

West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (03/25/2018)

WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW FOR OUR BUSINESS MEETING?

| Open Positions in our Area | Suggested Clean Time |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| ASC Vice Chair | 1 year |
| Activities | 1 year |
| RCM | 3 years |

Is there anyone who is willing to donate a laptop for use by our Alternate Secretary? Are there any home groups who are willing to set aside funds in order to purchase a laptop? Is anyone willing to help look into costs for purchasing a laptop for Secretary use?

Please note \$176.19 excess over prudent reserve was held by vote of GSRs pending research on acquiring a laptop for secretarial use.

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| Title/Sub/Group | Name | 1/28/2018 | 2/25/2018 | 3/25/2018 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Administrative | | | | |
| Chairperson | Christine J. | X | X | X |
| Vice Chairperson | James R. | X | X | X |
| Secretary | Mandy R. | X | X | X |
| Alternate Secretary | OPEN | OPEN | OPEN | OPEN |
| Treasurer | Michael H. | X | X | X |
| Alternate Treasurer | Amanda H. | O | X | O |
| Regional Committee Member | Amanda H. | O | X | O |
| Alternate Regional Committee Member | OPEN | OPEN | OPEN | OPEN |
| Subcommittees | | | | |
| Activities | Sara S. | X | X | O |
| Archives | Tonia L. | O | X | X |
| Hospitals and Institutions | Penny B. | X | X | X |
| Literature | Laurie R. | X | X | X |
| NA in May | Amanda H. | O | X | O |
| Newsletter | David T. | X | X | X |
| Outreach | OPEN | OPEN | OPEN | OPEN |
| Policy and Procedures | Taylor D. | X | X | X |
| Public Relations | Brad D. | OPEN | OPEN | O |
| Voting Groups | | | | |
| Clarity (was Farfromusen) | Corey B. | X | X | X |
| Clean A.I.R. | Brad D. | X | X | O |
| Cordova Hope | Paul B. | X | O | X |
| Desire | Sarah M. | X | X | X |
| Doin' This Thing | Jake S. | X | X | X |
| Get Honest or Die | Andrew M. | O | X | X |
| G.I.F.T. | Frank S. | X | X | X |
| Good Orderly Direction | Ben D. | X | O | 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. | O | X | X |
| Unity Group | Lamar G. | X | O | X |
| Welcome Home | Tommy B. | O | X | X |
| You + Me = We | Karen W. | X | X | X |
| Non-Voting Groups and Meetings | | | | |
| Hopenminded | Nicole S. | X | O | X |
| Living Clean | April F. | O | O | O |
| Starting Somewhere | | O | O | O |
| We Are Entirely Ready | Ben D. | X | O | O |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair – Hi family! James is chairing today's meeting as practice for next month when he will most likely be your new chairperson. I brought treats today since you all survived a year of me chairing asc meetings. This is my last month as chair, but I'm sure you will see me around in some capacity in the future. Come out and support NA in May so our groups can continue to enjoy the \$5 basic texts. Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

Vice Chair – No report but take it easy on me. I have been here long enough to know what I

Treasurer – See attached

Secretary – No report

RCM – Hey family. I'm sorry to not be in attendance but Region is meeting today and I have logged in remotely due to my surgery this past Friday. Anyway, if your Home Group has finished their CAR CAT Talley, please hand in to Mandy (secretary) and I will be picking up from her.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities – No report

H & I – All is well with H&I subcommittee. Today we oriented 4 new panel members. We still currently have all of our panels filled. We will in the next few months be working on introducing a new facility or two. So stay tuned for more info on that. As always we are looking for men/women to carry the message into our facilities. 3 months to sit in, 6 months to share, 9 months to carry your own panel.

Literature – No report

NA in May – Hello family! Again, I apologize for my absence but I had surgery this past Friday and am home recuperating. NA in May is going strong. We have a few free mugs left with the first 40 registrations but they are going fast! Our last fundraiser, the Pancake Syrup and Service Day, was a success. We registered 8 and took in \$333 in breakfast and donations and after rent and food, net proceeds was \$155.67. Our next meeting is scheduled for this Thursday 3/29 Cafe Eclectic at 6pm. Much love to all!

Newsletter – Hello from The Clean Times. All is well at this time. We have started to put the eleventh issue together. This will be my last official report for this term. Thank you for letting me be of service. I have scheduled the next committee meeting for April 15th at Dunkin Donuts at Poplar and White Station at 3pm. There is no clean time requirement to come out and be of service.

Policy and Procedure – We have been in the process of editing H&I subcommittees guidelines. I just talked to Penny, our H&I chair, and there will be more changes to their subcommittee policy. Once we have the finalized draft it will be uploaded on the Area website. Also the policy subcommittee has been looking over the WTASC guidelines for revisions, we made a motion that will be a policy change to the financial procedures of the WTASC guidelines which we will talk about later when we go over motions.

