	X	O	O
Starting Somewhere		O	O	O
Thursday Nighters	Tracy P.	O	O	O
Unity Group	Lamar G.	O	X	O
Welcome Home	Tommy B.	O	O	O

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair - Hi family! I've got a few things to report this month. I contacted Laughlin T. after the last ASC meeting and she has resigned as secretary. Fortunately, we do have an alternate secretary in place and Mandy was willing to take notes last month and produce the minutes in a timely manner. If for any reason you did not receive minutes, please let her know. Mandy is willing to continue to act in the capacity temporarily and I believe that she MAY be expressing willingness to take on the position of secretary when it comes open in September. Please be nice to her in the interim because we do not want to run her off! (And be thinking about who might make a good alternate!)

Speaking of open positions... we have a few that have been vacant for a while: Alternate Regional Committee Member (RCM), Archives, and Public Relations.

Regional Committee Member & NA in May Subcommittee Chair positions are also now vacant, as their terms of office end this month. Typically, this would have been announced in May at area, people interested in serving would express willingness in June, and they would be voted in in July. I think I may have missed announcing them but we will take any expressions of willingness until the positions are filled.

Our terms of office end at three different times during the year- and it's a little daunting to keep up with. I am going to make a chairperson's cheat sheet so that it will help me, and future chairpeople keep up with what announcements need to be made each month. In September, the following positions will be open:

Archivist (vacant now)
ASC Secretary
ASC Alternate Secretary
Hospitals & Institutions
Outreach
Policy & Procedures
Public Relations (vacant now)

Anyone interested should be present express willingness next month (AUGUST) and they would be voted in in September. Mandy and I are going to make sure that this is listed prominently at the top of the minutes. There's capacity for people to step up and be of service. On a personal note, I've always found it an important and rewarding part of my own program. NA has given me a life beyond my expectations and it's one way to express that gratitude.

Finally, dealing with the US Postal Service is now one of my least favorite things to do. Our PO box is located at the post office on Prescott near Poplar and Highland. They only keep the doors open until 5:30 pm during the week and for a few hours on Saturday. We had a snafu with paying the yearly bill that has been resolved, but not without me taking off work SEVERAL afternoons to go down there. I won't bore you with all the details, but in the future I may be researching and recommending that we move it to a post office that has 24 hour access.

As a reminder, I will be out next month. James R. will be chairing.

Vice Chair - Absent

Treasurer – See attached for treasurer’s report

Secretary – The May minutes have been updated to reflect Jonathan as being present for that month. I did not re-send them out to prevent any confusion but the revised version has been uploaded to the area website.

RCM – No report

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities – Hello Friends and Family! Our last activity, Recovery on the River, was awesome! We had more people than last year and reserved extra sites to accommodate. Fireside meetings were great. Canoeing, kayaking, fishing, and everything was a blast. Thank you to everyone who gave service and helped make this year’s trip possible. This is my final report as activities chair. I have enjoyed holding this position. ILS, Kate G.

Hey friends & Fam! Activities will be sponsoring a VRC fundraiser Talent Show/Bake Sale. This is to help this area raise money for VRC which Memphis is hosting in November. The event will be Saturday, August 26th at Trinity United Methodist Church from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm. It is \$5 at the door but no addict will be turned away. Please sign up for the talent show by August 5th. If there is not enough interest, we will turn this into a speaker jam/bake sale. See me, Amanda H., Marcus M. or Glen H. to sign up for the talent show and bake sale. We want to make this a huge success. You can donate if you can’t attend. I have flyers! ILS, Sara S.

H & I - Hi Family! All is well with H&I Subcommittee. We currently have two panels open. Both are La Paloma mens alternating Tuesdays from 7-8pm. This leaves no one carrying the message of NA to the men at this facility for almost 2 months. Please announce this at your home groups. I am happy to say today we orientated 5 new panel members who are very eager to get involved. The Shelby County Department of Corrections is in need of men and women to carry the message as well. Please contact Lucy O. (lucy.owens@gmail.com) or Scott K (skinggbb@yahoo.com) to learn how to become involved.

