

West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (11/17/2019)

WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW FOR OUR BUSINESS MEETING?

Open Positions	Suggested Clean Time
Treasurer	3 years
Outreach	

Motions needing home group votes:

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- **Chair** – No report
- **Vice Chair** - No report
- **Secretary** – I just want to give a refresher to the GSRs and let you know that you have the option to email your group report to secretary.wtasc@gmail.com if you'd rather do that than write a report on paper.
- **Alt secretary** - Absent
- **RCM** - Open position
- **RCM Alt** – Open position
- **Treasurer**

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities – The activities subcommittee met yesterday and we had 4 people show up. We went over ideas for the New Years Eve party and where to have the event. Anybody who is willing to help out please get with me after the meeting so we can exchange numbers.

Archives – Open position

H & I – Hello family, things are improving with H&I. Grace House is still open, and Sarah T. will act as if until the panel is filled. Also, La Paloma is closed to us now; they decided to take clients to outside meetings on our designated days so at the moment we are 1 panel down. Thank you GSRs for getting back to me with numbers for your home group members that are willing to share their stories-I will compile a list soon. We are planning an H&I learning day for sometime in January or February. Thanks for letting me be of service-

Sam T.

Literature – No report

NA in May – Open position

Newsletter – The winter newsletter issue is ready. The theme is surviving the holidays clean. The next issue will be March 2020 and the theme will be experience, strength and hope on steps 4 and 5

Outreach – open position

Policy and Procedure – We were unable to meet on November 16th due to a urgent last minute problem that came up for the chair. We will be having a Zoom meeting later this week, time and date to be determined. Let me know if you want to participate.

Public Relations – no report

VRC 2021 Ad Hoc- We will still be meeting on next Saturday November 23rd at 4 PM at Trinity United Methodist. Come be there to help guide our decisions for the upcoming VRC Convention in Memphis 2021.

GROUP REPORTS

Clarity – not present

Clean Air- not present

Clean Steam- Hello family, all is well at Clean Steam. We had 20 attend this month. Basic text study. We have 2 1 year anniversaries coming up next month; please come out to support.

Cordova Hope- Hello family, all is well at Cordova Hope. We have had an average of 10-12 in attendance on Tuesday/Thursday noon meetings and 20-30 on Sunday nights. Also 2-3 UofM nursing students are visiting any given Tuesday/Thursday meeting. We have added 2 new homegroup members this month.

Desire – Desire is going well. The last few weeks we have had 30-40 addicts from various halfway houses and rehab centers. So come on out and show them it works, talk to them and show what was done for us.

Doin this Thing- Not present

Get Honest or Die – All is well at GHOD. Still seeing 30-40 people per week plus a women's treatment facility has joined us a couple of weeks. Always welcoming and encouraging more women to carry the message, especially 20 women or so came with this treatment facility. Two birthday meetings this month but date hasn't been decided.

GIFT – absent

Good Orderly Direction – absent

Harmony- Average of 20

High On Life – Greetings from HOL where we are good and still meet at 8:30 in the Fireplace room in the back at Colonial Park United Methodist Church. We are drug court approved. There were 21 addicts this month, so we could use some support. Carol D will be celebrating 5 years in Nov. 25th. We have no literature or donation this month.

Hope Dealers – no report

Keep it Green – no report

Lunch Bunch– Good afternoon, Everyone! All is well at the Lunch Bunch. We continue to meet seven days a week. Saturday meetings are 90 minutes long with a rotating literature-based format with the 4th Saturday being a speaker discussion meeting. In the spirit of rotation, Doug M. has stepped up to chair

that meeting replacing Kerry T. The Sunday meeting is at 2 pm rather than noon. Our primary purpose is to carry the message of NA to addicts who still suffer. The atmosphere at our meetings is an inviting one. In keeping with our primary purpose, the Lunch Bunch has elected to provide food during and after the meeting on Thanksgiving Day. We realize that holidays are often the times when addicts may be most vulnerable. No one needs be alone...never again. There will also be a speaker on that date.

No Matter What- not present

One is Too Many – not present

Plan B- not present

Primary Purpose – All is well with Primary Purpose. We are gearing up for sponsorship day on December 1. We will have food, refreshments starting at 7:30 pm followed by our regularly scheduled meeting at 8pm. The topic will be sponsorship. Please come out and join us.

