

West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (07/24/2016)

WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW FOR OUR BUSINESS MEETING?

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AD Hoc V.R.C. 35 Committee - Greetings, All. On July 8th, I began meeting with prospective hotels to host the convention. Leigh Ann F and I started by going to the Fogelman Executive Conference Center & Hotel on Central. We met with Tammie Borden and toured the facilities. Then, Carol S and I met with Kim Sims at the Crowne Plaza Memphis East on Thousand Oaks. We were able to see parts of the convention facilities but were told that this property is undergoing a complete renovation which should be completed by this October. One thing to note about the Crowne Plaza is that when it was under different ownership, it hosted one or more VRCs there. I contacted a third hotel; The Sheraton Downtown. I have been working with Jessica Fitzhugh. We are limited to which facilities we can go to for VRC bids because of the maximum number of seats their main ballrooms can accommodate. Our magic number is 500. And have yet to get a bid from her. I have only gotten one bid back so far. It was from the Holiday Inn across from the U of M campus. I have been pressing the remaining two facilities to provide their bids so that we can start negotiating. Jonathan M has expressed willingness to take a look at them before we negotiate. As soon as we have the three bids, we will be scheduling a meeting of this ad-hoc committee to. The VRSC guidelines state that VRC Chair be nominated in August and elected in October as bid proposal is presented, if possible.

Regional Committee Member -

Hello Family: The last regional meeting was June 5th in Murfreesboro at 9:30 AM. The next regional meeting is on August 7, in Chattanooga, TN at the Marriot Downtown.

I will be submitting the check for 423.55 to the region and any other moneys presented to region from the W.T.A.S.C.

I look forward to taking the feedback for the Regional delegate on NA intellectual property. And the Bid information for the VRC 35.

I will turn in 300.00 for the candy sold from the VRC Dollar Candy Fundraiser.

You can still purchase the candy here at this area meeting.

Take back to Region:

- 1.
2. Nomination of Alex S for Secretary and Paul H. for Treasurer.
- 3.
4. Bids for the next VRC 35

ANNOUNCEMENT: Southern Zonal Forum will be held July 30-31 in Louisville KY

Please Register for the VSC 34. . Next meeting August 7 2016 in Chattanooga at the Marriot.

This will be my last Area as your RCM, I will attend in August to return the money for the fund raiser and take back the Bid for the VRC 35 and any votes for Alex S and Paul H. I will not be seeking this position again and will not accept the nomination.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities - Hello, Friends and Family. Activities Subcommittee is alive and well. Our last meeting was on July 6 at Cafe Eclectic. We had eleven people in attendance. We further discussed our 80's dance/Outreach fundraiser. We locked down a date and finalized plans for the costume contest and speakers. We are asking for support and participation from the home groups in our area with a appetizer/dessert sign up sheet. Come out and support Activities. It's a great way to get involved.

H&I - Hello, Family. All is fairly well with the H&I Subcommittee. We currently have 4 open panels. They are: Alt. Friday night - Lakeside 7-8pm, Alt. Sunday night - Lakeside 7-8pm, Thursday night - C.A.A.P.S. (men's panel) 7-8pm, Alt. Thursday night - Grace House (womens youth) 7-8pm

We really need some experience, strength, and hope to help carry the message to the addict who still suffers. We did elect a new Panel Leader for La Piloma (mens) Bryan O. and we oriented 4 new members today that have expressed interest in taking over 2 of the open panels but they will be vacant until next month. We continue to need men and women to help with open panels and members who are willing to go to the SCDC. We will be handing out a flyer next area, and at home groups letting people know about the clean time requirements and open panels to try and help spread the word.

Newsletter - Greetings. All is well with the newsletter and we are always moving forward. We are looking for people to write articles at all times especially with the holidays coming, so if you or someone you know is interested let me know. We now have our own email address which is thecleantimes@gmail.com, from now on everything that we send out will come from that email and anything coming in can come to it.

If you are having any celebrations in the months of Oct.-Dec. let me know and I will put them in the newsletter. You don't have to have the exact dates just clean dates if that is what the celebration is for. You can email them or bring them to the next area.

