

West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (07/28/2024)

Area Positions Terms and Election Dates

Title/Sub/Group	Name	Phone Number	Email	05/26/24	06/23/24	07/28/24
Chairperson	Gill	731-343-0270		O	X	X
Vice Chairperson	OPEN			OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Secretary	Penny K	901-745-1020	pennybrucker@gmail.com	X	X	X
Alternate Secretary	OPEN			OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Treasurer	Chris R.	901-734-8335	jc_russotto@msn.com	X	X	X
Alternate Treasurer	OPEN			X	OPEN	OPEN
Regional Committee Member	Rick A	857-7076	clickforit22663@yahoo.com	X	X	X
Regional Committee Member Alternate	Tammy S		abr4u@gmail.com	X	X	X
Subcommittees						
Activities	OPEN			VAC	VAC	VAC
Archives	OPEN			VAC	VAC	VAC
Hospitals and Institutions	Ricky V.	901-779-9132	scoobydoo.rv@gmail.com	X	X	X
Literature	Ashley			X	X	X
NA in May	Juan S.		juan2c1@gmail.com	X	X	X
Newsletter	Adeel			X	X	O
Outreach	Amanda H.	901-288-9987	amanda.kremers@yahoo.com	X	X	X
Policy and Procedures	Lucy O.	901-497-0691	lucy.wens@gmail.com	X	X	X
Public Relations	George P.		tigergeorge55@att.net	X	X	X
Voting Groups						
Clean A.I.R.	Leigh Ann	628-6145	leighann1957@gmail.com	O	X	X
High On Life	Eric			X	X	O
Hope Dealers	Laura	618-7940	lssummers70@gmail.com	X	O	X
HopeNWorks	Chris R		Jc_russotto@msn.com	X	X	O

Keep It Green	Jared	828-4926	jarhead2936@gmail.com	X	O	X
Lunch Bunch	Regina	901-515-0985	betterthentheres t35@gmail.com	X	X	X
Primary Purpose	George P.		tigergeorge55@ att.net	X	X	X
Something Different	Amanda H.	288-9987	amanda.kremers @yahoo.com	X	X	X
GIFT	Pam			O	X	X
Never Alone	Kathryn G.	901-644-8751	kathryngarland1 @gmail.com	X	X	X
Welcome Home	Erica	832-754-2370	eas0596@gmail. com	X	X	X
Unity	Darin	901-315-7181	darin madison53@gm ail.com	X	O	X
Non-Voting Groups and Meetings						
Thursday Nighters				O	O	O
Cordova Hope	Rex R.		retragland827@ gmail.com	O	O	X
Clarity	Sarah		sarahelizabeths miles89@gmail.c om	O	O	O
Positive Awareness	Dave. M.	848-3282	dave.mcdowell1 966@gmail.com	O	O	O
Spiritual Awakenings	Josh W.			O	X	O
No Matter What	Drew R		dru2tr@gmail.co m	X	O	O
Harmony	Roy. C	403-2350	roy.cauthern@g mail.com	X	O	O
Desire	Dave			O	O	O
New Beginnings				O	O	O
GHOD				O	O	O
Daily Reprieve				O	O	O

PLEASE READ ALL MINUTES AND OPEN ALL ATTACHMENTS TO EMAIL. STAY INFORMED.

Opened at 2:15pm

Service Prayer: Marcus

12 Traditions: Gil

12 Concepts: George

Purpose of ASC: Ricky
Ground Rules: Not Read

OPEN POSITIONS AT THE AREA LEVEL.

Archives, Activities, Alternate Secretary, Alternate Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chair

In attendance. For clarification, If I table something the group has the right to vote the discussion back in. My word is not the final word.

Secretary

In attendance, no report given. .

Treasurer:

Hello Family All is Well,

Our bank balance started at \$7,165.23

We made a deposit to our account of \$1,046.52

We had a deposit of \$81.07 from Pay Pal

This brought our Account to \$8,292.82

I paid the Literature order Invoice #49437 of \$1,480.16

FYI the Florida Region is Still trying to Account for \$400 of lost literature from May?June that UPS lost.