Saturday Night Alive – Saturday night alive is still hanging on and continuing to carry the message. Come support us. Come share a short version of your story with us one night.

Simplicity is the Key – Hello family, all is well at SITK. We had 200 addicts attend our meeting last month and 4 newcomers.

Something Different – Good afternoon, at Something Different we have been averaging 30+ people a meeting and things have been going well. We have no birthdays this month.

Spiritual Awakenings- Good afternoon family, all is well at Spiritual awakenings. We've had quite a few celebrations recently and will have a few more coming up.

Step Write In- no report

Thursday Nighters – Thursday nighters is well and will be open on Thanksgiving.

Unity – All is well, nothing has changed. We are still averaging 15 people a meeting and a treatment center once or twice a month. We need support from experienced NA member have a rotating format which are on the 1st Tuesday of the month is question and answers 2nd read and share from the living clean the third read and share from the basic tet 4th tuesday we have a speaker meeting and if there is a 5th we have an open discussion meeting.

We are Entirely Ready – absent

Welcome Home- Group is going well with average of 15-20 people per meeting, book study on Tuesdays and 1 newcomer this month.

You+me=we- All is well at You+Me=We. We meet at 8 am 7 days a week at First Congo church located in the Cooper-Young neighborhood. We will meet Thanksgiving Day and all holidays. Our attendance the last month was 126 with 5 newcomers. We have 2 new home group members. Please join us and share your experience strength and hope.

Upcoming Birthdays

Cordova Hope

Paul B, 10 yrs 11/24/19

Karen B, 1 yr 11/26/19

Ed H, 1 yr 12/13/19

Clean Steam

Casey A, 1 yr 12/28/19

Christina W, 1 yr 12/28/19

GHOD

Russell C, 11 years

Date TBD- 11/23 or 11/30

Penny K, 6 years

Date TBD - 11/23 or 11/30

Lunch Bunch s

12/22 Jim T., 4 years

Primary Purpose

Alex W, 12/15/19 2 yrs

Janice M, 1/26/20

Lucy O, 2/9/20

Spiritual Awakenings

11/22 Sarah C 3 yrs

Debbie S Jan 3, 28 years

Taylor O January 10, 9 years

You+Me=We

12/16 Mike S 8 yrs

01/02 Lamar 31 yrs

Welcome Home

Alan J, 2 yrs; Michelle P 3 yrs

Date TBD

We are Entirely Ready

11/30 Andre Y 17 yrs

OPEN FORUM TOPICS

1.) Juan S suggested the area support for a Christmas marathon meeting.

Con: needs support, there cannot be only 1 person running it

Pro: Carries the message to addicts during a potentially stressful time

VOTE: All GSRs voted at the meeting and passed. All GSRs and other members willing to help facilitate meetings can add their name to signup list with Juan.

2.) Terry opened discussion for questions and concerns regarding a hybrid meeting that is being developed. She noted the benefit for people who are homebound, unable to get to meetings due to children, etc. The meeting will be held via Zoom.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion Maker: Primary Purpose **Seconded by:** Simplicity is the Key

Motion: Nomination for Lucy O. for RCM

Intent: To fulfill an open position

Willingness Statement: Cleantime 1/21/87

Group level - served at every Group position at one time or another

Area level - in the past, served as Secretary, Treasurer, rcm alt, rcm, phonline chair, policy chair, archivist

Region - alt secretary, secretary, alt regional delegate, regional delegate, ITCC

Zone - secretary

Multizonal service symposium - recorder

I have a sponsor, home group, work steps and traditions.

No- 0 Yes- 17 Abstain- 0

Motion Maker: GHOD, **Seconded by:** Desire

Motion: To nominate Jonathan M. for NA in May Chair.

Intent: to fulfill a position.

Willingness Statement: I am willing to step up as NA in May Chair. Clean date is 7/27/2017. I have a sponsor that has a sponsor and well all currently work steps. I was NA in May vice-chair last year. I have been vice-chair for NA in May once before and chair twice. I have been GSR of homegroup many years, done H&I, vice chair of Area & chair of Area for two years. While I lied about being clean for several years thus never having suggested clean time for my positions I still filled all the positions and never misappropriated NA funds. And if you care to question my clean time today, I don't blame you but I'll gladly and willingly take a drug test at your expense if you so care. ILS, Jonathan M.

No- 0 Yes- 16 Abstain- 1

Motion Maker: SITK **Seconded by:** GHOD

Motion: To nominate Terry B. as archivist.