The next meeting will be Sunday, Aug. 14 at 3pm at Dunkin Donuts at Poplar and White Station. No clean time required to come out and enjoy coffee, ice cream, a doughnut, or just some fellowship and toss out an idea or have an opinion.

Outreach - Greetings from Outreach Committee. Lots of exciting endeavors in the works. Doin' This Thing is July meeting of the month. We have teamed up with Activities to do a Fundraiser. The fundraiser is an 80's dance/speaks scheduled for August 27. All proceeds will go to Outreach to make t-shirts. Free t-shirts will be given to each sponsor/sponsee team who makes three out of four meetings at the meeting of the month. Capture the Banner is in full effect. Thirteen home groups now have banner starter kits. Banners need to be completed by August 1. The Capture the Banner Kickoff event is tentatively scheduled for August 20. More will be revealed with time, location, and itinerary.

Public Relations - Hello, PR is still chugging along. We had 125 calls into the helpline this last month and talked to around 15 live people. We will be going live with the new web site on August 1st! We will be switching the hosting provider which will make the yearly cost go from 170 to 60 a year. Lucy will still have access. We are excited and the new web site is much more functional and user friendly!

Treasurer -

GROUP REPORTS

Cordova Hope - We continue to have a good turnout at Cordova Hope. Home group member list is small. Hopefully, we can add new home group members. Average attendance is more than sixty on Sunday's and five to ten on Tuesday and Thursday meetings.

Doin' This Thing - All is well at Doin' This Thing! We continue to have a good number of newcomers and have added three new home group members. We also voted in a new G.S.R.,...myself, Tony. Most of our home group's service positions are filled.

G.I.F.T. - Group is carrying the message attendance average ten per week. No changes.

Good Orderly Direction - Hello, Family. Business goes on as usual we are still having meeting on Thursday at 6p.m. until 7:30p.m. We average twenty to twenty-five per week. No new member no birthdays.

Harmony - Things at Harmony are going just dandy. We are maintaining about twenty-two addicts two times per week and seventeen are home group members.

High on Life - Greetings. High On Life is doing well, we are continuing to grow. We had 61 people this month, including one newcomer and one that hasn't been to meetings in quite some time. Our July Fourth cookout was a success, thanks to all those that came out in spite of the rain.

Keep It Green - Keep It Green is doing well with a regular attendance of twenty to thirty addicts. We currently have five active home group members, which ensures the group will survive. Thanks again to Outreach. As our G.S.R. will be having twins, we will be choosing another G.S.R. for the next meeting.

Lunch Bunch - Group is doing well.

No Matter What - All is well at N.M.W. Friday is the best night for attendance with fifteen to twenty. Saturday and Sunday is much smaller with an average of six people per night. We had 110 attend this month with four newcomers.

One is Too Many - We have has two newcomers this month. Lucy will be speaking at this month's speaker meeting on Friday. Come out and celebrate recovery. No new members this month. Average attendance is ten.

Primary Purpose - What up! Greetings from Primary Purpose. All is well. We have an average meeting attendance of thirty to eighty addicts. We are a literature discussion group with a variety of topics.

Saturday Night Alive - Every thing is going well at Saturday Night Alive. We average forty to fifty people per meeting and six newcomers per month.

Simplicity is the Key - Hello, Family. Everything is going good, no problems to report. Our average attendance is around 40 addicts every week.

Spiritual Awakenings - Hey, Friends and Family. All is well with Spiritual Awakenings. I, Sara S., was voted in as new G.S.R. We continue to have four to five newcomers each meeting.

Step Write In 2: Electric Boogaloo - Greetings from Step Write in 2. As usual we could always use more support.

Thursday Niters - Hello, Friends and Family! All is well at Thursday Niters! Meeting attendance is continuing to grow with treatment facilities in regular attendance with an average of one to three newcomers in attendance.

Welcome Home - All is well. Average attendance is twelve. Three newcomers. David M. is now the Alternate G.S.R. Meeting at Turning Point is now closed meeting.

You+Me=We - Attendance: seventy-five. Newcomers: seven. You + Me = We continue to meet daily in the Cooper-Young area. Attendance has been low. Please join us and share your experience strength and hope.

