

West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (10/27/2019)

WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW FOR OUR BUSINESS MEETING?

Open Positions	Suggested Clean Time
Treasurer	3 years
RCM	3 years
Archives	5 years
Outreach	

Motions needing home group votes:

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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

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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

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

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Title/Sub/Group	Name	1/27/2019	2/24/2019	3/24/2019	4/28/2019	5/26/2019	6/23/2019	7/28/2019	8/25/2019	9/22/2019	10/27/2019
Administrative											
Chairperson	Drew R.	X	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X
Vice Chairperson	Sara S.	X	X	OPEN	X	O	X	X	X	X	O
Secretary	Sarah M.	X	X	OPEN	OPEN	X	X	O	X	X	X
Alternate Secretary	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Treasurer	OPEN	X	O	X	X	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Alternate Treasurer	Leigh Ann F.	X	X	X	OPEN	X	X	O	X	X	X
Regional Committee Member	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Alternate Regional Committee Member	OPEN	X	X	X	X	X	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Subcommittees											
Activities	OPEN	X	X	O	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Archives	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	X	X	X	X	X	O
Hospitals and Institutions	Sam T.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Literature	Bronson R.	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NA in May	Geoff B.	OPEN	OPEN	X	X	X	X	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Newsletter	Juan S.	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	O	X
Outreach	OPEN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	OPEN
Policy and Procedures	Glenn H	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	X	X
Public Relations	Bill S.	X	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	O
Voting Groups											
Clean Steam	Chris R.	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	X	X
Cordova Hope	Paul B.	O	X	X	O	X	O	X	X	X	X
G.I.F.T.	Frank S.	X	X	O	X	O	O	O	X	X	X
Harmony	Thomas B.	X	X	O	X	O	O	O	X	X	X
High On Life	David T.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hope Dealers	Michael M.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lunch Bunch	Willie T.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Keep It Green	Brooks S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O
No Matter What	Drew R.	O	O	O	O	O	X	X	X	X	X
One is too many	Susan V.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X
Primary Purpose	Dennis B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Saturday Night Alive	Glen H.	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Simplicity is the Key	Geoff B.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Something Different	Bill S.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Spiritual Awakenings	Kate G.	O	X	X	O	X	X	O	X	X	X
Thursday Nighters	Sam	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	X	X
We Are Entirely Ready	Mancill W.	X	X	O	X	O	O	O	X	X	X
Welcome Home	Ryan B.	X	X	X	O	X	X	O	X	X	X
You + Me = We	Karen W.	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Non-Voting Groups and Meetings											
Clean A.I.R.	Allison L	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Clarity (was Farfromusen)	Perry	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O
Plan B	Brandy C	X	O	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Doin' This Thing	Brad B.	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Step Write In	Vince H.	X	O	X	X	O	X	O	O	O	X

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- **Chair** – No report
- **Vice Chair** - Absent
- **Secretary** – No report
- **RCM** - Open position
- **RCM Alt** – Open position

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities – Good afternoon, we started this event with \$0 because I was going to get reimbursed today. Which that is no longer needed. We had \$170 in donations from groups and members. After paying rent to the church and expenses we cleared \$392.

The next subcommittee meeting will be held at Dunkin Donuts on Union Ave November 16,2019 at 2:00pm.

Archives – Open position

H & I – Hello family, H&I is struggling a bit and could use some extra support. I asked GSRs last month to ask their home group members if they would be interested in sharing their stories, and to bring a list of numbers to give to the panel leaders, but they did not do so. I will ask again if they would be willing to participate in getting us some extra support. Grace House is currently open. We orientated 3 new members and Jackie M. was voted in as a panel member for MRC youth. Remember that the clean time requirements are as follows: 90 days to sit in, 6 months to share, and 9 months to carry a panel at a facility. Literature order: \$90.75, no donation, total \$90.75. Thanks for letting me serve, Sam T

Literature – No report

NA in May – Open position

Newsletter – Working on the December issue of the “Clean Times”. The issue will be covering topics related to recovery through the Holidays. Still need homegroup members birthdays for the month(s): Dec, Jan & Feb. Also need to be reimbursed \$30 for printing of June & Sept issues.

