

West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (09/26/2016)

WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW FOR OUR BUSINESS MEETING?

*We have a number of **OPEN WTASC POSITIONS** that are in need of new representatives as well as **OPEN H&I PANELS**. Please encourage any addicts looking for service in your respective groups to come out and provide a willingness statement to take on these critical roles. **SEE VACANCIES BELOW:***

- **ARCHIVIST**
- **ALTERNATE SECRETARY**
- **OUTREACH**
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS**
- **REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER**
- **REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER ALTERNATE**

H&I PANELS:

- **LAKESIDE (ALTERNATE FRIDAYS - 7PM-8PM)**
- **CAAPS MEN'S (ALTERNATE THURSDAYS - 7PM-8PM)**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair- No report.

Vice Chair- Hi family! I don't have much to report. After the topic of posting pictures on social media was brought up in open forum last month I offered to bring you all copies of the information that this body voted to have posted at all area functions. I am passing it around to you now.

Secretary- Hi Family! In an effort to ensure every GSR and subcommittee chair receives the minutes accordingly, please continue to put your email and or mailing addresses on your reports so I can make sure the gaps are filled in and I have a proper and current record of everyone's contact information going forward.

Treasurer- see attached report.

Policy Chair- A group of us consisting of myself, James R, Chris M, and David T met 9/10 to further discuss our stance on literature and taxes. After some deliberation, we decided to do nothing at this time. Our Region as a whole has been addressed with this matter and nothing done at this point or even over the past several years. Since Region has been contacted by the State, we believe it is our area's best interest to hold off until we hear further from Region. Supposedly, an addict at Region was or is supposed to meet with a State rep this month to discuss the legal matters are Region could face. Right now, we honestly do not know where the Region stands on this issue. If we were to make a motion to discontinue literature sales, many guidelines would need to be changed. We may not even need to change them in the

end. Therefore, we are holding off until further discussion arises or issues surface. If anyone feels differently, you are welcome to file a motion to Region or area regarding this. As policy chair, I will not be making a motion at this time.

Regional Committee Member - No report. Position currently vacant.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities - Hello Friends and Family, All is well with Activities Subcommittee. We had a meeting on 9/15. We discussed our next event for Halloween which will be held at Shelby Farms at 6PM on Saturday, October 22 (See attached flyer). Anyone can participate in a variety of activities from the corn maze to spooky nights. We will also be going to an adult haunted house later that evening for those who want to join. Our next meeting is Thursday, 10/20 at Cafe Eclectic in Midtown at 6PM.

Adhoc Area Move Exploration- We met at 4:30 PM on Saturday, September 10 at Trinity United Methodist. There was not a big turnout. But we did have a good brainstorming session.

Discussed the purpose of this Ad Hoc committee:

Pros

- 1] The current church has inconvenienced us. They surprise us at least once a year, maybe two with last minute moves; we have to move our meeting upstairs. The air conditioning does not work well up there and there are not enough chairs. There are also not any grounded power outlets to plug the treasurer laptop in the walls in that room.
- 2] We do not have ties to this church. No other NA meetings here.

Cons

- 1] It is printed on our schedule through December.
- 2] This location is centrally located.
- 3] It is cheap and available 95% of the time.
- 4] It is big enough room.

We reached a consensus that there is enough reasons for it that we should continue exploring a move.

New meeting place requirements:

- Available Sunday afternoons
- Ample parking
- Good air conditioner and heat.
- Adequate meeting space
- Reasonable price
- 3 prong power outlets
- Acceptable location
- Place to store literature

Potential new meeting locations:

- Trinity United Methodist
- Cordova Hope
- Christ United Methodist
- Idlewild Presbyterian
- Immaculate Conception

I will solicit other locations at today's area as well.

The next meeting of this adhoc committee will be October 15th at 5 PM where Saturday Night Alive meets.
1738 Galloway Ave, Memphis, TN.

