

# West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (12/18/2016)

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

### AVAILABLE OPEN AREA POSITIONS:

RCM  
RCM ALT  
ALT SECRETARY  
ARCHIVIST

### REGIONAL VOTE TO TAKE BACK TO HOMEGROUPS:

There is one new nomination to vote on in your groups: Craig G for Policy and Procedure chair. FYI, he has held and completed several regional positions over the past 10 or so years...

His service resume:

Name: Craig Garbison, Clean date: 2-17-04

Total Clean Time: 12 yrs, 9 months

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 Adhoc 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.

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.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair- No report.

Vice Chair- No report.

Secretary- No report.

Treasurer- See report.

Regional Committee Member - There was much discussion about the idea of one group, one vote at Region. A number of years ago the region changed to that way of voting, rather than one area/one vote. There has been one group consistently who does not agree with voting that way so brings just one vote for the area rather than a tally of groups. It's been discussed multiple times and a motion made to change it back to one area/one vote. Finally it was decided that the area that refuses to follow along with the policy should be called out of order when they vote because they aren't

following the policy voted on by all the groups in the region. That area didn't vote at all this past VRSC. MWBR but maybe this was the end of this discussion for a while.

VRC update:

There were 101 pre, 156 regular registrations, 443 in newcomer donations

6000 seed money turned over and they are mailing remaining balance.

They counted 556 people at the Sat night meeting.

No 1 day registrations.

Speakers/workshops on vrc34.com website until February. (although they aren't there yet.)

There were 2 topics of discussion related to VRC. In Knoxville, on most years VRC rotates to that area, it falls on a big football weekend. They would like for the region to consider changing the rotation of areas. Chattanooga will ask their area if they are ok with switching with Knoxville in the rotation. Also, it was discussed that instead of just the VRC committee stand and be recognized, maybe the VRSC members could also be recognized at the Saturday night meeting. This will be deferred to the VRC guideline revision committee.

There was a letter read from Greater Nashville about non RCMs monopolizing the floor at region. It was very critical particularly of the admin body and there was much discussion. A copy of the letter and discussion points are in the regional minutes that are uploaded to [natennessee.org/members](http://natennessee.org/members).

Charmaine was voted in as PR chair and Eddie as H&I. They had both been voted in as interim before. **What would you like to see these subcommittees do on a regional level? Bring feedback to the next area for whoever our RCM is to take back to region.** The next PR Skype meeting will be moved a week early Jan 22, 2017 8pm eastern. Contact Chairmaine for more info about PR and details about the skype meeting - (336) 577-1813.

Charmaine, as PR chair, is going to the next southern zonal forum because there is a topic on PR. As well as the "what does the zone do committee" Chair. The next SZF is the last weekend in January in Pearl MS. More info can be found at [szfna.org](http://szfna.org) on the events link.

It was suggested that we read a concept at the beginning of the meeting. The chair can add this to the agenda since they are the ones who set the agenda. It was also suggested that we do a regional inventory and this discussion as moved to next regional meeting.

From the RD about the Regional Assembly: I would like to do Two of the IDT topics however there should be time to address more issues, as I always say Tim and I work for the area's so we need your area's input on what you guys want or need for us to address. Here the Issue Discussion Topics for the 2016-2018 cycle ; The Atmosphere of Recovery in Service, How to use Guiding Principles, along with Applying our Principles to Technology and Social Media. There are 2 other older IDT's we might want to look at The Roles of Zones, and Collaboration. But as I stated it's whatever you guys want to workshop is what we will try to do. **If you have any interest in attending, your feedback is requested on topics of discussion.**

The ITCC chair (moi) has asked the areas what counties they cover? So, what counties do we have meetings in? Shelby? Where else?

All of the motions/nominations passed.

