

**MINUTES OF MIDWEST TENNESSEE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE
OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - MARCH 25, 2012**

Melvin M. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Concepts were read.

Roll Call: Two new GSR's were present: Crystal H. representing Dresden RAW (Ready and Willing) and Jerry C. representing Union City Free Spirit. Parsons was not represented. New visitors were recognized and welcomed.

Secretary's Report: Read by Scott B. The report was accepted and the minutes of the February meeting was approved.

Activities Report: None. No report was turned in to the secretary.

Treasury report was presented by Clinton S. Beginning Balance was \$182.33. Ending Balance after adding in all donations is \$278.45. The balance does not include new literature orders. Clinton has gone by BancorpSouth and has requested monthly bank statements to be mailed to his house but he has not received one yet. Jake recently received the most recent bank statement that had been mailed to Galen and Jake will provide it to Clinton. Treasury report accepted.

H&I Report was presented by Scot B. pertaining to Jocoia, Aspell, and McNairy Co Jail. On March 17th, Donnie W. went to Aspell and spoke for the second time. On March 2nd, Amy Lou and Rachel chaired a discussion meeting at Jocoia for the women. On March 16th, Amy Lou and Sarah brought some basic text books that had been donated by the region and chaired a Basic Text Study. This was the first time that they were able to provide some basic text books and region's donation was greatly appreciated by all attendees. On March 11th, Melvin M and Adam L went to Jocoia and Adam L spoke for the men's meeting. At the McNairy County Jail, Lindsey, Sarah, and Chris chaired a meeting for the women. At the McNairy County Jail, Terry and three additional guys from Savannah chaired a meeting for the men. H&I is requesting additional literature from the area. An account has been established to order literature and so H&I can go ahead and place their order.

There is a 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. This was discussed in February and was not brought up during the old business portion of the meeting.

It was suggested that it might be good to check on carrying meetings to Cumberland Heights.

Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report: Report by Jake A. Each group turned in their votes on eight C.A.R. resolutions, nine C.A.R. Straw Polls, five C.A.R. Motions, and five C.A.R. Proposals. The RCM will take the votes to the next regional meeting. Region's treasury beginning balance was \$10,892 and the ending balance is \$5,856. They are planning a donation to the World Services.

There are several vacant service positions that need to be filled at the regional level. The Chair position will be over in about two more cycles. The Vice Chair is vacant. The region will be in need of a Chair and a Vice Chair. They also need someone with website hosting and maintenance experience to fill the Information Technology Communications Coordinator Service Position. They need a Treasurer and an Alternate Treasurer. The current Treasurer's term is almost over and the Alternate Treasurer is vacant. There may also be additional service positions at the regional level that are vacant. Any persons interested in a regional service position should submit a service resume to the RCM.

Representatives from the United State Fellowship Assembly made a presentation to the RCMs during their lunch break. This group proposes to offer the Fellowship the opportunity to establish a United States Service Conference that can meet the needs of the US Fellowship, based on the spiritual principles of the 12 Traditions. Details will follow as more information is gathered. Jake offered to email the presentation to anyone interested. Jake will be attending a RCM meeting the first weekend in April. A monthly RCM report was not submitted to the secretary.

Convention Committee: Report submitted by Co-Chair Sarah H and announced by Angie: The next convention committee meeting will be held at Jackson Clean Air on March 31st at 4 PM. There will be a Speaker Jam in the same building as Clean Air on April 14th from 11 AM to 9 PM to support the convention. Newcomer – Travis P. Step One - Melvin M. Step Two – Crystal H. Step Three – Smitty. There will be dinner from 4 PM to 7 PM. The main speaker will be Adolphis from Memphis at 7 PM to 8 PM. Cleanup will be from 8 PM to 9 PM. This is a supportive event and everyone is welcome.

Additional note added by the Secretary addressed to the Convention Committee: Please refer to Lexington's expressed interest in co-hosting an area fund-raising event for the upcoming convention in conjunction with their group's seventh year anniversary in July.

Jackson Clean Air: Jason R is the GSR. Report given by Angie. Big Scott will be celebrating a birthday on April 19th at 7 PM. The speaker will be announced. Average attendance is 25 and they had three newcomers. They will be hosting the next convention committee meeting on March 31st at 4 PM. The group will also be hosting a Speaker Jam in support of the upcoming convention on April 14th from 11 AM to 9 PM. The group does not have a donation to area.

Sowing The Seed: Report by Don H. They had two birthday celebrations in March with an excellent turn-out. Aja will be celebrating 2 years, Hannah will be celebrating 1 year, and Beverly will be celebrating 2 years on April 15th. The speaker will be Debbie L. They celebrate their birthdays on the 3rd Sunday of each month. They hosted the convention committee on March 4th. Average attendance is 25 to 30. They have three meetings a week, Tuesday 7 PM, Candlelight Saturday 10 PM, and Sunday 6 PM. No donation to area.

Never Alone: Report by Eric W. Average attendance was 24. Twana P. will be celebrating five years on April 27th. They have a donation to area.

Milan Clean & Serene: Report by Heather Y. Meetings are still staying strong with an average attendance of 18. Meetings on Monday and Friday at 8 PM and Wednesday at 8:30 PM. No birthday celebrations in April. They have a donation to area.

Note added by the Secretary addressed to Milan Clean & Serene: Refer to the Old Business portion of these minutes in reference to the Traditions Workshop requested last month.

Union City Free Spirit: Report by new GSR, Jerry C.

