

West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (06/24/2018)

WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW FOR OUR BUSINESS MEETING?

Open Positions in our Area	Suggested Clean Time
Secretary	1 year
Activities	1 year
RCM	3 years

Motion: To nominate Jennifer H for Secretary

Motion: To nominate Leigh Anne F for Alternate RCM

Title/Sub/Group	Name	3/25/2018	4/22/2018	5/27/2018	6/24/2018
Administrative					
Chairperson	James R.	X	X	X	X
Vice Chairperson	OPEN	X	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Secretary	OPEN	X	X	OPEN	OPEN
Alternate Secretary	Jennifer H.	OPEN	X	X	X
Treasurer	Mandy R.	X	OPEN	X	X
Alternate Treasurer	Tonia L.	O	OPEN	O	X
Regional Committee Member	OPEN	O	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Alternate Regional Committee Member	Leigh Ann F.	OPEN	OPEN	X	X
Subcommittees					
Activities	OPEN	O	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Archives	Lucy O.	X	X	X	X
Hospitals and Institutions	Penny B.	X	X	X	X
Literature	Laurie R.	X	X	X	O
NA in May	Amanda H.	O	X	X	O
Newsletter	David T.	X	X	X	X
Outreach	Sam T.	OPEN	OPEN	X	X
Policy and Procedures	Tayler D.	X	X	X	X
Public Relations	Brad D.	O	X	X	O
Voting Groups					
Clarity (was Farfromusen)	Corey B.	X	X	X	X
Cordova Hope	Paul B.	X	X	X	O
Desire	Sarah M.	X	X	X	X
Doin' This Thing	Brad G.	X	X	O	X
Get Honest or Die	Andrew M.	X	X	X	X
Harmony	Thomas B.	X	X	X	X
High On Life	David T.	X	X	X	X
Hope Dealers	Michael M.	X	X	X	X
Keep It Green	Brooks S.	X	X	X	X
Lunch Bunch	Corey P.	X	X	X	X
One Is Too Many	Susan V.	X	X	X	X
Primary Purpose	Thomas R.	X	X	X	X
Saturday Night Alive	Glen H.	X	X	X	X
Simplicity is the Key	Geoff B.	X	X	X	X
Something Different	Bill S.	X	X	X	X
Spiritual Awakenings	Sara S.	X	X	O	X
Step Write In	Vince H.	X	X	X	O
Thursday Nighters	Sam	X	O	X	O
Unity Group	Lamar G.	X	O	X	O
Welcome Home	Ryan B.	X	X	O	X
You + Me = We	Karen W.	X	X	X	X
Non-Voting Groups and Meetings					
Clean A.I.R.		O	O	O	O
G.I.F.T.	Frank S.	X	O	O	X
Good Orderly Direction	Ben D.	X	X	O	O
Hopenminded	Jessee S.	X	O	O	X
No Matter What	Drew R.	X	X	O	O
Starting Somewhere		O	O	O	O
We Are Entirely Ready	Ben D.	O	X	O	O

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair – NO REPORT

Vice Chair – OPEN

Treasurer – See attached

Secretary – NO REPORT

RCM – I participated in the meeting via audio conference. The RCM was present.

Open positions at the Regional level: Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer, Outreach, H & I

Delegate Report:

- A situation at the WSC where an individual member raised a concern about the Volunteer Region not having a CAR workshop in the Greater Nashville Area. There was not a separate one held because of the Workshop held by the World Board the previous week. The delegates want us to report this information at Area and to reiterate that they are here to support the Areas and to make a request if their services are needed.
- All CAR business was handled on the first day.
- The Phone line Basics Handbook will be available mid-June.
- PR presentation illustrated bus stations posters in Russia, placing literature in pharmacies and using bus stop benches. In Vietnam, it is illegal for addicts to congregate together so they have meetings in methadone clinics because the clinics are government sanctioned. Egypt uses Social Media as a PR outlet. Online Anonymity issues are handled by making everyone responsible for their own anonymity. They use email as an avenue IN for addicts.
- There were 25 Web Meetings this cycle. NAWS will participate in coordinated events with Regions and Areas.
- There was a presentation on Leadership Skills and Planning. Planning helps us be a part of the shared vision we have as a fellowship.
- A workgroup recommendation was made to review the FIPT (Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust) organizational rules.
- VRC 36 asked for a mailing list to be able to send flyers. Mailing lists are no longer offered except for conference business only.
- H&I I will be hosting an H&I GoToMeeting Web Meeting at 7pm on July 12, 2018 at 7pm EDT (6pmCDT). Please have either your H&I Chair, a member of H&I if you do not have an H&I Chair, your Area Chair or your RCM to attend this web meeting. We will address what is going on in each area, what needs are the area H&I committees having that we can help with, what sort of meeting support would they like and the need for a sit-down face to face meeting and where and when that can happen.