H & I - Hello family. All is well with H&I. We continue to carry the message of NA to hospitals and institutions and I am happy to announce that we have voted in 2 new panel leaders for open panels:

- **Tony R - Lakeside (alt Sundays)**

Willingness Statement: Hello NA Family, My name is Tony R.. My clean date is 12/9/15. I am currently actively working the NA program. I have a sponsor and am working the steps. I have never misappropriated NA funds and I have never backed out of a service commitment.

- **Melissa G - Compass youth women**

We still have 2 open panels which are:

- **Lakeside (alt. Friday 7-8pm)**
- **CAAPS men's (alt. Thursday's 7-8pm)**

This will be my last panel report as H&I chairperson and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the H&I chairperson for the past year.

Literature - No report.

NA in May - No report.

Newsletter - Greetings from The Clean Times. All is well and cruising right along. We are working hard on the next issue since it comes up quick because of the holidays and are looking for some writers for the articles so, if you would like to write an article or know someone that would let me know. You can reach me through Facebook or email at thecleantimes@gmail.com. The topics that we are looking for are the Fifth Tradition and concept as well as honesty, open mindedness, and willingness. If you have any announcements let me know. I can't put in what I don't have.

Outreach - Greetings from the Outreach Committee! We had our last meeting at Saturday, September 24th and discussed several topics including Capture the Banner which is still in full effect and continues to promote unity and support for meetings. This game will continue through Halloween. The September meeting of the month is Get Honest or Die. If there are any homegroups in attendance that are struggling and in need of support/homegroup members and would like to be meeting of the month, please see, email me or make an appointment at next area. The 80s dance/fundraiser on August 27th was a great time enjoyed by all. We would again like to thank the Activities Committee for joining with us to try and help carry the message and support meetings.

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Public Relations - Hey you guys, public relations chair is now an open position. Step up. You can make a willingness statement TODAY to fill this position. We had 121 calls into the helpline this past month. We had an committee meeting today with three and a half addicts in attendance. We have been discussing the protocol on when to take a meeting off the schedule. Groups are autonomous and do not have to appear at area. We will reach out to questionable meetings through email, phone, or a live visit. If no response they will be taken off and the 3 month waiting period will be in effect if they want back on. If you know of any meetings that have disbanded please let glen know @ 901-219-5397. It is up to the groups to let us know if they want to remain on the meeting schedule. Let any groups know they can call me on the helpline if they have any questions or concerns. Also we are reviving the PR Facebook group for active discussions. We will hAve another meeting next month for meeting schedule discussion.

GROUP REPORTS

Clean A.I.R. - No report.

Cordova Hope - No Report.

Doin' This Thing - Hello NA Family, All is well at DTT. As always, we have a good number of newcomers including treatment centers. Average attendance is around 30 addicts. Most of our service positions are filled and we have 1 anniversary this month.

Farfromusen - No report.

GIFT- All is well. 5-8 addicts per meeting with 1-2 newcomers. No problems, no changes.

Good Orderly Direction - Hello you guys, Greetings from Good Orderly Direction. Attendance is still on average 25-30 addicts each week. We meet every Thursday at 6PM - 7:30PM. Our meetings are literature based, except for the first Thursday of every month. No new members and no birthdays this month.

Harmony- Harmony is doing really well. We have a very healthy attendance of 15-20 people and 3 newcomers have stuck and stayed. Danielle and Kristin celebrated a year clean and serene. Our tradition seven continue to be generous.

High On Life- Greetings from High On Life, where all is well. We had forty-seven people come through our doors last month. We have two announcements. High On Life is now a Drug Court approved meeting. The other thing is that we will be celebrating our One Year group anniversary on November 14th at 7:30 with the meeting to follow at 8:30. it will be a potluck so if you come and want to bring a dish let me know or if you just want to come and fellowship and have a great meeting just bring yourself. We have no lit order and no donation.

Lunch Bunch - GSR did not attend area last month. Group conscience voted Corey P. as new GSR. Attendance is an average of 20 people per day with newcomers attending almost every day.