Public Relations – So some upcoming events for us are the drug court 4K on April 28th. Also, Craig and his group will be doing a workshop for us on April 14th. We are also receiving requests to bring in meetings to new institutions. So I will be working with them and H and I to see if we can get that set up, and also making sure we are following the traditions. I won't be able to make the area meeting. My Dad has had a severe seizure and is in the neuro ICU. So I'll be trying to keep up with him.

GROUP REPORTS

Clarity –All is well at Clarity! We are thriving, adding 5 new home group members. Average 10 newcomers, with attendance averaging 45. We continue to have speaker meetings and encourage you to come hear. This month's speakers Craig A 4/12/18 and Terry F 4/26/18.

Cordova Hope – All is well at Cordova Hope. Average attendance is 30-40 per meeting.

Desire –Desire is booming! We continue to have high attendance with a lot of newcomers and are carrying a strong message with no issues to report.

Doin This Thing –All is well at D.T.T. We continue to meet Wednesdays with 10-15 addicts in attendance.

G.I.F.T. – Average attendance – 4-5 per meeting. 1 - newcomer. All is well at GIFT.

Get Honest or Die –All is well, nothing new to report. Average meeting attendance is 10-15.

Good Orderly Direction – Good Orderly Direction meets on Thursdays at 6p to 7;30p. This month we averaged 21 addicts a week. Our meetings are literature based. We have no new members.

Harmony – All is well at Harmony carrying the message. Average attendance = 15. 2 newcomers.

High On Life – Hello all. Everything is going well at High on Life where we continue to come out of the lit for our topics. We had a total of 103 addicts come through our doors this month that includes one treatment center. We have no birthdays this month but we will be having our first potluck of the year on April 9th, if you would like to bring something please let us know. Don't forget the most important thing to bring is yourself. The eating will be at 7:30 with great food and fantastic fellowship followed by the amazing meeting at 8:30. So, come on out.

Hope Dealers – All is well at Hope Dealers. On average we have 2-3 newcomers at our weekly meeting. Come on out to hear or share experience, strength, and hope.

Hopenminded – Hi family. Average meeting attendance of 20ish addicts. We've been having regular treatment center visits and have had one slip up of not opening the meeting. But there is a newborn as proof of the circumstances beyond our control.

Keep it Green – All is well at Keep it Green. We continue to add new members and we look forward to another great month. Average attendance is about 50. Had 5 newcomers.

Lunch Bunch – Lunch Bunch is alive and well. Meeting 7 days a week providing recovery to many recovering addicts and newcomers.

No Matter What – All is okay at N. M. W. We've had 2 newcomers this month and regular attendance is around 7-9 people per night.

One is Too Many – One is too many is doing well. We continue to have 12-15 people in attendance at each meeting. We had 2 newcomers this month and no new members. Donna S will be speaking this Friday March 30, 2018. Come out and celebrate recovery with us.

Primary Purpose – All is well at Primary Purpose. We had 2 newcomers last month. Average attendance of 17-25 addicts in attendance.

Saturday Night Alive – Saturday Night Alive is doing well with 30-50 in attendance. No birthdays to announce for this month.

Simplicity is the Key – We are doing well at S. I. K. We had around 90 addicts attend our meeting this past month with 4 newcomers.

Something Different – We are averaging about 15-17 people a meeting.

Spiritual Awakenings – All is well at SA. Meetings have been small but awesome as always.

Step Write In –A newcomer or 2 each week. Normal attendance. Nothing else to report.

Thursday Niters –All is well at Thursday niters. Jennifer K is out of town so I am filling in. We've had a good month. Nothing to report.

Welcome Home –All is good at Welcome Home. Come fellowship with us on Tues. and Thurs. at 5:30p and Sun at 2:30p.

You+Me=We –All is well at You + Me = We. We continue to meet daily in the Cooper Young at 8am. Our attendance was 161 and 18 newcomers. Please join us to share the NA way.

Unity – Unity is located at 3210 Old Hernando Rd. That's at Brooks and Elvis Presley. Need support to share the clarity of the NA message!!! We are averaging 15 every Tuesday!

OPEN FORUM TOPICS

Chris M. – The Secretary has been using a personal laptop. In order to be fully self-supporting, we should look into getting the Secretary a laptop that would belong to the area. Our treasurer has an area laptop. We could possibly take this out of money that is over prudent reserve. Or is there a member who could donate a laptop?

Glen H. – Is a computer a requirement?

Taylor O. – Yes, they must be typed.

Chris M. – We have precedent with the treasurer's laptop.