NOTE FROM Alt RD: The most thought provoking and inspirational experiences were seeing Iran participate via Web and the sobering reality of the 2 delegates from Egypt sitting WITH the 2 delegates from Israel and the exchanges they had in the room that would not be possible for them at home. Truly, miracles do happen here.

The 2020 CAR is due August 2019 so they need to be turned in by May 2019 VRC.

There was discussion on seed money for VRC. This was tabled until the next meeting.

The motion to move the VRC Meetings to quarterly passed.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities – Position open

Archives – no report

H & I – H&I is doing well. Destin B. and Tonya L. filled the open MRC Youth positions. So we now have no open positions. We have no new business.

Literature – no report

NA in May – no report

Newsletter – Greetings from the Clean Times where all is well. I have the current issue of the newsletter for you today and we are currently working on the next issue. That issue will be the last of the steps, traditions, and concepts at least in order. As always we are looking for writers and topics. If you know anyone let us know. The next meeting is TBD.

Policy and Procedure – no report

Public Relations – no report

Outreach – All is going well with outreach so far. Our first subcommittee meeting was on June 16 at Café Eclectic. 5 addicts were in attendance. We chose Saturday Night Alive and Simplicity is the Key as the meetings of the month for July. We are planning a newcomer workshop in August and a service forum in September. Please come out and support Simplicity and SNA this month and spread the word.

GROUP REPORTS

Clarity – All is well at Clarity. We continue to have good attendance, averaging 40 per meeting. We have added a couple new home group meetings. We continue to have literature meetings twice a month and speaker meetings. Come join us.

Desire – Desire is going strong with high attendance and newcomers each week. We are continuing to carry a message of hope with no issues to report.

Doing This Thing – All is well at Doing This Thing. Attendance around 20 per meeting.

GIFT – All is well at Gift. 6-8 addicts per week. 4 newcomers.

Get Honest or Die – All is well at GHOD. Generally our meetings service an average of 15 addicts. We have no literature order or donation this month.

Harmony – All is well at Harmony. Average attendance – 14. Newcomers – 2.

High On Life – Greetings from HOL where all is still going well. We have a lot going on this month. Ruth H. aka Kay Kay will be celebrating her first year clean on July 2nd. We will be having our next potluck on July 9th, we will have chicken, BBQ, potato salad, beans, and more, the eating and fellowship start at 7:30 followed by a great meeting at 8:30, if you would like to bring something that would be great if not just bring the two most important things yourself and your appetite. Chris D will be celebrating 21 years and Paula H will be celebrating 2 years on July 30th. We had total 128 addicts come through the door this month including rehabs. We have a lit order of \$10.70 and no donation to area for a total of \$10.70

Hope Dealers – We are enjoying our new meeting place at Advent Presbyterian Church on Chester Rd. Attendance has been down a bit with NA members and high with treatment centers seeking guidance in recovery.

Hopenminded – Afternoon family all is well at hopenminded. We have treatment centers that are attending which bring several newcomers each time. Average attendance is 10-15

Keep it Green – Our meeting remains a big draw for treatment centers. We have a lot of regulars with clean time also. We have a new secretary and alt secretary, a new alt treasurer. We have no literature order and no area donation this month due to raising our prudent reserve to \$60.00.

Lunch Bunch – Lunch Bunch is alive and well. We offer NA meetings 7 days a week. We could use support at our Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings.

One is Too Many – One is too many is doing well. We still have an average of 12-15 people per meeting. No newcomers. No new members. Our speaker meeting is this Friday. We look forward to seeing you there.

Primary Purpose – The oldest NA group in Memphis. All is well at Primary Purpose. We had 7 newcomers last month with 20-25 addicts in attendance.

Saturday Night Alive – SNA is doing well. Come see us and we look forward to outreach coming for meeting of the month.

Simplicity is the Key – We had a good month at SITK. We had 140 addicts in attendance last month, with 6 newcomers and 4 people from out of town. We have 2 birthdays in the next few weeks, Brad D 1 year and Sam T 2 years on 6/26/18.

