

**MINUTES OF THE MIDWEST TENNESSE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC)
OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS – NOVEMBER 18, 2012**

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 Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, H&I Chair, and Convention Chair were absent. No representative was present for Jackson Never Alone, Alamo, Camden, Lexington, Parsons, Savannah, and Union City. A quorum was not established.

Secretary's Report – Presented by Scott B. October's minutes was revised to indicate that meetings are still being held at Big Sandy and they still need support in attendance. Report was accepted and the minutes for October were approved.

Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report – Report by Jake A. (RCM) - Votes were collected for Melvin S. nomination for Regional Policy and Procedure (P&P) Chair and Joe S. nomination for Regional Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Chair. The RCM collected "Guidance Questionnaires" from home groups which were discussed. There is still time for groups to complete these forms and they can be turned in at Area's meeting in January. A new regional map was presented that colored in those counties that currently have NA meetings.

Votes were collected on whether region should make quarterly donations of \$200 to the Southern-Central Zonal Forum (SZF).¹ The RCM explained the purpose of the SZF and answered questions pertaining to the use of funds. The SZF covers the Southern-Central part of the United States which includes several regions, including the Volunteer Region. The forum meets quarterly. It is not a decision making body; rather, it is a solution based discussion forum dealing with various topics relating to groups, areas, regions, and NA as a whole. The next forum will meet in Mesquite Texas (Dallas) in January 2013. Region will send a representative, however, anyone can attend. Funds are used to pay for the meeting room at the hotel and related expenses, photocopies, etc. Any excess funds are passed on to NA World Services. The agenda for the meeting in January has been posted. Additional information can be found at www.szfna.org. There is a flyer.

Region's proposal to purchase an umbrella liability insurance policy was discussed at length. The RCM has collected the questions raised in the past several months relating to the policy and he will present them at the next VRC meeting.

Current vacant positions at Region include Alternate Secretary, Alternate Treasurer, Public Relations, Outreach, and VRC Oversight.

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 Regional Subcommittee meeting will be during the VRC

¹ The SZF consist of the following regions: Arkansas, Bluegrass Appalachiaa, Kentuckiana, Lone Star, Louisiana, Mississippi, Red River, Show Me, Tejas Bluebonnet, and Volunteer

Convention, Saturday November 24th at 2:00 PM. The meeting will not be streamed over the web at this time. The next VRSC meeting will be Sunday November 25th at 9:30 AM at the Chattanooga Choo Choo at 1400 Market Street. VRC-30 Annual Volunteer Regional Convention will be held in Chattanooga on Nov 21-25th. There is a registration form.

Treasurer's Report – No report. - The balance at the end of the meeting was \$268.26.

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Sub-committee – Report by Scott B. (Secretary). H&I is struggling in participation. They still need panel leaders for Pathways and Turning Point. They are also seeking an Alternate Chair.

Convention Subcommittee – Report by Co-Chair Sarah H. The next sub-committee meeting will be November 25th at Sowing the Seed at 7 PM.

Alamo Breath of Life (No voting privileges): No representative present. No report.

Camden Miracles Happen: No representative present. No report.

Dresden RAW (Ready and Willing): Report by Group Representative, Scott B. Average attendance has increased from approximately nine per meeting to about fifteen. Group reports excellent meeting attendance with several visitors from Milan, Paris, and Martin. They recently placed a four-week ad in the Weakley County Press to let people know that the meeting in Dresden exists. The group donated a NA Basic Text to Area.²

Jackson Clean Air: Report by Group Representative, Sarah H. The group is needing to elect a new GSR. The Alternate was not able to attend. Attendance is good. There was a birthday celebration on Nov 17th with a speaker from Memphis, which was a good turn-out.

Jackson Gift of Desperation (No voting privileges): Report by GSR Scot B. This is a newly formed group. Average attendance has been 20 per meeting. They meet Monday 10 AM and Wednesday 7:30 PM at Lambuth Memorial UMC, 160 Campbell Street in Jackson. The group has registered with NA World Services.

Jackson Never Alone: No representative was present. No report.

Jackson Sowing the Seed: Report by Group Representative, Mandy C.

Lexington Survivor's Group (No voting privileges): No representative present. No report.

Milan Clean & Serene: Report by Alternate GSR Jessica P. Starting December 2nd, they will be having meetings on Sunday at 6 PM. Average attendance has been 10 people per meeting. They will be having a Christmas Eve eating meeting. They have a donation to Area.

² Groups are asked to donate a NA Basic Text which is given to the Hospital each month in exchange for use of the conference room for ASC meetings.

Newbern Never Alone: No representative present. No report.

Paris Free Spirit: Report by Alternate GSR Jim B. Attendance was 108 people. Attendance at meetings is good with about 15 average.

Parsons We Do Recover (No voting privileges): No representative present. No report.

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: Melvin M. was not present and no report was available on whether he was able to rent a post office box downtown.

Regional Workshop: None of the groups has proposed to host a Traditions and Concepts Workshop. Motion # 8-3-2012, entertained for four months, was terminated.

Area Website: JJ L. was present and was nominated for Webmaster. His Home Group is Milan Clean and Serene. He has experience creating websites and maintaining them. He is familiar with basic terminology, purchasing domain names, and web hosting. Permission was granted for JJ to work with the Secretary in getting a new website up and running until an election is sought in January. It was agreed that the Treasurer could go ahead and pay for the registration of the domain and website hosting fees. The fees will be comparable to what the ASC has paid before.

Meeting Schedules: Scot B. brought updated copies of the meeting schedules.

Area Guidelines: The Area Chair has reviewed the draft and all new changes have been incorporated. It will be copied and distributed at the next meeting in January.

NEW BUSINESS

GSR Orientation: It was asked if groups were interested in attending an Area GSR Orientation. Take this back to home groups for votes.

Area Hotline: All the groups and meetings have been updated. Most current GSR's and Alternates are not on the call list and if he or she wants to be added, they can call the hotline. The Secretary will be going over the call list in the next month to remove disconnected phone numbers, etc. Sponsors and anyone else wishing to be added to the call list can call the hotline and have their name and number added.

Meetings at RIFA: Scot B. confirmed that meetings were being chaired at RIFA. The Secretary will notify the Director and Assistant Director that meetings are being held at their location and they can post the schedule on their website.

Log of ASC Policy Decisions and Actions: In accordance with Area Guidelines, Article V, Section C, Paragraph 2, the Secretary will review the minutes of 2012, compile this list, and distribute it within the next month.

December's Area Meeting: It was decided not to have a meeting in December due to the holidays. The next two ASC meetings will be the first and last Sunday of January (Jan 6th and Jan 27th) at 3 PM.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

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.

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

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

Alternate Secretary: The term of the current Secretary is set to end either in December or April.

Alternate Treasurer: Vacant. The ASC is seeking nominations.

Alternate H&I Chair: H&I needs assistance in coordinating meetings at various facilities.

Alternate Activities Chair: Mandy C. was nominated. Groups need to vote in January.

Website Webmaster: JJ L. was nominated. He has website experience. His home group is Milan Clean and Serene. Groups need to vote in January.

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

Prepared By:
Scott B., Area Secretary
November 23, 2012

Reviewed By:
Angie E., Chair
November 24, 2012

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

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