

**MINUTES OF THE MIDWEST TENNESSE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC)
OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - AUGUST 26, 2012**

Angie E. 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 – Alternate Secretary was absent. No representative was present for Big Sandy, Lexington, Union City, Savannah, or Parsons. A quorum was established.

Secretary's Report – Report by Area Secretary, Scott B. Report was accepted and July's minutes were approved.

Area Chair's Report – Report by Area Chair, Angie E. She attended a meeting in Milan and returned a week later to speak at their speaker meeting. She attended the 80's dance and meeting. The auction was a success. She attended the convention committee meeting. The Chair has been working on getting a meeting started in Alamo. She obtained permission to post the meeting schedule in the Drug Court Office and the Court House.

Treasurer's Report – Report by Treasurer, Clinton S. The closing balance at the end of the meeting was \$89.21. The balance does not include approved expenditures for GSR literature and rubber stamps. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report – Report by RCM, Jake A. The Alternate RCM has stepped down. The RCM wishes to step down, as soon as possible, but is willing to continue to serve if no one else is willing to do it. The next Regional Subcommittee meeting will be Saturday October 6th at Real Life Church, 855 W. College, Suite N, in Murfreesboro. The next VRSC meeting will be October 7th on Sunday 9:30 AM at 403 Hickerson in Murfreesboro. VRC-30 Annual Volunteer Regional Convention will be held in Chattanooga on Nov 21-25th.

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Sub-committee – Report by H&I Chair, James M. The Chair reports continued progress and expansion. Kim S. and Ashley O. chaired a meeting at Jacoa. Jamie S. spoke at Jacoa. Eight people carried meetings to McNairy County Jail. Asley O. and Amanda D. chaired a meeting at Aspell Recovery. James M. and Paul B. chaired a meeting at Pathways. James M. and Lisa W. chaired a meeting at Turning Point in Trenton. H&I needs an Alternate Chair. They also need Panel Leaders for Jacoa Women, Pathways, and Turning Point.

Outreach Sub-committee: Report by Outreach Chair, Don H. The Chair visited Paris Free Sprit on Aug 5th. On Aug 6th, he visited Milan's Clean & Serene speaker meeting. On Aug 12th, he returned to Paris for "*NA on the Lake*" which was an exceptionally planned and successful event. He also visited Clean AIR and discussed the possible need in obtaining a larger room. He discussed how groups can utilize Drug Courts to boost their attendance. He wants to visit each group to encourage members to join the subcommittee.

Activities Sub-committee – Report by Activities Chair, Sarah H. The next event will be the Annual "*Fall Into Recovery Campout*" Natchez Trace State Park at Cub Lake on September 14th, 15th, and 16th. Cabins need to be rented by Sep 8th. A cabin cost around \$206, however, if four

people share a cabin then the cost will be around \$51 per person. There is a flyer. Motion # 8-2-2012 approved an allocation of \$130 to support this event which was dispersed. If anyone knows someone who can do T-Shirts, please contact Sarah. The committee needs an alternate and the area is seeking nominations. No report was turned in to the Secretary.

Convention Subcommittee – Report by Convention Chair, Jeremy P. The subcommittee continues to move forward. The 80's dance went well. Current account balance is approximately \$700. They elected a new Hotel Chair and a Hospitality Chair. The next supportive event is being planned and is expected to be in mid October. The next sub-committee meeting will be September 6th at Dresden RAW at 6:30.

Website Sub-committee – Report by Joe B. Contact Joe if you have anything to add to the website and contact him if you wish to serve on the subcommittee.

Jackson Clean Air: Report by GSR Adam L. Average attendance is 20. Jason R. will be celebrating 7 years on Sep 1st and Charles M. will be speaking at 6 PM. They don't have funds to purchase literature. They have a donation to Area.

Jackson Never Alone: Report by GSR Melvin M. Average attendance is 20. They are changing their Wednesday literature study to an “*Ask It Basket*” format. Shaunta will be celebrating 1 year on August 31st. Eat at 6 PM and Speaker at 7 PM. They are struggling financially and do not have a donation to Area.

Jackson Sowing The Seed: Report by Scot B. (filling in for GSR). Meeting attendance is still good with an average of 18 per meeting. Scott O. will be celebrating 2 years on Sept 16th at 6 PM. Funds are low. No donation to area.

Big Sandy New Hope (No Voting Privileges): No representative present. No advance report was submitted to the secretary.

Camden Miracles Happen: Report by GSR Becky P. There were 257 in attendance. They collected \$195.46 and are donating \$40 to area. Their business meetings are the first Monday of each month. They brought a basic text to donate to Area.