Keep It Green- Hey Family, All is well at Keep It Green. We continue to have a steady number of addicts in attendance weekly with 20-25 people and 3-4 newcomers per month. We have added 1 new homegroup member.

No Matter What - All is well at NMW. Yesterday, the 10th anniversary of our meeting went very well. Thanks to all who came out and helped us celebrate. Friday is still our best night of attendance with an average of 18-20 addicts. Saturday and Sunday around 10-14 max. We have had no newcomers this month, but we have had a lot of visitors from other meetings in our area. Thanks for the support!

One is Too Many - We had one newcomer this month. We have an average of 8 people at our meeting. No new members. Our speaker this month is on 9/30/16. We want to thank all of our speakers.

Primary Purpose - What up and Greetings from Primary Purpose. We have an average meeting attendance of 40-80 addicts. We have plenty of seating, a hug and a greeting waiting for you!

Saturday Night Alive - Everything is going well at SNA. We moved to the basement which has more room and generally cooler.

Simplicity is the Key - Greeting fam, all is well with Simplicity is the Key. On average we have 1 to 2 newcomers. Our meeting is bigger than ever so come on out and share or hear some experience strength and hope. We have a \$35.73 literature order, with a \$4.27 donation to area.

Something Different - All is well at Something Different. We continue to hold steady at 25-30 members in attendance with 3 newcomers this month.

Spiritual Awakenings - Hello Fam, All is well at SA. We continue to get 3-4 newcomers per meeting and have added 1 new homegroup member. We are giving a 30 day notice to no longer be drug court approved.

Step Write In 2: Electric Boogaloo - Greetings from step write in 2, we are doing well. Last week, we celebrated Chad R.'s anniversary and it was a fantastic meeting.

Thursday Nitters - Hello Family, All is well at Thursday Nighters. We are still going strong with an average of 30-50 in attendance with 1-3 newcomers and treatment centers in attendance.

We Are Entirely Ready - Continuing to have 20-25 people in attendance. No new members, no problems, no changes.

Welcome Home - All is well at Welcome Home. we have had 2 newcomers this month. Our Sunday meetings continue to be our largest meeting with average attendance of 30 people. Our average attendance for our Tuesday and Thursday meeting is around 12. We celebrated 2 birthdays this month: Dennis L. with 5 years and Morgan H. with 2 years.

You+Me=We - Our meeting is moving along. We're averaging 4-5 newcomers every meeting. We are moved upstairs now. What a way to start your day by getting meetings early in the morning!

OPEN FORUM TOPICS

1. ***Meeting Schedules-*** Concern over designating drug court meetings on the meeting schedule. Proposed the idea of marking or indicating drug court approved meetings on the schedule. There is a need to clarify which meetings aren't meeting anymore and communicating that to the right people.
 - a. A couple of cons brought up: creates alienation and also promotes affiliation with drug court as a whole.
 - b. Proactive steps for being aware of meetings that aren't meeting anymore: contact Glen H. to make sure we don't send addicts to meetings that don't exist anymore.

The issue was brought up about meetings that do not participate in Area and whether or not they should be advertised on the meeting scheduled. Groups are autonomous, they don't have to come to Area, but we need more information quarterly to let us know things are still going on. The opinion was brought up that it is fine for them to meet, but if we are not aware of the "health" of the meeting, they do not have to be on the meeting schedule in an effort to ensure we are not sending newcomers to meetings we have no idea if they are carrying the message or how they are doing.

2. ***NA in May-*** Chad R. has a lot of supplies for NA in May in his attic. He needs to know what to do with it because he is moving. Christine agreed to store 2-3 boxes for NA in May.

