

# West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (1/26/2020)

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

Open Positions	Suggested Clean Time/Requirements
Treasurer	3 year clean time with previous service experience preferable as GSR.
Outreach	1 year clean time with previous service experience in NA with 1 year commitment.

**The following terms for ASC officers expire in March:** ASC Chair, ASC Vice-chair, ASC Alternate Treasurer

**The following terms for subcommittee chair(s) expire in March:** Activities, Literature, Newsletter

**We have no motions to vote on. Please still go over the minutes with your homegroups and be sure to check out OPEN Forum Topics.**

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Chair**- GSR please talk to your homegroup. Make sure homegroups are not stockpiling literature. Please only purchase literature if you need it. We as always are continuing to have astronomical literature orders and barely any donations to Area. ILS, Drew R.

**Vice Chair**- No report

**Secretary**- No report

**Alt secretary**- No report

**RCM**- World Service Conference

- Groups around the world are voting in their business meetings the next few months on motions contained in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) and Conference Approval Track (CAT) and our votes will be taken to the World Service Conference later this spring.
- Janice is handing out flyers for the CAR/CAT Day scheduled for February 8. Our regional delegate, Jim B, will facilitate and I will be helping him.
- It starts at 10 and will probably last til at least the middle of the afternoon. It's at Hope Church, room 230.

- I will purchase some snacks and something for us to have for lunch... probably something to make sandwiches with and chips and cookies. The fee to Hope Church for using the room is \$30. I'll bring receipts next area.
- All are invited to attend. GSRs & GSR Alternates are especially encouraged to attend.
- At the workshop we will go over all the motions and the literature survey and you'll have time to ask any questions you might have to get a better understanding on the motions so that when you gather the votes from your groups you'll be able to answer questions they might have... feel free to invite your homegroup members to the workshop!
- You can download the CAR at <https://tinyurl.com/2020CAR> and the CAT at <https://tinyurl.com/2020CAT>. There will be copies of the CAR and CAT documents for each home group at the workshop
- There are videos/powerpoints online (<https://tinyurl.com/2020Powerpoints>) that also explain the motions and we'll use some of these at the workshop and you can also use them in your homegroup business meetings.
- All things related to these motions and the World Service Conference (WSC) can be found here: <https://na.org/conference>.
- Can't physically get to the workshop? Attend via zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/614657729>
- All that being said, if you have any questions I can answer during your business meeting, please reach out – 901-497-0691.

**If you have any feedback for me about the upcoming VRC motion to raise the seed money to 20,000, please give me a call or email me (901-497-0691, [lucy.owens@gmail.com](mailto:lucy.owens@gmail.com)). In loving service, Lucy**

**RCM Alt**- Open position

**Treasurer**- Open position

**Alt Treasurer**- See below





## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Activities** – Good afternoon, We had an amazing turnout at the NYE event and I want to thank everyone who helped and everyone who came out to support us! I was given \$400 to put on the event and I'm bringing back \$590 to the area.

**Archives** – Open position

**H & I** – Hello family,

All is well with H&I. Will T. has stepped down from his panel at Lakeside and we thank him for all of his service and willingness! All panel leaders have been given a list of names and numbers to use, as well as an updated panel leader and admin list. With that being said, Grace House is still open and the alternating panel at lakeside is open. GSRs please take this back to your home groups. MRC adult has contacted us to have members come in, so Perry B. and Tayler O. have stepped up for those 2 panels- also we have been contacted by Lighthouse, a men's VA facility. As soon as we get more information we will let you all know. We orientated a new member, and remember that we require 90 days to sit in, 6 months to share, and 9 months to carry a panel. Thank you all for letting me serve

**Literature** – No report

**NA in May** – Hi family, Be sure to come out next Saturday Feb 1 at 1:00 pm for our first fundraiser being held at Trinity United Methodist. We are having our annual chili cook-off and bake sale. Doors open at 1:00 pm with speaker at 2:00 pm who is JW from Tupelo. Many will be participating in the cook-off for some "cough" friendly competition and a bunch of baked goodies for all. So, come on out and hopefully walk away with some recovery, maybe diabetes. NA in May pre-event shirts should be ready to go by next week as well. Please come support everyone and snag a shirt. Next NA in May will be 2/8 Saturday at 1:00 pm being held at Staybridge Suites hotel at 1070 Ridge Lake Blvd to discuss the success of fundraiser and plan for our next one coming in March being Pancake breakfast.