Something Different – All is well at Something Different. We continue to have steady attendance averaging 20-40 addicts per meeting. Join us tomorrow night for Lauren M 1st year. Meeting at 7p.

Spiritual Awakenings – All is well at SA. We continue to have 30-40 addicts in attendance.

Welcome Home – All is well. 10-15 addicts per meeting. 3-4 newcomers. Tuesday night book study is going well, reading *How it Works and Why*.

You+Me=We – All is well at You + Me = We. Our attendance last month was 207 with 12 newcomers. We are drug court approved and meet daily in the cooper-Young area at 8a. We will meet on Independence Day and all holidays. Heather P will celebrate 7 years on July 31st.

OPEN FORUM TOPICS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Motion: To nominate Drew R as Vice Chair – motion passes 15 – 1 -0

Motion: Maker: NA in May Subcommittee Chair; Seconded by: Primary Purpose

That the ASC guidelines are amended as follows: Under financial Procedures, item 1 will be amended as follows: 1. the second sentence will be changed from “All funds raised will be used to subsidize basic text.” To “Funds raised will be used to meet the needs of our area based on the monthly group limitations below. 2. Last sentence to be changed from: “If there is a surplus of subsidy basic text fund, the surplus rolls over to the following year unless motion is made to do otherwise.” To “To deal with any surplus of subsidy Basic text funds, the following procedure will be followed: Each year, after the NA in May Subcommittee has turned over its net proceeds to the Basic text fund, if the balance in the fund is over \$4,500.00, then 50% of the excess over \$4,500.00 will be donated to the current year VRC, and the other 50% will be donated to the EWTASC H&I subcommittee.”

Intent: To put recurring process in place that 1. Insures that all basic texts requests from our groups within the guidelines set out above continue to be subsidized, and 2. Provides for distribution of any excess funds so that our area is not left sitting on unused sums of money. Rationale: Up until 3 years ago this was never an issue, as we used all of the basic text funds each of the first 3 years of the fund. But with recent financial successes of the NA in May event, we have had excesses every year. Last year, we made a one-time donation to VRC 35, but wanted to put something in place that would deal with it on an ongoing basis. Because NA in May used to be a VRC fundraiser every year before we created the Basic Text fund, some of the funds going back to VRC seemed to make sense. And that is balanced by keeping the other half of any excess here for the H&I subcommittee to better carry the message. The \$4,500.00 amount was determined as follows: For the past several years, usage of the Basic Text fund has been \$2,400.00 - \$2,800.00 annually, so we started with \$3,000.00 as an amount that should cover a year’s usage easily. Then added 50% more to keep in case of a lean year for in NA in May, or expended need due to growth in groups, etc.

Motion passes 9-3-5

WTASC MOTION FORM

DATE: May 27, 2018

MAKER: NA in May Subcommittee Chair

SECONDED BY: *Primary Purpose*

MOTION: That the ASC Guidelines be amended as follow: Under Financial Procedures, item I will be amended as follows:

1. The second sentence will be changed from "All funds raised will be used to subsidize Basic Texts." to " Funds raised will be used
Texts to meet the needs of our area based on the monthly group limitations below. 2. Last sentence to be changed from: "If there is surplus of
subsidy Basic Text fund, the surplus rolls over to the following year unless motion is made to do otherwise." to "To deal with
any surplus of subsidy Basic Text funds, the following procedure will be followed: Each year, after the NA in May Subcommittee has turned
over its net proceeds to the BasicText fund, if the balance in the fund is over \$4,500, then 50% of the excess over \$4,500 will be
donated to the current year VRC, and the other 50% will be donated to the WTASC H & I Subcommittee.

INTENT: To put a recurring process in place that 1. insures that all basic texts requests from our groups within the guidelines set out
above continue to be subsidized, and 2. provides for distribution of any excess funds so that our area is not left sitting on unused sums of money.

Rationale: Up until three years ago, this was never an issue, as we used all of the basic text funds each of the first three years of the fund. But with
recent financial successes of the NA in May event, we have had excesses every year. Last year, we made a one time donation to VRC 35, but
wanted to put something in place that would deal with it on an ongoing basis. Because NA in May used to be a VRC fundraiser every year
before we created the Basic Text fund, some of the funds going back to VRC seemed to make sense. And that is balanced by keeping the other half
of any excess here for the H & I subcommittee to better carry the message. The \$4,500 amount was determined as follows: For the past several
years, usage of the Basic Text fund has been between \$2,400 and \$2,800 annually, so we started with \$3,000 as an amount that
should cover a year's usage easily. Then we added 50% more to keep in case of a lean year for NA in May, or expended need due to growth
in groups, etc.