OLD BUSINESS

REGIONAL MOTIONS:

Motion: To nominate Glen H for VRC Chair

Intent: Occupy open position

Area Votes: 17-0-2

PASSED

Motion: To nominate Julie H. as Volunteer Service Committee Chair

Intent: Occupy open position

Area Votes: 17-0-2

PASSED

Motion: Set the time frame for the Secretary to send out the Regional Minutes

Intent: To get necessary information out in a timely manner

Area Votes: All Abstain

AREA MOTIONS:

Motion: To nominate Penny B. as WTASC H&I Subcommittee Chair

Intent: Occupy open position

Area Votes: 16-0-3

PASSED

Motion: To nominate Laughlin T. as WTASC Secretary

Intent: Occupy open position

Area Votes: 16-0-3

PASSED

Motion: To nominate Jonathan M. as WTASC Policy Chair

Intent: To extend his continued service in the position

Area Votes: 17-0-2

PASSED

Motion: To nominate Chris M. as WTASC NA in May Subcommittee Chair

Intent: Occupy a vacant position

Area Votes: 16-0-2

PASSED

NEW BUSINESS

(No new business)

The Next WTASC meeting is Sunday, October 23, 2016.

Title/Sub/Group	Name	07/24/2016	8/28/2016	9/26/2016
Administrative				
Chairperson	Chris M.	X	X	X
Vice Chairperson	Christine J.	X	X	X
Secretary	Laughlin T.	X	X	X
Alternate Secretary	OPEN	X	X	O
Treasurer	Michael H.	X	X	X
Alternate Treasurer	Amanda K.	O	X	X
Regional Committee Member	OPEN	X	X	OPEN
Alternate Regional Committee Member	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Subcommittees				
Activities	Kate G.	X	X	X
Archives	OPEN	X	X	O
Hospitals and Institutions	Scott K.	X	X	X
Literature	Ryan K.	X	X	X
Narcotics Anonymous in May	Chris M.	OPEN	OPEN	X
Newsletter	David T.	X	X	X
Outreach	OPEN	X	X	X
Policy and Procedures	Jonathan M.	X	X	X
Public Relations	OPEN	X	X	X
Voting Groups				
Cordova Hope	Paul B.	X	X	O
Doin' This Thing	Tony R.	X	X	X
Farfromusen	Greg M.	O	X	O
Harmony	Martini L.	X	X	X
High On Life	David T.	X	X	X
Keep It Green	Penny B.	X	X	X
No Matter What	Drew R.	X	X	X
One Is Too Many	Susan V.	X	X	X
Primary Purpose	Marcus M.	X	X	X
Saturday Night Alive	Glen H.	X	X	X
Simplicity is the Key	Tayler D.	X	X	X
Something Different	Amanda H.	O	X	X
Spiritual Awakenings	Sara S.	X	X	X
Step Write in 2: Electric Boogaloo	Grace N.	X	X	X
Thursday Niters	Tonia L.	X	X	X

You + Me = We	Karen W.	X	X	O
G.I.F.T.	Frank S.	X	X	X
Good Orderly Direction	William S.	X	X	X
Welcome Home	David M.	X	X	X
Clean A.I.R.	Bradley D.	O	X	X
Lunch Bunch	Corey P.	O	X	X
We Are Entirely Ready	Alvin Boyce	O	X	X
Non-Voting Groups and Meetings				
Desire		X	O	O
Get Honest or Die		O	O	O
Starting Somewhere		O	O	O
Unity Group		O	O	O