## **VRC 35 COMMITTEE**

I attended VRC 34 and the VRSC Committee meeting in Chattanooga. VRC Committee met on December 4 at Pyros Pizza. We have a balance of \$720.00 cash on hand. We have the following open positions:

Vice Chair - 4 years continuance abstinence

Alt Secretary - 3 years clean

Hospitality - 3 years clean

Arts and Graphics - 3 years clean

Registration - 3 years clean

Fundraising - 3 years



We are in the process of opening a bank account. The Logo Art Contest is ongoing with a due date of 12/3/2016. The winner will get a free registration to VRC 35. Our website is <http://www.vrcna.com>. Check it out. Our next meeting is Sunday, Jan. 8 at 1:30PM 1500 S. Perkins.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Activities** - Greetings fam, All is well with simplicity is the key. On average we have about 30 to 45 people in attendance with 1 to 2 newcomers. Please come out and support. We have two ballin' anniversaries coming up. On January 10, Laughlin T. will celebrate 1 year. And on January 17, Tayler D. will celebrate 6 years clean.

**H & I** - All is well with H&I Subcommittee as we continue to carry the message of NA into these facilities. However at this period of time we need support as we have four open panels that we need filled. They are

La Paloma Al Tuesday at 730pm  
CAAPS(men) alt Thursday @ 7pm  
MRC youth coed)tuesday @8pm  
Lakeside Alt Friday @8pm

We have been contacted by two separate facilities to start carrying the message there but at the time we are unable to even fill our current panels. Please help us out and spread the word at your meetings along with the clean time requirements.

**Literature** - No report.

**NA in May** - The NA in May subcommittee met on Sunday Dec. 18 at 10 am with 5 addicts in attendance.

We discussed and planned the Chili Cookoff, which will take place Jan. 21 in conjunction with the Lunch Bunch meeting. Dana B. from Little Rock will be speaking. Flyers are now available and were distributed at area. Chris and Laughlin will take money at the event. We will gather power strips from members, and will purchase the necessary supplies, condiments, etc.

We also touched on the February event which will be a spaghetti dinner on February 11.

First run of t shirts are due in by end of January. Chris will reach out to Ron at Bartlett to see if any shirts might be available by the Chili Cookoff.

We still are seeking a Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary, as well as willing folks and serve in a variety of capacities at the event itself.

Action items: Laughlin will contact Trinity Church regarding the Feb. event, and will also work on the NA in May event flyer; Christine will inventory NA in May items in her possession; Chris will reach out to prior years' chili cookoff participants and encourage their participation this year.

It was decided to try a different day and venue for our next meeting. It will be on January 19 at 6 pm at Trinity Church, prior to the Thursday Nighters meeting.

**Newsletter** - Greetings from The Clean Times where all is well. We held our last meeting on Dec. 11 and had 2 people. Don't forget that there is no clean time to be a part of and have an opinion. We are currently looking for people to write articles if you would like to or know someone let me know. We are also looking to put in any celebrations or events that your group or committee are having if they are to be held between April and June. Our next meeting will be held on Jan. 8th at 3pm at Dunkin Donuts at Poplar and White Station.

**Outreach** - Greetings from Outreach, our last meeting we discussed Capture the Banner Phase II which is now in full effect. This game has been a great way to promote unity and support meetings. This game will end on NYE and the winning group will be announced at the NYE event. So let's capture some banners. If there is any meeting who needs support, let me know today!

**Public Relations** - While using the meeting listings at [na-wt.org](http://na-wt.org), I noticed some errors. For example, the meetings held at 1738 Galloway tell people to go up the stairs, where now all NA meetings there are in the basement. Another example is the address listed for the Lunch Bunch is different on different days. I'd further encourage GSR's and/or people who can update the meeting list to do what you can to get this info updated. Let's make sure that we're giving newcomers and out-of-towners the best information to get to our meetings! Hello Family: I'm in Arizona doing the Christmas thing and will be unable to attend area. Thanks to James R., I've been brought up to speed on the workings of our phone line. I've updated the listings for each day to reflect the more recent meeting changes. I'd encourage GSR's to call on the day or days that their meetings meet to see if the listing is accurate, or if any information needs to be added. The phone line is 901-276-LIVE.