**Newsletter** – Newsletter is well. Some other members have showed some interest. The next issue due in March. Will be on the 4th & 5th steps. Anyone interested in sharing their ESH please contact me by 2/15/2020. ILS, Juan S.

**Outreach** – Open position

**Policy and Procedure** – Updated Literature order form to be more functional and includes the additional NA in May subsidized literature. Updated Area Guidelines following the last Area Service Committee. Uploaded New Literature Order Form, WTASCNA ASC Guidelines and Sub-Committee Guidelines to the NA-Wt.ORG website. ILS, Glen H.

**Public Relations** – Hello family. The PR Subcommittee will meet on 2/16/20 @ 1pm at Dunkin Donuts behind the Walgreens on Poplar near White Station Rd. David T. and myself developed a 30 second public announcement for NA to be broadcast on local Memphis radio stations. Also there will be a NA helpline training type day. Time and date to be announced. We had 2 new NA members wanting to be added to the Helpline. We are also looking to purchase a

projector for NA for public presentations. Lucy O. helped us raise \$30 so far. Hopefully we will find a helpful public place to put out our new presentation board. Also, we are going to mail out our Public Relations brochure which holds 5 IP's.

**VRC 2021 Ad Hoc-** We held our last sub-committee meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM where Saturday Night Alive meets. Earlier that day, I found that the person who was already willing to step up for Chair of VRC 202 in Memphis had to step back from the position for personal reasons. Before the committee meeting, I started communicating with qualified candidates and was able to get someone who showed willingness. We had our meeting and that person was included via FaceTime Video Call. No other candidates for chair showed up at this advertised meeting. The new candidate for VRC 2021 Chair is Scot Brewer. He is qualified and willing. I plan on bringing this up in new business today and get a group conscience to support this person. Scot Brewer was already planning to be Vice Chair so he was a natural. He has the service experience and many of us in service know him well. He was Merchandise Chair for the last VRC held in Memphis. Let's give it up for [Scot Brewer](#). His home area is in Jackson, Tn but he was a member of our VRC Committee 2 years ago when it was in Memphis. We will be happy to endorse him to go to Nashville on Feb 2nd to run for VRC Chair.

## **GROUP REPORTS**

**Clarity** – Not present

**Clean Air-** Hello Family, All is well at Clean Steam. We had 30 attend this month A literature order of \$23.36 And a donation of \$4.64 In Loving Service, Chris R

**Clean Steam-** Hello Family, All is well at Clean Steam. We had 30 attend this month

**Cordova Hope-** Hello family all is well @ Cordova Hope. We have been averaging 10-15 on Tues/Thurs noon meeting & 25-30 Sun. night meeting. We have added 1 new homegroup member. We have Sarah T. celebrating 2 yrs tonight @ 6:30 meeting & Barbie B. celebrating 4 yrs February 9th. I will be celebrating 2 yrs on Feb 16th. Come out to help us celebrate these miracles. ILS, Robyn W.

**Desire** – Hello family, Desire is going strong with a full house every week with several treatment facilities in attendance.

**Doin this Thing-** Not present

**Get Honest or Die** – Hi family! All is well at GHOD averaging roughly 25 people per meeting. No issues to report. All is normal as we can be.

**GIFT** – All is well- average attendance is 10.

**Good Orderly Direction** – Average attendance, 25 per mtg- Friday mtg success visitors.

**Harmony-** Not present

**High On Life** – Greetings from HOL. This month we had 25 addicts come through the door. We have no lit order this month, however we do have two clean time celebrations. Mary N will celebrate 15 years tomorrow night Jan 27th and I will celebrate 20 years on Feb 3rd, you know where we meet so come help us celebrate and lend your support. ILS, David T.