Outreach – open position

Policy and Procedure – Glen, Addict. I have updated the WTASCNA Guidelines and the Sub-committee Guidelines to reflect changes through last area. Our committee will be doing some housekeeping changes before the next area which, I believe do not have to be voted on. I am going to have a Policy

Sub-Committee meeting Sat, Nov 16, 2019 @ 4pm @ Trinity Church, where Saturday Night Alive meets.
We will complete an accept the housekeeping changes and discuss other projects.

Thank you, Glen

Public Relations – absent

GROUP REPORTS

Clean Steam - Hello family, All is well at Clean Steam. We had 19 addicts attend this month and we have started Basic Text study.

Clarity – not present

Clean Air- not present

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Cordova Hope- Hello family, all is well at Cordova Hope. We have had an average attendance of 25-30 on Sunday nights and 10-15 on Tuesday and Thursday at the noon meetings. We have had 4 newcomers during Tues/Thurs meeting and anywhere from 4-8 newcomers on Sunday nights. We have 4 new home group members.

Desire – Hello family- Desire still the only candlelight meeting is showing out with about 60-100 people weekly. There are several treatment facilities coming weekly as well. We always need E.S.H to share a message of recovery.

Doin this Thing- not present

Get Honest or Die – GHOD is alive and well. Averaging around 30 ppl per month w/ maybe a couple newcomers. Get a treatment center once or twice a month or two. Have a few women home group members but could always use more support since treatment centers are typically women. No B-days this month.

GIFT – All is well with GIFT. Our meeting is growing, averaging 10 - 12 addicts.

Good Orderly Direction – All is well at GOD. We have a good message at each meeting. We have 15 per meeting. No newcomers. No lit order and no donations. No birthdays.

Harmony- Everything is good at Harmony. Average attendance is about 18 for Mon and Thurs. Giving out keytags at every meeting. 5 newcomers.

High On Life – David addict. Greetings from HOL. We are doing well and had sixty-two addicts come through the door this month but could always use your support. No celebrations or lit this month and no donation to area.

Hope Dealers – Greeting family from your friendly neighborhoods Arlington meeting Hope Dealers. We meet every Monday at 7pm. All is well we have an average meeting attendance of 15- 25 including newcomers and treatment centers.

Keep it Green – not present

Lunch Bunch– Good afternoon,

Ye distinguished Area Service Committee members!

All is well at the Lunch Bunch. The Wednesday meeting, however, does need support from more of our members with recovery experienced. If your schedule can accommodate a meeting on that date please come and help carry a message of recovery at noon. We have one new trusted servant for our group. John Z. stepped up and was elected secretary. We at the Lunch Bunch are contemplating breaking bread with folks, in addition to the coffee and snacks we generally serve, during the holiday season. We know that a lot of our members are vulnerable at that time and we want be able to support them during the Thanksgiving season. We have not worked out all the details yet and will be holding a special group meeting on November 9 to discuss this. Please stay tuned.

No Matter What- All is good at No Matter What. We have an average of 8 in attendance as well as 4 newcomers.

One is Too Many – All is well with one is too many . Our meeting is growing.

Plan B- not present

Primary Purpose – All is well at Primary Purpose. There have been several newcomers this past month our meetings have been on average about 20 people.

Saturday Night Alive – Saturday Night is worried. Right now, we only have 2 home group members but we have attendance from 15-30 addicts a night. So, if you don't have a homegroup, come check us out. If you just want to help carry the message and get some recovery, we'll save a seat for you.

Simplicity is the Key – Hello family. All is well at SITK. We had 160 addicts attend our meeting last month and 3 newcomers. We have no birthdays/anniversaries this month.

Something Different – Good afternoon. At something different we have been averaging 20-40 people a meeting.

Spiritual Awakenings- Hello friends and family- All is well at Spiritual Awakenings. November is a big birthday month for our home group. We have 3 celebrations. We look forward to seeing you on Friday nights at 8 pm. Come out and support!

Step Write In- Nothing to report

Thursday Nighters – Thursday Nighters is well attended with many from drug court and recovery facilities. Thursday Nighters will be open Thanksgiving. Please bring food if you would like. Will post in Clean Friends and Family.