We Have \$3,429.86 in our NA in May fund.

We have \$1,096.88 in our Basic Text Subsidy

This leaves \$2,285.92 in our account.

We subsidized \$4,68.57 for 60 text books this month at this stable rate we will have depleted the subsidy by march of 2025.

Our tentative literature order for next month is \$1,083.76

If we account for Prudent reserve, Activities, phone line, newsletter, PI schedules, Safe deposit box, Hand I literature, PR Literature, and the PO Box our available cash is Negative(\$324.53) This doesn't include our Zoom Account or an Additional Safe Deposit box for Archives.

It is our Policy to spend \$200 without a group conscience vote of going back to groups ,However if 8 of us decide to make motions at the Area level We can cause substantial financial burdens.

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As We Embark in Unity to Carry our Message I implore us all to consider a larger donation to support our committees : Activities, Outreach, Public Relations, Hospitals & Institutions and consider the financial support of our Area by increasing the price of our books. At our last Area this did not pass.

In Loving Service,
Chris R.

Treasurer is now located in the Hallway to avoid disruption during the area meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities

OPEN

RCM

Report given. SEE ATTACHMENT for Ricks report. Tammy is doing well and recovering nicely.

Archive Committee –

OPEN

Literature-

Hello Family, Hope all is well. The literature order total for this month is \$1,480.16. I have almost got the IP's back up to par from the missing box from the shipment the month before last. Thanks for your patience. In loving service, Ashley D.

Hospitals & Institutions:

Greetings and salutations family. First and foremost our H&I learning activity day was a resounding success. The facilitators for the treatment centers expressed sincere gratitude for the event. The venue was amazing, food was delicious and the skit was a smash. The laughter and joy was contagious. Wish more experienced members came out to support. Thank you to the ones that did. That being said, H&I facilitators are doing well. PR Chair George P and I were able to do a presentation for the federal prison halfway house located at 1629 Winchester near the airport. The director absolutely loved us and he is willing to buy literature and start taking clients to outside meetings to get sponsors. He wants us to have a meeting daytime and nighttime to accommodate work schedules. I have received willingness from two members to be panel leaders for this facility. I am very excited as NA has never had access to this facility in its 60 year industry. In my honest opinion its a game changer for the fellowship. The director wants to start at the last week of August but due to the world convention, more than likely we will start in the beginning of September. ILS, Ricky V.

NA in May

No report.

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Outreach:

Hello Family

All is well in Outreach we are plugging along and still building momentum added 2 new people this month! Those t-shirts are still in the works... more will be revealed

We visited the following groups this month and had wonderful feedback

Positive Awareness

Desire

Primary purpose

Gift

In loving service

Amanda H

Public Relations:

The PR subcommittee met on July 28, 2024, on Zoom at 11:45 AM Sunday before Area July 28, 2024

The Public Relations Committee met on July 28th at 11:45 AM. George P and Glen H discussed the H&I fun-day event. The committee will continue providing meeting schedules to Bill S for

the libraries. We discussed contacting MATA and getting bus signs made and distributed with help and financing from the Region. Bill S. contacted Scott from Region concerning the signs. G repped the PR Committee at the H and I Education Fun Day event. We discussed the current meeting schedules and distribution. We will continue printing 340. The next PR Subcommittee meeting is Aug 17th at 2 PM.

This is the PR zoom information.

pr zoom Id 849 1955 7923 passcodes F992X7.

It will be Saturday Aug 17, 2024, at 2.00 PM.

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George P.

Juan: How many people attended the event?

Ricky: 90 people in attendance.

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Policies and Procedures:

On the website the guidelines are old and there are issues with the site. We have taken the old ones down and will put the new ones up asap.

Juan: Lucy, is there a reason there are no birthdays up on the website?

Lucy: The birthdays are showing up on the website for me it may be a mobile device issue.

George: Refer to Glen or Brad.

Newsletter:

Not in attendance. .