## **GROUP REPORTS**

**Clean A.I.R.** - Hey Guys, all is well at Clean Air. Lately we have been hosting potlucks at our meeting location at 6:30 until the meeting starts. It has been wonderful and a great time to feel apart of. No problems to address. The average attendance is 20+ people. 2-4 newcomers a month. No other updates.

**Cordova Hope** - Cordova Hope continues to welcome 30-40 addicts per meeting as well as 2-3 newcomers. We've just finished up a month of birthdays and have added a couple of new members. We continue to need strong women in recovery to attend as newcomer women do need sponsors.

**Desire** - Everything is great at Desire, come recover in the soft and elegant candlelight with us.

**Doin' This Thing** - No report.

**Farfromusen** - No report.

**Good Orderly Direction** - No report.

**High On Life** - Greetings from High On Life. We are doing well. We had 86 people come through our doors this month. We also continue to be a literature based meeting and have a literature study the last Monday of every month. We have two celebrations happening the first is Ben E. tomorrow night and he will be celebrating 10 years and Eric N, will celebrate 9 years on Jan. 9th.

**Lunch Bunch** - Lunch Bunch is alive and well. 265 recovering addicts is the daily average that have attended so far this month. 5 newcomers. Through group conscience, it was decided that Saturday meetings would become 1 ½ hour meetings again. We've handed out flyers and that here to be taken to you home meeting.

**Keep It Green** - Hey Family, All is well at Keep It Green. We currently have 4 homegroup members. Our meeting averages at 20-25 addicts with approximately 3-5 newcomers per month. There are no birthdays for the month of January, however we do have Jay R. celebrating 5 years this Friday the 23rd.

**No Matter What** - All is well at NMW. Our meeting attendance is doing better but it's hit or miss. We are participating in Capture the Banner and enjoying it.

**One is Too Many** - No report.

**Primary Purpose** - What up and greetings from Primary Purpose. All is well. We have an average meeting attendance of 30-80 addicts including newcomers. We continue to be a topic discussion meeting and all are welcome to get a hug and greeting and enjoy at great meeting, there's plenty of seating.

**Saturday Night Alive** - Everything is going well at SNA.



**Simplicity is the Key** - Greetings fam, All is well with simplicity is the key. On average we have about 30 to 45 people in attendance with 1 to 2 newcomers. Please come out and support.

**Something Different** - Hello Family, all is well at Something Different after meeting with church staff. We are unable to have meeting Dec 26 and Jan. 2 at current location due to church closing for the holidays. However, Grimes Memorial where High On Life meets at 4649 Summer Ave. Same time just different location for those 2 days only.

**Spiritual Awakenings** - Hey Fam, All is well at SA. We continue to get 30-40 peoples per meeting with 3-4 newcomers including treatment centers. Would love to see new old timers at this meeting.

**Step Write In 2: Electric Boogaloo** - Nothing new.

**Thursday Nighters** - See calendar for upcoming birthdays.

**We Are Entirely Ready** - No report.

**Welcome Home** - No report.

**You+Me=We** - All is well at You + Me = We. We meet daily, including holidays, at 8AM in the Cooper Young area. Our attendance is steady with 109 in attendance this month along with 9 newcomers. Please come out and share your experience, strength and hope, we'd love to see you.

## **OPEN FORUM TOPICS**

No Open Forum

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Topics for Regional Assembly - no feedback from groups. We have time until April to submit ideas.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

(No New Business.)