**Hope Dealers** – Not present

**Keep it Green** – no report

**Lunch Bunch**– Hail all from the Lunch Bunch! We are grateful to be a part of the recovery community in our area and are appreciative that we get to carry the message of NA to everyone who attends our meetings. We could always use the support of experienced members because of the number of newcomers and clients from treatment facilities that regularly show up. Alas, this is my final moment to act as GSR for the Lunch Bunch. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Corey W., who has been the alternate, continues to demonstrate willingness and has agreed to step up to fulfill the commitment. I am sure that he will do a great job. Birthdays: 2/1 Demorrian B., 3 yrs. 2/29 Everett F., 1 yr. Literature Order \$146.55 Area: \$28.45

**No Matter What**- All is good at No Matter What. We are having 8-9 people attending regularly. We also have 3 newcomers. We are anticipating the chili cook off and bake sale. ILS, Scott J.

**One is Too Many** – One is too many is doing well. No new members, no newcomers. We have an average of 7 people at each meeting. Our monthly speaker meeting will be this Friday, 1/31/2020.

**Plan B**- Not present

**Primary Purpose** – All is well at Primary Purpose. We continue to carry the message to the still suffering addict. Lucy O will be celebrating 33 yrs on 2/9/2020.

**Saturday Night Alive** – We have been having large meetings again but could always use more people with substantial clean time. Support us and if you would like to come share a short version of your story with us one night message or see me.

**Simplicity is the Key** – All is good with SITK. We had 197 addicts attend our meeting last month and 4 newcomers. No Birthdays. ILS, Geoff B.

**Something Different** – Good afternoon, at Something Different we have been averaging 20-40 people a meeting. Things have been going well! We have a lit order of \$79.56 and a donation of \$25.44.

**Spiritual Awakenings**- Hello fam, all is well at SA.

**Step Write In**- Not present

**Thursday Nighters** – Hello family, all is well at Thursday Nighters. We are receiving good attendance and have had 2 newcomers this past month. We have no birthday celebrations in February.

**Unity** – We averaging 15 a meeting and a treatment center once or twice a month. Need support from experienced NA members to bring the message of NA. We have a rotating format 1st Tues of the month and we have answer and questions. 2nd we read share from Living Clean, 3rd read share from the Basic Text. The 4th Tues, we have a speaker meeting and if there is a 5th Tuesday Open Discussion Meeting.

**We are Entirely Ready** – All is well at (WAER). The message of recovery is strong. We average 15 to 25 at a meeting. We had 4 newcomers and 2 visitors. No lit order and no donations. I celebrated my 5 yr birthday this month, it was actually last month. ILS, Mancill.

**Welcome Home**- All is well at Welcome Home, meeting attendance is averaging 15-20 people. Book study is still taking place on Tuesdays and is now rotating between the Basic Text, It Works How and Why, Living Clean and Guiding Principles. We had 6 newcomers this month. On 2/23/2020 celebrations: Tommy B, 5 yrs, Angela H, 1 yr and Steve W, 1 yr.

**You+me=we-** Good afternoon Family, All is well @ You+Me=We. We meet daily @ 8am in the Cooper Young Area. Attendance last month was 195. 8 newcomers. Please come out & share your experience, strength & hope. ILS, Karen W.

## Upcoming Birthdays

### **Cordova Hope**

Robyn W- 1/28/20, 2 yrs

Barbie B, 4 yrs, 2/9/20

### **Desire**

Lauren M 9 yrs, 2/26/20

Shannon S, 1 yr, 2/5/20

### **GHOD**

Rob P, 1 yr, 1/27/2020

### **Harmony**

Chris D- 1/30/20, 6 yrs

### **Lunch Bunch**

Demorrian B, 3 yrs, 2/1/20

Everett F, 1 yr, 2/29/20

### **One is Too Many**

Susan V, 4 yrs, 2/7/2020

### **Primary Purpose**

Lucy O- 2/9/20, 33 yrs

### **Saturday Night Alive**

Michael H 8 yrs, 2/1/2020

### **Spiritual Awakenings**

Dawn O, 28 yrs, 1/31/20

Brooks S, 18 yrs, 2/14/20

KC S, 8 yrs, 2/28/20

### **We are Entirely Ready**

Mancill W, 5 yrs, 12/

### **Welcome Home**

Tommy B 5 yrs, Angel H 1 yr, Steve W 1 yr,  
2/23/202



## OPEN FORUM TOPICS

- VRC 2021 chair nominee- Glenn asked for area conscience to nominate Scott B for VRC chair. A straw poll was conducted among GSRs. The vote was unanimous yes.
- Chad asked that subcommittees be sure to write dates of their next event on reports, and if date is unknown at the time of area to reach out to Chad when it is determined so that the event can be put on the calendar.

