

MINUTES OF THE MIDWEST TENNESSEE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC)
OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS – JANUARY 27, 2013

Area Chair, 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: The RCM and H&I Chair were not present. The following Groups were not present: Camden, Milan, Lexington, Parsons, Union City, and Savannah. A Quorum was established.

Area Chair Report: Angie E. reported that she visited the Gift of Desperation Group on January 16th and it was a wonderful meeting. Jason R. has reserved our meeting room here for the next year and is passing the contact information on to the next Chairperson so we can continue to meet here.

Secretary's Report: Report was accepted and the minutes for January 6, 2013 were approved.

Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report: No report. *Update: Regional Subcommittee Meeting on Feb 2nd & Regional Service Committee Meeting on Feb 3rd have been cancelled due to bad weather. They are being rescheduled. The new dates will be announced. 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.*

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Clinton S. The Treasurer's report was accepted. The balance at the end of the meeting was \$121.53

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Sub-Committee Report: Presented by Scott B. for the H&I Chair. Tim B. and Charles M. spoke at Aspell Recovery earlier this month. He stated that H&I needed more literature.

Convention Subcommittee Report: Presented by Sarah H. There was discussion on the budget concerns for the convention and the lack of participation at fund raisers. The Convention was discussed regarding not having the money to pull off a convention. Concerns regarding how NA would be affected, as a whole, and especially this area due to a poorly planned convention and how there is no possible way to raise the amount of money which was over \$3000. The deposit of \$900 was discussed to see if it can be put toward a 2014 Convention or if the Hotel would re-coop some of the deposit. After much discussion concerning lack of communication with the Convention committee, Christine M. and Dustin H. were elected, as an Ad Hoc Subcommittee, to go to the Convention meeting at 7 PM on January 27th. Their objective is to assist the Convention Subcommittee with getting the convention delayed, rescheduled, or canceled. *Update: On January 28th, Jeremy P, Convention Chair, contacted the hotel and they are not willing to work with us in any way in changing the date of the convention. The Convention Committee is going to meet on February 10th to discuss it further and consider the options. If it is decided to cancel the convention, then the Convention Committee and Convention Adhoc Committee will work together to discuss and decide what to do with the money that has been raised. Further information will be provided when it becomes available.*

Activities Committee Report: Presented by Activities Chair, Sarah H. She stated that the upcoming event planned for March 23rd called *Show Stoppers* has been put on hold until 2014. Discussion regarding possibly having a Valentines Dance in February and having Area Picnic in May and will be at the next Area meeting.

Website Report: There was no report presented. However, mentioning from various members that the website is up and running and the address is www.namwt.org. Please announce this to home groups. The website has meeting schedules and maps to each group, announcements, and other information. *Update: There has been a new page added to the website called "Area Meetings" with a link to bring up a map on how to get to the hospital. It also has several photographs to assist people to get to the conference room once they arrive.*

Outreach Report: Report by Outreach Chair, Don H. He stated that he attended an NA Meeting & Dance on Friday January 25th and noticed not as many people as usual participating.

Alamo Breath of Life: Report by GSR Darrell B who stated they have an average attendance is 4-5 people at each meeting. They meet Monday and Thursday nights at the Methodist Church on the court square at 7:00 PM.

Dresden RAW (Ready and Willing): Report by GSR Jamie S. average attendance is 7. There will be an additional meeting held every Saturday at 12:00 PM. After the first 3 meetings the average attendance was 9. On Friday February 1st Darrell P. will be speaking at Milan Clean and Serene. On February 9th at Noon they will have a speaker from Nashville. They have a donation for Area.

Jackson Clean Air:

Jackson Gift of Desperation: Report by GSR David M. The 1st Birthday Celebration was a success. The average attendance has been 55 and is growing. Jason B. will have a 1 year Birthday Celebration on February 23rd. Just a reminder every 4th Saturday will be an eating meeting even if there are no Birthday Celebrations. They had a donation for Area.

Jackson Never Alone: Report by GSR Melvin M. The attendance has been up. They are having good meetings. They had 65 people in attendance for Terrie O.'s three year Birthday Celebration. There aren't any Birthday's to report for February. Money is tight for this group with a balance of \$34.26 but the rent has been paid. Christine M. will be bringing back the rental contract that has been presented to the group to the next Area Meeting for further discussion after the group has met with their landlord (See New Business).

