

## **CORRECTION #1 DATED MARCH 2, 2012**

### **MINUTES OF MIDWEST TENNESSEE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - FEBRUARY 26, 2012**

Melvin M. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Concepts were read by Angie  
Roll Call: Union City was not represented.

**Secretary's report** from January 2012 read by Scott B was accepted.

**Treasury report** read by Clinton S. Ending Balance at the close of meeting: \$182.33  
Jerry mentioned that a debit card is missing. Jason reported that the missing debit card is accounted for and has been destroyed. Treasury report accepted.

**H&I Report** read by Scot B. pertaining to Joco, Aspell, and McNairy Co Jail.

Sarah and Danni went to host a meeting for Joco Women's on Feb 17th, however the women were not at the facility. Joe and Donni chaired a meeting for the men at Joco on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. Scot B. and David M. chaired a meeting for the men at Joco on Feb 26<sup>th</sup>. Charles M. spoke at Aspell on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. Sarah, Lindsey, Chris, Beverly, and Kim chaired a meeting at McNairy County Jail for the women. Scot B., Jason, David, Chris, Jeremy, and two others chaired a meeting for the men at McNairy County Jail. H&I needs literature for distribution at all locations. Participation at the jails has increased. There is growing interest to carry meetings to the Camden Jail. The jail needs an H&I presentation to be coordinated with the Sheriff and to obtain the jail's rules, etc. Clinton has the presentation.

**Lexington Survivor's Group:** Report by Ryan W. The group is growing and participation is getting better but there is a shortage of members with sufficient clean time to sponsor for both men and women. Attendee's are not committed to getting sponsors and working the steps. The importance of getting sponsor's is being adequately addressed. Ryan W. celebrated one year on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. Tim L. celebrates 26 years Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>. Smitty celebrates 3 years March 7<sup>th</sup>. Going to try to get a 'book study' meeting voted in to introduce steps, traditions, spiritual principles, etc. Donation to area was not mentioned.

**Dresden RAW Ready and Willing:** Report by GSR Jamie S. The group has given out two white key tags to newcomers. A six month key tag and a one year key tag was presented this month. Jamie S. will be celebrating one year on March 8<sup>th</sup> eat at 7 PM and Bubba Cox will be speaking at 8 PM. Meeting attendance is very low down to 4 person average per meeting. The group is presenting a donation to area.

**Camden:** Women's meeting last Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. Overall attendance is good. There is a meeting at 7 PM every night. No donation to area. No written report turned in to the Secretary.

**Milan:** GSR Heather Y. Alternate GSR Amanda D. Average attendance 15 to 20. No donation to area this month. Heather Y. celebrates one year on March 7<sup>th</sup> and the speaker will be Beverly W. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, Amanda D celebrates one year and the speaker will be Crystal H. On March

21<sup>st</sup>, Anita A. celebrates 11 years and the speaker will be Jeremy P. The group would like to put together a traditions workshop. There are meetings Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Monday and Friday 8 PM and Wednesday 8:30 PM. The group needs all pamphlets and a few NA books.

**Union City:** No representative.

**Paris Free Spirit:** Report by Clinton S. Attendance 154. Average 14. Visitors 7. Newcomers: 1. Chris B 3 years Feb 24<sup>th</sup> and celebrates on Feb 26<sup>th</sup> with Chris R. speaking. The group is still trying to get meetings to the county jail. At this point, mostly phone tag, however, a one-on-one contact was made. Has a donation to area.

**Sewing The Seed:** Report by Don H. They have two birthdays. Lindsey 2 years and James 1 year. Celebration on Mar 18<sup>th</sup> with the speaker to be announced. Average attendance is 25. Hosting convention committee on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Donation to area was not reported or mentioned.

**Jackson Clean Air:** Report by Adam. They have changed their meetings from 8:00 to 7:00 on Thursdays. From 8:00 to 6:00 on Saturdays. Report not given to secretary. Donation to area was not reported or mentioned.

**Never Alone:** Report by Eric W. Average attendance was 25. Eric W celebrates one year on March 9<sup>th</sup> eat at 6 PM with meeting at 7 PM. Has a donation to area.

