

**MINUTES OF THE MIDWEST TENNESSE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC)
OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS – SEPTEMBER 30, 2012**

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 – Alternate Secretary and Alternate Treasurer were absent. No representative was present for Jackson Never Alone, Big Sandy, Camden, Lexington, Milan, Parsons, Savannah, and Union City. A quorum was established.

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

Area Chair – Angie E. reported great success in helping to get a new meeting started in Alamo.

Vice Chair – Dustin H. attended the NA Campout Sep 14th-16th. Although the campout was a success, he reported a decrease in participation in comparison to previous years.

Treasurer's Report – Report by Clinton S. The balance at the beginning of the meeting was \$241.06. The balance at the end of the meeting was \$30. The balance does not include approved expenditures for GSR literature and rubber stamps. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report – Report by Jake A. The Area voted YES for Teri F. as the VRC-31 Chair. The Area voted YES to use the Hilton Hotel in Memphis for VRC-31. Region voted to reinstate the previous Regional H&I toll free phone number at a cost of approximately \$100 per year. The 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 Saturday October 6th at 5:00 PM at the Real Life Community Church, 2022 E. Main St, in Murfreesboro (The church has moved to this new address). The next VRSC meeting will be October 7th on Sunday 9:30 AM at Jaycee's Lodge, 403 Hickerson in Murfreesboro. VRC-30 Annual Volunteer Regional Convention will be held in Chattanooga on Nov 21-25th. The RCM brought merchandise to sell in support VRC-30.

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Sub-committee – Report by James M. The Chair reports a decline in participation which has hindered carrying the message to two facilities and has prevented further expansion. Four people chaired a men's meeting at McNairy County Jail. Four people chaired a women's meeting at McNairy County Jail. Two meetings were carried to Pathways. Three people chaired a meeting at Turning Point. Meetings were not carried to Aspell Recovery or JACO A due to lack of participation. H&I recently obtained panel leaders for JACO A Women and Aspell Recovery Women. The H&I Chair spoke about how important H&I service work is and how it affects the lives of addicts in treatment and those leaving treatment facilities. H&I is in desperate need of volunteers – please announce this to home groups.

Outreach Sub-committee: Report by Don H. He spent some time this month assisting the new group getting started in Alamo. Flyers were placed in various locations and he talked with people who worked for several different programs, i.e. health and law enforcement. He was appreciative of the support from those driving from Jackson. He has plans to visit Union City, Lexington, and Savannah.

Activities Sub-committee – Report by Sarah H. The Annual “*Fall Into Recovery Campout*” went really well. Donations totaled \$50.00. In addition, enough was raised from the sale of T-Shirts to pay for the D.J. The Activities Chair asked if she could apply the \$50 from the campout towards the rent for the Halloween Dance. This was approved. Activities was allocated an additional \$80 to cover the remaining rent for the Halloween Dance. The Dance will be on October 26th at 7 PM at Sowing The Seed. There will be auction so everyone is asked to donate an item. The speaker will be from Memphis. Activities still has T-Shirts for sale at a cost of \$15 which can be purchased at the Halloween Dance. The cut-off date to purchase T-Shirts is Oct 8th. The committee needs an alternate.

Convention Subcommittee – Report by Jeremy P. They had a great turn-out at the last supportive event bringing in \$215. The current balance is approximately \$900. An additional \$1,000 is owed to the hotel. They will have a program budget soon as well as a hospitality budget. The next supportive event will be Karaoke and a Chili Cook-Off on Friday, October 12th at 7 PM. The next sub-committee meeting will be October 28th at Sowing The Seed at 7 PM.

Alamo Breath of Life: Report by Group Representative, Edmundo H. No voting privileges. Sep 10th was their first meeting. 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. They do not have a donation to area at this time.

Camden Miracles Happen: No representative was present and no advance report was submitted to the Secretary.