POLICY CHANGE: YES NO 2 PROS: YES NO 2 CONS: YES NO

TABLED: YES NO OUT OF ORDER: YES NO

AMENDED: YES NO WITHDRAWN: YES NO

SENT BACK TO GROUPS: YES NO

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: To nominate Jennifer H for area secretary

Willingness statement: I'm showing willingness to be Area Secretary. My clean date is 9/25/15. I have a sponsor who has a sponsor. I work steps with my sponsor. I am treasurer for my home group. I was information chair for VRC 35. I have served as panel member for H&I. I am currently serving as the alternate secretary. I have never misappropriated any NA funds.

Motion: To nominate Leigh Anne F for alt RCM

Willingness Statement: I have almost 11 years free from drugs. My clean date is April 30, 2007. I am working the steps with my Sponsor. Service is important for me to stay connected to NA. I have held many service positions: GSR for Nothing to Fear and Simplicity is the Key, Activities Treasurer, NA in May Treasurer, Alt Treasurer for VRC and VRC Interim Chair. I am a panel member for H&I and take meetings to the women at the Shelby County Jail. I did not finish my term as GSR for NA Squared before the meeting folded. I have never misappropriated NA funds.

Motion: **Maker: Brooks S; Seconded by: Simplicity is the Key**

To amend the NA in May motion from May to specify that the funds come from the NA in May 2019 funds.

Intent: The NA in May guidelines state that the proceeds go to the Basic Text Fund. The new motion was not in effect when the funds were collected.

Motion: **Maker: High On Life; Seconded by: Clarity**

That the previously approved motion be amended as follows: Financial procedures, item 1 will be amended – 1. The second sentence will be changed from “All funds raised will be used to subsidize the basic text” to “Funds raised will be used to meet the needs of our monthly group limitations below.” 2. Last sentence to be changed from, “If there is a surplus of subsidized basic text fund, the surplus will roll over to the following year unless motion is made to do otherwise” to “To deal with any surplus of subsidy basic text fund, the following procedure will be followed, Each year after NA in May subcommittee has turned over its net proceeds to the basic text fund, if the balance in the fund is over \$4,500, then 50% of the excess over \$4,500 will be donated to the current year VRC, and the other 50% will be donated to the WTASC to be split among the subcommittees.”

Intent: To put recurring process in place that, 1. Ensures that all basic text requests from our groups within the guidelines set out above continues to be subsidized, 2. To not leave any subcommittee underfunded, and 3. Provide for distribution of any excess funds so that our area is not left sitting on an unused sum of money.

Rationale: Up until 3 years ago this has not been an issue, as we used all the basic text funds. But with recent financial successes of the NA in May event, we have had excesses. Last year we made a one-time donation to VRC, but wanted to put something in place that would deal with it on an ongoing basis. Because NA in May used to be VRC fundraiser every year before we created the Basic text fund, some of the funds going to the VRC seemed to make sense. And that is balanced by keeping the other half of any excesses here for the subcommittees to better carry the message. The \$4,500 amount was determined as follows: For the past several years of the basic text fund, the cost has been \$2,400-\$2,800 annually. So we started at \$3,000 as an amount that should cover a year's usage easily. Then add 50% more for just in case of a lean year for NA in May or an expanded need due to growth of groups, etc.

WTASC MOTION FORM

DATE: 6-24-18

MAKER: Brooks S.

SECONDED BY: Simplicity is the Key

MOTION: To amend the NA in May Motions
about Funds to specify that the
Funds come from the 2019 N.A. in May
Funds

INTENT: The Proceeds from NA and My
Guideline stat that the proceeds go
to the Basic Text funds
The new motion was not in effect
when the money was collected

