

MINUTES OF THE MIDWEST TENNESSEE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC)
OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS -FEBRUARY 24, 2013

Area Chair, Angie H., opened the meeting with the reading of The Twelve Traditions, The Twelve Concepts of Service, and The definition and purpose of an Area Service Committee.

Roll Call: Roll call was performed and a quorum was established.

Area Chair Report: Angie H. reported that she attended the Paris Free Spirit eat and speak on February 10, 2013. She stated that she really enjoyed it and that it was a great success.

Alternate Chair Report: Dustin H. reported that he attended the Gift of Desperation Birthday Celebration and visited Never Alone a couple times last month.

Secretary's Report: Report was read by Heather N and the minutes for January 27, 2013 were approved.

Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report: There was a letter of resignation from Jake stating that he can no longer perform his duties as RCM and it had been a pleasure serving the past two and half years.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Clinton S. The Treasurer's report was accepted. The balance at the end of the meeting was \$126.06.

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Sub-Committee Report: Report by Jamie S. and Scot B. states that Melvin went to Jacoa on February 10, 2013. Another trip was planned on February 24, 2013 by Andrew K. and David M. On February 16, 2013 Jesse spoke at Aspell and on February 23, 2013 Jason R. was the speaker. More literature is needed.

Convention Ad- Hoc Committee Report: Report by Christine M. states that since there wasn't enough funds that a decision was made to dissolve the convention at this time. The matter that still remains is what to do with the funds that have been collected so far. The amount left was \$861.00.

Activities Committee Report: Report by Sara H. is deciding a date in June for an area picnic and will have details at the next area meeting.

Website Report: JJ L was not present but a report was given. There has been is a new tab added to the website with a map to the hospital along with directions and photos to help newcomers and visitors to locate the conference room where the area meeting is held once they arrive at the hospital. Forms and links have been added for the registration of new groups with NA World Services and to update group information. The convention registration for has been removed.

Outreach Report: Scott B. attended a meeting on February 1, 2013 at Milan where Darrell P was the speaker. There was a good turn out with several visitors from out of town. Scott B., Don H, and Angie H. went to Paris Free Spirit on February 10, 2013 where Angie H. was the speaker. The attendance was very good with several members from other groups present. Jerry C. from Union City called on February 20, 2013 regarding why the building wasn't unlocked when Scott B. had driven to their meeting location earlier in the month to attend a meeting. He states that unpaid rent over \$1000 and no heat has been a contributing factor to low attendance. The landlord does want the meeting to continue to be held there regardless of the past due rent and the GSR was advised that when nobody shows up to unlock the building to chair the meeting combined with no heat in cold weather will place the group at very high risk of people to stop showing up for meetings which could have bearing on whether the group would survive.

Alamo Breath of Life: Report by GSR Darrell B. states that they are still in need of support and have an average attendance of 6-7 per meeting.

Dresden RAW (Ready and Willing): Report by GSR Jamie S. states that the average attendance is 9 per meeting. On March 7th Jamie S. will be celebrating 2 years eat at 7:00 pm with Smitty speaking at 8:00. They have a donation for area.

Jackson Clean Air: Report by Jason R. states they have had normal attendance and the last two speaker meetings had a really good turn-out. They still need support on every other night.

Jackson Gift of Desperation: Report by GSR David M. states that average attendance is 65 people with 5 newcomers in the month of February. They celebrated 1 year for Jason B. it was an eating meeting. Every 4th Saturday will be an eating meeting for this group.

Jackson Never Alone: Report by GSR Melvin states that the average attendance is 22 with strong support on Friday but Monday and Wednesday still needs support. The meetings are at 6:00 pm. The treasurer balance is \$60.74. Jeff is celebrating 1 year on March 29, with and Eat & Speak at 6:00 pm. Alonzo will be his speaker.

Jackson Sowing the Seed: Report by group representative Galen E. states on March 17th at 6:00 pm Lindsey E. will be celebrating 8 years. They also need more support at the Saturday night 10:00 pm meetings.

Paris Free Spirit: Report GSR Clinton S. stated that attendance is good and no March events.

Milan Clean & Serene: Report by Anita alternate contact for the group stated that the GSR has been sick and unable to attend the ASC Meeting. Anita A. will be celebrating 12 years at Milan Clean & Serene on March 22nd at 7:00 pm. The speaker will be Amy S. Their meeting format on Sunday's has been changed to closed meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Christine M from Never Alone stated that they signed the lease agreement as the facility occupant but not the part that states guarantor.
- Scott B. sent a report stating that he hasn't had time to order the business cards but has the funds and will do so before the next area meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was considerable discussion regarding what to do with the funds totaling \$861.00 that were left from the Convention Fund Raisers that were held. The following suggestions were brought to the table: Use it to purchase literature, help groups that are struggling to pay utilities & rent, have a Convention because that is what was stated the money would be used for, have an area picnic with a portion paying for food and the rest going towards literature and a newcomer that was attending the area meeting stated that she was in need of literature because she didn't know what to do or how to even start the program. This decision needs to be made by the Groups that make up the ASC so please take this back to your home groups and decide what your group wants to be done with these funds.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE:

- Angie H. read the responsibilities and duties for the following positions: H&I Chair, Outreach Chair, Webmaster, and Activities Chair. Copies were also handed out. A motion to accept these guidelines was made and approved.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

The Area is seeking nominations for the following positions. Refer to the guidelines for a list of responsibilities and requirements. Nominees have to be present at the Area meeting to be considered. They also have to be present to be elected.

Regional Committee Member (RCM): Jessie J. from Clean A.I.R. was nominated please take back to your group.

Alternate RCM: Alex C. from the Paris Free Spirit Group was nominated please take this to your home groups.

Alternate H & I Chair: David M. from the Gift of Desperation was elected.

Alternate Secretary: Vacant. The ASC is seeking nominations.

Treasurer: The term of the current treasurer ends in April. The ASC is seeking nominations.

Alternate Treasurer: Vacant. The ASC is seeking nominations.

Webmaster: Ken R. from Paris Free Spirit was nominated from the Paris Free Spirit Group please take this back to your home group.

Alternate Webmaster: Vacant. The ASC is seeking nominations.

Public Relations: Vacant. The ASC is seeking nominations.

Alternate Outreach Chair: Vacant. The ASC is seeking nominations.

The Area Chair announced: Reminder, we will need to hold elections for all positions for Area in April so please start announcing at your groups that all alternatives will step up to point and we will be needing all alternate positions filled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next Area Meeting will be March 24th at 3 PM. A reminder was made that the Volunteer Regional Assembly will be April 6th at 2022 East Main Street in Murfreesboro from 10 AM to 5 PM. There will be large and small group discussions, Issue and Discussion Topics. Everyone is welcome to attend the Assembly: RCM's, ASC Members, GSR's, and Home Groups.

MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGES:

On the meeting schedule that was distributed at the area meeting please make the following changes: Line through Big Sandy on Tuesday, On Wednesday add Newbern Never Alone 8:00 pm at the Happy House located at 101E Hwy 77, on Friday line thru Paris Women's meeting, line through <http://www.namwtn.org> and add www.namwt.org Date of printing is February 2013.

A motion was made to close the meeting. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared By:
Heather N.
Area Secretary
March 2, 2013

Reviewed By:
Dustin H.
Vice Chair

Reviewed By:
Angie E.
Area Chair

A copy has been filed in the ASC's archive folder entitled "Area Minutes and Supporting Documents – February 26, 2013".

Approved: _____ Yes || _____ No (Approval is obtained by vote at the next Area meeting)