

**MINUTES OF THE MIDWEST TENNESSE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC)
OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS – OCTOBER 28, 2012**

Vice Chair Dustin H. 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 – Area Chair, RCM, Alternate Secretary, Alternate Treasurer, Outreach Chair, H&I Chair, and Convention Chair were absent. No representative was present for Jackson Clean A.I.R., Jackson Never Alone, Jackson Sowing the Seed, Lexington, Parsons, Savannah, and Union City. A quorum was established (5 out of 9 groups with voting privileges were present).

Secretary's Report – Presented by Scott B. Report was accepted and the minutes for September were approved.

Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report – Report by Scott B. (Secretary). Terry F. was elected VRC 31 Chair. Melvin S. was nominated for Regional Policy and Procedure (P&P) Chair and Joe S. was nominated for Regional Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Chair. Take these nominations back to home groups. Melvin S. has experience as P&P Chair for the Greater Nashville Area. Joe S. is currently finishing out his interim term as H&I Chair. Current vacant positions include Alternate Secretary, Alternate Treasurer, Public Relations, Outreach, and VRC Oversight. A motion was passed to utilize the Hilton Memphis hotel for VRC 31 in 2013. There still remain unanswered questions regarding the proposal to purchase an umbrella liability insurance policy. There is a \$500 deductible per claim.

A motion was passed to donate \$300 to the Southern Zonal Forum (SZF).¹ Another motion was presented to take back to home groups to vote on whether region should make quarterly donations of \$200 to SZF. The SZF covers the Southern-Central part of the United States which includes the Volunteer Region. The forum meets quarterly to discuss various topics that affect NA as a whole. It is not a decision making body; rather, it is a solution based discussion forum dealing with topics relating to groups, areas, and regions. The next forum will meet in Mesquite Texas (Dallas) in January 2013. Region will send a representative, however, anyone can attend. Additional information can be found at www.szfna.org.

Our 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 Convention, Saturday November 24th at 2:00 PM. Region's ITCC is making effort to stream the meeting via live video conference to increase participation. Information on that will follow. 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 – Report by Clinton S. The balance at the end of the meeting was \$235.34. The treasurer's report was accepted.

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

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Sub-committee – Report by Scott B. (Secretary). The H&I Chair reports an increase in participation. People have “stepped up”. H&I still needs a panel leader for Pathways and Turning Point. They are also seeking an Alternate Chair.

Activities Sub-committee – Report by Sarah H. There was a really good turn-out at the Halloween Dance. The rent and the DJ was paid and \$190 was turned in to the Treasurer.

Convention Subcommittee – Report by Co-Chair Sarah H. The Chili Cook-Off in Milan went really well - raising approximately \$117. Several adolescents from Turning Point in Trenton attended. It was a good meeting. Sarah asked for additional and continued support of Convention Fund-raising events which will be vital in paying for the hotel and other expenses. The next two sub-committee meetings will be October 28th and November 25th at Sowing the Seed at 7 PM.

Alamo Breath of Life: Report by Group Representative, Edmundo H. No voting privileges. Attendance has been between 5 to 10 people. They meet on Monday and Thursday at 7 PM. This is a new group and could use additional support. Joe B. will be celebrating 3 years on Nov 22nd and Donnie D. will be the speaker. They do not have a donation to area at this time.

Camden Miracles Happen: Report by GSR Becky P. Their attendance is low. They do have a donation to area.

Dresden RAW (Ready and Willing): Report by Scott B. (filling in for GSR): Average attendance has increased to nine per meeting. The group’s 2nd “Annual Harvest Fest Bar-B-Que and Bonfire Outing” on October 6th was a success. They have a donation to Area.

Jackson Clean Air: No representative was present and no advance report was submitted to the Secretary.

Jackson Never Alone: No representative was present. Their average attendance continues to be around 30 people. They are struggling financially and do not have a donation to Area.

Jackson Sowing the Seed: No representative was present and no advance report was submitted to the Secretary. Jeremy will be celebrating 4 years and Melissa will be celebrating 1 year on Nov 18 at 6:00 PM.

Lexington Survivor’s Group: No representative present. No advance report was submitted to the Secretary. No voting privileges.

Milan Clean & Serene: Report by Alternate GSR Pete M. The group is asking for support. They have a few newcomers. Angel M. will be celebrating two years on November 30th. They have speaker meetings on the first and third Friday of each month. They don’t have a donation to area at this time.

Newbern Never Alone: Report by Mike S. Attendance is steady. They have not been able to contact their treasurer. They are in process of electing a new one. They do not have a donation to area.

Paris Free Spirit: Report by GSR Clinton S. Attendance has been good.

Parsons We Do Recover: No representative present. No voting privileges.

Savannah 123 Group: No representative present. No voting privileges

Union City Free Spirit: No representative present. No voting privileges. Their average attendance continues to be down and they are struggling financially. The Halloween dance on October 27th was a success with 40 attendees. Tony M. with 8 years and Brian M. with 1 year will be celebrating their birthdays on November 17th at 6 PM. Melissa will be the speaker. No donation to area.

OLD BUSINESS

Area Mailing Address: Melvin M. said there were no post office boxes for rent so he is going to rent one at the Main Post Office downtown.

Area Guidelines: The Area Guidelines will be copied, distributed, and posted on the website once new changes have been incorporated and any additional proposed changes have been voted on and finalized.

Books for Home Groups and Area: \$50.92 was dispersed for the purchase of literature to assist GSR's in serving in their positions. Motion 7-2-2012 approved the expenditure.

Regional Workshop: None of the groups proposed to host a Traditions and Concepts Workshop to be presented by Region. Motion # 8-3-2012 was tabled again to go back to home groups. **As** an alternative, groups can vote to have it at the Hospital in Jackson.

Rubber Stamps: Motion # 8-1-2012 approving an expenditure of \$100.37 has been put off until the ASC obtains a new website domain.

AREA WEBSITE

Scott B. said that he was not able to gain access to the website in absence of account number and password, which we don't have. The area is going to have to get a new domain name. The person who set up the website has personal property rights of the domain – it does not belong to Go-Daddy or the ASC. Ken from Paris Free Spirit has offered to help Scott B. in checking with various website hosting services to find a provider that will not require photo ID to reassign access and that will allow the domain to be the property of the ASC. Having and maintaining control of the website was discussed. As we have learned, it is critical that more than one person have access to the website. Scott B. said he will be contacting Region's Information Technology Communication Coordinator for further guidance and assistance.

MEETING SCHEDULES

Big Sandy is no longer a group and has discontinued their meetings. The Secretary will assist in removing the group from the Area Hotline and NA World Services. In September, Scot B. said he would update the meeting schedule, make copies, and bring them to the next Area Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Alternate Secretary has been absent three consecutive meetings and a motion was passed to seek nominations for her replacement.

Activities mentioned that there are no immediate planned activities for the area. The Activities Chair is interested in planning an event after the holidays, in January. She made a couple of suggestions but is asking for ideas. Take this to home groups for further discussion.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

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.

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

Alternate RCM: The Alternate RCM has stepped down. Two year commitment.

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

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

Alternate Activities Chair: The Activities Chair needs assistance.

Website Chair: No clean time requirement. Knowledge of website maintenance would be helpful but not necessary – simply a willingness to learn. Computer skills are essential.

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

Prepared By:
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October 30, 2012

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

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