POLICY CHANGE: YES NO 2 PROS: YES NO 2 CONS: YES NO

TABLED: YES NO OUT OF ORDER: YES NO

AMENDED: YES NO WITHDRAWN: YES NO

SENT BACK TO GROUPS: YES NO

WTASC MOTION FORM

DATE: 6/24/18

MAKER: High On Life

SECONDED BY: Clarity

MOTION: ^{previously} ~~That the~~ ~~procedures~~ ~~are amended as follows:~~ approved motion be amended as follows: Under financial ~~procedures~~, item 1 will be amended as follows: 1. the second sentence will be changed from "All funds raised will be used to subsidize basic text." To "Funds raised will be used to meet the needs of our area based on the monthly group limitations ~~below~~ below. 2. Last sentence to be changed from: "If there is a surplus of subsidy basic text fund, the surplus rolls over to the following year unless motion is made to do otherwise." To "To deal with any surplus of subsidy basic text funds, the following ~~procedure~~ procedure will be followed: Each year, after the NA in May Subcommittee has turned over its net proceeds to the Basic text fund, if the balance in the fund is over \$4,500.00, then 50% of the excess over \$4,500.00 will be donated to the current year VRC, and the other 50% will be donated to the WTASC to be split among ~~the~~ the subcommittees."

FOR Intent turn Over

POLICY CHANGE: YES NO 2 PROS: YES NO 2 CONS: YES NO

TABLED: YES NO OUT OF ORDER: YES NO

AMENDED: YES NO WITHDRAWN: YES NO

SENT BACK TO GROUPS: YES NO

Intent: To put recurring process in place that 1. Insures that all basic texts ~~are~~ requests from our groups within the guidelines set out above continue to be subsidized, 2. To not leave any subcommittee underfunded, and 3. Provides for distribution of any excess funds so that our area is not left sitting on unused sums of money.

Rationale: Up until 3 years ago this was never an issue, as we used all the basic text funds each of the first 3 years of the fund. But with recent financial successes of the NA in May event, we have had excesses every year. Last year, we made a one-time donation to VRC 35, but wanted to put something in place that would deal with it on an ongoing basis. Because NA in May used to be a VRC fundraiser every year before we created the Basic Text fund, some of the funds going back to VRC seemed to make sense. And that is balanced by keeping the other half of any excess here^{for} the subcommittees to better carry the message. The \$4,500.00 amount was determined as follows: For the past several years, usage of the Basic Text fund has been \$2,400.00 - \$2,800.00 annually, so we started with \$3,000.00 as an amount that should cover a year's usage easily. Then added 50% more to keep in case of a lean year for in NA in May, or expended need due to growth in groups etc.

Source	Literature	Donations	Tot Rec'ds	Basic Texts
Clean A.I.R.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Clarity	\$ 38.70	\$ 54.30	\$ 93.00	0
Cordova Hope	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Desire	\$ 54.80	\$ 96.85	\$ 151.65	3
Doin This Thing	\$ 27.65	\$ 12.35	\$ 40.00	5
Friday Night Step Writing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Get Honest or Die	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Gift	\$ 39.25	\$ 0.75	\$ 40.00	2
Good Orderly Direction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Harmony	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
High on Life	\$ 10.70	\$ -	\$ 10.70	0
Hope Dealers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Hopenminded	\$ 65.65	\$ 17.35	\$ 83.00	2
Keep it Green	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Lunch Bunch	\$ 115.55	\$ 50.00	\$ 165.55	7
No Matter What	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
One is Too Many	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	0
Positive Awareness	\$ 83.60	\$ 7.40	\$ 91.00	7
Primary Purpose	\$ 69.58	\$ 5.42	\$ 75.00	2
Sat Nite Alive	\$ 18.50	\$ 36.50	\$ 55.00	2
Simplicity is the Key	\$ 17.53	\$ 45.47	\$ 63.00	2
Something Different	\$ 10.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 41.00	2
Spiritual Awakening	\$ 48.60	\$ 1.40	\$ 50.00	0
Step Write In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Thursday Nighters	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Unity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
We Are Entirely Ready	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Welcome Home	\$ 72.60	\$ 7.40	\$ 80.00	7
You+ Me = we	\$ 66.23	\$ 12.77	\$ 79.00	1
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Misc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Sub Totals	\$ 748.94	\$ 378.96	\$ 1,127.90	42
Donations	\$ 378.96			
Literature	\$ 748.94			
Member donation	\$ 100.00			
NA in May check to Basic Text Fund	\$ 255.47			
Subtotal Received At Area	\$ 1,483.37			
Prior Balance	\$ 9,423.88			
	\$ -			
Available	\$ 10,907.25			

