

MINUTES OF THE MIDWEST TENNESSE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC) OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS –JUNE 30, 2013

Area 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: Roll call was performed and a quorum was established, but Mevlin M had to leave early.

The following Groups were present:, Jackson Clean Air, Jackson Gift of Desperation, Jackson Never Alone, & Newbern Never Alone.

Area Chair Report: No report was given.

Alternate Chair Report: No report was given.

Secretary Report: No report was given, Minutes from May were read by Dustin H.

Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report: Report was presented by Jesse J. stating that that

he and Alex C. attended the Regional Committee on June 2nd. He and Alex C. were both able to attend

this year's Regional Inventory.

Complete RCM Report

Regional H&I has developed a list of all non-profit and government funded institutions in TN and is

asking that each area H&I committee look over the list and let the regional committee know if we are

providing services to the facilities listed in our area. They ask that I include Date, Time and Institution

for all H&I Meetings in my regional reports.

Region's H&I committee has requested that they test a different approach for the next year and if it

works to change the mandate for H&I Regional service. This approach is borrowed from the Florida

region of NA. Guidelines are:

- Act as a resource for members, Groups and Areas in their H&I efforts by providing supplies, literature, information and other materials necessary to better carry the message.
- As a Resource Coordinator and panel member of the Area Support Group, provides a forum for Area

H&I Sub-Committees to share their issues and experience, strength and hope.

- Maintains an updated list of all facilities within the Florida Region and records which ones are serviced by which Area Committees and the type of services that are being performed, as well as which

facilities are not being serviced at all.

- Participates in projects that carry the message into facilities that cannot be serviced by an Area Committee.

- Participates in projects that conduct workshops to address and/or work on problems the member

Areas are experiencing or discuss new methods of H&I work.

- Performs any other activities that benefit the H&I efforts in the Florida Region.
- Requests for donated literature are received by the H&I Resource Coordinator who will place an

order at the Florida RSO. The requests will be prioritized on need by the H&I Resource Coordinator.

• Working with others, men with men and women with women. Experience has taught us that we can avoid problems if we follow this simple guideline.”

Source: Guide to Florida Regional Service

The secretary reported that region has not paid AT&T bill yet. Waiting on info about the 800#. Chattanooga area donated 396.00 to region.

Knoxville donated 71.62 to region. Knoxville's area convention is scheduled for April 11-13,2014. It

will be held at the Marriot downtown Knoxville.

MTA reports that Unity convention will be held in August but they seriously need registrations! You

can register online at www.unityconventionnashvilletn.org.

West TN area reports that NA in May raised \$1960.36 to provide Basic Text to WTA groups for \$5.00.

Website committee reports that they have setup **BMLT** a Basic Meeting Location Toolbox which

allows a database of NA meeting throughout the state, and can be administered by local areas.

They

have allowed access to the Middle Tennessee and Greater Nashville Website Admin. This should allow

consistency in hosting times, location and dates of meetings and pass responsibility back to a local

website administration.

They are planning on adding a History section to the natennessee.org website. They gathered materials

from the archives such as Regional Newsletters and early VRC registration to be scanned and displayed

on the site.

They are willing to assist our area with technology. They would like a contact person from this area

who is responsible for administrating our website in order to determine specific needs of our area and

and to help develop a Regional Workshop on Information technology.

RDA (Lucy) reports if we want to schedule any workshops/presentations in our area, let our delegate

team know. There are plenty that they have resources available from NAWS to assist in presenting.

Some other possibilities are the tradition book, 2012-2014 IDTS: collaboration, group conscience,

supporting our vision, third tradition, and more which can be found at

http://na.org/?ID=2012_IDT.

Also the traditions book discussion board is up at disc.na.org/trads. And NAWS has released a meeting

search/jft app for iphone and android. Search on itunes and google play for “NA Meeting Search.”

We're still waiting on the Annual Report; we should have it soon. Once its available she will send out

an email. Southern Zonal Forum will be July 26 – 28 in Flowood, MS at New Hope Group –121 Hospitality Dr. – 601-709-4900. The topics will be Collaboration, PR/ Fellowship Development In

Rural Areas and Changing the Culture of NA. The Southern Zonal Forum is scheduled to be in the Volunteer region in summer 2014. We need to take the place (hotel) to the Summer meeting. The last one was in Nashville and before that Memphis. Chatanooga is interested in hosting the next Zonal Forum.