If anyone is willing to donate a laptop? Or is any home group willing to set aside some funds to help purchase a laptop?

James R. – We received a personal check from Megan Mays and William Mays in the mail as a donation to our area. Does anyone know who these people are and if they are members of Narcotics Anonymous? If they are not members, we will need to send this donation back to them because of our 7th tradition. We will mail them a letter with their check and explain to them that we are fully self-supporting and if they are members of Narcotics Anonymous, they can send the check back in.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion: To nominate David T. for Newsletter Chair

Motion passes 24-0-0

Motion: To nominate Laurie R. as Literature Chair

Motion passes 24-0-0

Motion: To nominate Jennifer H. for Alternate Secretary

Motion passes 24-0-0

Motion: To nominate James R. for Area Chair

Motion passes 24-0-0

Regional Motion: To nominate Dell E. for Vice Chair

Motion passes 20-0-4

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: To nominate Leigh Ann F. as Alternate RCM

Willingness Statement: The wonderful thing about Narcotics Anonymous is being given a life with purpose. Because of family commitments, commitments I follow through on today, I was unable to attend Area in February. My apologies to the fellowship for missing 2 consecutive months after expressing my willingness for Alt RCM. I return today to express willingness again, and to state that I have arranged my schedule to attend Area meetings in the future.

I have almost 11 years free from drugs. My clean date is April 30, 2007. I am working the steps with my Sponsor. Service is important for me to stay connected to NA. I have held many service positions: GSR for Nothing to Fear and Simplicity is the Key, Activities Treasurer, NA in May Treasurer, Alt Treasurer for VRC and VRC Interim Chair. I am a panel member for H&I and take meetings to the women at the Shelby County Jail. I did not finish my term as GSR for NA Squared before the meeting folded. I have never misappropriated NA funds.

Motion: To nominate Sam T. for Outreach Chair

Willingness Statement: Hello fam. I'm Sam and I'm an addict. I'm expressing willingness to run for outreach chair. My clean date is 6-29-16, I have held various service positions, am currently H&I Secretary, I sponsor women and I work steps with a sponsor who has a sponsor who has a sponsor who works steps. I have never misappropriated NA funds.

Motion: To nominate Tonia L. as Alternate Treasurer

Willingness Statement: Hello Fam! I am Tonia, Im an addict. I am expressing willingness to run for alternate treasurer. My clean date is 10/23/2013. I have had various service positions, currently alternate GSR for my home group, registration chair for NA in May, and am vice chair for activities. I sponsor women, and work steps with a sponsor who has a sponsor who has a sponsor who works steps. I have never misappropriated NA funds.

Motion: To nominate Mandy R. as Treasurer

Willingness Statement: My name is Mandy and I am an addict. I am expressing willingness to serve as treasurer. My clean date is 7/4/15. I have a sponsor who has a sponsor and I work steps with my sponsor. I have never misappropriated NA funds. The position of treasurer does have a suggested clean time requirement of three years, which I will have in July. Besides the clean time requirement, I meet all other requirements and have a degree in Finance. This would mean that I would not complete my term as Secretary, but we do now have an alternate Secretary and I will train her well. I have been asked by the Chair and Vice Chair if I would be willing to serve as Treasurer.