**Convention Committee:** Area nominated and voted in Jeremy as the chairperson for the committee. The dance on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> went well. This was the first supportive event. Made approximately \$875. The total goal is between \$5,500 to \$6,000. The event made 1/5 of the overall goal. A donation of \$100 was presented to the church who provided the facility. Next Sunday, the committee will meet to discuss the next supportive event.

**Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report:** Report given by Jake and Casey. References: New resolutions are presented in the 2012 Conference Agenda Report (CAR) at [http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/CAR/2012\\_CAR.pdf](http://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/CAR/2012_CAR.pdf) The password is WSC2012. For resolutions, see document pages 11 to 14. For straw polls, see pages 18-19. For Motions, see pages 19-28. For Proposals, see pages 35-40.

NA is moving away from a service structure towards a new service system. There are eight resolutions relating to the implementation of the new service system. The resolutions are broad statements that may be confusing as to what they actually mean. Each resolution was read individually by Jake for explanation, discussion, comments, and questions. There is a new level of service being introduced between the home group and area. Resolution 6, Consensus based decision making was explained and discussed especially how this affects the current decision making processes within the NA service structure. Currently, we take a vote and majority rules. Consensus means that it is either unanimous or does not pass. How votes are distributed to various regions and service bodies was discussed. For instance, regions that split off are not granted a new voting seat at the World Service Conference. The new resolutions change voting rights in regards to the geographical boundaries of various service bodies. There will be changes as to who can be seated as a voting body at World Service Conventions. Voting powers within local home groups could be affected by the resolutions as decision-making processes are moved upward. Straw polls listed in the CAR were individually read by Jake and followed by

discussion, comments, and questions. Straw polls are not conducted within currently established service bodies. Rather, small informal group forums will be organized to gather additional information as to how the fellowship supports the resolutions and straw polls. The items to be polled give an idea of what the new service system might look like. The question was raised as to whether it would be feasible to organize new informal group forums to meet this purpose and objectives.

### **C.A.R. RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution 1. Our service efforts will be carried out through a system that includes structure, process, people, and resources.

Resolution 2. The service system is group-focused and includes a local level body dedicated exclusively to addressing group concerns.

Resolution 3. Training and mentoring of trusted servants are essential functions of the service system.

Resolution 4. Service bodies are purpose and vision-driven.

Resolution 5. Service bodies work together to utilize planning processes to organize and coordinate their efforts.

Resolution 6. Service bodies make decisions by consensus.

Resolution 7. The service structure includes local service bodies, state/nation/province service bodies, and intermediate bodies if needed. Service bodies follow established geographic boundaries. They are not self-determined, but are formed, based on need, through a collaborative planning process and agreement with other affected service bodies at the next level of service.

Resolution 8. State/national/province boundaries are the primary criterion for seating consideration at the World Service Conference.

### **C.A.R. STRAW POLLS**

A. There is a small, neighborhood-sized body devoted to group needs. This group forum, which is typically not part of the delegation stream, is informal in nature and operates through conversation not formal decision making. (See page 56 for a detailed explanation of the body devoted to group support.)

B. Groups send a delegate quarterly to a local service planning meeting. One of those quarterly meetings is a general assembly where all interested members are encouraged to attend and input is given to help plan service activities for the cycle. (See page 61 for a detailed explanation of the local service body.)

C. Services are coordinated by a local service board and carried out by members, committees, and project workgroups who report to that board.

D. Local service bodies follow county, city, or town boundaries, where practical. (They are much larger than the group forums mentioned above and in many cases larger than the current ASCs.)

E. The boundaries of those local service bodies are agreed to at the state or national level.

F. Planning cycles are synchronized from level to level (local to state to global) as well as across each level.

G. When service needs cannot be accomplished effectively by local service bodies and state/national/province bodies, an intermediate level of service can be added. (See page 64 for a detailed explanation of an intermediate service body.)

H. Most states, provinces, or countries have one state-, province- or nationwide service body that is responsible for state- or national-level public relations and coordinating efforts such as training across local service bodies. (See page 67 for a detailed explanation of state-, province-, and nationwide service bodies.)

I. Zonal boundaries are decided through a collaborative process with neighboring NA communities, other zones, and the WSC.