Lucy reported that Regional Assembly topics were;

1. Collaboration is an Issue Discussion Topic for 2012-2014. They used a slightly edited version of the powerpoint that can be found at <http://na.org/?ID=IDT-IDT> and added issues specific to our region.
2. The 2012 fellowship vote for a Tradition Working Guide. For this session they used the powerpoint which can be found at http://na.org/?ID=trads_project.
3. Group Conscience. The powerpoint can be found at <http://na.org/?ID=IDT-IDT>.
4. The Service System presentation consisted of powerpoints and information available at <http://na.org/?ID=servsys>.

Assembly reported attendance of about 24 addicts.

Policy & Procedures reported that they met with 5 addicts in attendance and 1 motion to discuss. Motion made by VRC 31 to let each hosting city decide how long the convention will take place, either

3, 4, or 5 days. Policy & Procedures committee's recommended that this motion be considered by the

RCMs and voted on to be sent back to Groups for their conscience.

VRC 31 Status Report

VRC has one open position (Entertainment committee Chair) as of May Meeting. They are in process

of closing the Regions account. The new bank account at Triumph bank is open and has all but \$100

dollars of funds in it.

The Hotel has postponed the tasting for the Saturday night banquet for a few months. They decided all

meals will be buffet. Thurs. Dinner) \$30, (Sat. Banquet) \$27, (Sun. Brunch) \$17. They currently have

60+ registrations and are going to as many conventions/learning days...etc outside their area to setup

registration if allowed. Working with a vendor on the packet registration items. They have produced and

are selling bookmarks \$1 each. The flyers are being printed and will be mailed to areas. The Comedian

(Jay Armstrong) will perform. Should have the flyers in about 2 weeks. They have three bids on the

merchandise and are negotiating the shipping costs. The VRC31 website is up and taking registrations.

Using paypal for taking registration monies. Committee is currently listening to tapes and speaking to

speakers to discuss availability. Have three bids for the taping. Are still working on the program topics

and workshops. Have some bids together for various entertainment including DJ, Band, Comedian and

Karaoke. The VRC committee voted on the comedian and have signed a contract.

Regional committee met during lunch at the VRSC meeting with 19 recovering addicts in attendance. We

focused on the issues and problems that concerns us at the Region. We identified the top 5 problems.

Ineffective communications World / Region / Area / Group, Loss of primary purpose, Lack of direction

(unity) RCM's and body, Ineffective Saturday Subcommittee, Resistance to change. We will bring

solutions with us to the next Regional meeting in August.

Ricardo was elected RDA, Sam-Alt Treas, Lucy RD, Jim B-Chair, Mike-Treasurer.

Chair ruled MTA's motion to change area locations out of order because it is too vague. Bring back more

info. Location, etc.

Motion was made to create a ballot form to prevent confusion in voting. P&P suggested to make a formal

motion & bring in a ballot to introduce in the motion.

Open Positions- Alt Treasurer, Vice-Chair, Secretary, PR, Outreach, VRC Oversight Chair,

West TN area has started Softball Tournaments and wants to start a Regional League! If anyone is

interested or has a team, please contact West TN Area!

Final Treasurer's Report: Starting Balance: \$10,702.34. Checks (including \$3000.00 for VRC) \$4,586.43. No Donation to World, Ending Balance: \$6,115.91.

The next VRSC and SUBCOMMITTEE meetings will be in Memphis at the Hilton on ridge lake blvd

August 3rd, 2013- Subcommittees Meeting, August 4th, 2013- Regional Meeting 9:30am, Inventory

also held next month during lunch break.

- VOTE ON MOTION

When submitting the bid for the next years Volunteer Region Convention the Area's bid committee

will be able to decide the length of the Volunteer Regional Convention. The convention can be 3 days starting on Friday, 4 days starting on Thursday or 5 days long starting Wednesday of Thanksgiving weekend.

- Date of vote: ----,-:-----:-:----:--

- Count: Yea: _ Nay: _ Abstain:

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- OUTCOME:

- 0 Passed

- 0 Failed

- 0 Tabled

- 0 Amended (attached)

- 0 Withdrawn

0 Other: _

- Vote on Brad H for ITCC from West TN Area. Clean Date: 4/27/2008. Nominated by: Lucy O. Seconded by: Jason RCM for Chattanooga. H & I Vice chair West TN Area 2010, H & I Chair West TN Area 2011, West TN Area Webmaster 2009- present, ITCC Region 2012-present. Never left a position.

