

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

Area Chair, Dustin 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. The following Groups were present: Dresden RAW, Jackson Clean Air, Jackson Gift of Desperation, Jackson Never Alone, Jackson Sowing the Seed, Paris Free Spirit, & Newbern Never Alone. The Area Chair, Secretary, Alternate H&I Chair, Outreach Chair, Activities Chair, and Alternate Activities Chair were absent.

Area Chair Report: There was no report given.

Alternate Chair Report: Dustin H. reported that he was a speaker at Jackson Clean Air this month and visited other various groups.

Secretary Report: The Secretary's report presented by Scott B. was accepted and the minutes for February were approved.

Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report: There was no report given.

Treasurer's Report: The report presented by Clinton S., Treasurer, with an ending balance at the end of the meeting of \$120.50 was accepted.

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Sub-Committee Report: Report by David M. stated that they were at Jacoa Men on 3/13 & 3/17, Aspell Men 3/16 & 3/23, Jacoa Women 3/14 & 3/21 and will be going to Turning Point on 3/27. There is an H&I workshop in Memphis on April 13 that Scot B and others will be attending.

Activities Committee Report: No report given Dustin said they are still planning on a May Picnic.

Website Report: Presented by Scott B. Go-Daddy Privacy Protection was purchased for \$3.99 to keep personal contact information anonymous. The renewal of all products for one year is \$135. The next bill is due by Dec 3rd. We have received a promotional offer to renew the website for \$95 if we do so before April 11th. The website was submitted to NA World Services about a month ago, but it still is not showing up. A follow-up to contact NA World Services to check on this will ensue. There have been 925 hits on the home page thus far and 353 hits on the meeting page. Because many of the hits were caused during the creation of the site, it was decided to reset both counters to get a more accurate account of how many people are going to the website and the meeting page. Currently those with passwords for the website are Ken R (Newly Elected Webmaster), Scott B, and Angie H. (Area Chair).

Outreach Report: No report was given.

Dresden RAW (Ready and Willing): Report by Scott B. excellent attendance support from Drug Court and attendee's from Martin and Paris. Anna D. will be celebrating 1 year at Dresden

RAW on Apr 9th. Potluck at 7 PM and she will be speaking at 8 PM. Please bring a dish, drinks, or a side item.

Jackson Clean Air: Report by GSR Jason R. Meeting attendance is picking up. Steve W will be celebrating his birthday on April 13. We need more participation at home group meetings other than that doing pretty good.

Jackson Gift of Desperation: Report by GSR David Matlock. We celebrated no birthdays for the month of March. Average attendance was 75. We have an eating meeting on March 30 at 4 PM. We have a donation to area. No group concerns.

Jackson Never Alone: Report by group representative Cristine M. (GSR Melvin M was also present). On March 29 Jeff will be celebrating one year, eat at 6 PM and Alonso will be speaking at 7 PM. Average attendance in March is 23. Monday and Friday attendance has been strong. 6 PM Wednesday meetings need additional support. Average attendance is 6 to 8 people. On April 26 James M is celebrating two years and the speaker is to be announced. No donation to area this month.

Jackson Sowing the Seed: Report by Galen E. stated that they had moved to a bigger meeting room. Attendance was good and they needed some support for everyone to come on out.

Paris Free Spirit: Report by Clinton S. there were no Birthday's this month attendance has been good. April 14th Charles M will be speaking. We will be eating 6:00 speaker at 7:00.

Newbern Never Alone: Report by GSR Mike S. The group is still struggling. They have a new treasurer. Todd N. will be celebrating three years on March to 27th. No donation to area this month.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The ASC postponed voting on how to use the funds raised from the Convention because a new concern was brought up of the possibility that we may still have an outstanding bill at the hotel. The ASC also decided to postpone voting until the funds have actually been deposited into the Area's bank account. An Ad-Hoc Subcommittee was formed to determine whether there are any outstanding balances owed to the hotel.
- **Post Note:** It was later determined that we don't owe the hotel any additional money. The funds, in the amount of \$765.57 were deposited into the Area's bank account on March 27th. The groups can continue to discuss the use of funds and amend their votes, if the wish, based upon group reports and discussion at the Area Meeting. Groups will be voting again in April.
- 1,000 business cards that contain the ASC's website and hotline were brought and distributed and the treasurer was provided the receipt. Some cards were retained so they could be mailed to groups that were not represented and absent subcommittee chairs.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The ASC postponed accepting the Website Administration Document until Ken R., newly elected Webmaster, has reviewed it with opportunity for revision, if needed. Once reviewed and finalized, it will be presented to the ASC for approval.
- The ASC is registered with NA World Services. The registration number is 00023721. A new registration certificate and a new registration packet is going to be requested. It was previously decided that Jamie S. will receive mail from NA World Services to his residential address and bring anything he receives to the next Area meeting (Part 1 of the form). Dustin H. (Vice Chair) agreed to be the ASC Contact (Part 2 of the form). The ASC update form will be completed and turned in to NA World Services with contact information of certain trusted servants specifically requested such as H&I, Public Relations, Activities, and Website. The form states that *“NA World Services frequently receives requests for contacts from professionals; this information will help us to better respond to those requests.”*
- When a new group registers with NA World Services, they are provided a list of all the areas in the state, however, for some reason our Area is not included in the list. NA World Services will be contacted to inquire about having the Area added to the list.
- The RCM and Alternate RCM were provided a copy of the map posted on Region’s website. The map was asked to be taken to the next regional meeting so two additional counties could be added (Crockett and Decatur).
- Alternate H&I Chair and Public Relations Nominee were given information on webinars being facilitated by NA World Services, if they wish to participate.
- **Post Note:** A copy of the email was provided to the H&I Chair on March 27th.

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 elected.

Alternate RCM: Alex C. from the Paris Free Spirit Group was elected.

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: Jason R. from Jackson Clean Air was nominated. Please take this back to your home groups.

Webmaster: Ken R. from Paris Free Spirit was elected as Webmaster to serve as Domain Registrant Owner and Go-Daddy Account Owner in behalf of the ASC and to serve as the Chair of the Website Subcommittee.

Alternate Webmaster: Vacant. The ASC is seeking nominations.

Public Relations: Melvin M. from Jackson Never Alone was nominated. Please take this back to your home groups.

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

The Area Chair announced: Reminder, all newly elected positions start in April.

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

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Area Secretary
April 7, 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 – March 24, 2013".

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