Dresden RAW (Ready and Willing): Report by GSR Jamie S. Average attendance was 7 per meeting and one newcomer. On August 30, the group will be celebrating their one year anniversary with a potluck at 7 PM and Melvin M. will be speaking at 8 PM. The group's 2nd “Annual Harvest Fest Bar-B-Que and Bonfire Outing” will be on October 6th at 1059 Old Latham Road in Dresden. Fellowship starts at 2:00 and eat at 4:00. Bring drinks. Mario from Paris Free Spirit will be speaking at 6:00 with a bonfire and music to follow. The group will be hosting the next Convention Subcommittee meeting. They have a donation to Area and are donating a “Robert's Rule of Order” book.

Milan Clean & Serene: Report by Anita A. (Filling in for Vacant GSR). They are averaging 8 to 10 people per meeting. Jessica P. will be celebrating 2 years and Joe P. will be celebrating 2 years on Sep 28th at 7 PM. They elected Brian M. as their new GSR who will start in September. They do not have a donation to area.

Newbern Never Alone: Report by Mike S. Attendance is still good. Average is about 12 per meeting. Sheri T. will be celebrating 17 years on August 29th at 8 PM. They have a donation to area.

Paris Free Spirit: Report by GSR Clinton S. There were 215 in attendance this month. Average is 16 per meeting. 35 Visitors and no newcomers. Clinton S. is having his 8 year birthday on Sep 28th and it is undecided as to when it will be celebrated. They have a \$40 donation to area.

Union City Free Spirit: No representative present. No advance report was submitted to the Secretary. Shane will be celebrating 2 years on Sep 15th. Eat at 6 PM and Chris E. will be speaking. Bring a dish or side item.

Lexington Survivor's Group: No representative present. No advance report was submitted to the Secretary.

Parsons We Do Recover: No representative present. No voting privileges.

Savannah 123 Group: No representative present. No voting privileges.

OLD BUSINESS

Area Mailing Address: Melvin M. has the check to rent a post office box in Jackson which he will do this month.

Meeting Schedules: Joe B. is continuing to update the meeting schedule

Area Guidelines: The Area Guidelines will be copied, distributed, and posted on the website once new changes have been incorporated and any additional proposed changes have been voted on and finalized.

Books for Home Groups and Area: It was discovered that many groups already have copies of books that was suggested to be purchased to help the GSR's perform their duties. Some groups said they would purchase their own books. As a result, Motion # 7-2-2012 was amended removing the purchase of "Robert's Rule of Order" and changing the number of books needed to the following: 5 copies of "A Guide to Local Services" at \$6.40 Each. 4 copies of "The Group Booklet" at 85¢ Each. 4 copies of IP # 2 "The Group" at 28¢ Each, and 4 copies of "The Twelve Concepts of Service" at \$1.85 Each. The total is \$43.92 + \$7.00 Shipping and Handling = \$50.92. The expenditure was approved, however, funds have not been dispersed.

Regional Workshops: It was discussed to have a Traditions and Concepts Workshop. Motion # 8-3-2012 was tabled to go back to home groups to decide where the workshops would be held – whether a home group wants to host it or have it conducted at the hospital. Considering the timetable, it would be at least after February 2013. The workshop is two days – Saturday and Sunday. Each day would be 6 to 7 hours long, both Saturday and Sunday, with times approximately 10 AM to 5 or 6 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Rubber Stamps: A motion was passed to purchase rubber stamps, one for each group, one for H&I, and one for Area to stamp brochures and literature with the area's website and toll free number at a total cost of \$100.37 from DiscountRubberStamps.com. The motion was amended to purchase ½ the stamps one month and the other ½ a different months as funds permit. Motion # 8-1-2012 approved the expenditure but funds have not been dispersed.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

The Area is accepting nominations for the following positions. Please refer to the Area Guidelines for a list of the duties associated with each position. Some requirements for nomination/election can be waived.

Regional Committee Member (RCM): The RCM has asked to step down.

Alternate RCM: The Alternate RCM has stepped down.

Alternate H&I Chair: H&I needs an Alternate Chair to assist in coordinating meetings at various facilities.

Alternate Activities Chair: The Alternate Activities Chair has stepped down. The Activities Chair needs assistance.

Public Relations Chair: This position has been vacant for some time and needs to be filled.

Archives Chair: This position will involve collecting historical information about groups and the area. The information will be consolidated and presented at the convention. No clean time requirement; simply a willingness to serve.

Regional Positions: There may be some existing vacancies at region. Coordinate with the RCM if anyone wishes to be nominated for a position.

A motion was made to close the meeting. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned with a moment of silence followed by the "We Version" of the Serenity Prayer.

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A copy has been filed in the ASC's archive folder entitled "Area Minutes and Supporting Documents – August 2012".

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

Date: _____