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| TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Monies Received | | | | |
| Source | Literature | Donations | Tot Rec'ds | Basic Texts |
| | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Clean A.I.R. | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Clarity | \$ 60.25 | \$ 5.75 | \$ 66.00 | 4 |
| Cordova Hope | \$ 138.70 | \$ 1.30 | \$ 140.00 | 2 |
| Courage to Change | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Desire | \$ 36.30 | \$ 77.70 | \$ 114.00 | 1 |
| Do It This Thing | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Friday Night Step Writing | \$ 18.50 | \$ 11.50 | \$ 30.00 | 2 |
| Get Honest or Die | \$ 5.30 | \$ 20.70 | \$ 26.00 | |
| Gift | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Good Orderly Direction | \$ 5.83 | \$ - | \$ 5.83 | |
| Harmony | \$ 17.50 | \$ 8.50 | \$ 26.00 | |
| High on Life | \$ 20.85 | \$ 1.77 | \$ 22.62 | |
| Hope Dealers | \$ 34.95 | \$ 20.05 | \$ 55.00 | 2 |
| Hope-minded | \$ 27.60 | \$ - | \$ 27.60 | |
| Keep it Green | \$ 59.00 | \$ 29.00 | \$ 88.00 | 5 |
| Living Clean | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Lunch Bunch | \$ 97.20 | \$ 5.20 | \$ 102.40 | 7 |
| Miracles Happen | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| More Will Be Revealed | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| New Beginnings II | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| No Matter What | \$ 21.40 | \$ 92.60 | \$ 114.00 | 3 |
| Out of The Darkness | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| One is Too Many | \$ 20.00 | \$ 5.25 | \$ 25.25 | 2 |
| Positive Awareness | \$ 235.27 | \$ - | \$ 235.27 | 7 |
| Positive Image | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Primary Purpose | \$ 25.17 | \$ 27.83 | \$ 53.00 | 2 |
| Sat Nite Alive | \$ 7.95 | \$ 68.05 | \$ 76.00 | |
| Simplicity is the Key | \$ 10.40 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 35.40 | |
| Somerville Group | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Something Different | \$ 52.65 | \$ 31.40 | \$ 84.05 | 8 |
| Spiritual Awakening | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Step Write In | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| The Attic | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Thursday Nighters | \$ 35.40 | \$ 37.60 | \$ 73.00 | |
| Unity | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| We Are Entirely Ready | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Welcome Home | \$ 27.80 | \$ 19.20 | \$ 47.00 | 3 |
| You+ Me = we | \$ 7.48 | \$ 20.00 | \$ 27.48 | |
| | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Misc | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Sub Totals | \$ 965.50 | \$ 508.40 | \$ 1,473.90 | 48 |
| Donations | \$ 508.40 | | | |
| Literature | \$ 965.50 | | | |
| NA in May donation | \$ - | | | |
| Activities | \$ - | | | |
| Subtotal Received At Area | \$ 1,473.90 | | | |
| Prior Balance | \$ 5,507.84 | | | |
| | \$ - | | | |
| Available | \$ 6,981.74 | | | |

| Expenses | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------|--|
| Name | Amount | Check Number | | | |
| | | | VOIDED CHECKS | | |
| P.O. Box Rental (1 year) | \$ - | | | | |
| PI - Schedules | \$ 250.00 | 2255 | | | |
| PI - Petty Cash Operating Fund | \$ - | | | | |
| PI - Travel Expense to VRC | \$ - | | | | |
| Secretary - Expense Reimbursement | \$ - | | Literature Expense | | |
| Activities | \$ - | | H&L Literature | \$ 101.30 | |
| Storage Rental | \$ - | | PI Literature | \$ - | |
| Checks | \$ - | | Group Literature | \$ 965.50 | |
| Newsletter-Expense Reimbursement | \$ - | | Add Lit | \$ - | |
| Literature- Expense Reimbursement | \$ - | | rent | \$ - | |
| Treasurer's-Expense Reimbursement | \$ - | | Starter kit Inst Mtg | \$ - | |
| Policy - Expense Reimbursement | \$ - | | Sub Total | \$ 1,066.80 | |
| RCM - Travel Advance | \$ - | | Lone Star Discount | \$ - | |
| VRC 35 Donation | \$ - | | Total Literature | \$ 1,066.80 | |
| Safe Deposit Box | \$ - | | | | |
| PI Phone Line / Freedom Voice | \$ 8.45 | | | | |
| Literature (Florida Regional Office) | \$ 957.35 | | | | |
| VRSC, Inc. (Regional Donation) | \$ - | | | | |
| World Donation | \$ - | | | | |
| Reimbursement Brad H Website hosting | \$ - | | | | |
| Area Rent | \$ 20.00 | 2256 | | | |
| Glen H outreach | \$ - | | | | |
| | \$ - | | | | |
| | \$ - | | | | |
| | \$ - | | | | |
| | \$ - | | | | |
| | \$ - | | | | |
| Total Expenses | \$ 1,235.80 | | | | |

Balance \$ **5,745.94**

| Basic Text Fund | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 2,981.03 |
| BT Count | 48 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 2,666.63 |

| Set Asides | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Prudent Reserve | \$ 635.00 | |
| PI Schedules \$250 qtrly \$83.33 monthly | \$ - | Paid March 2018 |
| Newsletter \$25 qtrly \$8.33 monthly | \$ 8.33 | Paid February 2018 |
| Safe Deposit Box \$150 yr \$12.50 monthly | \$ 112.50 | Paid June 2017 |
| PO Box Rental \$140 yr \$11.67 monthly | \$ 116.70 | Paid May 2017 |
| Freedom Voice Phone Line | \$ 8.45 | |
| Website hosting \$148.24 \$12.36 monthly | \$ 185.40 | Paid Dec 2016 |
| Activities | \$ 400.00 | |
| Outreach | \$ 5.54 | |
| Tentative literature order | \$ 1,431.20 | |
| NA in May Basic Text Fund | \$ 2,666.63 | |
| Total Set Asides | \$ 5,569.75 | |
| Available Cash | \$ 176.19 | |
| Total Set Asides & Avail Cash | \$ 5,745.94 | |