OPEN FORUM TOPICS

- 1) Taxes for Basic Texts - discussion about going through the World to purchase our Basic Text. We discussed the possibility of raising the price of the Basic Text in an effort to make up for the sales tax in the state of Tennessee. Decision will be made in the future.
- 2) Test website for Public Relations committee - concerns regarding the donations button: recurring donations, and anonymity of donations
- 3) **TAKE BACK TO GROUPS** - Three positions currently available: N.A. in May, R.C.M., and R.C.M. Alternate; Positions that will be available in September: H&I Chair, Outreach, Policy and Procedure, Public Relations, Archivist, and Secretary

OLD BUSINESS

Motion created Outreach and seconded by High On Life. **Motion:** I am putting in a motion to get funds reimbursed for expenses accrued for two Outreach events. The first is food paid out of pocket for the Outreach Kickoff Event at Keep It Green, \$77.28. The second is material paid out of pocket for banners given to each home group for the Capture the Banner event, \$40.70. Total amount: \$117.98. **INTENT:** To fund the next Outreach event which is the Capture the Banner Kickoff event. Expenses will likely include food/rent supplies.

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Next W.T.A.S.C. meeting is 08/28/2016

Title/Sub/Group	Name	05/22/2016	06/26/2016	07/24/2016
Administrative				
Chairperson	Chris M.	X	X	X
Vice Chairperson	Christine J.	X	X	X
Secretary	Jeffrey B.	X	X	X
Alternate Secretary	Laughlin T.	?	X	X
Treasurer	Michael H.	X	O	X
Alternate Treasurer	Amanda K.	X	X	O
Regional Committee Member	George P.	X	X	X
Alternate Regional Committee Member		X	?	?
Subcommittees				
Activities	Kate G.	X	?	X
Archives	Lucy O.	X	X	X
Hospitals and Institutions	Scott K.	X	X	X
Literature	Ryan K.	X	X	X
Narcotics Anonymous in May	Chad R.	X	X	?
Newsletter	David T.	X	X	X
Outreach	Marcus M.	X	X	X
Policy and Procedures	Jonathan M.	X	X	X
Public Relations	James R.	X	X	X
Voting Groups				
Cordova Hope	Paul B.	X	O	X
Doin' This Thing	Tony R.	X	O	X
Farfromusen	Josh S.	X	X	O
Harmony	Martini L.	O	X	X
High On Life	David T.	X	X	X
Keep It Green	Tara Mae M.	O	X	X
No Matter What	Drew R.	X	X	X
One Is Too Many	Susan V.	O	X	X
Primary Purpose	Marcus M.	X	X	X
Saturday Night Alive	Glen H.	X	X	X
Simplicity is the Key	Leigh Ann F.	X	X	X
Something Different	Amanda H.	X	X	O
Spiritual Awakenings	Sara S.	X	X	X
Step Write in 2: Electric Boogaloo	Grace N.	X	X	X
Thursday Neters	Tonia L.	X	X	X
You + Me = We	Karen W.	?	X	X
Non-Voting Groups and Meetings				
Clean A.I.R.	Catherine C.	O	X	O
Desire		O	O	X
Get Honest or Die		O	O	O
G.I.F.T.	Frank S.	O	O	X
Good Orderly Direction	William S.	O	O	X
Lunch Bunch		X	O	O
Starting Somewhere		?	O	O
Unity Group		O	O	O
We Are Entirely Ready		O	O	O
Welcome Home	David M.	O	O	X