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Monies Received				
Source	Literature	Donations	Tot Rec'ds	Basic Texts
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Clean A.I.R.	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Cordova Hope	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Courage to Change	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Desire	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Doin This Thing	\$3.20	\$0.80	\$4.00	
FarfromUsin	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Get Honest or Die	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Gift	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Good Orderly Direction	\$5.30	\$0.01	\$5.31	
Harmony	\$48.10	\$20.00	\$68.10	5
High on Life	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Keep it Green	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Living Clean	\$19.63	\$0.37	\$20.00	
Lunch Bunch	\$204.74	\$-	\$204.74	6
Miracles Happen	\$-	\$-	\$-	
More Will Be Revealed	\$-	\$-	\$-	
New Beginings II	\$-	\$-	\$-	
No Matter What	\$-	\$51.00	\$51.00	
Out of The Darkness	\$-	\$-	\$-	
One is Too Many	\$13.50	\$6.50	\$20.00	1
Positive Awareness	\$124.81	\$0.19	\$125.00	7
Positive Image	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Primary Purpose	\$99.94	\$7.06	\$107.00	
Sat Nite Alive	\$26.43	\$24.57	\$51.00	2
Simplicity is the Key	\$35.73	\$4.27	\$40.00	
Somerville Group	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Something Different	\$22.51	\$1.49	\$24.00	2
Spiritual Awakening	\$39.30	\$-	\$39.30	
Step Write In	\$8.50	\$7.50	\$16.00	
The Attic	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Thursday Nighters	\$28.00	\$12.00	\$40.00	
Unity	\$-	\$-	\$-	
We Are Entirely Ready	\$28.75	\$1.25	\$30.00	2
Welcome Home	\$75.81	\$15.19	\$91.00	7
You+ Me = we	\$19.78	\$0.22	\$20.00	
H & I Softback Basic Texts	\$-	\$-	\$-	
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Misc	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Sub Totals	\$804.03	\$152.42	\$956.45	32

Donations	\$152.42
Literature	\$804.03
Online Donations	\$28.53
NA in May donation	\$-
Activities	
Subtotal Received At Area	\$984.98
Prior Balance	\$8,091.70
	\$-
Available	\$9,076.68

Expenses		
Name	Amount	Check Number
VOIDED CHECKS		
P.O. Box Rental (1 year)	\$-	
PI - Schedules	\$250.00	2211
PI - Petty Cash Operating Fund	\$-	
PI - Travel Expense to VRC	\$-	
Secretary - Expense Reimbursement	\$-	
Activities	\$-	
Storage Rental	\$-	
Checks	\$-	
Newsletter-Expense Reimbursement	\$-	
Literature- Expense Reimbursement	\$-	
Treasurer's-Expense Reimbursement	\$-	
Policy - Expense Reimbursement	\$-	
RCM - Travel Advance	\$-	
	\$-	
Safe Deposit Box	\$-	
PI Phone Line / Gene Lerner	\$8.23	Auto
Literature (Florida Regional Office)	\$1,708.04	
Outreach	\$-	
VRSC, Inc. (Regional Donation)	\$-	
World Donation	\$-	
Reimbursement Brad H Website hosting	\$-	
Area Rent	\$20.00	2210
Glen H outreach	\$-	
	\$-	
	\$-	
	\$-	
	\$-	
	\$-	
Total Expenses	\$1,986.27	
Balance	\$7,090.41	

Literature Expense	
H&I Literature	\$122.65
PI Literature	\$-
Group Literature	\$804.03
Add Lit	\$-
rent	\$-
Starter kit Inst Mtg	\$-
Sub Total	\$926.68
Lone Star Discount	\$-
Total Literature	\$926.68

Basic Text Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$5,308.60
BT Count	32
Ending Balance	\$5,099.00

Set Asides	
Prudent Reserve	\$635.00
PI Schedules \$250 qtrly \$83.33 monthly	\$-
Newsletter \$104 qtrly 34.67 monthly	\$34.67
Safe Deposit Box \$150 yr \$12.50 monthly	\$100.00
PO Box Rental \$98 yr \$8.17 monthly	\$32.68
Freedom Voice Phone Line	\$8.23
Website hosting \$148.24 \$12.36 monthly	\$111.24
Activities	\$400.00
Outreach	\$29.54
Tentative literature order	\$1,236.28
NA in May Basic Text Fund	\$5,099.00
Total Set Asides	\$7,686.64
Available Cash	\$(596.23)
Total Set Asides & Avail Cash	\$7,090.41

HIGH ON LIFE POTLUCK

WHERE: GRIMES MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEN: 7:30 PM

WHAT: POTLUCK AND MEETING

COME AND ENJOY FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND A MEETING