

# West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (10/22/2017)

## WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW FOR OUR BUSINESS MEETING?

**Regional motions:** Charmaine D. for PR Chair and Craig G. for Policy and Procedures (service resumes can be found in the RCM report)

**Open Positions in our Area: Alternate Secretary, Alternate RCM, Public Relations, and Outreach**

**VRC is requesting coffee, creamer, sugar and basic text donations. Everyone who is able to donate a basic text, please do so. You can turn in donations to Leigh Ann F., Amanda H., Marcus M., or anyone else who is on the VRC committee or bring your donations to area next month.**

Title/Sub/Group	Name	8/27/2017	9/24/2017	10/22/2017
<b>Administrative</b>				
Chairperson	Christine J.	X	X	X
Vice Chairperson	James R.	X	X	O
Secretary	Mandy R.	OPEN	OPEN	X
Alternate Secretary	OPEN	X	X	OPEN
Treasurer	Michael H.	X	X	O
Alternate Treasurer	Amanda H.	X	X	X
Regional Committee Member	Amanda H.	X	X	X
Alternate Regional Committee Member	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
<b>Subcommittees</b>				
Activities	Sara S.	X	X	X
Archives	Lucy O.	OPEN	OPEN	X
Hospitals and Institutions	Penny B.	X	X	X
Literature	Jay R.	X	X	X
NA in May	Amanda H.	OPEN	OPEN	X
Newsletter	David T.	X	X	X
Outreach	OPEN	X	O	OPEN
Policy and Procedures	Taylor D.	OPEN	OPEN	X
Public Relations	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
<b>Voting Groups</b>				
Clarity (was Farfromusen)	Megan M.	X	X	X
Clean A.I.R.	Brad D.	X	X	X
Cordova Hope	Paul B.	X	X	O
Desire	Sarah M.	X	X	X
Doin' This Thing	Jake S.	X	X	O
High On Life	David T.	X	X	X
Hope Dealers	Taylor D.	X	X	X
Hopenminded	Nicole S.	X	X	O
Keep It Green	Bill B.	X	X	X
Lunch Bunch	Corey P.	X	X	X
No Matter What	Drew M.	X	X	O
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	Kat G.	X	X	X
Something Different	Bill S.	O	X	X
Spiritual Awakenings	Sara S.	X	X	X
You + Me = We	Karen W.	X	O	X
<b>Non-Voting Groups and Meetings</b>				
Get Honest or Die		O	O	O
G.I.F.T.	Frank S.	X	O	X
Good Orderly Direction	William S.	O	O	X
Harmony	Tim W.	X	O	X
Living Clean	April F.	O	O	O
Starting Somewhere		O	O	O
Step Write In	Jay R.	O	O	O
Thursday Nighters	Tracy P.	X	O	X
Unity Group	Lamar G.	X	O	X
We Are Entirely Ready	Ben D.	O	O	X
Welcome Home	Tommy B.	O	X	O

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Chair** – I am acting as Treasurer this month and Lucy is acting as chair for me.

**Vice Chair** – Absent

**Treasurer** – See attached

**Secretary** – No report

**RCM** – Good morning family we have some open positions at REGION that need filled

Vice Chair

Treasurer

H & I chair

Outreach

and we have two positions to send back to home groups to vote on

Charmaine D. current PR and

### Charmaine D Service Resume

**VRSC Service Resume Date Received:** 10/1/17

**Name:** Charmaine D. **Clean date:** 10/26/85 **Total Clean Time:** 31 years

**Position nominated for:** PR Subcommittee Chair

**Term of Commitment:** 1 year

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: Limited to past 5 years.

Added by Secretary at nominee's request: Currently the PR Chair at Region and has served since April 2016.

Member Area PR Committee

H&I Panelist

GSR-Alt

Prior Region PI Chair, Carolina Region

Prior Region PI Alt. Chair

Prior Twin City Area PI Chair

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:

None listed.

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

Basic Computer email, Gmail, Microsoft Word, etc.

Willingness to serve.