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY				
Monies Received				
Source	Literature	Donations	Tot Rec'ds	Basic Texts
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Clean A.I.R.	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Cordova Hope	\$120.50	\$23.50	\$144.00	
Courage to Change	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Desire	\$37.10	\$40.00	\$77.10	
Doin This Thing	\$88.04	\$106.96	\$195.00	
FarfromUsin	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Get Honest or Die	\$-	\$3.20	\$3.20	
Gift	\$28.01	\$1.99	\$30.00	2
Good Orderly Direction	\$22.80	\$0.20	\$23.00	
Harmony	\$-	\$-	\$-	
High on Life	\$16.40	\$0.10	\$16.50	2
Keep it Green	\$27.00	\$43.00	\$70.00	2
Lunch Bunch	\$63.46	\$-	\$63.46	2
Miracles Happen	\$-	\$-	\$-	
More Will Be Revealed	\$-	\$-	\$-	
New Beginings II	\$-	\$-	\$-	
No Matter What	\$75.10	\$94.90	\$170.00	3
Out of The Darkness	\$-	\$-	\$-	
One is Too Many	\$38.54	\$1.46	\$40.00	4
Positive Awareness	\$129.11	\$10.89	\$140.00	6
Positive Image	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Primary Purpose	\$27.79	\$24.51	\$52.30	1
Sat Nite Alive	\$7.95	\$30.05	\$38.00	
Simplicity is the Key	\$5.30	\$88.70	\$94.00	
Somerville Group	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Something Different	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Spiritual Awakening	\$43.10	\$34.70	\$77.80	5
Step Write In	\$3.20	\$1.80	\$5.00	
The Attic	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Thursday Nighters	\$-	\$123.00	\$123.00	
Unity	\$26.50	\$-	\$26.50	
We Are Entirely Ready	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Welcome Home	\$102.44	\$20.56	\$123.00	
You+ Me = we	\$11.45	\$0.05	\$11.50	
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Misc	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Sub Totals	\$873.79	\$649.57	\$1,523.36	27
Donations	\$649.57			
Literature	\$873.79			
NA in May donation	\$-			
Activities	\$-			
Subtotal Received At Area	\$1,523.36			
Prior Balance	\$8,031.41			
	\$-			
Available	\$9,554.77			

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	\$-		Literature Expense		
Activities	\$-		H&I Literature	\$171.25	
Storage Rental	\$-		PI Literature	\$-	
Checks	\$-		Group Literature	\$873.79	
Newsletter-Expense Reimbursement	\$-		Add Lit	\$-	
Literature- Expense Reimbursement	\$-		rent	\$-	
Treasurer's-Expense Reimbursement	\$-		Starter kit Inst Mtg	\$-	
Policy - Expense Reimbursement	\$-		Sub Total	\$1,045.04	
RCM - Travel Advance	\$-		Lone Star Discount	\$-	
	\$-		Total Literature	\$1,045.04	
Safe Deposit Box	\$-				
PI Phone Line / Gene Lerner	\$8.23	Auto			
Literature (Florida Regional Office)	\$1,188.63				
Outreach	\$117.98	2203			
VRSC, Inc. (Regional Donation)	\$-				
World Donation	\$-				
Reimbursement Brad H Website hosting	\$-			Basic Text Fund	
Area Rent	\$20.00	2204		Beginning Balance	\$5,485.45
Glen H outreach	\$-			BT Count	27
	\$-			Ending Balance	\$5,308.60
	\$-				
	\$-				
	\$-				
	\$-				
Total Expenses	\$1,334.84				
Balance	\$8,219.93				
Set Asides					
Prudent Reserve	\$635.00				
PI Schedules \$250 qtrly \$83.33 monthly	\$83.33	Paid June 2016			
Newsletter \$104 qtrly 34.67 monthly	\$104.00	Paid March 2016			
Safe Deposit Box \$150 yr \$12.50 monthly	\$25.00	Paid May 2015			
PO Box Rental \$98 yr \$8.17 monthly	\$16.33	Paid May 2015			
Freedom Voice Phone Line	\$8.23				
Website hosting \$148.24 \$12.36 monthly	\$86.40	Paid Dec 2015			
Activities	\$400.00				
Tentative literature order	\$1,321.89				
NA in May Basic Text Fund	\$5,308.60				
Total Set Asides	\$7,988.78				
Available Cash	\$231.15				
Total Set Asides & Avail Cash	\$8,219.93				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					01	02
03	04 7:30pm» 4th of July Cookout @ High On Life	05	06	07	08 7pm» Mandy R. 1 year in Keep it Green	09 12pm» Paul W. 27yrs @ Lunch Bunch 8pm» Brad D. 4 yrs @ Clean AIR
10	11 7pm» Danielle A. 1 year @ Harmony 7pm» Suzanne R. 6yrs @ Something Different	12 6:30pm» Hank Y. 1yr @ Simplicity is the Key	13	14 8pm» Maria 1 year in Farfromusen	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 7pm» Juan S. 20 years in Thursday Niters 7pm» Patrice R. 2 years in Thursday Niters 8pm» Josh S. 3 yrs @ Farfromusen	22 8pm» Fisher Dan 4yrs @ Spiritual Awakenings	23
24 1pm» H&I Meeting @ 1500 S Perkins Rd 2pm» Area Com. @ 1500 S Perkins Rd 6:30pm» Rex R 9yrs @ Cordova Hope 8pm» Dimitry R. 1yr @ Primary Purpose	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 7pm» Mary- Michael R, 5 yrs @ Primary Purpose						