**\$151.50 to Region as our Area donation.**

**Next W.T.A.S.C. meeting is Sunday, January 22, 2017.**

## Updated December Attendance

Title/Sub/Group	Name	E-mail address	10/23/2016	11/20/2016	12/18/2016
<b>Administrative</b>					
Chairperson	Chris M.	jst2da@live.com	O	X	X
Vice Chairperson	Christine J.	ioall2na@gmail.com	X	X	X
Secretary	Laughlin T.	secretary.wtasc@gmail.com; ltagg85@gmail.com	X	X	X
Alternate Secretary	OPEN		OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Treasurer	Michael H.	michh88@gmail.com	O	X	X
Alternate Treasurer	Amanda K.	amanda.kremers@yahoo.com	X	X	X
Regional Committee Member	OPEN		Lucy acting as if	OPEN	OPEN
Alternate Regional Committee Member	OPEN		OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
<b>Subcommittees</b>					
Activities	Kate G.	kategamer78@gmail.com	X	X	X
Archives	OPEN	lucy.owens@gmail.com	OPEN	OPEN	Lucy acting as if
Hospitals and Institutions	Penny B.	skinnggbb@yahoo.com; pennybrucker@gmail.com	X	X	X
Literature	Ryan K.		X	X	X
Narcotics Anonymous in May	Chris M.	jst2da@live.com	O	X	X
Newsletter	David T.	heavyt2k12@gmail.com	X	X	X
Outreach	Marcus M.	marcusmcdonald@gmail.com	acting as if	X	X
Policy and Procedures	Jonathan M.	umjnm23@hotmail.com	X	X	
Public Relations	Chad R.	publicrelations.wtasc@gmail.com	acting as if	X	
Ad Hoc - Area Move Exploration	Glen H.	glenharmon2014@att.net	X	X	X
<b>Voting Groups</b>					
Cordova Hope	Paul B.	baldpaul@yahoo.com	X	X	X
Doin' This Thing	Tony R.	skinnggbb@yahoo.com; utfan427@gmail.com	O	X	O
Farfromusen	Jennifer	jen.devore@gmail.com	X	X	O
Harmony	Martini L / Doug	martinijune67@hotmail.com; 1916 Lynn School Rd, Ripley, TN 38063	X	O	O
High On Life	David T.	heavyt2k12@gmail.com	X	X	X
Keep It Green	Penny B.	pennybrucker@gmail.com	X	X	X
No Matter What	Drew R.	druatctm@gmail.com	X	O	X
One Is Too Many	Susan V.	vergesone@gmail.com	O	X	O
Primary Purpose	Marcus M.	11196 Marquis Court #7, Arlington, TN 38002	X	X	X
Saturday Night Alive	Glen H.	glenharmon2014@att.net	X	X	X
Simplicity is the Key	Taylor D.	leighann1957@gmail.com; wedorecover41@gmail.com	X	X	X
Something Different	Amanda H.	amanda.kremers@yahoo.com; memphistigers372@gmail.com	X	X	X
Spiritual Awakenings	Sara S.	sarastansbury@gmail.com	X	X	X
Step Write in 2: Electric Boogaloo	Grace N. / Chad	gracemnuttt@yahoo.com	X	X	X
Thursday Nighters	Tonia L.	lloydtonia2015@gmail.com	X	X	X
You + Me = We	Karen W.	itypeit@yahoo.com; lamargreffen1951@gmail.com	X	O	X
G.I.F.T.	Frank S.	fschetter377@gmail.com	X	O	O
Good Orderly Direction	William S.	North Hill Woods Apartments 2999 Northhill Cove, Apt 202, Memphis 38127	X	X	O
Welcome Home	David M./Tommy	davidmcmillian123@gmail.com	X	O	O
Clean A.I.R.	Bradley D.	buddyruu@aol.com	X	O	X
Lunch Bunch	Corey P.	coreyparker11@gmail.com	X	X	X
We Are Entirely Ready	Alvin Boyce	Barron Heights Transitional Center, 1385 Lamar Ave., Memphis 31804	X	X	O
<b>Non-Voting Groups and Meetings</b>					
Desire	James R.	jamesreedbotm@gmail.com	O	X	X
Get Honest or Die			O	O	O
Starting Somewhere			O	O	O
Unity Group			O	O	O
Living Clean	Andy W.	dwtatkins34@gmail.com	X	O	O
Memphis LGBTQ NA	Michael H.	michh88@gmail.com	N/A	X	X