Intent: to fulfill a position.

Willingness statement:

Statement of Willingness and Service Resume Form

NAME: Terry Berryhill

CLEAN DATE: 03/16/ 1982

HOME GROUP: No Matter What and non-voting member of Clean Air

PHONE: (901)277-0870

EMAIL: terry.berryhill@gmail.com

SERVICE POSITION YOU ARE SEEKING: WTASC Archivist

Statement of Willingness

I am willing to serve as archivist for the WTASC for the term required. My home is secure and large enough to store the required boxes in a dry, secure place.

Service history:

I have served at group, area and regional positions over the last 37 years. Positions have included

Group level positions – GSR, Alt GSR, Treasurer, Secretary

Area level positions – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, H & I Chair, PR Chair. Vice/Alt positions (not sure what else 😊)

Regional level positions – RCM Alt, RCM, VRC Chair (3 Times), VRC Vice Chair, VRC Treasurer, VRC Program Chair

What are your goals for this position if elected?

I would like to see the historical document displayed at functions so that some of the newer people can have the opportunity to see some of the NA history. This would of course be at the discretion of the WTASC.

Normal Questions related to positions

Have you completed all the twelve steps of narcotics anonymous in writing, working with a sponsor?

Yes, I have worked through the steps many times and have a sponsor, I also work steps with other addicts that I respect their recovery and want what they have to offer.

Do you have a current working knowledge of the 12 traditions and the 12 concepts of NA? Yes

Have you failed to complete or been removed from a service position in the last five years? No

Have you misappropriated NA funds and/or property? Yes

If yes, explain: Early in recovery 1-3 years I would “borrow” group money to get gas or cigarettes and repay. I was group treasurer, so I stopped being treasurer or holding the money until I was more financially secure. This money has been fully reimbursed and I continue to add additional money to the basket to make amends for this and to show my gratitude.

No- 0 Yes- 16 Abstain- 1

NEW BUSINESS

Motion Maker: Thursday Nighters **Seconded by:** Lunch Bunch

Motion: Hold Christmas marathon area paying for facilities rent \$50.00

Intent: Carry the message at a stressful time.

This motion is not being sent back to groups for a vote.

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Next W.T.A.S.C. meeting is December 15, 2019

Title/Sub/Group	Name	9/22/2019	10/27/2019	11/17/2019
Administrative				
Chairperson	Drew R.	X	X	X
Vice Chairperson	Sara S.	X	O	X
Secretary	Sarah M.	X	X	X
Alternate Secretary	Taylor O	OPEN	OPEN	O
Treasurer	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Alternate Treasurer	Leigh Ann F.	X	X	X
Regional Committee Member	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Alternate Regional Committee Member	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Subcommittees				
Activities	Destin B	OPEN	OPEN	X
Archives	OPEN	X	O	O
Hospitals and Institutions	Sam T.	X	X	X
Literature	Bronson R.	X	X	X
NA in May	Geoff B.	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Newsletter	Juan S.	O	X	X
Outreach	OPEN	X	OPEN	OPEN
Policy and Procedures	Glenn H	X	X	X
Public Relations	Bill S.	X	O	X
Voting Groups				

Clean Steam	Chris R.	X	X	X
Cordova Hope	Paul B.	X	X	X
Desire	Russell	X	X	X
G.I.F.T.	Frank S.	X	X	O
GHOD	Jonathan M	X	X	X
Harmony	Thomas B.	X	X	O
High On Life	David T.	X	X	X
Hope Dealers	Michael M.	X	X	X
Lunch Bunch	Willie T.	X	X	X
Keep It green	Brooks S	X	O	X
No Matter What	Drew R.	X	X	O
One is too many	Susan V.	O	X	O
Primary Purpose	Dennis B	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	Kate G.	X	X	X
Thursday Nighters	Sam	X	X	X
Unity Group	Lamar G.	X	X	X
We Are Entirely Ready	Mancill W.	X	X	O
Welcome Home	Ryan B.	X	X	X
You + Me = We	Karen W.	X	X	X
Non-Voting Groups and Meetings				
Clean A.I.R.	Allison L	O	O	O
Clarity (was Farfromusen)	Perry	O	O	O
Good Orderly Direction	Ben D			O
Plan B	Brandy C	O	O	O
Doin' This Thing	Brad B.	O	O	O
Step Write In	Vince H.	X	O	X