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

Have an NA sponsor who has an NA sponsor

[pr.vrsc@gmail.com](mailto:pr.vrsc@gmail.com)

## Craig G. current Policy and Procedures

### Craig G. Service Resume

VRSC Service Resume Date Received: 10/1/17

Name: Craig Garbison Clean date: 2-17-04 Total Clean Time: 12 yrs, 9 months

Position nominated for: Policy and Procedures Chair Term of Commitment: 1 year

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:

Alt-GSR & GSR for Rutherford Co. Night Owls '05 – '06, Temp GSR for A New Beginning '05, Temp GSR for By the Book '08, Alt-Treas. For By the Book '09, Treasurer for By the Book 2010 , GNA Activities Chair '07 – '08, GNA Lit Chair Jan '09 to Aug '10, VRSC Alt-Sec. from end of '07 to end of term in '08, VRSC Secretary from '08 to '10. Vice-Chair of VRSC from August '10 to '11, Chair of VRSC from 2011 to 2013, Chair of VRSC Financial-Legal Ad-hoc October '10 to 2013, VRSC Alt. Treasurer August 2013, VRSC Treasurer 2014, Interim Chair of HOT ASC, Interim RCM for The HOT ASC. I have participated in Policy and Procedures committees at the VRSC and GNA, Panel Coordinator for Rutherford County Jail and workhouse from 2015 to present, I have been chair/meeting secretary for every group I have participated in.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I believe I can work well with others in service settings. I am a very active member of Narcotics Anonymous, in both personal recovery and service work, I have worked the 12 Steps, as well as study and live the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts.

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

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.*

## Results of motions voted on

Motion #01-06-04-17: increase hotel cost cap for trusted servants - Motion passed

Motion #Y-6-5-16: Add to RD responsibility – Declared out of order.

Motion #--Z-6-5-16: Add to RD responsibility – Declared out of order

Nomination #08-06-17-05 VRC #36 Chair Kerwin C. – Motion passed

Nomination #08-06-17-04 VRSC – Secretary Roberto G. – Motion passed

Lastly there was an issue brought up regarding 2 of the motions sent back to groups to vote on. The motions were declared out of order because the maker signature was not on motion. Mind you the motion was a 2nd attempt from last year due to said motion being "lost" and mind you the RCMS all voted to send back to groups to be voted on, this comes after one of the previous RD. The Past RD has provided me with the 10th Concept Letter which was read to the Regional Body.

Good morning family. I'm here to address a personal grievance (Concept10) concerning the RD Team and a statement made about the CAR & CAT votes at the previous conference (WSC16). It has been brought to my attention that Lucy O has questioned the integrity and reporting of the team. Some of you were here when we had a roll call on all the CAR votes and were attempting to do the same thing

concerning the CAT votes but so many areas did not have the votes on the CAT at that particular time it was suggested that they would send us their votes to be tabulated and we would vote accordingly to the way we were mandated. Tim and I came back and gave a thorough report with how we voted and with handouts. Thanks to the RCM's overriding the chairperson, we were able to show Power Points and videos from the conference. All of their information was given to the RCM's to take back. Lucy O chose to call me and expected me to give her a report on how the votes went. I refused to due to time constraints and a plea not to reveal things that were going on due to somebody posting information and a RD receiving death threats. I knew I wasn't going to give any information to someone who is the administrator over at least 3 Facebook sites. I told Lucy she would get the information like everyone else through her RCM, and of course she wasn't happy with the answer she got. At the next regional meeting to me a frivolous motion was sent from West Tennessee concerning the tabulation of votes and how they were reported. This is the same motion their body has before it today, Y-6-5-16. I see this motion still doesn't have a maker or a second. The RCM brought the motion but he wouldn't attach his name to it, and couldn't get a second for it. This was simply a case of someone getting their feelings hurt and acting out. I have taken this as a personal attack by someone who didn't want me to be the RDA in the first place. I have overlooked the fact that she offered no help or training while she was the RD. I overlooked when in 2014 she counted all of the CAR & CAT votes and gave the Region the tabulations. But I will not sit back and allow her to lie concerning CAT votes being thrown away or using this body to get preferential treatment so she can put information on her blog or 3 Facebook sites. I will not sit back while someone attacks my integrity or that of the RD team. Lucy O is a good ITT person, but she is not a good mentor nor did she try to be with me. She owes this body and the RD team an apology.