Inventory Task Group for WTASC:

Hello Family,

Our task force committee met on July 21 st . We began work on GSR Training. Keep in mind, this

training is open to anyone, not just GSRs. It is for newcomers wanting to learn about our Area, or someone who may be contemplating getting into Service, anyone who wants to learn more about how the Area operates. Trainings will be held regularly 2 times a year. Once in the Spring (May) around Service Day and once in the Fall (September) around World Unity Day. While the training is going to be an Area Responsibility/Activity it will fall under Outreach responsibility to

conduct. We were able to come up with a basic outline of topics that will be covered in the training.

1. What is a GSR?
2. What is an Area Service Committee (ASC)?
3. Tools needed for GSR's to fulfill their responsibilities.
4. Area Meeting format.
5. Motion and Voting procedure.
6. How to conduct a Business Meeting.
7. Form review used by GSR and the ASC.
8. Questions & Answers Session.

In addition, we are implementing two additional items starting at the August 2024 area meeting.

a) The Executive Committee will meet 15 minutes prior to Area (2:00pm) and review the days agenda.

b) The Outreach Chair will pass out agendas and go over the days activities with GSR's.

Our next meeting will be August 18 th , and we will meet in person so we can develop the training

in a team-based format.

ILS,

Leigh Ann F

OLD BUSINESS

Motion 1:

Maker: Juan S. NA In May

Seconded by: Tracy K HopeNWorks

Motion: To nominate Russell C for NA In May Chair 35.

Intent: Pass Chair to Facilitate the NA In May 35 Subcommittee.

Willingness Statement:

I am expressing my willingness to be the chairperson of the NA In May Committee for next year. I have 15 years clean, I have a sponsor who has a sponsor, and a strong sponsorship tree. I work the steps and I am actively involved with my homegroup which is Something Different. I have been on the NA In May committee, served as a GSR, been the area Alternate Treasurer, Treasurer, Vice Chair and Chair. I have never misused NA funds. I fully understand the guidelines for being the chair of the NA in May and will use my experience, strength, and hope in making the committee successful. ILS, Russell C.

All in Favor: 10

MOTION PASSED

Motion 2:

Maker: Ricky V.

Seconded by: Erica S.

Motion: Nominate Rick A. as Alt. RCM

Intent: To fill a position.

I'm Rick and I'm an addict.

This is my willingness statement for the alternate RCM position for area. I have been clean for over 14 years and have held service positions with my group such as secretary treasurer and GSR and have fulfilled the current RCM position for a second year. I'm now ready to swap with Tammy so she can move into the RCM position. I'm able to help her with the alternate. I have a sponsor who has the sponsor I have never

misallocated funds in loving service Rick a

All In Favor: 10

MOTION PASSED

Motion 3:

Maker: Ricky V.

Seconded by: Erica S.

Motion: Nominate Tammy S as RCM

Intent: To fill a position.

Tammy S willingness statement

Hello I'm Tammy and I'm an addict. This is my willingness statement for the RCM position for the West Tennessee area. I have held numerous service positions during my time in narcotics anonymous including the alternate RCM position. I have almost 20 years clean and have a sponsor who has a sponsor. I have never misallocated NA funds and am willing to serve in the position. in loving service Ta

All In Favor: 10

MOTION PASSED

Motion 4

Maker: Juan NA in May

Seconded by: Hope Dealers

Motion: To raise subsidized Literature price from \$5 to \$7.

Intent: 1. To further the Gift to the Newcomer for this area.

2. So the subsidized rate lasts longer.

Juan: \$7 is half of what the books actually cost.

Lucy: This would need to be handled within the NA in May Subcommittee. It's in their guidelines.

Kathryn: This belongs to the Area to vote on.

Leigh Ann: NA in May guidelines need to be updated.mmy S.\

All In Favor: 5

Not In Favor: 5

Abstain: 0

MOTION DID NOT PASS

ALL BOOKS REMAIN AT \$5.

GROUP REPORTS -

Clarity

Not in attendance.

Clean Air

Hello Family,

Our hybrid meeting is going well with 20-25 addicts in attendance every week. We have a lit

order of \$44.00 and a donation to Area of \$40.00.