Dresden RAW (Ready and Willing): Report by Scott B. (filling in for GSR): Average attendance was five per meeting. The group celebrated their one year anniversary on August 30th with 24 in attendance. They hosted the Convention Subcommittee meeting on Sep 27th with 11 in attendance. The group’s 2nd “Annual Harvest Fest Bar-B-Que and Bonfire Outing” will be on October 6th at 1059 Old Latham Road in Dresden. Fellowship starts at 2:00 and eat at 4:00. Bring drinks. There will be a “Gratitude Meeting” at 6:00 with a bonfire and music to follow. They added a women’s meeting on Friday at 6 PM. They have a donation to Area.

Jackson Clean Air: A written report was turned in to the Secretary: Dani will be celebrating 4 years on Oct 6th and Dustin H. will be speaking at 6 PM. Lee E. will be celebrating one year on Oct 20th and Kelly W. will be speaking at 6 PM.

Jackson Never Alone: The GSR was absent but he submitted his report in advance as follows: Melvin M. will be celebrating five years on October 26. Eat at 6 with a speaker at 7 PM. They are struggling financially and do not have a donation to Area.

Milan Clean & Serene: No representative was present and no advance report was submitted to the secretary.

Jackson Sowing The Seed: Report by Alt GSR, Scot B. Meeting attendance is still good with an average of 21 per meeting. They had six newcomers. They are changing to a different meeting room which will require additional rent. Funds are low. No donation to area.

Newbern Never Alone: Report by Mike S. Attendance is still good, about 10 per meeting. They need a new Treasurer. They do not have a donation to area this month.

Paris Free Spirit: Report by GSR Clinton S. There were 167 in attendance this month. Average is 14 per meeting. 11 Visitors and 4 newcomers. Ken R. will be celebrating 4 years on Oct 5th. Mario will be celebrating 4 years on Oct 12th. Heike H. will be celebrating 1 year on Oct 19th and Mandy S. will be speaking. They have a donation to area.

Union City Free Spirit: No representative present. No voting privileges. Their average attendance is down and they are struggling financially. They are approximately \$500 behind on their rent. They are having a Halloween dance and costume contest on October 27th. Bring finger foods. Plan to attend their regular meeting at 6 and the event will follow thereafter.

Big Sandy New Hope: No representative present. No voting privileges. Meetings are still being held at Big Sandy. They are struggling with attendance and could use additional support.

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

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

Savannah 123 Group: No representative present. No voting privileges.

OLD BUSINESS

Area Mailing Address: Melvin M. has the check to rent a post office box in Jackson which he will do this month.

Meeting Schedules: Scot B. will update the meeting schedule, make copies, and bring them to the next Area Meeting.

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: There were not enough funds to purchase books costing \$50.92 to assist GSR's in serving in their positions. Motion 7-2-2012 approved the expenditure.

Regional Workshops: 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.

Rubber Stamps: There were not enough funds to purchase the rubber stamps at a cost of \$100.37. Motion # 8-1-2012 approved the expenditure.

NEW BUSINESS

Website: Joe B. has stepped down and there were no nominations for his replacement. The importance of the website was discussed. The Area can hire a professional to keep the website updated, if necessary. Since the Area does not have funds to do this, Scott B. said he would try to gain access of the site and seek assistance in learning how to update it until the position is filled. It was agreed that there should be at least two people who have knowledge of the passwords, have access to the site, and know who to pay to keep it online.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

To determine whether there are enough members present to form a quorum, one-half of the total voting members must be present. Groups that do not have voting privileges are not included in the equation.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

The Area is seeking nominations for the following positions. Refer to the guidelines for a list of responsibilities and requirements.

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

Alternate RCM: The Alternate RCM has stepped down.

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.

There is no clean time requirement to serve on these subcommittees: Outreach, Activities, Convention, Archives, or Website.

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

Prepared By:
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October 3, 2012

Reviewed By:
Angie E., Area Chair
October 4, 2012

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

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