Literature – Nothing to report. (Distributed literature owed from last month to No Matter What and Hopenminded.)

NA in May - Nothing new to report. This is my final area meeting as NA in May chair. I would like to know if there are folks willing to participate in this committee for next year's event. That is all. Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

Newsletter - Greetings from the Clean Times. All is good and as always we are looking for people to suggest and write articles for any edition. If you would like to write one let me know. The next committee meeting will be held on August 13th at Dunkin Donuts at Poplar and White Station at 3pm. All are welcome and no clean time required.

Outreach – Greeting from Outreach committee. Outreach is looking for suggestions on how this area can better support meetings in this area that are struggling with low attendance or few home group members. Hopenminded is the July meeting of the month. Outreach is looking for an August meeting of the month. I've also been bouncing around the idea of bringing a meeting to members who may be hospitalized, handicapped or incapacitated and can't make it to a meeting.

Policy and Procedure – I will be updating the policies and procedures this month for our area and will get them over to Brad to put on the website and will have some copies before next month's area. This will include motions that have passed since the last revision.

VRC – VRC35 is coming up Thanksgiving weekend. Marcus and I are selling shirts as a fundraiser. I will be handing out flyers. The flyer shows the website where you can pay for your registration online with a credit card. We would appreciate any donations of coffee, creamer and sugar for hospitality because the hotel charges and arm and a leg for this service. You can bring them to the next area or any area after that. The next subcommittee meeting is next Saturday at 2:00 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church. We have missed the deadline for having workshop speakers submitted. Please bring any nominations to area next month.

GROUP REPORTS

Clarity (formerly Farfromusen) – Farfromusen has changed its name to Clarity! Please reflect this change on the area meeting schedule. Our average attendance is around 25 and we average two newcomer per meeting. We have added about 5 new home group members. We have also added the infamous 5 minute timer to help our meeting flow. Please come have some "clarity" with us this Thursday, July 27th.

Clean A.I.R. – Clean AIR has been doing well this month! We have no issues to discuss. This meeting continues to be a great place to go on a Saturday night for recovery. Average attendance is 30+ people and 3+ newcomers this month.

Cordova Hope –All is well at Cordova Hope. We have a literature order of \$125.00 and a donation of \$4.00 for a total of \$129.00 to the WTASC

Desire – Desire continues to do well and is carrying a strong message of recovery. We average somewhere around 50-60 in attendance each week and a number of newcomers with no issues to report.

Doin' This Thing – DTT is doing well this month. We have no issues to discuss. Meeting attendance is regularly 20+ with treatment centers attending.

Good Orderly Direction – Every Thursday at 6:00, we eagerly share our experience, strength and hope with addicts. We average about 25 addicts. The meeting lasts until 7:30. No new members and no birthdays.

High On Life – Greetings from High on Life. We continue to do well and are still a lit based meeting. we have been averaging 22 people a week. We have one celebration and one event happening soon. On July 31st Paula H. will be celebrating her first year clean and on Labor Day Sept. 4th we will be having another potluck. We will be having BBQ and all the sides as well as desserts. So, come on out to both and help Paula celebrate on the 31st and enjoy free food, fellowship, and a great meeting on Sept. 4th. We have a lit order of \$19.62 and a donation of \$1.38 for a total of \$21.00. ILS, David T.

Hope Dealers – All is well with Hope Dealers. We have two announcements. First, “Super Secret Agent” Matt C. is celebrating 9 years on 7/31. Second “My Man Crush Monday” Daniel M. is celebrating 5 years on 8/7. Please come out to help us celebrate.

Hopenminded – Greetings! This new meeting has been going strong since its first meeting with an average of 20 people per meeting. We could always use more support from people with lots of experience, strength and hope. We have one birthday coming up with Jennifer K. sharing her story.

Keep it Green – All is well at Keep it Green. Average attendance is around 50-60 addicts per meeting. We had 10 newcomers this month. Our home group membership continues to grow.

Living Clean – All is well at Living Clean. Our attendance remains at 12-15 addicts. We had one new comer for the month and no new home group members.

Lunch Bunch – Lunch Bunch is alive and well. Meetings continue to be held 7 days a week. Our books are selling quickly.