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- Need a list of H&I meetings for August meeting! Include them in your report!
- VRC 31 requests that we bring our Area Speakers for VRC 31 as soon as possible. Also ensure that the person that is speaking plans to attend the convention. They have a workshop spot for each of the area's and would like to put contact information to that slot as soon as possible

Lucy also requested that I let her know when and what workshops we would like to have. I listed some options earlier. She also suggested A vision for NA service, In Times of Illness, Self support

means supporting NA, Self Support Ips, Other possibilities (resources available on na.org): Building Strong Homegroups, Who is Missing, Our Service System, Atmosphere of Recovery, Infrastructure, Public Image, Building Communications , Our Freedom, Our Responsibility, or Leadership. Or if there is some particular workshop/learning day we would like the RD team to facilitate in our area that has nothing to do with the ideas mentioned above, just let her know!

Treasurer's Report : No report was given

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Sub-Committee Report: Scott Brewer gave a brief report that people spoke at Aspel Recovery Center, Jacoa.

Activities Committee Report: Report was presented by Sarah H. stating the area July 4th event went really well and thanked everyone who came and supported it. We had a great turnout. Alex did a great job carrying the message. T h e y h a d a 3 2 D o l l a r d o n a t i o n t o a r e a .

Website Report: Presented by Ken R. stating that he, made changes the website subcommittee guidelines for final review and submittal. He checked on email. He would like to link a yahoo email to the webmaster account that can transfer to the next webmaster. He added the

RCM report and minutes to the website. He had a problem with Scott still receiving emails from Go-daddy but he thinks it is fixed. Scott made training videos on how to run the website, and he also separated the announcements and area minutes.

Outreach Report: Vacant, no report

was given

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Dresden RAW (Ready and Willing): No report was given.

Jackson Clean Air: Report by GSR Jason R. stated that attendance is about the same. They have a birthday in July for Angie H. with 7 years. They had plenty of donations to pay rent and were able to place a 225.00 order for literature this month, and no donation to area.

Jackson Gift of Desperation: Report by Alt. GSR Andrew Kelly. June 22, they had an eating meeting with speaker Eddie From Memphis. They had an attendance of around 35 people on Saturday and about 70 on Wed. nights. Had no birthdays this month, but in July, Kim S and Valerie G will celebrate on Sat. July 27th and Alex from Paris will be the speaker. They had a 20 dollar donation for area.

Jackson Never Alone: Report by group representative Melvin M. stated that attendance has

been good. Around 28 people per meeting. They had 2 birthdays Danielle with 1 year and Mike S. with six years. They have 2 birthdays in July, Tina D. with 2 years and Mike M. and the speaker is Donnie D. No donation to area

Jackson Sowing the Seed: Report by Dustin H. No GSR's from the group were present. July 21 they will have 2 birthdays, Morgan with one year and Robert with 2 years at 6pm and ruby will be the speaker. No donation to area

Paris Free Spirit: No report was given.

Newbern Never Alone: Mike S. gave a report and stated there group was doing ok

OLD BUSINESS: There wasn't any old business to be addressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Still need guidelines for Activities & Public Relations
- Need hotline phone list done by June
- H & I needs literature they are out
- A motion was taken back to the groups to decide if area should support Never Alone's annual picnic at Conger Park on August 10, by giving them 100 dollars. To be voted on at the July area meeting.
- And more participation in area meetings (including our trusted servants) as well as continuing to carrying the message to the sick and suffering addict

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NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

The ASC is seeking nominations for the following vacant positions: **Secretary, Alternate Secretary, Alternate Outreach Chair**

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.

The next ASC meeting will be July 28, 2013. A motion was made to close the meeting. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared By: Reviewed By: Reviewed By:

Vacant. Scott B. Dustin H.

Area Secretary Vice Chair Area Chair

June 15, 2013

A copy has been filed in the ASC's archive folder entitled "Area Minutes and Supporting Documents – June 30th, 2013".

Approved: Yes No (Approval is obtained by vote at the next Area meeting)