ILS,

Leigh Ann F

Cordova Hope:

Attendance averages 6-7, we had one newcomer in July. The 7th Tradition for July was \$33. No problems here, on 7/25/24 Rex R has 17 years. We had a Lit Order of \$16.50 and an area donation of \$27.50 for a total of \$44. ILS, Rex R.

Get Honest or Die

Not in attendance.

GIFT

In attendance, no report was given/mailed to the Secretary.

Harmony

Not in attendance.

High On Life

Not in attendance.

Hope Dealers

Hello family!

All is going well at Hope Dealers we meet every Monday at 7pm in HD quality!

We have an average meeting attendance of 5 to 12 addicts. Carl H. Will be joining us to celebrate 18 years on August 5th!!

We have a literature order of 26.40 and an area donation of 30.60 totaling 57.00.

In loving service Marcus M.

Lunch Bunch

Good afternoon from the lunch bunch

We have had 15 to 25 in attendance this month. Had 2 newcomers... we have 4 birthdays coming up in August Kerry T with 22 years Tammy S with 20 years Kenneth H and Aubrey H with a year and Ashby J with 3 years . Our literature order is 158.85 and a donation to area for \$85.15 Thank you and love and service Regina R

No Matter What

Not in attendance.

HopeNworks

Not in attendance but did receive a report from Tracy.

Hello Family,

All is well. On August 16th. Chris R wil celebrate 7 years clean.

No literature order

No donation

ILS,

Tracey K

Positive Awareness

Not in attendance.

Primary Purpose

All is well with Primary Purpose. We continue to carry the message to the still addict.

Our meeting

averages about 10-15 attendees at 1720 Peabody. No Birthday

Lit Order- 14,70

Area Donation: 0.00

Total to Area 14.70

ILS,

George P.

Spiritual Awakenings

Not in attendance.

Something Different

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Hey family all is well at Something Different. We have been thriving and my heart is Overflowing with JOY!! We have been averaging 12-18 people in attendance and have added another Homegroup member this month! We have 16.50 in LIT 60.50 in donation for a total of 77

In loving service

Amanda H

Thursday Nighters

Not in attendance.

Keep it Green

Hey family,

Keep It Green is experiencing a nice uptick in attendance averaging 20 attendees per meeting. We're still there every Friday at 7pm out at Trinity on Galloway. Come on by!!

Literature Order: \$0
Area Donation: \$71

In loving service,
Jared H

Unity

We are doing well. We are averaging 25 to 30 addicts each Tuesday. We are a book study group with rotating Tuesdays. First Tuesday is a reading and study of the traditions out of the How and Why book. The second is out of the Living Clean. The third is a Basic Text study and the 4th we have a speaker meeting and if there is a 5th it is a question and answer meeting. We have Darin M celebrating 6 years on August 27th. We have a Lit Order of \$73.63 and a donation of \$6.37 for a total of \$80.00. ILS, Darin M.

Welcome Home

Welcome Home OB total-129
Average: 10
Visitors: 42
Newcomers: 0

Welcome Home St Tims: 13
Average: 2
Visitors: 0
Newcomers: 0

On 08/18/24 We have 2 celebrations..Sam C. 3 years, Nikki H with 3 years, and Dylan G will be speaking.

We have a Lit Order of \$58.52 and a Donation of \$50.00 for a total of \$108.52.
ILS, Erica S. .

Never Alone:

Our group is doing great. We meet on Tuesdays at 6pm.

On 07/30 Sam C celebrates 10 years.

On 08/26/24 we have Gene L with 40 years, Steve B with 28 years, and Mike H with 23 years. We have a Lit Order of \$12.54 and a Donation of \$62.46 for a total of \$75.00. ILS, Jennifer.

BREAK WAS TAKEN FOR FELLOWSHIP AND OTHER NECESSITIES

Quorum was reestablished and confirmed.

OPEN FORUM

THE OPEN POSITIONS ARE AS LISTED CURRENTLY:

VICE CHAIR

ARCHIVES

ACTIVITIES

ALTERNATE SECRETARY

ALTERNATE TREASURER

Jess: I want to start a meeting. Where do I go with this? I want to start an outside meeting at possibly Audubon Park or the Pavilion at Hope Church? Call it Down to Earth.