Yours in Loving Service

There was a mention to our previous WT RCM not including in his report and that was where the blame was laid. The P and P chair replied

P& P: I respect the 10 concepts. That is there anything that takes place we are all doing our best. That is a frivolous motion that is up to the Chair person. As a vote can taken to override the chairperson. Determination of the result as to original motion is speculative. Nothing was in the minutes. There was no definitive as to what was in the original minutes. The minutes did not speak to it. As far as not being mentored or trained. Was the wrong questioning the integrity (June 2016thish). What would you request from the body?

Next RCM MEETING IS AT VRC 35 AT 9:30 AM

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

**Activities** – Hey fam. Last night, Activities hosted its Halloween Event/Costume contest. We had over 60 addicts in attendance plus 18 children. Everything went well at Hope Presbyterian and we are looking forward to doing our NYE event there. Donald T. from Jackson spoke and did a great job. We raised \$703. We paid \$50 to Hope for the room and I reimbursed myself \$150. I will be depositing \$503. We will have our next Activities meeting on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm where SA meets to discuss NYE.

**Archives** – No report

**H & I** – Hey family. All is well with H&I Subcommittee. We currently have all of our panels filled at the time. However, we are still in need of members meeting the 3 month clean time requirements to help carry the message to our facilities. The men and women's panels at the SCDC really need support. Please contact Lucy O. ([lucy.owens@gmail.com](mailto:lucy.owens@gmail.com)) or Scott K ([skinggbb@yahoo.com](mailto:skinggbb@yahoo.com)) for more details. We have a lit order of \$138.10.

**Literature** – Everything is good.

**Newsletter** – Greetings from The Clean Times. The newsletter is going well and we hope to have the new one in early due to the holidays. As always we are looking for article ideas and people to write those articles. The next meeting will be on Nov 12th at 3pm at Dunkin Donuts at Poplar and White Station. We have no clean time requirement to be a part of so come on out and have your voice heard.

**NA in May** – We will have our kickoff meeting next Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm at Café Eclectic. We have a lot to discuss and would like to get T-shirts out before VRC so we can sell them there.

**Policy and Procedure** – No report

**VRC** – You can register online at [www.vrcna.org](http://www.vrcna.org)

## GROUP REPORTS

**Clarity** – Hello Family. All is well with Clarity. We continue to have steady attendance from recovery centers. Our average attendance is around 20. We have had 7 newcomers so far this month and have 4 new home group members

**Clean A.I.R.** – Hi all! All is well at Clean A.I.R. Meetings have been positive and usually carry a strong message of recovery. No issues to discuss. Average attendance is 25-30 people. Usually 2-4 newcomers a month. No updates.

**Desire** – Hey y'all. Desire continues to be doing well and carrying the message. We are averaging about 70 in attendance each week with a lot of newcomers and treatment centers. No issues to report.

**G.I.F.T.** – All is well at G.I.F.T. Average attendance is 8 to 10 per meeting. We had 5 newcomers.

**Good Orderly Direction** – I'm glad to be back. Seems like it has been a while. Good Orderly Direction has shared the message of recovery this month to 33 addicts on average. We have no new members. We will celebrate one birthday.

**Harmony** – All is good at Harmony. We have 15 to 20 in attendance at every meeting. We had 5 newcomers this month.

**High On Life** – Greetings from High On Life. We are doing well and are still coming out our lit for topics. We had an average of twenty addicts come through our door this month. One quick reminder we will be celebrating our two year anniversary on Nov 13th with a potluck. If you would like to come and bring a dish let me know. If you can't bring something, you are still welcome. The festivities will begin with at 7:30 with great food and fellowship followed at 8:30 by a fantastic meeting. Come on out.