Expenses					
Name	Amount	Check Number			
			VOIDED CHECKS		
P.O. Box Rental (1 year)	\$ -				
PI - Schedules	\$ 250.00	2264			
PI - Petty Cash Operating Fund	\$ -				
PI - Travel Expense to VRC	\$ -				
Secretary - Expense Reimbursement	\$ -		Literature Expense		
Activities	\$ -		H&I Literature	\$ 70.25	
Storage Rental	\$ -		PI Literature	\$ -	
Checks	\$ -		Group Literature	\$ 748.94	
Newsletter-Expense Reimbursement	\$ -		Add Lit	\$ -	
Literature- Expense Reimbursement	\$ -		rent	\$ -	
Treasurer's-Expense Reimbursement	\$ -		Starter kit Inst Mtg	\$ -	
Policy - Expense Reimbursement	\$ -		Sub Total	\$ 819.19	
RCM - Travel Advance	\$ -		Lone Star Discount	\$ -	
VRC 35 Donation	\$ -		Total Literature	\$ 819.19	
Safe Deposit Box	\$ 150.00				
PI Phone Line / Freedom Voice	\$ 8.45				
Literature (Florida Regional Office)	\$ 1,576.59				
VRSC, Inc. (Regional Donation)	\$ 262.97	2265			
World Donation	\$ -				
Reimbursement Brad H Website hosting	\$ -			Basic Text Fund	
Area Rent	\$ 20.00	2263		Beginning Balance	\$ 6,224.78
Glen H outreach	\$ -			BT Count	42
				Ending Balance	\$ 5,949.68
	\$ -				
	\$ -				
	\$ -				
Total Expenses	\$ 2,268.01				
Balance	\$ 8,639.24				
Set Asides					
Prudent Reserve	\$ 635.00				
PI Schedules \$250 qtrly \$83.33 monthly	\$ -	Paid June 2018			
Newsletter \$25 qtrly \$8.33 monthly	\$ 8.33	Paid April 2018			
Safe Deposit Box \$150 yr \$12.50 monthly	\$ -	Paid June 2018			
PO Box Rental \$120 yr \$10.00 monthly	\$ 10.00	Paid May 2018			
Freedom Voice Phone Line	\$ 8.45				
Website hosting \$148.24 \$12.36 monthly	\$ 222.48	Paid Dec 2016			
Activities	\$ 400.00				
Outreach	\$ 5.54				
Tentative literature order	\$ 1,144.29				
NA in May Basic Text Fund	\$ 6,205.15	(includes \$255.47 check from today)			
Total Set Asides	\$ 8,639.24				
Available Cash	\$ -				
Total Set Asides & Avail Cash	\$ 8,639.24				

Next W.T.A.S.C. meeting is 07/22/2018

ADDENDUM

On behalf of the West TN ASC Officers,

In regards to the Motion: "ASC guidelines amendment- funds from NA May used to subsidize basic texts to reallocate overage of funds to 50% VRC and 50% H&I Subcommittee Guidelines."

At the June 2018 meeting there were two motions made to amend this original motion that went back to the home groups to be voted on that passed. We reached out to Regions Policy & Procedures Chair as well as some other trusted servants regarding what all took place at the June 2018 area meeting to see if everything that transpired was in accordance with the 12 concepts of service and 12 traditions.

The 10th step says when we were wrong, we promptly admitted it. Humility far supersedes our WTASC Guidelines and any information regarding Roberts Rules of Order. Unity is the first tradition and we are a spiritual body, not a body of government. As a service body as a whole we can rectify this, unfortunately we were wrong. This motion should have never been sent back to the group and we apologize to you for that. In accordance with 11th Concept "If we have the funds needed to carry out a project but lack the time or the ideas, we'd best wait until we've gathered all the needed resources before proceeding. In setting priorities, we may be tempted to look only at our own needs, tightly holding on to funds, spending money only on our own projects, and neglecting our role in providing needed funds to all levels of service. That kind of thinking is contrary to the Eleventh Concept."

We hope that you will understand and allow us to continue to serve. We will do better to put more clarification in our guidelines to deal with this problem and any future problems that may arise. We will also work harder to not rush to send out a motion, we will take our time. 9th Concept "An effective group conscience is a fully informed group conscience. The Ninth Concept is one tool we use to help ensure that our group conscience is as well-informed as it can possibly be. In any discussion, it is tempting to ignore dissenting members, especially if the vast majority of members think alike."

We do not want to be a fellowship that is motion driven because then that motion holds us hostage to the wording of the motion. We want to strive to be a fellowship that is discussion driven and practicing spiritual principles first, above all else. More discussion on this will be discussed at the July 2018 Area. Hope to see you there.

Thank you for allowing us to serve.

-WTASC Officers