Unity – Group is well. We are averaging 15 a meeting and a treatment center once a month. We have a rotating format which is 1st Tuesday is a question and answers, 2nd is living clean, 3rd is basic text share and reading, 4th is a speaker meeting and if there is a 5th tuesday we read and share from the basic text.

We are Entirely Ready – All is well WAER. The message is still strong. We average 10-15 per meeting. No newcomers. We have 3 good meetings on Thurs, Fri, and Sat nights.

Welcome Home- Going good, average 15-20 members book study on Tuesdays

You+me=we- Good afternoon family. All is well @ You+me=We. Our attendance was 152 with 6 newcomers. We meet daily including holidays @ 8am in the Cooper Young Area. Please join us to share you E.S.H.

Upcoming Birthdays

Cordova Hope

11/23 Karen B

11/9 Mark K

11/10 Alan D

Lunch Bunch s

10/31 Edith A., 21 years

11/2 Doug M., 12 years

Harmony

11/14 Ashley D 2 years

Primary Purpose

11/3 28 yrs Tony H

12/15 2 yrs Alex W

Spiritual Awakenings

11/1 Kate G 5 yrs

11/15 Ross N 14 yrs

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11/24 Rick A 9 yrs

12/16 Mike S 8 yrs

01/02 Lamar 31 yrs

Welcome Home

11/24 Amie B 1 yr

11/24 Logan S 1 yr

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11/30 Andre Y 17 yrs

OPEN FORUM TOPICS

Glen H. brought up the topic of VRC 2021 and the need to create an exploratory committee and nominate a chair for the committee. Glen expressed willingness to start the ad hoc committee.

The first committee meeting will be November 23, 2019 at 4:00 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion Maker: Tayler O, Policy and Procedures **Seconded by:** Glen H, Saturday Night Alive

Motion: To re-elect Sarah M as WTASC secretary

Intent: To fill vacant/expiring secretary in Sept. 2019

Willingness Statement: I'm expressing willingness to serve as area secretary. My clean date is April 23, 2016. I have a sponsor who works steps with her sponsor and I work steps with mine. I've been serving as area secretary since March 2019. I've served in the past as home group GSR and held a panel for H&I. I've never misappropriated NA funds. I've had to step down early from one prior service commitment as GSR in 2014 due to conflicts with school.

No- 0 Abstain- 0 Yes- 18

Motion Maker: Keep it Green **Seconded by:** Primary Purpose

Motion: To nominate Tayler O. as alt secretary

Intent: To fulfill a vacant position

Willingness statement: I'm Tayler O grateful recovering addict. My clean date is January 6, 2011. I currently work steps/traditions with my sponsor who has a sponsor. I also sponsor other women in NA. I've held the following service commitments: GSR for various home groups, Vice Chair of H&I, Chair of H&I, Vice Chair Activities, Chair of Activities, Policy and Procedures chair for WTASC. I've been a panel leader for La Paloma co-ed and then La Paloma women. I've never misappropriated NA funds. I would love to serve as alt secretary at the WTASC. In loving service, Tayler O.

No- 0 Abstain- 0 Yes- 18

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.

This motion was tabled until next month. Votes made by home groups will be carried over to WTASC Area November 2019.

Motion Maker: Policy and Procedures **Seconded by:** We are Entirely Ready

Motion: Strike sentence "For a list of subsidized literature, please refer to the NA in May guidelines" from Letter I. under financial procedures in the WTASC guidelines

Intent: To clear up any misunderstanding of what literature is subsidized and to avoid having to update the guidelines every time a new piece of literature is added to the subsidy list.

No-2 Abstentions-4 Yes-12

Motion maker: Glen H Saturday Night Alive **Seconded by:** Tayler O policy and procedures

Motion: To nominate Destin B to be activities chair

Intent: To fulfill an open position

Willingness statement: My name is Destin B and I'm an addict. I am expressing willingness to be the activities chair for area. I have a sponsor who has a sponsor who has a sponsor. I work steps with my sponsor. He works steps with his sponsor and so on and so forth. My clean date is July 24, 2017 and I am currently GSR for my home group. I sponsor men, have done H&I and held my own panel; I've written for the NA newsletter and never misappropriated NA funds.

No- 0 Abstentions- 1 Yes- 17

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