**Hope Dealers** – Good afternoon you guys! All is excellent with Hope Dealers. Come on out to Arlington to hear or share some experience, strength and hope

**Keep it Green** – Things are going well at Keep it Green. Attendance was a little lower this month but we still had an average of 30-50 addicts per meeting with a couple newcomers and a couple new home group members. We have no literature order this month and no donation to area but we are making a donation of \$80.49 of cups, coffee, creamer and sugar to VRC hospitality and also helped purchase the new coffee pots and container for the groups that meet at Trinity.

**Lunch Bunch** – Lunch Bunch is alive and well. We meet 7 days a week. So far this month we've had an average of 14 people per meeting with 25 newcomers.

**One is Too Many** – All is well with One is Too Many. We had 3 newcomers this month. We have an average of 17 in attendance at each meeting. No celebrations next month. This Friday, 10/27, Christine will be speaking. Come out and help us celebrate recovery. There will be pizza served. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Primary Purpose** – All is well at Primary Purpose. We had 10 newcomers last month with an average of 15-20 addicts in attendance.

**Saturday Night Alive** – All is going well at Saturday Night Alive. We have an average of 2 newcomers a meeting. Average attendance is 40. No birthdays in November but many will be coming in December and January.

**Simplicity is the Key** – Greetings family! All is well with Simplicity. We have an average of 30-35 addicts in attendance each meeting as well as 2-3 newcomers each meeting. No events to announce.

**Spiritual Awakenings** – Hello fam. All is well with Spiritual Awakenings.

**Thursday Niters** – Hey Fam! All is well at Thursday Niters. We've had good attendance but as always, we'd love to see some fresh faces so come out and support.

**Unity** – Unity is located on Hernando and Brooks Rd. The group is still in existence, attendance has fallen off. Tourists from Graceland are continually in attendance. There is a dire need of support in reference to attendance. There's a great need for the clarity statement to be expanded on. The atmosphere of predecessors and the other fellowship is present in this area. Need to know that NA can stand on its own.

**We Are Entirely Ready** – Hello family. Sorry for my absence. At We Are Entirely Ready, our meetings are every Saturday from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. We average around 20 to 25 addicts per meeting. We have no new members and no birthdays next month.

**You+Me=We** – Greetings family. All is well at You + Me = We. Our attendance has been 121 over the last month including 4 newcomers. We meet daily at 8 am in the Cooper Young area. We'd love to have you join us. We have 1 birthday

## **OPEN FORUM TOPICS**

**None**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Motion: To nominate Laurie R. as Literature Chair**

Motion passes 12-0-3

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**None**

**Next W.T.A.S.C. meeting is 11/19/2017**

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER</b>				
<b>Monies Received</b>				
<b>Source</b>	<b>Literature</b>	<b>Donations</b>	<b>Tot Rec'ds</b>	<b>Basic Texts</b>
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Clean A.I.R.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Cordova Hope	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Courage to Change	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Desire	\$ 5.30	\$ 19.70	\$ 25.00	0
Doin This Thing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Clarity	\$ 58.35	\$ 24.00	\$ 82.35	0
Get Honest or Die	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Gift	\$ 31.75	\$ 3.25	\$ 35.00	2
Good Orderly Direction	\$ 11.15	\$ 0.10	\$ 11.25	0
Harmony	\$ 31.40	\$ 8.60	\$ 40.00	5
High on Life	\$ 13.20	\$ -	\$ 13.20	2
Hope Dealers	\$ 3.20	\$ -	\$ 3.20	0
Hopenminded	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Keep it Green	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Living Clean	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Lunch Bunch	\$ 174.30	\$ 50.00	\$ 224.30	7
Miracles Happen	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
More Will Be Revealed	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
New Beginings II	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
No Matter What	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Out of The Darkness	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
One is Too Many	\$ 28.80	\$ 1.20	\$ 30.00	3
Positive Awareness	\$ 66.00	\$ -	\$ 66.00	
Positive Image	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Primary Purpose	\$ 22.00	\$ -	\$ 22.00	
Sat Nite Alive	\$ 35.22	\$ 3.78	\$ 39.00	1
Simplicity is the Key	\$ 20.55	\$ 9.45	\$ 30.00	2
Somerville Group	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Spiritual Awakening	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Step Write In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
The Attic	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Thursday Nighters	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Unity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
We Are Entirely Ready	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Welcome Home	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
You+ Me = we	\$ 27.33	\$ 10.67	\$ 38.00	2
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Misc	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>\$ 548.55</b>	<b>\$ 130.75</b>	<b>\$ 679.30</b>	<b>24</b>
Donations	\$ 130.75			
Literature	\$ 548.55			
NA in May donation	\$ -			
Activities	<b>\$ 503.00</b>			
Subtotal Received At Area	\$ 1,182.30			
Prior Balance	\$ 5,846.72			
	\$ -			
Available	\$ 7,029.02			