Tony S., Lanye, and Jerry C. celebrated a birthday last month. They have two meetings per day. Average attendance is 14 per day with a total of 392 for the month. On June 9th there will be a picnic at Graham Park. Eat at 2 PM. There will be an Alanon Speaker and a NA Speaker. Speaker at 4 PM and 6 PM. All the details have not been finalized. Flyers will be published. Tony S. is the Alternate GSR. No donation to area.

Note added by Secretary: Refer to the Group Concerns portion of these minutes for Union City's request for additional support from females within the area that would be willing to be available to sponsor or be a temporary sponsor for their female newcomers.

Paris Free Spirit: Report by Clinton S. Attendance 129. Average 11.

Hope A. will be celebrating one year on April 1st from 6:30 to 8:00. They will be eating at 6:30 and the speaker will be Cindy M. Nothing new to report on getting meetings to the county jail at this time. They have a donation to the area.

Dresden RAW (Ready and Willing): Report by Crystal H. Meeting attendance is very low and needs support. The group is averaging about 4 to 5 people per meeting. Thursday noon meeting has been cancelled due to lack of attendance. Jamie S. has stepped down as GSR. Crystal H. stepped up to GSR. Alternate GSR is vacant. Laura B. stepped down as treasurer. Scott B. stepped up as treasurer. They have a donation to area.

Camden Miracles Happen: Report by Becky P. On March 31st Becky P. will be celebrating 3 years and David P. will be the speaker. They have three birthday celebrations in April: Israel M. will be celebrating six years, Jeff C. will be celebrating 9 years, and Jason M. will be celebrating 1 year. The celebration dates for these three will be announced. They have a donation to the area.

Lexington Survivor's Group: Report by Ryan W. In March they celebrated two birthdays with speaker meetings. On April 28th Rhonda celebrates 3 years and Ryan W. will be the speaker. They voted to start a book study on Thursday nights at 7 PM beginning April 5th. The group reports an increase in newcomers and they are hoping to use the book study as a way to get them more familiar with the basic text. The group reports increased participation. The group is coming up on its seventh year anniversary possibly in July and they plan to arrange an eating event at one of the lakes. The group is interested in the possibility of sponsoring this event in conjunction with an area event. The group wants to see if the area would want to get involved in co-hosting the event specifically geared as a fund-raiser for the upcoming convention. They do not have a donation for the area this month.

Parsons We Do Recover: No representative/No Voting privileges. Parsons is within the area's geographical boundaries and their meetings are listed on our schedule, however, they have not participated in area meetings in a long time. Once a group has missed two consecutive area meetings, they lose their voting privileges. To regain voting privileges, a group is required to attend two consecutive meetings.

GROUP CONCERNS

Union City is in need of female sponsors. The group is requesting a list of women within the area who would like to be available to sponsor or be willing to be a temporary sponsor for the female newcomers in Union City.

OLD BUSINESS:

Regional Website: Scott B. consulted with Jake A. and contacted a regional representative in getting the area listed on the region's website. Progress has been made in collecting the necessary information to add the area, i.e. group information, geographical boundaries, and a list of members who are holding service positions, committees, etc. Region is also lacking the resources to update and maintain the website because the service position is vacant. Region is asking each group to seek a volunteer with website hosting and maintenance experience who would be willing to serve. Until then, getting the area added to the website could be delayed.

Area Phone Line and 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. Jake recently received the most recent bank statement and he will provide it to Clinton so it can be researched.

Traditions Workshop in Milan: Never Alone reported several volunteers who are willing to put on a Traditions Workshop in Milan: Melvin M., Eric W., Shashtaye V., and Beth C.

NEW BUSINESS

Area Website Clean & Serene reports that Jeremy P. would be willing to help update and maintain the area's website but he could not do it alone. The group suggested that a group of people within the area handle this instead of just one person.

Absent Group Representatives: If a group is not able to send a representative a particular month, the GSR or Alternate GSR is asked to complete their monthly GSR report and submit it in advance to the next area meeting to the secretary. The secretary's contact information was passed out to each group representative. This will maintain communications between the area and groups that experience temporary, sudden changes until they are able to attend the next area meeting.

Annual Area Picnic: The annual area picnic is being planned to be at Muse Park at 12:00 somewhere around May 25th. Each person will be asked to bring a snack, potluck dish, or something to help keep the overall cost down to a minimum. As an alternative, groups can plan to bring particular food items. If so, present this at the next area meeting. This is not a fund-

raising supportive event for the upcoming convention. The objective of this picnic is to provide a fun social event for everyone to get together. There will be a speaker meeting as well.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

Vice Chair: Dustin H. was nominated in February and elected in March. His position takes effect in April. Angie will be moving up to Area Chair in April.

Alternate RCM: Vacant/Pending. Casey M. was nominated in February. He was absent in March. Nominees have to be present to be voted into a service position. His nomination remains valid. Election or re-nomination deferred to April.

Alternate Secretary: Vacant/Pending. Adam L. was nominated in February. He was absent in March. Nominees have to be present to be voted into a service position. His nomination remains valid. Election or re-nomination deferred to April.

Alternate Activities: Amanda D was nominated in February and elected in March.

Alternate Treasurer: Melvin M. was nominated in February and elected in March. Position effective immediately.

Public Information (Public Relations): Vacant. Nomination deferred.

Melvin M. closed by saying that all of this should be taken back to the home groups and discussed further. Melvin M. made a motion to close the meeting. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared By:
Scott B., Secretary
March 26, 2012

Additional Instructions: A new GSR Report Form is being distributed with these minutes with corrected heading of "MIDWEST TENNESSEE AREA". Please discard old editions.

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

Corrections: _____

Comments: _____

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