

**MINUTES OF THE MIDWEST TENNESSE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC)
OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS – JANUARY 6, 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, Lexington, Newbern, Parsons, Union City, and Savannah. A Quorum was established.

Secretary's Report: Presented by Scott B. Report was accepted and the minutes for November were approved. (There was not an Area Meeting in December).

Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report: No report. The Area 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 Southern Zonal Forum (SZF) meeting will be held in Mesquite (Dallas) Texas on January 25, 26, and 27th. The next Regional Subcommittee meeting will be February 2nd at 2022 East Main Street in Murfreesboro. The next VRSC meeting will be February 3rd at 9:30 a.m. at 403 Hickerson in Murfreesboro. 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 \$88.59.

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Sub-Committee Report: Presented by Jeremy P for H&I Chair. The JACOBA Women Meeting has been taken over and we are now relieved of that commitment there. Aspell Recovery is now doing two nights a month and needs some volunteers to help there. Scot B. added to the report that the McNairy County Jail has been cancelled due to lack of support.

Convention Subcommittee Report: Presented by Convention Chair, Jeremy P. The Area's first convention will be April 5-7th at the Doubletree Hotel in Jackson. There is a flyer/registration form. The next sub-committee meeting will be January 27th at Sowing the Seed in Bemis at 7 PM. The money has been raised to pay for the hotel for the April Convention but still have a ways to go financially. Also, please push pre-registration in the home groups. They have selected 2 speakers from Memphis and 1 from Pennsylvania. There will be a Speaker Friday night, Saturday night & Sunday morning. On Saturday night there will be a DJ. There are still some Banquet tickets left to sell for \$11. There is a Winter Wonderland Dance at Sowing the Seed in Bemis on Jan. 25th at 8:30 p.m. This is a fund raising event for the convention. The entrance fee is \$3 for individual or \$5 per couple. No addict turned away.

Activities Committee Report - Presented by Activities Chair, Sarah H. The Chair stated that there is an upcoming event planned for March 23rd called *Show Stoppers*. This will be a talent show & speaker with the time and location to be announced at a later date.

Website Report: Presented by Website Nominee JJ L. 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.

Outreach Report: Presented by Outreach Chair, Don H. The Chair stated that he attended a Lexington Survivors meeting, a Jackson Clean AIR meeting, and Clay and Christine's Birthday Celebration at Jackson Never Alone. He enjoyed all these meetings and saw many new faces. He stated they need more support in trying to get the Alamo Breath of Life up and going. They meet Monday & Thursday nights at the Methodist Church on the court square at 7:00 p.m. He would like to start a new GSR orientation every 2 – 3 months since there seems to be frequent turn-overs for the GSR positions.

Alamo Breath of Life (No voting privileges): Report by Group Representative Angie E. Stated they have an average attendance is 4-5 people at each meeting and needs some visitors to attend.

Camden Miracles Happen: No representative present. No report. The GSR has stepped down. The GSR and Alt GSR is vacant. Contact for the group is Becky P.

Dresden RAW (Ready and Willing): Report by GSR Jamie S. All elected positions have been filled and the average attendance is 6. There will be an additional meeting will be held every Saturday at 12:00 p.m. They have a donation for Area.

Jackson Clean Air: Report by Group Representative, Sarah H. January Birthday Celebrations: On January 28th Sarah H. will be celebrating 3 years and Danni H. will be speaking at 8:00 PM.

Jackson Gift of Desperation: Report by GSR Scot B. The Monday morning meetings have been cancelled due to no attendance. January Birthday Celebrations: Jan 26th Garry V. will have 1 year & David M. have 2 years. Baker K. will be speaking at 4 PM. Every 4th Saturday will be an eating meeting even if there are no Birthday Celebrations. The average attendance was 52. They had a donation for Area.

Jackson Never Alone: Report by GSR Melvin M. January Birthday Celebrations: 25th Terry T. has 3 years and Don H. will be speaking at 6 PM.

Jackson Sowing the Seed: Report by Group Representative, Gary. He had nothing to report for this month. On January 20th Will C. will be celebrating 1 year at 6 PM. Mike M. will be the speaker.

Lexington Survivor's Group (No voting privileges): No representative present. No report. Michelle, Debra, and Candy will be celebrating their birthdays on Jan 26th. Eat at 6 PM and Melody will be speaking at 7 PM.

Milan Clean & Serene: Report by Alternate GSR Jessica P. There are no upcoming Birthdays or Special Events planned in January.

Newbern Never Alone: No representative present. No report. On January 30th at 8:00 p.m. Mike S. will be celebrating 26 years and Steve H. will be celebrating 11 years.