No Matter What – Attendance remains at 10 per week, 3 days a week, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A member from Hope Dealers, Marcus M., will be our speaker on August 20th for Big Rick’s 1 year birthday.

One is Too Many – We had one newcomer this month and no new members. We now have a step study meeting on the first Friday of the month, except in August it will be on the second Friday. We still have a speaker meeting on the last Friday of every month. Come out and celebrate recovery with us.

Primary Purpose – All is well at Primary Purpose. We have an average attendance of 25-35 addicts. We had no newcomers last month.

Saturday Night Alive – Everything is going well at SNA. Just a reminder - the church has asked us to restate this – if you bring children with you to this facility, please keep them with you. This is for their safety.

Simplicity is the Key – All is well at Simplicity is the Key. Average attendance is around 40-50 addicts per meeting. We had 10 newcomers this month. We continue to carry the message to newcomers.

Something Different – All is well at Something Different. Both attendance and home group members have been on the rise the past month.

Spiritual Awakenings – All is well w/SA. We continue to have good attendance. We would like more people with clean time to come share your experience, strength and hope.

Step Write In – All is well at Step Write In. It’s the same old four of us.

Unity – Unity meets every Tuesday from 7 pm until 8 pm at 3120 Old Hernando Rd. (That’s at Brooks and Elvis Presley behind the tourist information center.) Because of the new address, attendance has fallen off. We are petitioning for support from the area. Newcomers are trickling in along with visitors from Graceland. We were surprised that 22 were in attendance. We wish to receive voting membership from the area. We need structure on the clarity of N.A and the literature.

We Are Entirely Ready – We Are Entirely Ready meets every Saturday from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Average attendance is 15-20 per week. We have no new members or birthdays to report.

Welcome Home - We had a literature order of \$111.80 and a donation of \$25.20 for a total of \$137.00

You+Me=We – All is well at You+Me=We. We meet daily at 8 am in the Cooper-Young area. Our attendance this month was 109 including 8 newcomers. Please join us and share your experience, strength and wisdom. We are drug court approved. Hope to see you soon.

OPEN FORUM TOPICS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Motion: Sara S. for activities chair

Passed unanimously (22-0-0)

Motion: The vote totals/tally results for any WSC/RSC business, including CAR/CAT items, that the groups are given the opportunity to vote on are to be included in the area minutes.

Passed unanimously (22-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Saturday Night Alive, seconded by NA in May:

To nominate Amanda H. for RCM

Intent: To fill an open position

Willingness statement: Hello family my name is Amanda and I am an addict. I am expressing willingness to fill the year long commitment of RCM My clean date is 5/21/08 and I have a sponsor who has a sponsor and I work the steps of NA with my sponsor. My homegroup is Something Different. I have held previous positions like homegroup GSR, I am currently the acting Area RCM, I continue to have a H&I panel, have chaired Hospitality for 2013 VRC, and currently 2017 hospitality chair. I have not misappropriated NA funds. ILS Amanda H