Ricky: What about literature?

Jess: I would bring it with me.

Jennifer: What about the weather? At some point this may not work for everyone. Speak to possibly Botanical Gardens.

Amanda: Its been my experience that there needs to be more than one person doing these meeting startups. Do you have anyone willing to help?

Lucy: Anyone can start a meeting, we don't get to choose that. We discuss if it gets on the meeting list.

Tim: Outside meetings can be seasonal as well. Choose if its a homegroup or a meeting. There is a new meeting package for Literature and readings.

Ricky: I want to nominate Regina R to speak at this year's VRC.

Lucy: I think speakers need to have 3 years clean?

Rick: Yes, the clean time requirement is 3 years for VRC speakers.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW DISCUSS WITH HOMEGROUPS IN BUSINESS MEETING

The following information listed below came from prior months' minutes. These are the ideas given by homegroups for what to with our money from NA In MAY. Each group needs to pick their top 2 ideas from the below list and have them ready for Area.

Motion 4:

Maker: Hope N Works

Seconded by: Policy & Procedures

Motion: Groups bring back ideas for what to do with the NA in May money in June. We made \$3,429.86 this year. We still have \$1900 dollars from 2023 NA in May.

All ideas go back to groups to prioritize and bring them back in July.

Send 2 options back to groups that had the highest priority and bring them back for a final vote in August.

Intent: To decide where to best use the NA in MAY funds

Juan: Set aside is separate, prior two years we have set aside (seedmoney)....the deposit for the site is already set aside.. The money quoted in the motion is what is left over**

Russel: If the event has not been reserved, how do we know if the amount is actually correct?

Lucy: We need to make sure the amounts are accurate, however we can still take ideas on what to do with our money.

Clarity: We abstain.

Clean Air- Put a set amount to subcommittees with left over money. The new money would go to the book fund. OR All the money fund all literature.

Gift- we abstain.

High On Life- some money to book fund, some money to subcommittees.

HopeNWorks- Some to subcommittees and some to Basic Text fund only.

Keep It Green- Keep the Basic Text \$5, not all the money to the Basic Text Fund however.

Lunch Bunch- We abstain.

Primary Purpose- Give half of the money to the area and half to the book subsidy if the price of the books go up to \$7. OR Last years left over money goes to the region and the new money goes to the area.

Something Different- Half of the money goes to the Basic text fund if books are at \$5 and half of the money goes to a VRC fundraiser. OR $\frac{1}{3}$ of money goes to a Gratitude Dinner, $\frac{1}{3}$ goes to the Basic Text fund if books are \$5, $\frac{1}{3}$ goes to a VRC Fundraiser.

Spiritual Awakenings- We abstain.

Welcome Home- Split the new money for activities and H&I, keep the \$1900 for the Basic Text Fund.

Russel: GSR's go and find out what set asides we have and be informed of where our money goes and make educated decisions.

Tim: We need to vote on subsidy motion before we decide what to do with these ideas of where to use our money at.

**PLEASE DISCUSS MOTIONS AND VOTE(IF DIRECTED) WITH YOUR
HOMEGROUPS
NEW BUSINESS**

Maker: Primary Purpose

Seconded By: Lunch Bunch

Motion: To Nominate Lucy O as Archives Chair

Intent: To fill a position and digitize and store the archived positions.

Willingness Statement:

I am expressing willingness for the Archives Subcommittee Chair. My clean date is 01/21/87. I have done lots of service at area, region, and the Zonal Forum and was also a past Archivist before it became a subcommittee. ILS, Lucy O.

Closing Treasurer's report....Verbal by Leigh Ann.

Secretary recap...none given

Motion to close... yes

****SEE QR CODE BELOW FOR DONATIONS TO AREA****

Next WTASC meeting is August, 24th 2004 @ 2:15pm
In person at Hope Church or on Zoom
Meeting ID: 960 6484 5034
Passcode: 121212



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