Paris Free Spirit: Report by Alternate GSR Jim B. The attendance is up with 25 people attending the last meeting. 3 Newcomers with one Birthday Celebration & a Christmas party in December. The group will be having an “Eat and Speak” meeting on February 10th. Eat at 6 PM and Angie E. from Jackson Clean A.I.R. will be speaking at 7 PM. Also, it was reported that Big Sandy no longer has meetings.

Parsons We Do Recover (No voting privileges): No representative present. No report. They have a potluck every 2nd Monday. Eat at 5:30. Meeting at 6:15.

Savannah 123 Group (No voting privileges): No representative present. No report.

Union City Free Spirit (No voting privileges): No representative present. No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Area Mailing Address: It was decided not to rent a PO Box. Rather a member of the ASC has agreed to use his personal home address to receive correspondence from region and NA World services. This will save the area from the cost of renting a PO Box and relieves the ASC from having someone to check the PO Box regularly and no key accountability. The Area needs a mailing address in order to register with NA world services and to receive periodic mailings from Region.

GSR Orientation: It was agreed to have a GSR orientation at 2 PM at the hospital prior to the area meeting on January 27. It will last approximately 45 minutes. The GSR orientation booklet will be uploaded onto the website. Everyone may attend – it is an open discussion. Every GSR, Alternate GSR, and anyone interested in becoming a GSR are highly encouraged to attend.

Meetings at RIFA: Melvin M said that he would chair one meeting a week at our RIFA.

Literature to help GSR's: Literature that was ordered from NAWS to help GSR's in performing their duties will be distributed on January 27.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **New Extension of Outreach** – The Secretary has asked to step down upon the election of his replacement, as soon as possible. He has served for 12 months. He was nominated for Alternate Outreach Chair with the intent of providing assistance to the Secretary and Webmaster. If elected, this will create an extension of service within Outreach primarily assisting the Secretary and Webmaster with tasks such as:

- Updating meeting schedules on other websites such as *In The Room*, *Drug Strategies*, and *Aspell Recovery*.
- Updating links to the Area's current website on other websites. (See Minutes April 2012)
- Area registration with NA World Services
- Providing updates to the Area Hotline
- Providing updates to NA World Services on various service positions within the ASC
- Ordering rubber stamps for H&I, Outreach, and each group.
- Ordering business cards with the website and hotline
- Creating a flyer announcing the website and hotline
- Creating instructional videos on how to update the website.

This will provide some relief to the time-consuming, over-whelming tasks that are assigned to the Secretary and Webmaster (especially in the absence of an Alternate Secretary and Alternate Webmaster). The Area's Outreach Chair, Don H., is primarily involved in providing outreach services to groups and the general public.

2. Business Cards: The motion was approved to purchase 500 business cards with the website and hotline phone number on them at a cost of no more than \$30. The expenditure was approved but funds have not been dispersed.

3. Rubber Stamp: The motion to purchase a rubber stamp has been put on hold until there are more funds.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

1. Area Guidelines: Area guidelines revision 1 dated November 18, 2012 was approved by vote.

2. It was noted that the H&I Chair and Webmaster are not included in the Area Guidelines. In addition, the ASC may want to add requirements and responsibilities of the Activities Chair and Outreach Chair to the Area Guidelines at some future point.

3. Log of ASC Policy Decisions and Actions: In accordance with Area Guidelines, Article V, Section C, Paragraph 2, the Secretary reviewed the minutes of 2012, compiled the list, and distributed it in December.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

The Area Chair announced: Just a 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.

The Area is seeking nominations and elections 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.

Secretary: Heather N. from Paris Free Spirit was nominated. Take this back to home groups. If elected, her term will begin on January 27th since the current Secretary has asked to step down.

Vice Chair: Scot B. from Jackson Gift of Desperation was nominated for Vice Chair. Take this back to home groups. He has GSR experience and was a previous H&I Chair.

Alternate Secretary: Vacant. The ASC is seeking nominations

Alternate H&I Chair: Jamie S. from Dresden Ready And Willing was nominated. Take this back to home groups. If elected, his service begins immediately and he will automatically step up to H&I Chair in April when the current Chair's position terminates. This means that we will need another Alternate H&I Chair to work with Jamie beginning in April.

Alternate Activities Chair: Mandy C. was elected.

Alternate Outreach Chair: Scott B. from Dresden RAW was nominated. Take this back to home groups. If elected, his term will commence upon election of his replacement as Area Secretary.

Website Webmaster: JJ L. from Milan Clean & Serene was elected.

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.

Our next Area Meeting will be January 27th at 3 PM with GSR Orientation at 2 PM.

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

Prepared By: Scott B. (Area Secretary) and Heather N. (Nominee for Area Secretary)

Reviewed By: Angie E., Area Chair, January 14, 2013.

A copy has been filed in the ASC's archive folder entitled "Area Minutes and Supporting Documents – January 6, 2013".

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