Jackson Sowing the Seed: Report by Group Representative Dustin H. Will C. will have a one year Birthday Celebration and Casey C. will have an eight year Birthday Celebration Sunday February 3rd.

Newbern Never Alone: Report by GSR Mike Smith stating that attendance has picked up and they are straightening out some group treasurer issues that came up. They have a donation for Area.

Paris Free Spirit: Report GSR Clinton S. There is an “Eat and Speak” meeting on February 10th. Eat at 6 PM and Angie E. from Alamo Breath of Life will be speaking at 7 PM. There aren’t any birthdays to report for February. Monthly attendance was 147 with 8 visitors.

Camden Miracles Happen: No representative present. No report.

Lexington Survivor’s Group: No representative present. No report

Milan Clean & Serene: No representative present. No report

Parsons We Do Recover: No representative present. No report.

Savannah 123 Group: No representative present. No report.

Union City Free Spirit: No representative present. No report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Business Cards will be ordered there were funds to be dispersed to have them printed.
- Rubber Stamps: The motion to purchase rubber stamps has been put on hold until there are more funds. The rubber stamps will be used to stamp literature and brochures that contains the Area’s hotline and new website. H&I, Outreach, and each group will be provided a stamp.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Christine M., from Jackson Never Alone, brought a lease agreement that had been presented to them by their new landlord. An e-mail from Scott B., previous Area Secretary, was read stating the many concerns that this type of lease agreement causes and how it could affect NA as a whole or in a negative manner. After the lease was looked at by Area, it was discussed and it was been suggested that the lease not be signed with the possibility of looking for another meeting facility. She will take the suggestions from Area back to her home group and set up a meeting with the landlord and take another trusted servant to the meeting with her.
- Meeting schedules totaling 100 were printed last month and not all groups received enough schedules. It was voted to print an additional 50 schedules. Scot B. was given a check for \$23.00 for 150 schedules to print out.
- There are 13 books that we are trying to locate that were passed down to James, the H&I Chair. There is very little literature for Aspell Recovery and JACOA. There was a vote

to order the H&I DVD & Guidebook for \$8.75 and to order more literature to take to H&I locations.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE:

- There needs to be a description added to the guidelines for the duties of the following positions: H&I Chair, Outreach Chair & Activities Chair. There will be a Basic Outline of the Guidelines at the next meeting to be reviewed.
- It was decided that after not being present for two Area meetings in a row, groups are removed from roll call and have no voting privileges'. These groups will be added back to roll call and have their voting privileges' back according to NA guidelines.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

Vice Chair: Scot B., from Jackson Gift of Desperation, was elected for Vice Chair. His term will begin in April.

Secretary: Heather N., from Paris Free Spirit, was elected and is effective immediately.

Alternate H&I Chair: Jamie S. from Dresden Ready And Willing was elected and takes effect immediately. He will automatically step up to H&I Chair in April. David M. was nominated for Alternate H&I Chair to commence in April. Take this back to your home groups.

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): The RCM has asked to step down as soon as possible.

Alternate RCM: Vacant. The ASC is seeking nominations. There is a two year commitment.

Alternate Secretary: Vacant. The ASC is seeking nominations.

Treasurer: Vacant. The ASC is seeking nominations

Alternate Treasurer: Vacant. The ASC is seeking nominations

Public Relations: Vacant. The ASC is seeking nominations

Alternate Outreach Chair: Scott B. from Dresden RAW was nominated with the intent of providing internal outreach support to the Area Secretary and Webmaster (See minutes of Jan 6th). Take this back to home groups. If elected, his term will commence immediately. The election will be held in February.

Alternate Webmaster: Vacant. The ASC is seeking nominations for someone willing to learn how to update the website. The Alternate's term will commence as soon as possible. Basic knowledge of internet usage, access to a computer, and the internet is required. Knowledge or experience with websites is not required. Training is provided. Clean time can be waived.

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. We need nominations in February to take back to groups to be voted on and brought back to Area in March to take over positions in April. Everyone that wants to take on a position will need to be at all Area meetings from Feb until April.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next Area Meeting will be February 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.

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

Prepared By: Heather N. Area Secretary January 31, 2013	Edited By: Scott B. Previous Area Secretary January 31, 2013	Reviewed By: Dustin H. Vice Chair February 1, 2013	Reviewed By: Angie E. Area Chair February 1, 2013
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A copy has been filed in the ASC's archive folder entitled "Area Minutes and Supporting Documents – January 27, 2013".

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