## OLD BUSINESS

### **Motion by Stephen Z from Knoxville Area Second: Mike B. from GNA**

Motion reads as follows: To change the guidelines in Article VII Section 3 letter A2 from “RD & RD Alt. shall be elected in odd years.” To “RD & RD Alt shall be nominated in February and elected in May of odd years.”

Intent: To provide ample time for the delegate team to prepare for the CAR/CAT & WSC

The Motion deferred to Policy and Procedures in August, which saw no problems with how the motion was worded, etc.

Pro: If they were elected in May, it would help due to needing 6 months to a year to review information and get comfortable with the information.

Con: The region will be nominating or voting on someone at every meeting.

**Yes-20 No- 0 Abstain- 0**

**Motion Maker:** Cordova Hope **Seconded by:** Something Different

**Motion:** To nominate Bill S. to become RCM alternate at the West TN area.

**Intent:** To become the RSM alt, to learn more at Region, be more helpful and to be more involved in service as a trusted servant of NA.

**Willingness statement:** Hello family, my clean date is December 6, 2016. I was GSW at Something Different for 2 years. I am in the second term as Public Relations chairperson. I have never misappropriated any NA funds.

**Yes-19 No- 1 Abstain- 0**

NEW BUSINESS There is no new business!

**Next W.T.A.S.C. meeting is February 23, 2020**

Title/Sub/Group	Name	12/15/2019	1/26/2019	
<b>Administrative</b>				
Chairperson	Drew R.	X	X	
Vice Chairperson	Sara S.	X	X	
Secretary	Sarah M.	O	X	
Alternate Secretary	Taylor O	X	X	
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	
Alternate Treasurer	Leigh Ann F.	X	X	
Regional Committee Member	Lucy O.	X	O	
<b>Alternate Regional Committee Member</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>Subcommittees</b>				
Activities	Destin B	O	X	
Archives	Terry B.	O	O	
Hospitals and Institutions	Sam T.	X	X	
Literature	Bronson R.	X	X	
NA in May	Jonathan M	O	X	
Newsletter	Juan S.	X	X	
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	
Policy and Procedures	Glen H.	X	X	
Public Relations	Bill S.	O	X	
<b>Voting Groups</b>				
Clean Steam	Chris R.	X	X	
Cordova Hope	Robyn W.	X	X	
Desire	Lauren M.	X	X	
G.I.F.T.	Dawn L.	X	X	
GHOD	Jonathan M	O	X	
Harmony	David A.	X	O	
High On Life	David T.	X	X	
Hope Dealers	Laura S.	X	O	
Lunch Bunch	Willie T.	X	X	
Keep It green	Jerry	O	X	
No Matter What	Scott J.	O	X	
One is too many	Susan V.	O	X	
Primary Purpose	Janice M.	X	X	
Saturday Night Alive	Glen H.	X	X	
Simplicity is the Key	Geoff B.	X	X	
Something Different	Destin B.	X	X	
Spiritual Awakenings	Kate G.	X	X	
Step Write In	Vince H.	X	O	
Thursday Nighters	Tony C.	X	X	
Unity Group	Lamar G.	O	X	
We Are Entirely Ready	Mancill W.	X	X	
Welcome Home	Amie B.	X	X	
You + Me = We	Karen W.	X	X	
<b>Non-Voting Groups and Meetings</b>				
Clean A.I.R.		O	O	
Clarity (was Farfromusen)		O	O	
Good Orderly Direction		O	X	
Plan B		O	O	
Doin' This Thing		O	O	