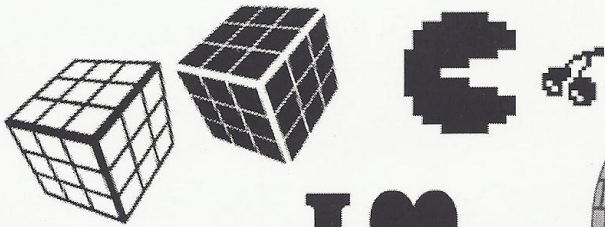
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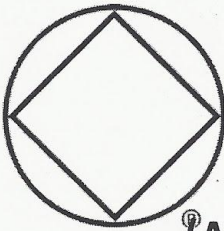
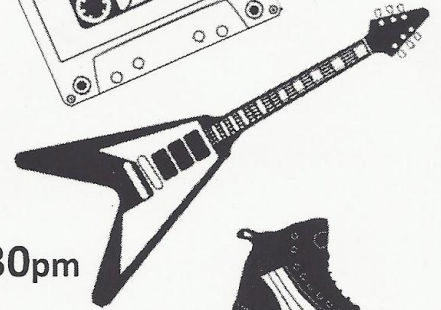
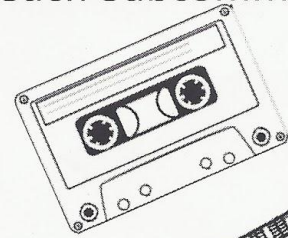
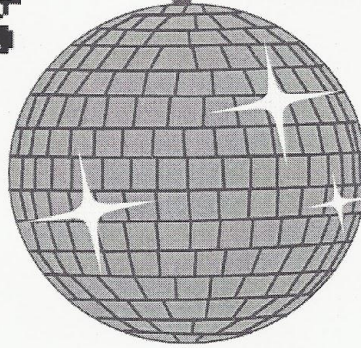
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	01	02	03	04	05 8pm» Margot P. (aka Judith Light 3000) 6yrs @ Spiritual Awakenings	06
07	08 7pm» Martini L, 1 yr @ HArmony	09	10	11	12	13 8pm» Nicole S. 6yrs @ Clean A.I.R.
14	15	16	17	18	19 8pm» Bryan O. 8 yrs @ Spiritual Awakenings	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 5pm» NE Miss. Area Convention @ Tupelo, MS	27 12am» NE Miss. Area Convention @ Tupelo, MS (cont.) 6:30pm» 80's Flashback Fundraiser
28 12am» NE Miss. Area Convention @ Tupelo, MS (cont.) 1pm» H&I Meeting @ 1500 S Perkins Rd 2pm» Area Com. @ 1500 S Perkins Rd	29	30	31			

80's Flashback Fundraiser

*brought to you by NA Activities
And Outreach Subcommittee*



**I ♥
80s**



Date & Time: August 27, 2016 at 6:30pm

Where: Trinity United Methodist Church

(Address: 1738 Galloway Ave, Memphis, TN 38112)

Details: Speaker starts at 7:00pm. Costume Contest, Dancing, and fun to follow. All proceeds will be donated to Outreach to make t-shirts to help spread the message of Recovery.

Additional Info: \$5.00 (No Addict Turned Away) & Homegroup Potluck



For more info: Ask Kate G., Sara S. or Marcus M.

***You can always call Jenny at 867-5309**