Next W.T.A.S.C. meeting is 08/27/2017

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY				
Monies Received				
Source	Literature	Donations	Tot Rec'ds	Basic Texts
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Clean A.I.R.	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Cordova Hope	\$125.00	\$4.00	\$129.00	7
Courage to Change	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Desire	\$38.45	\$36.55	\$75.00	1
Doin This Thing	\$9.01	\$80.99	\$90.00	
FarfromUsin	\$44.95	\$0.05	\$45.00	4
Get Honest or Die	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Gift	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Good Orderly Direction	\$7.95	\$-	\$7.95	
Harmony	\$-	\$-	\$-	
High on Life	\$19.62	\$1.38	\$21.00	
Hope Dealers	\$74.40	\$2.60	\$77.00	10
Hopenminded	\$29.59	\$0.41	\$30.00	
Keep it Green	\$79.25	\$20.75	\$100.00	4
Living Clean	\$9.00	\$56.00	\$65.00	
Lunch Bunch	\$307.60	\$50.00	\$357.60	7
Miracles Happen	\$-	\$-	\$-	
More Will Be Revealed	\$-	\$-	\$-	
New Beginings II	\$-	\$-	\$-	
No Matter What	\$3.20	\$100.00	\$103.20	
Out of The Darkness	\$-	\$-	\$-	
One is Too Many	\$21.74	\$2.26	\$24.00	4
Positive Awareness	\$169.81	\$0.19	\$170.00	7
Positive Image	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Primary Purpose	\$-	\$4.60	\$4.60	
Sat Nite Alive	\$12.21	\$149.79	\$162.00	
Simplicity is the Key	\$34.65	\$10.31	\$44.96	
Somerville Group	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Something Different	\$27.60	\$12.90	\$40.50	
Spiritual Awakening	\$21.70	\$10.30	\$32.00	
Step Write In	\$39.96	\$13.04	\$53.00	
The Attic	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Thursday Nighters	\$75.85	\$30.15	\$106.00	3
Unity	\$8.76	\$1.24	\$10.00	
We Are Entirely Ready	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Welcome Home	\$111.80	\$25.20	\$137.00	7
You+ Me = we	\$13.81	\$-	\$13.81	
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Misc	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Sub Totals	\$1,285.91	\$612.71	\$1,898.62	54

Donations	\$612.71
Literature	\$1,285.91
NA in May donation	
Activities	\$-
Subtotal Received At Area	\$1,898.62
Prior Balance	\$6,694.94
	\$-
Available	\$8,593.56

Expenses					
Name	Amount	Check Number			
			VOIDED CHECKS		
P.O. Box Rental (1 year)	\$140.00	2234			
PI - Schedules					
PI - Petty Cash Operating Fund	\$-				
PI - Travel Expense to VRC	\$-				
Secretary - Expense Reimbursement	\$-		Literature Expense		
Activities	\$-		H&I Literature	\$60.45	
Storage Rental	\$-		PI Literature	\$-	
Checks	\$-		Group Literature	\$1,285.91	
Newsletter-Expense Reimbursement	\$-		Add Lit	\$5.00	
Literature- Expense Reimbursement	\$-		rent	\$-	
Treasurer's-Expense Reimbursement	\$-		Starter kit Inst Mtg		
Policy - Expense Reimbursement	\$-		Sub Total	\$1,351.36	
RCM - Travel Advance	\$-		Lone Star Discount	\$-	
VRC 35 Donation			Total Literature	\$1,351.36	
Safe Deposit Box					
PI Phone Line / Freedom Voice	\$8.45				
Literature (Florida Regional Office)	\$1,265.48				
VRSC, Inc. (Regional Donation)	\$-				
World Donation	\$-				
Reimbursement Brad H Website hosting	\$-		Basic Text Fund		
Area Rent	\$20.00	2236	Beginning Balance	\$4,821.58	
Glen H outreach	\$-		BT Count	54	
	\$-		Ending Balance	\$4,467.88	
	\$-				
	\$-				
	\$-				
	\$-				
Total Expenses	\$1,433.93				
Balance	\$7,159.63				
Set Asides					
Prudent Reserve	\$635.00				
PI Schedules \$250 qtrly \$83.33 monthly	\$83.33	Paid June 2017			
Newsletter \$25 qtrly 8.33 monthly	\$16.66	Paid May 2017			
Safe Deposit Box \$150 yr \$12.50 monthly	\$12.50	Paid June 2017			
PO Box Rental \$140 yr \$11.67 monthly	\$23.34	Paid May 2017			
Freedom Voice Phone Line	\$8.45				
Website hosting \$148.24 \$12.36 monthly	\$86.52	Paid Dec 2016			
Activities	\$400.00				
Outreach	\$5.54				
Tentative literature order	\$1,805.06				
NA in May Basic Text Fund	\$4,467.88				
Total Set Asides	\$7,544.28				
Available Cash	\$(384.65)				
Total Set Asides & Avail Cash	\$7,159.63				

Potluck

Who: High On Life

What: Labor Day Potluck

**Where: Grimes Memorial Methodist Church
4649 Summer Ave.**

When: Sept. 4th at 7:30pm

Why: We want to.

Having: BBQ, potato salad, slaw, beans, and more.