Expenses					
Name	Amount	Check Number			
			<b>VOIDED CHECKS</b>		
P.O. Box Rental (1 year)	\$ -				
PI - Schedules	\$ -				
PI - Petty Cash Operating Fund	\$ -				
PI - Travel Expense to VRC	\$ -				
Secretary - Expense Reimbursement	\$ -		<b>Literature Expense</b>		
Activities	\$ -		H&I Literature	\$ 138.10	
Storage Rental	\$ -		PI Literature	\$ -	
Checks	\$ -		Group Literature	\$ 548.55	
Newsletter-Expense Reimbursement	\$ -		Add Lit		
Literature- Expense Reimbursement	\$ -		rent	\$ -	
Treasurer's-Expense Reimbursement	\$ -		Starter kit Inst Mtg		
Policy - Expense Reimbursement	\$ -		Sub Total	\$ 686.65	
RCM - Travel Advance	\$ -		Lone Star Discount	\$ -	
VRC 35 Donation	\$ -		Total Literature	\$ 686.65	
Safe Deposit Box					
PI Phone Line / Freedom Voice	\$ 8.45				
Literature (Florida Regional Office)	\$ 1,031.94				
VRSC, Inc. (Regional Donation)	\$ -				
World Donation	\$ -				
Reimbursement Brad H Website hosting	\$ -				<b>Basic Text Fund</b>
Area Rent	\$ 20.00			Beginning Balance	\$ 3,865.28
Glen H outreach	\$ -			BT Count	24
	\$ -			Ending Balance	\$ 3,708.08
	\$ -				
	\$ -				
	\$ -				
	\$ -				
Total Expenses	\$ 1,060.39				
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 5,968.63</b>				
<b>Set Asides</b>					
Prudent Reserve	\$ 635.00				
PI Schedules \$250 qtrly \$83.33 monthly	\$ 83.33		Paid September 2017		
Newsletter \$25 qtrly 8.33 monthly	\$ 16.66		Paid August 2017		
Safe Deposit Box \$150 yr \$12.50 monthly	\$ 50.00		Paid June 2017		
PO Box Rental \$140 yr \$11.67 monthly	\$ 58.35		Paid May 2017		
Freedom Voice Phone Line	\$ 8.45				
Website hosting \$148.24 \$12.36 monthly	\$ 123.60		Paid Dec 2016		
Activities	\$ 503.00		Deposited on 10-22-17		
Outreach	\$ 5.54				
Tentative literature order	\$ 943.85				
NA in May Basic Text Fund	\$ 3,708.08				
Total Set Asides	\$ 6,135.86				
Available Cash	\$ (167.23)				
<b>Total Set Asides &amp; Avail Cash</b>	<b>\$ 5,968.63</b>				

**West Tennessee Area of Narcotics  
Anonymous Activities Subcommittee**



Expense Breakdown for ~~2016 Activities Game Day~~ Halloween 2017

Chair: Sara S.

DATE: 10/22/17

Vice Chair: Tonia L.

For the Month of: October

décor/food 550.00  
Church 50.00

Reimbursements: \$ 150.00 Sara  
\$ 400.00 activities

**Total Profit \$ 103.00**

Total Expenses Combined: 600.00

For the Halloween Event we charges \$5....no addict left behind

Total Profit (\$5 per person) 703.00

Total Amount Combined: 703.00

**ATTACHED TO REPORT ARE ALL RECEIPTS FOR EXPENSES PURCHASED**

In Loving Service Sara S

Total Deposit \$503.00