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER				
Monies Received				
Source	Literature	Donations	Tot Rec'ds	Basic Texts
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Clean A.I.R.	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Cordova Hope	\$17.00	\$70.00	\$87.00	
Courage to Change	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Desire	\$8.50	\$91.50	\$100.00	
Doin This Thing	\$-	\$-	\$-	
FarfromUsin	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Get Honest or Die	\$17.95	\$61.05	\$79.00	2
Gift	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Good Orderly Direction	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Harmony	\$-	\$-	\$-	
High on Life	\$25.70	\$6.05	\$31.75	
Just for ToGay	\$37.57	\$0.43	\$38.00	2
Keep it Green	\$-	\$10.00	\$10.00	
Living Clean	\$10.00	\$-	\$10.00	
Lunch Bunch	\$131.61	\$9.00	\$140.61	7
Miracles Happen	\$-	\$-	\$-	
More Will Be Revealed	\$-	\$-	\$-	
New Beginings II	\$-	\$-	\$-	
No Matter What	\$108.63	\$100.37	\$209.00	5
Out of The Darkness	\$-	\$-	\$-	
One is Too Many	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Positive Awareness	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Positive Image	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Primary Purpose	\$22.82	\$16.18	\$39.00	
Sat Nite Alive	\$10.09	\$4.91	\$15.00	
Simplicity is the Key	\$8.50	\$5.00	\$13.50	
Somerville Group	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Something Different	\$3.20	\$1.80	\$5.00	
Spiritual Awakening	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$24.00	
Step Write In	\$-	\$-	\$-	
The Attic	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Thursday Nighters	\$23.20	\$61.80	\$85.00	
Unity	\$-	\$-	\$-	
We Are Entirely Ready	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Welcome Home	\$6.40	\$13.60	\$20.00	
You+ Me = we	\$14.79	\$8.21	\$23.00	2
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Misc	\$-	\$-	\$-	
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>\$457.96</b>	<b>\$471.90</b>	<b>\$929.86</b>	<b>18</b>
Donations	\$471.90			
Literature	\$457.96			
NA in May donation	\$-			
Activities	\$-			
Subtotal Received At Area	\$929.86			
Prior Balance	\$6,916.20			
	\$-			
Available	\$7,846.06			



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	\$-				
Activities	\$400.00	2217	H&I Literature	\$22.15	
Storage Rental	\$-		PI Literature	\$-	
Checks	\$86.13		Group Literature	\$457.96	
Newsletter-Expense Reimbursement	\$-		Add Lit	\$-	
Literature- Expense Reimbursement			rent	\$-	
Treasurer's-Expense Reimbursement	\$-		Starter kit Inst Mtg		
Policy - Expense Reimbursement	\$-		Sub Total	\$480.11	
RCM - Travel Advance	\$-		Lone Star Discount	\$-	
Outreach - Capture the Banner Winner	\$25.00	2219	Total Literature	\$480.11	
Safe Deposit Box	\$-				
PI Phone Line / Gene Lerner	\$8.23	Auto			
Literature (Florida Regional Office)	\$736.76				
VRSC, Inc. (Regional Donation)	\$151.50	2220			
World Donation	\$-				
Reimbursement Brad H Website hosting	\$-				
Area Rent	\$20.00	2215			
Glen H outreach	\$-				
Transfer donation tro NA in May					
	\$-				
	\$-				
	\$-				
Total Expenses	\$1,427.62				
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$6,418.44</b>				
<b>Set Asides</b>					
Prudent Reserve	\$635.00				
PI Schedules \$250 qtrly \$83.33 monthly	\$250.00		Paid September 2016		
Newsletter \$25 qtrly 8.33 monthly	\$8.33		Paid November 2016		
Safe Deposit Box \$150 yr \$12.50 monthly	\$87.50		Paid May 2016		
PO Box Rental \$98 yr \$8.17 monthly	\$57.19		Paid May 2016		
Freedom Voice Phone Line	\$8.23				
Website hosting \$148.24 \$12.36 monthly	\$148.24		Paid Dec 2015		
Activities	\$-				
Outreach	\$29.54				
Tentative literature order	\$698.01				
NA in May Basic Text Fund	\$4,496.40				
Total Set Asides	\$6,418.44				
Available Cash	\$-				
<b>Total Set Asides &amp; Avail Cash</b>	<b>\$6,418.44</b>				