### **C.A.R. MOTIONS**

Motions within the C.A.R. were read by Jack followed by discussion, comments and questions. Currently established service bodies and home groups should vote on the following motions:

Motion 1: To approve the book Living Clean: The Journey Continues contained in Addendum B.

Motion 2: To allow the World Board to make non-substantive corrections to Fellowship-approved literature which do not impact the original meaning of the Fellowship-approved text and which fix typographical errors, obsolete references, references to outdated literature, and other similar corrections. The World Board will announce such corrections in advance of publication.

Motion 3: To allow the World Board to bundle, excerpt, and repackage Fellowship-approved literature without changes to the texts themselves. The World Board will announce these actions in advance of publication.

Motion 4: To allow the World Board the ability to create and approve enhanced electronic or digital versions of texts that include supplemental materials or connections to other NA materials. The World Board will announce such enhancements in advance of publication.

Motion 5: To hold the World Convention of NA every three years, beginning 2018, alternating North American and non-North American locations, as follows and contained in the revised World Convention Map contained in Addendum C.

### **C.A.R. WORLD BOARD PROPOSALS**

The following C.A.R. Proposals were read by Jake followed by discussion, comments, and questions:

Proposal A: Carolina Region: For the Fellowship of NA and the WSC to consider a proposal for the creation of Written Service Material dedicated to assisting the members of NA as a whole on (1) how to actively participate in literature and publication projects as well as (2) to have resource material available in providing guidance for the development of Literature and Publication processes locally.

Proposal B: Hawaii Region: To produce a book-length publication called 'The NA WAY: Celebration Edition' comprised of a compilation of articles published in the NA WAY 1982-2012.

Proposal C: Tejas Bluebonnet Region: For Board Approved Literature be clearly marked on front "Service Related Material" and not intended to be read during recovery meetings.

Proposal D: South Brazil Region: That members who wish to receive the NA Way Magazine in hard copy format pay a subscription fee to cover the costs of printing and mailing.

Proposal E: Upper Midwest Region: Our idea is to revisit the discussion of the world board members no longer having voting status at the world service conference.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Casey mentioned that there are no policy and procedures positions but there are Public Information committees, etc.

Eric asked for updates to the meeting schedules. Check for accuracy.

Scott B said he would be willing to check with region to see what is needed to get the area listed on the region's website.

There is still no information on whether the area is paying for the phone line or the website. Supposedly, the area is billed every six months.

### **GROUP CONCERNS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jeremy reported that Milan wants a traditions workshop. He asked for a volunteer to host it. Region might provide someone. The last traditions workshop was not successful because participation kept dropping from one meeting to the next. The area assembly needs a traditions workshop as well. The importance of traditions was discussed especially in how the area intends to incorporate them at our upcoming convention. Discussed the importance of using correct

terminology when speaking at a traditions workshop. Jake will be attending a RCM meeting the first weekend in April.

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:**

Vice Chair: Nominated Dustin H. Take back to home groups for voting. Position takes effect in April. Angie will be moving up to Chair position automatically and no vote is needed.

Alternate RCM: Casey was nominated. Take back to home groups for voting.

Alternate Secretary: Adam was nominated. Take back to home groups for voting.

Alternate Activities: Amanda was nominated. Take back to home groups for voting.

Alternate Treasurer: Melvin was nominated. Take back to home groups for voting.

Public Information (Public Relations): Deferred

**CLOSING COMMENTS OF CHAIRMAN**

Melvin M. closed by saying that all of this should be taken back to the home groups and discussed further. Jake stated that votes need to be submitted at the next area meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 PM.

Prepared By:  
Scott B., Secretary  
February 28, 2012

Distribution: By mail or e-mail to each representative who added their name and information to receive an advance copy of the minutes. A courtesy copy was additionally mailed to the Union City Free Spirit group.

Please submit corrections and/or additional comments of the minutes in advance of the next scheduled area assembly meeting to the Area Secretary and/or Area Alternate Secretary.

Corrections:  
The first copy was erroneously titled West Tennessee Area rather than Midwest Tennessee Area.

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Additional Comments:  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes || \_\_\_\_\_ No (Approval is obtained by vote at the next area meeting)  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_